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ABBEVILLE COUNTY

Date Formed:	1785	
Land Area (square miles):	508	
Form of Government:	Council	
Council Members:	7	
Method of Election:	Single Member	
Term Length:	4 yrs.	
Council of Government:	Upper Savannah	
County Seat:	Abbeville	
Other Cities and Towns:	Calhoun Falls, Donalds, Due West, Honea Path, Lowndesville, Ware Shoals	

Population Trends

2020 Census	24,295	2021 Pop. Estimate	24,299
2010 Census	25,417	2020 Pop. Estimate	24,212
2000 Census	26,167	Numeric Change 2020-2021	87
Numeric Change 2000-2020	-1,122	Percent Change 2020-2021	0.36%
Persons Per Square Mile	47.8		

Economic Data

2021 Jobs	5,352	Avg. Wage Per Job, 2021	\$38,540
2020 Jobs	5,315	Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2021	56.0%
2010 Jobs	6,249	Per Capita Personal Income, 2020	\$38,033
Percent Change 2020-2021	0.7%	Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2020	63.9
Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020	-1.8%	Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2020	79.2
Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2021	4.5		

Tax Data

Total Assessed Property, 2020	\$77,520,314	Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:	
Per Capita Assessed Property, 2020	\$3,191	Local Option	1.0%
County Millage Rate, 2021	0.1367	Capital Projects	*
Value of a County Mil, 2021	\$70,975	School District	*
State Accommodations Tax, FY 2021	\$28,118	Transportation	*
State Admissions Tax, FY 2021	-298	Edu. Capital Improvement	*


County Finance & Employment Data

Total Revenues FY 2020	\$15,351,575	Per Capita Revenues	\$632
Total Expenditures FY 2020	\$14,915,600	Per Capita Expenditures	\$614
General Fund Budget FY 2022	\$12,267,943	Per Capita General Fund Budget	\$505
Total Debt Outstanding FY 2021	\$4,427,900	Per Capita Total Debt FY 2021	\$182
Payroll FY 2022	\$7,087,637	County Credit Ratings:	
Full-Time Employment FY 2022	172	Fitch FY 2021	*
Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents	7	Moody's FY 2021	*
Part-Time Employment FY 2022	62	S&P FY 2021	*

County History

Both the county and its county seat were named for the French town of the same name. Originally part of Ninety-Six District, the area was designated as Abbeville County in 1785. Parts of Abbeville later went to form Greenwood (1897) and McCormick (1916) counties. The county was settled primarily by Scotch-Irish and French Huguenot farmers in the mid-eighteenth century. A historic treaty with the Cherokee Indians was signed at Dewitt's Corner (now Due West) in 1777. Abbeville was known as a hotbed of secession, and at the end of the Civil War the last Confederate council of war was held there. Abbeville's most famous native son was John C. Calhoun (1782-1850), U.S. Vice President, Secretary of War, Secretary of State, and Senator.

AIKEN COUNTY

Date Formed:	1871	
Land Area (square miles):	1,073	
Form of Government:	Council-Administrator	
Council Members:	9	
Method of Election:	Single Member/ Chair at-Large	
Term Length:	4 yrs.	
Council of Government:	Lower Savannah	
County Seat:	Aiken	
Other Cities and Towns:	Burnettown, Jackson, Monetta, New Ellenton, North Augusta, Perry, Salley, Wagener, Windsor	

Population Trends

2020 Census	168,808	2021 Pop. Estimate	170,776
2010 Census	160,099	2020 Pop. Estimate	169,032
2000 Census	142,552	Numeric Change 2020-2021	1,744
Numeric Change 2000-2020	8,709	Percent Change 2020-2021	1.03%
Persons Per Square Mile	157.3		

Economic Data

2021 Jobs	59,476	Avg. Wage Per Job, 2021	\$44,637
2020 Jobs	58,311	Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2021	64.9%
2010 Jobs	62,447	Per Capita Personal Income, 2020	\$47,118
Percent Change 2020-2021	2.0%	Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2020	79.2
Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020	-0.7%	Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2020	98.1
Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2021	3.4		

Tax Data

Total Assessed Property, 2020	\$814,332,397	Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:	
Per Capita Assessed Property, 2020	\$4,824	Local Option	*
County Millage Rate, 2021	0.0673	Capital Projects	1.0%
Value of a County Mil, 2021	\$758,000	School District	*
State Accommodations Tax, FY 2021	\$691,384	Transportation	*
State Admissions Tax, FY 2021	\$899,774	Edu. Capital Improvement	1.0%

County Finance & Employment Data

Total Revenues FY 2020	\$147,994,298	Per Capita Revenues	\$877
Total Expenditures FY 2020	\$167,189,375	Per Capita Expenditures	\$990
General Fund Budget FY 2022	\$75,617,816	Per Capita General Fund Budget	\$448
Total Debt Outstanding FY 2021	\$39,705,000	Per Capita Total Debt FY 2021	\$227
Payroll FY 2022	\$52,907,221	County Credit Ratings:	
Full-Time Employment FY 2022	956	Fitch FY 2021	*
Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents	6	Moody's FY 2021	Aa2
Part-Time Employment FY 2022	71	S&P FY 2021	AA

County History

Aiken County and its county seat were named for William Aiken (1806-1831), president of the South Carolina Railroad. The county was formed in 1871 from parts of Orangeburg, Lexington, Edgefield, and Barnwell counties. The area was sparsely settled until the 1830s, when the South Carolina Railroad was built connecting Charleston to the town of Hamburg on the Savannah River with the town of Aiken being established as a depot. In the 1870s, Aiken became a winter resort for wealthy Northerners, and it remains popular with horse trainers and riders. The federal government chose Aiken County in the 1950s to be the site of a hydrogen bomb plant, the Savannah River Site. James F. Byrnes (1879-1972) began his legal and political careers in Aiken before going on to become a U.S. Congressman, Senator, Secretary of State, Supreme Court Justice, and Governor of South Carolina. Other prominent residents of the county were William Gregg (1800-1867), who built the state's first textile mill at Graniteville in 1846, and South Carolina Governor and U.S. Senator James Henry Hammond (1807-1864).

