

## LAURENS COUNTY

<b>Date Formed</b>	1785	<b>Form of Government</b>	Council
<b>Land Area (Sq. Mi.)</b>	715	<b>Council Members</b>	7
<b>Council of Government</b>	Upper Savannah	<b>Term Length</b>	4 years
<b>County Seat</b>	Laurens	<b>Method of Election</b>	Single Member
<b>Other Municipalities</b>	Clinton, Cross Hill, Fountain Inn, Gray Court, Ware Shoals, Waterloo		



### Population Trends

<b>Population Estimate 2017</b>	66,848	<b>Numeric Change 2016 - 2017</b>	277
<b>Population Estimate 2016</b>	66,571	<b>Percent Change 2016 - 2017</b>	0.4%
<b>Census Population 2010</b>	66,537	<b>Numeric Change 2010 - 2017</b>	311
<b>Census Population 2000</b>	69,567	<b>Avg. Annual Growth Rate 2010 - 2017</b>	0.1%
<b>Census Population 1990</b>	58,092	<b>Numeric Change 1990 - 2010</b>	8,445
<b>Persons Per Square Mile</b>	93.06	<b>Avg. Annual Growth Rate 1990 - 2010</b>	0.7%

### Economic Data

<b>Jobs 2016</b>	23,565	<b>Personal Income 2016, in thousands</b>	\$2,136,841
<b>Jobs 2015</b>	23,335	<b>Per Capital Personal Income 2016</b>	\$32,000
<b>Jobs 2010</b>	18,740	<b>Per Cap Personal Income 2016, % of U.S.</b>	65.0%
<b>Jobs 2000</b>	22,744	<b>Average Wage Per Job 2016</b>	\$38,870
<b>Jobs 2000 - 2010, Ann. Avg. Growth Rate</b>	-1.8%	<b>Average Wage Per Job 2016, % of U.S.</b>	72.0%
<b>Jobs 2015 - 2016, Percent Change</b>	1.0%	<b>Unemployment Rate, Ann. Avg. 2017</b>	4.4%

### Tax Data

<b>Assessed Property 2016</b>	\$188,594,419	<b>Additional Sales Tax, if applicable:</b>	
<b>Per Capita Assessed Propert Tax 2016</b>	\$2,834	<b>Local Option</b>	1.0%
<b>County Base Millage Rate 2017</b>	.09055	<b>Capital Projects</b>	
<b>Value of One Mil 2017</b>	\$168,680	<b>School District</b>	
<b>Net Taxable Sales FY 2016</b>	\$341,612,305	<b>Transportation</b>	
<b>State Admissions Tax Collected FY 2016</b>	\$84,908	<b>Education Capital Improvement</b>	
<b>State Accommod. Tax Collected FY 2016</b>	\$136,727		

### County Finance and Employment

<b>Total Revenues FY 2016</b>	\$37,865,153	<b>Per Capita Revenues FY 2016</b>	\$569
<b>Total Expenditures FY 2016</b>	\$31,858,595	<b>Per Capita Expenditures FY 2016</b>	\$479
<b>General Fund Budget FY 2018</b>	\$13,570,576	<b>Per Capita General Fund Budget FY 201</b>	\$204
<b>Total Debt Outstanding FY 2017</b>	\$11,069,739	<b>Per Capita Debt Outstanding FY 2018</b>	\$141
<b>Payroll FY 2018</b>		<b>Credit Ratings FY 2018, if applicable:</b>	
<b>Full-Time Employees FY 2018</b>	354	<b>Moody's</b>	A1
<b>Part-Time Employees FY 2018</b>	88	<b>Standard and Poor's</b>	
<b>Full-Time Employees/1,000 Residents</b>	5.3	<b>Fitch</b>	

### County History

Laurens County and its county seat were named for Revolutionary War leader Henry Laurens (1724-1792). The county was established in 1785 as a part of Ninety Six District. This part of the state was settled primarily by Scotch-Irish and English immigrants in the mid 1700s, and during the American Revolution quite a few of its residents remained loyal to Great Britain. Several Revolutionary War battles were fought in the county, including the Battle of Musgrove's Mill (August 18, 1780). President Andrew Johnson (1808-1875), a native of North Carolina, worked as a tailor in the town of Laurens for a brief time in the 1820s. Laurens County was also home to Ann Pamela Cunningham (1816-1875), the leader of the movement to preserve Mount Vernon, and educator Wil Lou Gray (1883-1984).

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