

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	2021 Pop. Estimate	13,189
2010 Census	15,987	2020 Pop. Estimate	13,251
2000 Census	16,658	Numeric Change 2020-2021	-62
Numeric Change 2000-2020	-2,676	Percent Change 2020-2021	-0.47%
Persons Per Square Mile	33.9		

Economic Data

2021 Jobs	3,392	Avg. Wage Per Job, 2021	\$40,842
2020 Jobs	3,424	Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2021	59.4%
2010 Jobs	5,065	Per Capita Personal Income, 2020	\$37,596
Percent Change 2020-2021	-0.9%	Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2020	63.2
Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020	-4.8%	Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2020	78.3
Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2021	7.5		

Tax Data

Total Assessed Property, 2020	\$31,502,186	Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:	
Per Capita Assessed Property, 2020	\$2,367	Local Option	1.0%
County Millage Rate, 2021	0.2316	Capital Projects	1.0%
Value of a County Mil, 2021	\$30,052	School District	*
State Accommodations Tax, FY 2021	\$11,167	Transportation	*
State Admissions Tax, FY 2021	\$534	Edu. Capital Improvement	*

County Finance & Employment Data

Total Revenues FY 2020	\$10,819,167	Per Capita Revenues	\$813
Total Expenditures FY 2020	\$9,048,806	Per Capita Expenditures	\$680
General Fund Budget FY 2022	\$7,963,590	Per Capita General Fund Budget	\$598
Total Debt Outstanding FY 2021	\$3,243,943	Per Capita Total Debt FY 2021	\$241
Payroll FY 2022	\$3,487,953	County Credit Ratings:	
Full-Time Employment FY 2022	97	Fitch FY 2021	*
Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents	7	Moody's FY 2021	*
Part-Time Employment FY 2022	97	S&P FY 2021	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.