ALLENDALE COUNTY

Date Formed:	1919
Land Area (square miles):	408
Form of Government:	Council
Council Members:	5
Method of Election:	Single Member
Term Length:	4 yrs.
Council of Government:	Lower Savannah
County Seat:	Allendale
Other Cities and Towns:	Fairfax, Sycamore, Ulmer



Population Trends

2020 Census	8,039	2021 Pop. Estimate	7,858
2010 Census	10,419	2020 Pop. Estimate	7,990
2000 Census	11,211	Numeric Change 2020-2021	-132
Numeric Change 2000-2020	-2,380	Percent Change 2020-2021	-1.65%
Persons Per Square Mile	19.7		

Economic Data

2021 Jobs	2,424	Avg. Wage Per Job, 2021	\$43,070
2020 Jobs	2,533	Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2021	62.6%
2010 Jobs	3,492	Per Capita Personal Income, 2020	\$38,991
Percent Change 2020-2021	-4.5%	Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2020	65.5
Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020	-3.8%	Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2020	81.2
Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2021	7.8		

Tax Data

Total Assessed Property, 2020	\$22,817,263	Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:	
Per Capita Assessed Property, 2020	\$2,838	Local Option	1.0%
County Millage Rate, 2021	0.2290	Capital Projects	1.0%
Value of a County Mil, 2021	\$18,948	School District	*
State Accommodations Tax, FY 2021	\$4,389	Transportation	*
State Admissions Tax, FY 2021	\$0	Edu. Capital Improvement	*


County Finance & Employment Data

Total Revenues FY 2020	\$9,491,402	Per Capita Revenues	\$1,181
Total Expenditures FY 2020	\$12,051,073	Per Capita Expenditures	\$1,499
General Fund Budget FY 2022	*	Per Capita General Fund Budget	*
Total Debt Outstanding FY 2021	\$2,350,537	Per Capita Total Debt FY 2021	\$292
Payroll FY 2022	*	County Credit Ratings:	
Full-Time Employment FY 2022	*	Fitch FY 2021	*
Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents	*	Moody's FY 2021	*
Part-Time Employment FY 2022	*	S&P FY 2021	*

County History

Allendale County and its county seat were named for the Allen family, one of whose members, Paul Allen, was the town's first postmaster. The county is South Carolina's youngest; it was formed in 1919 from parts of Barnwell and Hampton counties. The area was settled in the mid-eighteenth century by English, German, and Scotch-Irish farmers, and it remains primarily agricultural. The plantation of Confederate General Johnson Hagood (1829-1898) was in what is now Allendale County, and the artist Jasper Johns spent his childhood years in Allendale.

ANDERSON COUNTY

Date Formed:	1826	
Land Area (square miles):	718	
Form of Government:	Council-Administrator	
Council Members:	7	
Method of Election:	Single Member	
Term Length:	2 yrs.	
Council of Government:	Appalachian	
County Seat:	Anderson	
Other Cities and Towns:	Belton, Clemson, Honea Path, Iva, Pelzer, West Pelzer, Pendleton, Starr, Williamston	

Population Trends

2020 Census	203,718	2021 Pop. Estimate	206,908
2010 Census	187,126	2020 Pop. Estimate	204,032
2000 Census	165,740	Numeric Change 2020-2021	2,876
Numeric Change 2000-2020	16,592	Percent Change 2020-2021	1.41%
Persons Per Square Mile	283.7		

Economic Data

2021 Jobs	66,519	Avg. Wage Per Job, 2021	\$40,572
2020 Jobs	64,525	Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2021	59.0%
2010 Jobs	59,819	Per Capita Personal Income, 2020	\$43,459
Percent Change 2020-2021	3.0%	Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2020	73.0
Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020	0.7%	Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2020	90.5
Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2021	3.7		

Tax Data

Total Assessed Property, 2020	\$943,624,537	Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:	
Per Capita Assessed Property, 2020	\$4,632	Local Option	*
County Millage Rate, 2021	0.0857	Capital Projects	*
Value of a County Mil, 2021	\$825,000	School District	*
State Accommodations Tax, FY 2021	\$656,217	Transportation	*
State Admissions Tax, FY 2021	\$403,920	Edu. Capital Improvement	1.0%

County Finance & Employment Data

Total Revenues FY 2020	\$96,295,710	Per Capita Revenues	\$473
Total Expenditures FY 2020	\$138,445,080	Per Capita Expenditures	\$680
General Fund Budget FY 2022	*	Per Capita General Fund Budget	*
Total Debt Outstanding FY 2021	\$42,324,565	Per Capita Total Debt FY 2021	\$203
Payroll FY 2022	*	County Credit Ratings:	
Full-Time Employment FY 2022	*	Fitch FY 2021	*
Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents	*	Moody's FY 2021	*
Part-Time Employment FY 2022	*	S&P FY 2021	*

County History

Anderson County and its county seat were named for Revolutionary War General Robert Anderson (1741-1812). This region was occupied by the Cherokee Indians until 1777, when it was ceded by treaty to the state. Part of the "Indian Land" became Pendleton District (also called Washington District at one time). The area was given its present name in 1826, when Pendleton District was split into Anderson and Pickens. Most of the early settlers of this area were Scotch-Irish farmers who moved south from Pennsylvania and Virginia in the eighteenth century. The oldest town in the county is Pendleton, which was founded around 1790; it became a popular summer resort for lowcountry planters in the nineteenth century. Some famous residents of Anderson County were U.S. Senator and South Carolina Governor Olin D. Johnston (1896-1965), business leader Charles E. Daniel (1895-1964), and composer Lily Strickland (1884-1958).

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.

BARNWELL COUNTY

Date Formed:	1800
Land Area (square miles):	548
Form of Government:	Council
Council Members:	7
Method of Election:	Single Member
Term Length:	4 yrs.
Council of Government:	Lower Savannah
County Seat:	Barnwell
Other Cities and Towns:	Blackville, Elko, Hilda, Kline, Snelling, Williston



Population Trends

2020 Census	20,589	2021 Pop. Estimate	20,580
2010 Census	22,621	2020 Pop. Estimate	20,567
2000 Census	23,478	Numeric Change 2020-2021	13
Numeric Change 2000-2020	-2,032	Percent Change 2020-2021	0.06%
Persons Per Square Mile	37.6		

Economic Data

2021 Jobs	4,674	Avg. Wage Per Job, 2021	\$39,282
2020 Jobs	4,848	Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2021	57.1%
2010 Jobs	6,032	Per Capita Personal Income, 2020	\$38,682
Percent Change 2020-2021	-3.7%	Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2020	65.0
Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020	-2.4%	Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2020	80.6
Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2021	6.5		

