

SPARTANBURG COUNTY

Date Formed	1785	Form of Government	Council-Administrator
Land Area (Sq. Mi.)	811	Council Members	7
Council of Government	Appalachian	Term Length	4 years
County Seat	Spartanburg	Method of Election	Single Member/ Chair at-Large
Other Municipalities	Campobello, Central Pacolet, Chesnee, Cowpens, Duncan, Greer, Inman, Landrum, Lyman, Pacolet, Reidville, Wellford, Woodruff		



Population Trends

Population Estimate 2017	306,854	Numeric Change 2016 - 2017	5,788
Population Estimate 2016	301,066	Percent Change 2016 - 2017	1.9%
Census Population 2010	284,307	Numeric Change 2010 - 2017	22,547
Census Population 2000	253,791	Avg. Annual Growth Rate 2010 - 2017	1.1%
Census Population 1990	226,800	Numeric Change 1990 - 2010	57,507
Persons Per Square Mile	350.56	Avg. Annual Growth Rate 1990 - 2010	1.3%

Economic Data

Jobs 2016	141,147	Personal Income 2016, in thousands	\$11,873,558
Jobs 2015	136,663	Per Capital Personal Income 2016	\$39,386
Jobs 2010	119,497	Per Cap Personal Income 2016, % of U.S.	80.0%
Jobs 2000	131,795	Average Wage Per Job 2016	\$45,196
Jobs 2000 - 2010, Ann. Avg. Growth Rate	-0.9%	Average Wage Per Job 2016, % of U.S.	84.0%
Jobs 2015 - 2016, Percent Change	3.3%	Unemployment Rate, Ann. Avg. 2017	3.9%

Tax Data

Assessed Property 2016	\$1,222,183,530	Additional Sales Tax, if applicable:	
Per Capita Assessed Propert Tax 2016	\$4,299	Local Option	
County Base Millage Rate 2017	.08300	Capital Projects	1.0%
Value of One Mil 2017	\$1,093,142	School District	
Net Taxable Sales FY 2016	\$3,254,248,974	Transportation	
State Admissions Tax Collected FY 2016	\$656,761	Education Capital Improvement	
State Accommod. Tax Collected FY 2016	\$1,146,392		

County Finance and Employment

Total Revenues FY 2016	\$184,644,576	Per Capita Revenues FY 2016	\$649
Total Expenditures FY 2016	\$228,638,568	Per Capita Expenditures FY 2016	\$804
General Fund Budget FY 2018	\$96,639,000	Per Capita General Fund Budget FY 201	\$340
Total Debt Outstanding FY 2017	\$41,259,190	Per Capita Debt Outstanding FY 2018	\$135
Payroll FY 2018	\$56,889,363	Credit Ratings FY 2018, if applicable:	
Full-Time Employees FY 2018	1,390	Moody's	Aa2
Part-Time Employees FY 2018	155	Standard and Poor's	AA+
Full-Time Employees/1,000 Residents	4.9	Fitch	AA+

County History

Spartanburg County and its county seat were named for the Spartan Regiment, a local militia unit that fought in the Revolutionary War. The county was formed in 1785 as a part of Ninety Six District, and from 1791 to 1799 it was part of Pinckney District. A part of Spartanburg County later went to form Cherokee County in 1897. European settlers, primarily Scotch-Irish, began moving into this area from Pennsylvania and Virginia in the late eighteenth century. For many years the primary occupations were small-scale cattle raising and cotton farming. Areas with mineral springs, such as Glenn Springs, were also popular summer resorts for lowcountry residents. Following the Civil War, textile manufacturing became the dominant industry, and Spartanburg County remains an important manufacturing center today. Some well-known Spartanburg residents are hymn writer and publisher William Walker (1809-1875), U.S. Army General William C. Westmoreland, and industrialist Roger Milliken.

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.