

## LEE COUNTY

<b>Date Formed</b>	1902	<b>Form of Government</b>	Council-Administrator
<b>Land Area (Sq. Mi.)</b>	410	<b>Council Members</b>	7
<b>Council of Government</b>	Santee Lynches	<b>Term Length</b>	4 years
<b>County Seat</b>	Bishopville	<b>Method of Election</b>	Single Member
<b>Other Municipalities</b>	Lynchburg		



### Population Trends

<b>Population Estimate 2017</b>	17,350	<b>Numeric Change 2016 - 2017</b>	-257
<b>Population Estimate 2016</b>	17,607	<b>Percent Change 2016 - 2017</b>	-1.5%
<b>Census Population 2010</b>	19,220	<b>Numeric Change 2010 - 2017</b>	-1,870
<b>Census Population 2000</b>	20,119	<b>Avg. Annual Growth Rate 2010 - 2017</b>	-1.4%
<b>Census Population 1990</b>	18,437	<b>Numeric Change 1990 - 2010</b>	783
<b>Persons Per Square Mile</b>	46.88	<b>Avg. Annual Growth Rate 1990 - 2010</b>	0.2%

### Economic Data

<b>Jobs 2016</b>	3,819	<b>Personal Income 2016, in thousands</b>	\$496,808
<b>Jobs 2015</b>	3,776	<b>Per Capital Personal Income 2016</b>	\$28,172
<b>Jobs 2010</b>	4,000	<b>Per Cap Personal Income 2016, % of U.S.</b>	57.2%
<b>Jobs 2000</b>	4,928	<b>Average Wage Per Job 2016</b>	\$35,577
<b>Jobs 2000 - 2010, Ann. Avg. Growth Rate</b>	-1.9%	<b>Average Wage Per Job 2016, % of U.S.</b>	66.0%
<b>Jobs 2015 - 2016, Percent Change</b>	1.1%	<b>Unemployment Rate, Ann. Avg. 2017</b>	6.0%

### Tax Data

<b>Assessed Property 2016</b>	\$37,441,507	<b>Additional Sales Tax, if applicable:</b>	
<b>Per Capita Assessed Propert Tax 2016</b>	\$1,948	<b>Local Option</b>	1.0%
<b>County Base Millage Rate 2017</b>	.17920	<b>Capital Projects</b>	1.0%
<b>Value of One Mil 2017</b>	\$33,400	<b>School District</b>	
<b>Net Taxable Sales FY 2016</b>	\$41,391,675	<b>Transportation</b>	
<b>State Admissions Tax Collected FY 2016</b>	\$19,508	<b>Education Capital Improvement</b>	
<b>State Accommod. Tax Collected FY 2016</b>	\$14,800		

### County Finance and Employment

<b>Total Revenues FY 2016</b>	\$14,478,817	<b>Per Capita Revenues FY 2016</b>	\$753
<b>Total Expenditures FY 2016</b>	\$13,371,326	<b>Per Capita Expenditures FY 2016</b>	\$696
<b>General Fund Budget FY 2018</b>	\$12,404,594	<b>Per Capita General Fund Budget FY 201</b>	\$645
<b>Total Debt Outstanding FY 2017</b>	\$3,609,193	<b>Per Capita Debt Outstanding FY 2018</b>	\$172
<b>Payroll FY 2018</b>	\$5,484,049	<b>Credit Ratings FY 2018, if applicable:</b>	
<b>Full-Time Employees FY 2018</b>	122	<b>Moody's</b>	
<b>Part-Time Employees FY 2018</b>	45	<b>Standard and Poor's</b>	
<b>Full-Time Employees/1,000 Residents</b>	6.3	<b>Fitch</b>	

### County History

Lee County was named for Confederate General Robert E. Lee (1807-1870). The county was formed in 1902 from parts of Darlington, Kershaw, and Sumter counties. A Revolutionary War skirmish took place in 1781 at Ratcliff's Bridge, and during the Civil War Confederate and Union troops skirmished at Mount Elon and Spring Hill in 1865. Lee County was also the site in 1880 of the last fatal duel fought in South Carolina. Cotton farming has long been associated with this area. U.S. Senator Ellison Durant Smith (1864-1944), a native of Lee County, was nicknamed "Cotton Ed" because of his support for cotton farmers.

*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.*