Tax Data

Total Assessed Property, 2020	\$60,517,158	Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:	
Per Capita Assessed Property, 2020	\$2,939	Local Option	1.0%
County Millage Rate, 2021	0.1583	Capital Projects	1.0%
Value of a County Mil, 2021	\$59,736	School District	*
State Accommodations Tax, FY 2021	\$26,468	Transportation	*
State Admissions Tax, FY 2021	\$6,283	Edu. Capital Improvement	*

County Finance & Employment Data

Total Revenues FY 2020	\$17,123,509	Per Capita Revenues	\$832
Total Expenditures FY 2020	\$28,038,637	Per Capita Expenditures	\$1,362
General Fund Budget FY 2022	\$10,284,003	Per Capita General Fund Budget	\$499
Total Debt Outstanding FY 2021	\$7,322,323	Per Capita Total Debt FY 2021	\$361
Payroll FY 2022	\$7,215,470	County Credit Ratings:	
Full-Time Employment FY 2022	186	Fitch FY 2021	*
Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents	9	Moody's FY 2021	*
Part-Time Employment FY 2022	40	S&P FY 2021	A

County History

Barnwell County and its county seat were named for Revolutionary War leader John Barnwell (1748-1800). The county was originally part of Orangeburg District, and in 1785 it was named Winton County. It was given its current name in 1800. Barnwell County has decreased in size over the years as new counties were created within its boundaries (Aiken in 1871, Bamberg in 1897, and Allendale in 1919). The South Carolina Railroad, which connected Charleston to Hamburg on the Savannah River, was built through this area, creating the towns of Blackville and Williston in the mid-nineteenth century. In more recent years, the county was the home of several powerful state politicians, known collectively as the "Barnwell Ring." Included were state Senator Edgar A. Brown (1888-1975), Speaker of the House Solomon Blatt (1895-1986), and Governor Joseph E. Harley (1880-1942).

BEAUFORT COUNTY

Date Formed:	1769
Land Area (square miles):	587
Form of Government:	Council-Administrator
Council Members:	11
Method of Election:	Single Member
Term Length:	4 yrs.
Council of Government:	Lowcountry
County Seat:	Beaufort
Other Cities and Towns:	Bluffton, Hilton Head Island, Port Royal, Yemassee



Population Trends

2020 Census	187,117	2021 Pop. Estimate	191,748
2010 Census	162,233	2020 Pop. Estimate	187,691
2000 Census	120,937	Numeric Change 2020-2021	4,057
Numeric Change 2000-2020	24,884	Percent Change 2020-2021	2.16%
Persons Per Square Mile	318.8		

Economic Data

2021 Jobs	66,915	Avg. Wage Per Job, 2021	\$45,291
2020 Jobs	64,763	Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2021	65.8%
2010 Jobs	70,693	Per Capita Personal Income, 2020	\$61,298
Percent Change 2020-2021	3.2%	Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2020	103.0
Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020	-0.9%	Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2020	127.6
Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2021	3.5		

Tax Data

Total Assessed Property, 2020	\$2,274,398,454	Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:	
Per Capita Assessed Property, 2020	\$12,155	Local Option	*
County Millage Rate, 2021	0.0648	Capital Projects	*
Value of a County Mil, 2021	\$2,137,150	School District	*
State Accommodations Tax, FY 2021	\$14,240,085	Transportation	Ended 1-22
State Admissions Tax, FY 2021	\$4,717,344	Edu. Capital Improvement	*


County Finance & Employment Data

Total Revenues FY 2020	\$252,567,983	Per Capita Revenues	\$1,350
Total Expenditures FY 2020	\$197,502,206	Per Capita Expenditures	\$1,056
General Fund Budget FY 2022	\$134,850,000	Per Capita General Fund Budget	\$721
Total Debt Outstanding FY 2021	\$207,320,970	Per Capita Total Debt FY 2021	\$1,021
Payroll FY 2022	\$66,500,000	County Credit Ratings:	
Full-Time Employment FY 2022	1162	Fitch FY 2021	*
Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents	6	Moody's FY 2021	Aa1
Part-Time Employment FY 2022	128	S&P FY 2021	AA+

County History

Both Beaufort County and its county seat were named for Henry Somerset, Duke of Beaufort (1684-1714), one of the Lords Proprietors of Carolina. The district was formed in 1769 from the parishes of Prince William, St. Luke, St. Helena, and St. Peter. It remained relatively unchanged in size until 1878, when a large portion was removed to form Hampton County. French explorers visited this area long before the English arrived. They established a fort in 1562, as did the Spanish in 1566; neither of these settlements survived, however. Beaufort, the second oldest town in South Carolina, was founded in 1710. In the years before the Civil War, rice and sea island cotton plantations brought great wealth to the region. Federal troops occupied Beaufort in December 1861, and the first school in the South for freed slaves was established during the Civil War at what is now Penn Center on St. Helena Island. Some famous residents of Beaufort County are naturalists Alexander Garden (ca. 1730-1791) and Stephen Elliott (1771-1830); Robert Smalls (1839-1915), a former slave who became a United States Congressman; boxer Joe Frazier; and writer Pat Conroy.

BERKELEY COUNTY

Date Formed:	1682	
Land Area (square miles):	1,098	
Form of Government:	Council-Supervisor	
Council Members:	9	
Method of Election:	Single Member	
Term Length:	4 yrs.	
Council of Government:	Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester	
County Seat:	Moncks Corner	
Other Cities and Towns:	Bonneau, Charleston, Goose Creek, Hanahan, North Charleston, Jamestown, St. Stephen, Summerville	

Population Trends

2020 Census	229,861	2021 Pop. Estimate	236,701
2010 Census	177,843	2020 Pop. Estimate	231,568
2000 Census	142,651	Numeric Change 2020-2021	5,133
Numeric Change 2000-2020	52,018	Percent Change 2020-2021	2.22%
Persons Per Square Mile	209.3		

Economic Data

2021 Jobs	56,539	Avg. Wage Per Job, 2021	\$80,799
2020 Jobs	55,015	Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2021	117.4%
2010 Jobs	42,067	Per Capita Personal Income, 2020	\$44,134
Percent Change 2020-2021	2.7%	Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2020	74.2
Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020	2.4%	Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2020	91.9
Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2021	3.6		

