

## ORANGEBURG COUNTY

<b>Date Formed</b>	1769	<b>Form of Government</b>	Council-Administrator
<b>Land Area (Sq. Mi.)</b>	1106	<b>Council Members</b>	7
<b>Council of Government</b>	Lower Savannah	<b>Term Length</b>	4 years
<b>County Seat</b>	Orangeburg	<b>Method of Election</b>	Single Member
<b>Other Municipalities</b>	Bowman, Branchville, Cope, Cordova, Elloree, Eutawville, Holly Hill, Livingston, Neeses, North, Norway, Rowesville, Santee, Springfield, Vance, Woodford		



### Population Trends

<b>Population Estimate 2017</b>	87,476	<b>Numeric Change 2016 - 2017</b>	-858
<b>Population Estimate 2016</b>	88,334	<b>Percent Change 2016 - 2017</b>	-1.0%
<b>Census Population 2010</b>	92,501	<b>Numeric Change 2010 - 2017</b>	-5,025
<b>Census Population 2000</b>	91,582	<b>Avg. Annual Growth Rate 2010 - 2017</b>	-0.8%
<b>Census Population 1990</b>	84,803	<b>Numeric Change 1990 - 2010</b>	7,698
<b>Persons Per Square Mile</b>	83.64	<b>Avg. Annual Growth Rate 1990 - 2010</b>	0.5%

### Economic Data

<b>Jobs 2016</b>	30,924	<b>Personal Income 2016, in thousands</b>	\$2,775,554
<b>Jobs 2015</b>	31,435	<b>Per Capita Personal Income 2016</b>	\$31,575
<b>Jobs 2010</b>	32,874	<b>Per Cap Personal Income 2016, % of U.S.</b>	64.1%
<b>Jobs 2000</b>	38,862	<b>Average Wage Per Job 2016</b>	\$36,847
<b>Jobs 2000 - 2010, Ann. Avg. Growth Rate</b>	-1.5%	<b>Average Wage Per Job 2016, % of U.S.</b>	69.0%
<b>Jobs 2015 - 2016, Percent Change</b>	-1.6%	<b>Unemployment Rate, Ann. Avg. 2017</b>	4.4%

### Tax Data

<b>Assessed Property 2016</b>	\$314,308,643	<b>Additional Sales Tax, if applicable:</b>	
<b>Per Capita Assessed Propert Tax 2016</b>	\$3,398	<b>Local Option</b>	
<b>County Base Millage Rate 2017</b>	.14580	<b>Capital Projects</b>	1.0%
<b>Value of One Mil 2017</b>	\$281,981	<b>School District</b>	
<b>Net Taxable Sales FY 2016</b>	\$725,312,300	<b>Transportation</b>	
<b>State Admissions Tax Collected FY 2016</b>	\$143,144	<b>Education Capital Improvement</b>	
<b>State Accommod. Tax Collected FY 2016</b>	\$666,702		

### County Finance and Employment

<b>Total Revenues FY 2016</b>	\$70,262,876	<b>Per Capita Revenues FY 2016</b>	\$760
<b>Total Expenditures FY 2016</b>	\$73,044,752	<b>Per Capita Expenditures FY 2016</b>	\$790
<b>General Fund Budget FY 2018</b>	\$41,223,142	<b>Per Capita General Fund Budget FY 201</b>	\$446
<b>Total Debt Outstanding FY 2017</b>	\$54,418,631	<b>Per Capita Debt Outstanding FY 2018</b>	\$570
<b>Payroll FY 2018</b>	\$15,974,714	<b>Credit Ratings FY 2018, if applicable:</b>	
<b>Full-Time Employees FY 2018</b>	501	<b>Moody's</b>	A3
<b>Part-Time Employees FY 2018</b>	190	<b>Standard and Poor's</b>	A
<b>Full-Time Employees/1,000 Residents</b>	5.4	<b>Fitch</b>	A

### County History

Orangeburg County was named for William IV (1711-1751), Prince of Orange, the son-in-law of King George II. Orangeburg District was established in 1769, and from 1785 to 1791 it included four counties: Lexington, Orange, Winton, and Lewisburg. The district was reduced in size when Barnwell (1800) and Lexington (1804) districts were formed; parts of Orangeburg also went to form Aiken (1871) and Calhoun (1908) counties. Swiss and German farmers moved into this region around 1735, and English settlers from the lowcountry followed. The battle of Eutaw Springs was fought there during the Revolutionary War on September 8, 1781; it was the last major battle of the war in South Carolina. Large plantations using slave labor were established in Orangeburg in the nineteenth century, and the county became a major producer of cotton. Railroads arrived in the area early; Branchville became the first railroad junction in the state in 1840. Union troops under General Sherman passed through Orangeburg in February 1865. Orangeburg County was the birthplace of historian Alexander S. Salley (1871-1961) and singer Eartha Kitt.

*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.*