

BAMBERG COUNTY

Date Formed:	1897
Land Area (square miles):	393
Form of Government:	Council-Administrator
Council Members:	7
Method of Election:	Single Member
Term Length:	4 yrs.
Council of Government:	Lower Savannah
County Seat:	Bamberg
Other Cities and Towns:	Denmark, Ehrhardt, Govan, Olar



Population Trends

2020 Census	13,311	2023 Pop. Estimate	12,974
2010 Census	15,987	2020 Pop. Estimate	13,251
2000 Census	16,658	Numeric Change 2020-2023	-277
Numeric Change 2000-2020	-2,676	Percent Change 2020-2023	-2.09%
Persons Per Square Mile	33.9		

Economic Data

2023 Jobs	3,533	Avg. Wage Per Job, 2023	\$43,350
2020 Jobs	3,424	Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2023	59.9%
2010 Jobs	5,065	Per Capita Personal Income, 2022	\$39,991
Percent Change 2020-2023	3.1%	Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2022	61.1
Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020	-4.8%	Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2022	74.6
Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2023	7.5		

Tax Data

Total Assessed Property, 2022	\$32,287,204	Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:	
Per Capita Assessed Property, 2022	\$2,426	Local Option	1.0%
County Millage Rate, 2023	0.2279	Capital Projects	1.0%
Value of a County Mil, 2023	\$30,850	School District	*
State Accommodations Tax, FY 2022	\$12,436	Transportation	*
State Admissions Tax, FY 2022	\$6,313	Edu. Capital Improvement	*
		County Green Space	*

County Finance & Employment Data

Total Revenues FY 2022	\$12,356,161	Per Capita Revenues	\$928
Total Expenditures FY 2022	\$9,640,924	Per Capita Expenditures	\$724
General Fund Budget FY 2024	\$10,389,475	Per Capita General Fund Budget	\$781
Total Debt Outstanding FY 2023	\$20,022,974	Per Capita Total Debt FY 2023	\$1,539
Payroll FY 2024	\$4,169,595	County Credit Ratings:	
Full-Time Employment FY 2024	100	Fitch FY 2023	*
Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents	8	Moody's FY 2023	*
Part-Time Employment FY 2024	22	S&P FY 2023	A

County History

Bamberg County and its county seat were named for local resident William Seaborn Bamberg (1820-1858) and other members of the Bamberg family. The area was a part of Barnwell County until 1897 when the new county was established. Although the area has been primarily agricultural, several towns developed along the route of the South Carolina Railroad in the mid-nineteenth century. In February of 1865, Confederate soldiers fought an unsuccessful skirmish against General Sherman's troops at Rivers Bridge, now the site of a state park. The plantation of author William Gilmore Simms (1806-1870) was in what is now Bamberg County, and artist Jim Harrison is also a native of the county.