Tax Data

Total Assessed Property, 2020	\$1,400,737,523	Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:	
Per Capita Assessed Property, 2020	\$6,094	Local Option	1.0%
County Millage Rate, 2021	0.0485	Capital Projects	*
Value of a County Mil, 2021	\$1,116,000	School District	*
State Accommodations Tax, FY 2021	\$906,936	Transportation	1.0%
State Admissions Tax, FY 2021	\$858,809	Edu. Capital Improvement	*

County Finance & Employment Data

Total Revenues FY 2020	\$186,889,837	Per Capita Revenues	\$813
Total Expenditures FY 2020	\$141,335,266	Per Capita Expenditures	\$615
General Fund Budget FY 2022	\$102,837,227	Per Capita General Fund Budget	\$447
Total Debt Outstanding FY 2021	\$81,634,644	Per Capita Total Debt FY 2021	\$329
Payroll FY 2022	\$43,223,127	County Credit Ratings:	
Full-Time Employment FY 2022	1201	Fitch FY 2021	*
Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents	5	Moody's FY 2021	Aa2
Part-Time Employment FY 2022	368	S&P FY 2021	AA+

County History

Berkeley County was named for two of the Lords Proprietors of Carolina, Lord John Berkeley (d. 1678) and Sir William Berkeley (d. 1677). The county was originally named in 1682, and at one time it included the parishes of St. John Berkeley, St. James Goose Creek, St. James Santee, St. Stephen, St. Thomas, and St. Denis. In 1769 this area became part of Charleston District, and it did not become a separate county again until 1882. The county seat was Mount Pleasant from 1882 until 1895, when it was moved to Moncks Corner. This area was settled in the late seventeenth century by English and French Huguenot planters and their African slaves. Many of the old rice plantations are now covered by the waters of Lake Moultrie, which was built in the 1940s as part of the Santee-Cooper hydroelectric project. Two famous Revolutionary War generals were residents of the area: William Moultrie (1730-1805) and Francis Marion (1732-1795), known as the Swamp Fox. Henry Laurens (1724-1792), president of the Continental Congress, resided at Mepkin Plantation, which many years later was purchased by publisher Henry Luce (1898-1967).

CALHOUN COUNTY

Date Formed:	1908
Land Area (square miles):	380
Form of Government:	Council
Council Members:	5
Method of Election:	Single Member
Term Length:	4 yrs.
Council of Government:	Lower Savannah
County Seat:	St. Matthews
Other Cities and Towns:	Cameron



Population Trends

2020 Census	14,119	2021 Pop. Estimate	14,165
2010 Census	15,175	2020 Pop. Estimate	14,125
2000 Census	15,185	Numeric Change 2020-2021	40
Numeric Change 2000-2020	-1,056	Percent Change 2020-2021	0.28%
Persons Per Square Mile	37.2		

Economic Data

2021 Jobs	4,523	Avg. Wage Per Job, 2021	\$34,489
2020 Jobs	4,582	Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2021	50.1%
2010 Jobs	4,289	Per Capita Personal Income, 2020	\$44,655
Percent Change 2020-2021	-1.3%	Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2020	75.0
Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020	0.6%	Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2020	93
Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2021	4.5		

Tax Data

Total Assessed Property, 2020	\$85,756,617	Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:	
Per Capita Assessed Property, 2020	\$6,074	Local Option	1.0%
County Millage Rate, 2021	0.1180	Capital Projects	1.0%
Value of a County Mil, 2021	\$58,575	School District	*
State Accommodations Tax, FY 2021	\$1,733	Transportation	*
State Admissions Tax, FY 2021	\$6,048	Edu. Capital Improvement	*


County Finance & Employment Data

Total Revenues FY 2020	\$16,850,980	Per Capita Revenues	\$1,193
Total Expenditures FY 2020	\$16,703,910	Per Capita Expenditures	\$1,183
General Fund Budget FY 2022	\$14,125,545	Per Capita General Fund Budget	\$1,000
Total Debt Outstanding FY 2021	\$13,039,773	Per Capita Total Debt FY 2021	\$915
Payroll FY 2022	\$7,937,955	County Credit Ratings:	
Full-Time Employment FY 2022	142	Fitch FY 2021	*
Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents	10	Moody's FY 2021	*
Part-Time Employment FY 2022	62	S&P FY 2021	*

County History

Calhoun County was named for John C. Calhoun (1782-1850), who served as U.S. Vice President, Secretary of War, Secretary of State, and Senator. The county seat, the town of St. Matthews, was settled around 1841 in an area that was known for its cotton plantations. The county itself was formed in 1908 from parts of Orangeburg and Lexington counties. During the Revolutionary War a famous incident took place at Fort Motte in present day Calhoun County. Rebecca Motte (1738-1815), a local plantation owner, helped the Revolutionary troops drive the British out of her plantation house; she reportedly provided the soldiers with a burning arrow to destroy her own dwelling. Another famous resident of the area was Pulitzer Prize-winning writer Julia Peterkin (1880-1961), who lived at Lang Syne Plantation.

CHARLESTON COUNTY

Date Formed:	1769	
Land Area (square miles):	919	
Form of Government:	Council-Administrator	
Council Members:	9	
Method of Election:	Single Member	
Term Length:	4 yrs.	
Council of Government:	Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester	
County Seat:	Charleston	
Other Cities and Towns:	Awendaw, Folly Beach, Hollywood, Isle of Palms, Kiawah Island, Lincolnville, McClellanville, Meggett, Mount Pleasant, Summerville, North Charleston, Ravenel,	

Population Trends

2020 Census	408,235	2021 Pop. Estimate	413,024
2010 Census	350,209	2020 Pop. Estimate	409,418
2000 Census	309,969	Numeric Change 2020-2021	3,606
Numeric Change 2000-2020	58,026	Percent Change 2020-2021	0.88%
Persons Per Square Mile	444.2		

Economic Data

2021 Jobs	252,206	Avg. Wage Per Job, 2021	\$59,837
2020 Jobs	242,243	Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2021	87.0%
2010 Jobs	230,845	Per Capita Personal Income, 2020	\$66,656
Percent Change 2020-2021	4.0%	Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2020	112.0
Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020	0.5%	Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2020	138.8
Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2021	3.6		

Tax Data

Total Assessed Property, 2020	\$4,679,751,988	Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:	
Per Capita Assessed Property, 2020	\$11,463	Local Option	1.0%
County Millage Rate, 2021	0.0556	Capital Projects	*
Value of a County Mil, 2021	\$4,528,881	School District	*
State Accommodations Tax, FY 2021	\$18,553,787	Transportation	1.0%
State Admissions Tax, FY 2021	\$6,158,062	Edu. Capital Improvement	1.0%

