

LANCASTER COUNTY

Date Formed	1785	Form of Government	Council-Administrator
Land Area (Sq. Mi.)	549	Council Members	7
Council of Government	Catawba	Term Length	4 years
County Seat	Lancaster	Method of Election	Single Member
Other Municipalities	Heath Springs, Kershaw		



Population Trends

Population Estimate 2017	92,550	Numeric Change 2016 - 2017	2,695
Population Estimate 2016	89,855	Percent Change 2016 - 2017	3.0%
Census Population 2010	76,652	Numeric Change 2010 - 2017	15,898
Census Population 2000	61,351	Avg. Annual Growth Rate 2010 - 2017	3.0%
Census Population 1990	54,516	Numeric Change 1990 - 2010	22,136
Persons Per Square Mile	139.62	Avg. Annual Growth Rate 1990 - 2010	2.0%

Economic Data

Jobs 2016	25,935	Personal Income 2016, in thousands	\$3,668,045
Jobs 2015	23,882	Per Capital Personal Income 2016	\$40,941
Jobs 2010	18,411	Per Cap Personal Income 2016, % of U.S.	83.1%
Jobs 2000	21,756	Average Wage Per Job 2016	\$44,545
Jobs 2000 - 2010, Ann. Avg. Growth Rate	-1.5%	Average Wage Per Job 2016, % of U.S.	83.0%
Jobs 2015 - 2016, Percent Change	8.6%	Unemployment Rate, Ann. Avg. 2017	4.6%

Tax Data

Assessed Property 2016	\$368,372,064	Additional Sales Tax, if applicable:	
Per Capita Assessed Propert Tax 2016	\$4,806	Local Option	1.0%
County Base Millage Rate 2017	.09560	Capital Projects	1.0%
Value of One Mil 2017	\$303,807	School District	
Net Taxable Sales FY 2016	\$559,701,683	Transportation	
State Admissions Tax Collected FY 2016	\$98,178	Education Capital Improvement	
State Accommod. Tax Collected FY 2016	\$51,731		

County Finance and Employment

Total Revenues FY 2016	\$81,756,776	Per Capita Revenues FY 2016	\$1,067
Total Expenditures FY 2016	\$84,168,767	Per Capita Expenditures FY 2016	\$1,098
General Fund Budget FY 2018	\$51,219,774	Per Capita General Fund Budget FY 201	\$668
Total Debt Outstanding FY 2017	\$33,939,493	Per Capita Debt Outstanding FY 2018	\$432
Payroll FY 2018	\$18,956,240	Credit Ratings FY 2018, if applicable:	
Full-Time Employees FY 2018	503	Moody's	Aa2
Part-Time Employees FY 2018	638	Standard and Poor's	AA-
Full-Time Employees/1,000 Residents	6.6	Fitch	

County History

Lancaster County and its county seat were named for Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. The county was formed in 1785, and it was originally part of Camden District. A part of Lancaster County was removed in 1791 to form Kershaw County. Scotch-Irish settlers from Pennsylvania began moving into this upstate region in the 1750s. The Waxhaws settlement on the border with North Carolina was the birthplace of President Andrew Jackson (1767-1845). During the Revolutionary War, British Lieutenant Colonel Banastre Tarleton earned his nickname of "Bloody" Tarleton by massacring American troops in this area on May 29, 1780; the Battle of Hanging Rock was also fought in the county later the same year. Although Lancaster County has been primarily agricultural, gold mining began there in the 1820s and textile manufacturing sprang up following the Civil War. Governor and U.S. Senator Stephen Decatur Miller (1787-1838), surgeon J. Marion Sims (1813-1883), industrialist Elliott White Springs (1896-1959), and astronaut Charles M. Duke, Jr. were all Lancaster County residents.

County histories obtained from the S.C. State Library Reference Room at www.statelibrary.sc.gov/sc-counties. All other sources listed in the county comparison tables in the appendix.