County Finance & Employment Data

Total Revenues FY 2020	\$750,745,419	Per Capita Revenues	\$1,839
Total Expenditures FY 2020	\$626,494,481	Per Capita Expenditures	\$1,535
General Fund Budget FY 2022	\$245,200,588	Per Capita General Fund Budget	\$601
Total Debt Outstanding FY 2021	\$428,795,000	Per Capita Total Debt FY 2021	\$995
Payroll FY 2022	\$130,936,660	County Credit Ratings:	
Full-Time Employment FY 2022	2654	Fitch FY 2021	AAA
Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents	7	Moody's FY 2021	Aaa
Part-Time Employment FY 2022	205	S&P FY 2021	AAA

County History

Charleston County and the city of Charleston are the most historic locations in the state. English settlers arrived in the colony of Carolina in 1670 and established a town at Albemarle Point on the west bank of the Ashley River. The settlement, named Charles Town in honor of King Charles II of England, was subsequently moved a few miles away to a peninsula between the Ashley and Cooper rivers. Charles Towne (renamed Charleston in 1783) was the political, social, and economic center of the state throughout the colonial and antebellum periods, and it served as the capital until 1790. Charleston District was formed in 1769, but portions were later split off to form Colleton (1800) and Berkeley (1882) counties. During the Revolutionary War the American forces defeated the attacking British fleet at Charleston in June 1776. At another Charleston fort, Fort Sumter, federal troops were fired on by Confederate forces in April 1861, signaling the start of the Civil War. Charleston County has had many famous residents, including three signers of the United States Constitution: Charles Pinckney (1757-1824), Charles Cotesworth Pinckney (1746-1825), and John Rutledge (1739-1800).

CHEROKEE 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:	Appalachian
County Seat:	Gaffney
Other Cities and Towns:	Blacksburg



Population Trends

2020 Census	56,216	2021 Pop. Estimate	56,052
2010 Census	55,342	2020 Pop. Estimate	56,179
2000 Census	52,537	Numeric Change 2020-2021	-127
Numeric Change 2000-2020	874	Percent Change 2020-2021	-0.23%
Persons Per Square Mile	143.0		

Economic Data

2021 Jobs	20,211	Avg. Wage Per Job, 2021	\$39,996
2020 Jobs	19,510	Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2021	58.1%
2010 Jobs	18,902	Per Capita Personal Income, 2020	\$36,567
Percent Change 2020-2021	3.5%	Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2020	61.4
Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020	0.3%	Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2020	76.1
Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2021	5.1		

Tax Data

Total Assessed Property, 2020	\$225,901,132	Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:	
Per Capita Assessed Property, 2020	\$4,018	Local Option	1.0%
County Millage Rate, 2021	0.0984	Capital Projects	*
Value of a County Mil, 2021	\$189,936	School District	Ended 3-15
State Accommodations Tax, FY 2021	\$137,859	Transportation	*
State Admissions Tax, FY 2021	\$71,444	Edu. Capital Improvement	1.0%

County Finance & Employment Data

Total Revenues FY 2020	\$32,026,245	Per Capita Revenues	\$570
Total Expenditures FY 2020	\$30,496,682	Per Capita Expenditures	\$542
General Fund Budget FY 2022	\$27,768,666	Per Capita General Fund Budget	\$494
Total Debt Outstanding FY 2021	\$4,186,000	Per Capita Total Debt FY 2021	\$72
Payroll FY 2022	\$12,255,946	County Credit Ratings:	
Full-Time Employment FY 2022	302	Fitch FY 2021	*
Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents	5	Moody's FY 2021	Aa3
Part-Time Employment FY 2022	27	S&P FY 2021	*

County History

Cherokee County was named for the Cherokee Indians who once made it their home. It was formed in 1897 from parts of Spartanburg, Union, and York counties, and the county seat is Gaffney. During the Revolutionary War at the battle of Cowpens, an important victory for the revolutionary forces took place there on January 17, 1781. Iron mining was an important activity in this region up to the time of the Civil War, and it is sometimes called the Old Iron District. In the mid-nineteenth century, the resort at Limestone Springs was a popular retreat for lowcountry planters. Writer Wilbur Joseph Cash (1901-1941) was a native of Cherokee County, as is actress Andie MacDowell.

CHESTER COUNTY

Date Formed:	1785
Land Area (square miles):	581
Form of Government:	Council-Administrator
Council Members:	7
Method of Election:	Single Member
Term Length:	4 yrs.
Council of Government:	Catawba
County Seat:	Chester
Other Cities and Towns:	Fort Lawn, Great Falls, Lowrys, Richburg



Population Trends

2020 Census	32,294	2021 Pop. Estimate	32,209
2010 Census	33,140	2020 Pop. Estimate	32,276
2000 Census	34,068	Numeric Change 2020-2021	-67
Numeric Change 2000-2020	-846	Percent Change 2020-2021	-0.21%
Persons Per Square Mile	55.6		

Economic Data

2021 Jobs	9,530	Avg. Wage Per Job, 2021	\$49,373
2020 Jobs	9,517	Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2021	71.8%
2010 Jobs	8,457	Per Capita Personal Income, 2020	\$38,931
Percent Change 2020-2021	0.1%	Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2020	65.4
Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020	1.1%	Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2020	81.1
Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2021	5.9		

Tax Data

Total Assessed Property, 2020	\$132,338,061	Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:	
Per Capita Assessed Property, 2020	\$4,098	Local Option	1.0%
County Millage Rate, 2021	0.1785	Capital Projects	1.0%
Value of a County Mil, 2021	\$112,708	School District	*
State Accommodations Tax, FY 2021	\$108,435	Transportation	*
State Admissions Tax, FY 2021	\$63,407	Edu. Capital Improvement	*


County Finance & Employment Data

Total Revenues FY 2020	\$40,357,320	Per Capita Revenues	\$1,250
Total Expenditures FY 2020	\$39,343,373	Per Capita Expenditures	\$1,218
General Fund Budget FY 2022	*	Per Capita General Fund Budget	*
Total Debt Outstanding FY 2021	\$5,486,100	Per Capita Total Debt FY 2021	\$172
Payroll FY 2022	*	County Credit Ratings:	
Full-Time Employment FY 2022	*	Fitch FY 2021	*
Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents	*	Moody's FY 2021	*
Part-Time Employment FY 2022	*	S&P FY 2021	A+

County History

Chester County and its county seat were named for Chester County, Pennsylvania. The county was formed in 1785 as part of the larger Camden District but was later transferred to Pinckney District (1791-1800); it became a separate district in 1800. Scotch-Irish settlers from Pennsylvania and Virginia moved into this upstate region beginning about 1755. During the Revolutionary War, American forces under General Thomas Sumter were defeated here at the battle of Fishing Creek in August 1780; the Americans were victorious at Fishdam Ford in November of the same year. The Landsford Canal was built in 1823 to allow boats and barges to bypass rapids on the Catawba River; this canal is now open as a state park. In later years, the availability of hydroelectric power encouraged the establishment of textile mills in the area. Governor, U.S. Senator, and Judge Donald S. Russell (1906-1997) lived in Chester as a boy.

CHESTERFIELD COUNTY

Date Formed:	1785	
Land Area (square miles):	799	
Form of Government:	Council-Administrator	
Council Members:	9	
Method of Election:	Single Member	
Term Length:	4 yrs.	
Council of Government:	Pee Dee	
County Seat:	Chesterfield	
Other Cities and Towns:	Cheraw, Jefferson, McBee, Mount Croghan, Pageland, Patrick, Ruby	

Population Trends

2020 Census	43,273	2021 Pop. Estimate	43,268
2010 Census	46,734	2020 Pop. Estimate	43,258
2000 Census	42,768	Numeric Change 2020-2021	10
Numeric Change 2000-2020	-3,461	Percent Change 2020-2021	0.02%
Persons Per Square Mile	54.2		

Economic Data

2021 Jobs	14,469	Avg. Wage Per Job, 2021	\$36,548
2020 Jobs	14,239	Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2021	53.1%
2010 Jobs	13,711	Per Capita Personal Income, 2020	\$34,477
Percent Change 2020-2021	1.6%	Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2020	57.9
Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020	0.4%	Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2020	71.8
Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2021	4.5		

Tax Data

Total Assessed Property, 2020	\$134,303,169	Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:	
Per Capita Assessed Property, 2020	\$3,104	Local Option	1.0%
County Millage Rate, 2021	0.1290	Capital Projects	*
Value of a County Mil, 2021	\$134,952	School District	1.0%
State Accommodations Tax, FY 2021	\$77,787	Transportation	*
State Admissions Tax, FY 2021	\$44,384	Edu. Capital Improvement	*

County Finance & Employment Data

Total Revenues FY 2020	\$30,724,775	Per Capita Revenues	\$710
Total Expenditures FY 2020	\$23,413,519	Per Capita Expenditures	\$541
General Fund Budget FY 2022	\$19,582,999	Per Capita General Fund Budget	\$453
Total Debt Outstanding FY 2021	\$9,585,340	Per Capita Total Debt FY 2021	\$212
Payroll FY 2022	\$9,010,563	County Credit Ratings:	
Full-Time Employment FY 2022	223	Fitch FY 2021	*
Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents	5	Moody's FY 2021	*
Part-Time Employment FY 2022	26	S&P FY 2021	*

County History

Chesterfield County was named for the English statesman Lord Chesterfield (1694-1773). The county seat is the town of Chesterfield, but the oldest town in the county is Cheraw, which was settled around 1748. The county was formed in 1785, but until 1800 it was part of the larger Cheraws District. Welsh settlers from Pennsylvania and Delaware moved into this region in the mid-eighteenth century, and they were later joined by Scotch-Irish and English. Cheraw was a center for transportation along the Great Pee Dee River, but most of the county is agricultural. General Sherman's troops passed through this area during the Civil War, briefly occupying the towns of Cheraw and Chesterfield. Cheraw State Park, founded in 1934, is the oldest of the state parks. Jazz musician Dizzy Gillespie (1917-1993) was a native of Chesterfield County.

CLARENDON COUNTY

Date Formed:	1785
Land Area (square miles):	607
Form of Government:	Council-Administrator
Council Members:	5
Method of Election:	Single Member/ Chair at-Large
Term Length:	4 yrs.
Council of Government:	Santee Lynches
County Seat:	Manning
Other Cities and Towns:	Paxville, Summerton, Turbeville



Population Trends

2020 Census	31,144	2021 Pop. Estimate	31,024
2010 Census	34,971	2020 Pop. Estimate	31,093
2000 Census	32,502	Numeric Change 2020-2021	-69
Numeric Change 2000-2020	-3,827	Percent Change 2020-2021	-0.22%
Persons Per Square Mile	51.3		

Economic Data

2021 Jobs	6,746	Avg. Wage Per Job, 2021	\$43,101
2020 Jobs	6,642	Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2021	62.6%
2010 Jobs	7,788	Per Capita Personal Income, 2020	\$38,001
Percent Change 2020-2021	1.5%	Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2020	63.9
Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020	-1.7%	Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2020	79.1
Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2021	4.9		

Tax Data

Total Assessed Property, 2020	\$114,117,711	Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:	
Per Capita Assessed Property, 2020	\$3,664	Local Option	1.0%
County Millage Rate, 2021	0.1813	Capital Projects	*
Value of a County Mil, 2021	\$107,742	School District	1.0%
State Accommodations Tax, FY 2021	\$170,812	Transportation	*
State Admissions Tax, FY 2021	\$41,085	Edu. Capital Improvement	*

County Finance & Employment Data

Total Revenues FY 2020	\$33,251,963	Per Capita Revenues	\$1,068
Total Expenditures FY 2020	\$31,675,814	Per Capita Expenditures	\$1,017
General Fund Budget FY 2022	\$23,312,710	Per Capita General Fund Budget	\$749
Total Debt Outstanding FY 2021	\$29,703,894	Per Capita Total Debt FY 2021	\$891
Payroll FY 2022	\$9,145,110	County Credit Ratings:	
Full-Time Employment FY 2022	341	Fitch FY 2021	*
Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents	11	Moody's FY 2021	*
Part-Time Employment FY 2022	61	S&P FY 2021	A+

County History

Clarendon County was named for Edward Hyde, Earl of Clarendon (1608/9-1674), one of the Lords Proprietors of Carolina. The county was first established in 1785; in 1800 it became part of Sumter District, but then was split from Sumter in 1857. Several Revolutionary War skirmishes took place in this area; at Fort Watson in 1781 British soldiers were driven from a large Indian mound that had been fortified. During the Civil War, Union troops under General Edward Potter moved through the area, burning several plantations. In the 1950s, Clarendon County schools were sued over the issue of racial segregation. The case, *Briggs v. Elliott*, was one of several cases that eventually led the U.S. Supreme Court to abolish segregation in 1954. Clarendon County can claim five South Carolina Governors, all related: James Burchell Richardson (1770-1836), Richard Irvine Manning (1789-1836), John Peter Richardson (1801-1864), John Laurence Manning (1816-1889), and John Peter Richardson (1831-1899). Children's author Peggy Parish (1927-1988) and tennis player Althea Gibson are also Clarendon natives.

COLLETON COUNTY

Date Formed:	1800
Land Area (square miles):	1,056
Form of Government:	Council-Administrator
Council Members:	5
Method of Election:	Single Member
Term Length:	4 yrs.
Council of Government:	Lowcountry
County Seat:	Walterboro
Other Cities and Towns:	Cottageville, Edisto Beach, Lodge, Smoaks, Williams



Population Trends

2020 Census	38,604	2021 Pop. Estimate	38,462
2010 Census	38,892	2020 Pop. Estimate	38,543
2000 Census	38,264	Numeric Change 2020-2021	-81
Numeric Change 2000-2020	-288	Percent Change 2020-2021	-0.21%
Persons Per Square Mile	36.6		

Economic Data

2021 Jobs	9,975	Avg. Wage Per Job, 2021	\$41,805
2020 Jobs	10,119	Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2021	60.8%
2010 Jobs	10,805	Per Capita Personal Income, 2020	\$40,336
Percent Change 2020-2021	-1.4%	Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2020	67.8
Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020	-0.7%	Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2020	84
Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2021	4.4		

Tax Data

Total Assessed Property, 2020	\$194,011,469	Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:	
Per Capita Assessed Property, 2020	\$5,026	Local Option	1.0%
County Millage Rate, 2021	0.1266	Capital Projects	1.0%
Value of a County Mil, 2021	\$192,981	School District	*
State Accommodations Tax, FY 2021	\$995,320	Transportation	*
State Admissions Tax, FY 2021	\$130,010	Edu. Capital Improvement	*

County Finance & Employment Data

Total Revenues FY 2020	\$53,475,304	Per Capita Revenues	\$1,385
Total Expenditures FY 2020	\$67,603,672	Per Capita Expenditures	\$1,751
General Fund Budget FY 2022	\$31,464,413	Per Capita General Fund Budget	\$815
Total Debt Outstanding FY 2021	\$19,944,633	Per Capita Total Debt FY 2021	\$528
Payroll FY 2022	\$22,815,319	County Credit Ratings:	
Full-Time Employment FY 2022	417	Fitch FY 2021	*
Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents	11	Moody's FY 2021	Aa3
Part-Time Employment FY 2022	79	S&P FY 2021	AA-

County History

Colleton County was named for one of the Lords Proprietors, Sir John Colleton (1608-1666). The county was first created in 1682 under the proprietary government, but the designation was seldom used in the colonial period. Instead, the area was known by its parish names: St. Bartholomew, St. Paul, and St. George Dorchester. In 1769 these parishes became part of Charleston District, where they remained until Colleton District was formed in 1800. A portion of the county was removed in 1897 to form Dorchester County. Several Revolutionary War skirmishes took place in Colleton County, and the state legislature met in the town of Jacksonboro in 1782 while Charleston was occupied by the British. This part of the lowcountry was known for its extensive rice and cotton plantations, many of which were bought by Northerners after the Civil War for use as hunting preserves; some of those lands are now being incorporated into the ACE Basin, a nature preserve bounded by the Ashepoo, Combahee, and Edisto rivers. The Revolutionary War hero Isaac Hayne (1745-1781) was a Colleton resident, as were politicians Rawlins Lowndes (1721-1800) and William Lowndes (1782-1822).

DARLINGTON COUNTY

Date Formed:	1785
Land Area (square miles):	561
Form of Government:	Council-Administrator
Council Members:	8
Method of Election:	Single Member
Term Length:	4 yrs.
Council of Government:	Pee Dee
County Seat:	Darlington
Other Cities and Towns:	Hartsville, Lamar, Society Hill



Population Trends

2020 Census	62,905	2021 Pop. Estimate	62,755
2010 Census	68,681	2020 Pop. Estimate	62,833
2000 Census	67,394	Numeric Change 2020-2021	-78
Numeric Change 2000-2020	-5,776	Percent Change 2020-2021	-0.12%
Persons Per Square Mile	112.1		

Economic Data

2021 Jobs	19,807	Avg. Wage Per Job, 2021	\$42,982
2020 Jobs	19,607	Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2021	62.5%
2010 Jobs	20,266	Per Capita Personal Income, 2020	\$41,928
Percent Change 2020-2021	1.0%	Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2020	70.5
Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020	-0.3%	Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2020	87.3
Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2021	4.5		

Tax Data

Total Assessed Property, 2020	\$245,217,542	Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:	
Per Capita Assessed Property, 2020	\$3,898	Local Option	1.0%
County Millage Rate, 2021	0.7990	Capital Projects	*
Value of a County Mil, 2021	\$245,886	School District	*
State Accommodations Tax, FY 2021	\$115,513	Transportation	*
State Admissions Tax, FY 2021	\$159,418	Edu. Capital Improvement	1.0%

County Finance & Employment Data

Total Revenues FY 2020	\$41,216,068	Per Capita Revenues	\$655
Total Expenditures FY 2020	\$45,204,111	Per Capita Expenditures	\$719
General Fund Budget FY 2022	\$24,684,943	Per Capita General Fund Budget	\$392
Total Debt Outstanding FY 2021	\$905,921	Per Capita Total Debt FY 2021	\$14
Payroll FY 2022	\$16,687,216	County Credit Ratings:	
Full-Time Employment FY 2022	329	Fitch FY 2021	*
Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents	5	Moody's FY 2021	*
Part-Time Employment FY 2022	204	S&P FY 2021	*

County History

The origin of the name of this county is uncertain, but it may have been named for Darlington, England. The county was formed in 1785, with the county seat at Darlington, and until 1800 it was a part of the Cheraws District. Parts of Darlington County were removed to form Florence County in 1888 and Lee County in 1902. This area was settled in the mid-eighteenth century by Welsh, Scotch-Irish, and English farmers, who grew cotton primarily. In more recent years the county has been best known for the stock car races which take place at the Darlington Raceway. David Rogerson Williams (1776-1830), South Carolina Governor and scientific experimenter, was a native of Darlington; he is remembered for introducing the mule to Southern agriculture. Other prominent Darlington residents were industrialists James Lide Coker (1837-1918) and David R. Coker (1870-1938), and novelists Annie Greene Nelson (1902-1993) and Elizabeth Boatwright Coker (1909-1993).

DILLON COUNTY

Date Formed:	1910
Land Area (square miles):	405
Form of Government:	Council-Administrator
Council Members:	7
Method of Election:	Single Member
Term Length:	4 yrs.
Council of Government:	Pee Dee
County Seat:	Dillon
Other Cities and Towns:	Lake View, Latta



Population Trends

2020 Census	28,292	2021 Pop. Estimate	28,087
2010 Census	32,062	2020 Pop. Estimate	28,284
2000 Census	30,722	Numeric Change 2020-2021	-197
Numeric Change 2000-2020	-3,770	Percent Change 2020-2021	-0.70%
Persons Per Square Mile	69.9		

Economic Data

2021 Jobs	9,282	Avg. Wage Per Job, 2021	\$36,914
2020 Jobs	9,137	Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2021	53.7%
2010 Jobs	9,558	Per Capita Personal Income, 2020	\$33,030
Percent Change 2020-2021	1.6%	Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2020	55.5
Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020	-0.5%	Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2020	68.8
Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2021	5.8		

Tax Data

Total Assessed Property, 2020	\$75,550,553	Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:	
Per Capita Assessed Property, 2020	\$2,670	Local Option	1.0%
County Millage Rate, 2021	0.1435	Capital Projects	Ended 9-08
Value of a County Mil, 2021	\$69,635	School District	1.0%
State Accommodations Tax, FY 2021	\$139,670	Transportation	*
State Admissions Tax, FY 2021	\$17,439	Edu. Capital Improvement	*


County Finance & Employment Data

Total Revenues FY 2020	\$27,844,977	Per Capita Revenues	\$984
Total Expenditures FY 2020	\$25,213,004	Per Capita Expenditures	\$891
General Fund Budget FY 2022	\$20,059,267	Per Capita General Fund Budget	\$709
Total Debt Outstanding FY 2021	\$3,630,834	Per Capita Total Debt FY 2021	\$122
Payroll FY 2022	\$8,090,752	County Credit Ratings:	
Full-Time Employment FY 2022	239	Fitch FY 2021	*
Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents	8	Moody's FY 2021	*
Part-Time Employment FY 2022	78	S&P FY 2021	*

County History

Dillon County was named for James W. Dillon (1826-1913), a prominent local resident. The county seat was also named for him. Dillon County was formed in 1910 from Marion County. Swamps and rivers kept this section of the Pee Dee isolated for many years, but the construction of a railroad in the nineteenth century brought increased development. The residents primarily engaged in cotton and tobacco farming and in timber harvesting. Composer Carlisle Floyd was born in the Dillon County town of Latta.

DORCHESTER COUNTY

Date Formed:	1897	
Land Area (square miles):	575	
Form of Government:	Council-Administrator	
Council Members:	7	
Method of Election:	Single Member	
Term Length:	4 yrs.	
Council of Government:	Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester	
County Seat:	St. George	
Other Cities and Towns:	Harleyville, North Charleston, Reevesville, Ridgeville, Summerville	

Population Trends

2020 Census	161,540	2021 Pop. Estimate	163,327
2010 Census	136,555	2020 Pop. Estimate	161,975
2000 Census	96,413	Numeric Change 2020-2021	1,352
Numeric Change 2000-2020	24,985	Percent Change 2020-2021	0.83%
Persons Per Square Mile	280.9		

Economic Data

2021 Jobs	35,227	Avg. Wage Per Job, 2021	\$38,573
2020 Jobs	34,497	Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2021	56.1%
2010 Jobs	31,213	Per Capita Personal Income, 2020	\$42,662
Percent Change 2020-2021	2.1%	Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2020	71.7
Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020	1.0%	Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2020	88.8
Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2021	3.6		

Tax Data

Total Assessed Property, 2020	\$721,432,890	Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:	
Per Capita Assessed Property, 2020	\$4,466	Local Option	*
County Millage Rate, 2021	0.0819	Capital Projects	*
Value of a County Mil, 2021	*	School District	*
State Accommodations Tax, FY 2021	\$147,940	Transportation	1.0%
State Admissions Tax, FY 2021	\$593,706	Edu. Capital Improvement	*

County Finance & Employment Data

Total Revenues FY 2020	\$169,009,413	Per Capita Revenues	\$1,046
Total Expenditures FY 2020	\$121,872,619	Per Capita Expenditures	\$754
General Fund Budget FY 2022	\$68,875,387	Per Capita General Fund Budget	\$426
Total Debt Outstanding FY 2021	\$200,638,655	Per Capita Total Debt FY 2021	\$1,164
Payroll FY 2022	\$37,508,275	County Credit Ratings:	
Full-Time Employment FY 2022	1026	Fitch FY 2021	*
Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents	6	Moody's FY 2021	Aa1
Part-Time Employment FY 2022	175	S&P FY 2021	AA

County History

Dorchester County was named for Dorchester, Massachusetts. In 1696, Congregationalists from that town moved south and established a new settlement called Dorchester. Although the town of Dorchester had been abandoned by 1788, the parish in which it was located continued to be referred to as St. George Dorchester. This name was subsequently adopted for the county when it was formed from parts of Colleton and Berkeley counties in 1897. The town of Summerville was settled in the late eighteenth century as a summer resort for planters who wished to escape the malaria prevalent on their rice plantations; the town later became a winter resort also. Middleton Place Gardens, the remains of an old rice plantation, are the oldest landscaped gardens in the country, having been laid out in 1741. Middleton Place was the home of Henry Middleton (1717-1784), President of the Continental Congress, his son Arthur Middleton (1742-1787), a signer of the Declaration of Independence, and his grandson Henry Middleton (1770-1846), South Carolina Governor, United States Congressman, and Ambassador to Russia.

EDGEFIELD COUNTY

Date Formed:	1785
Land Area (square miles):	502
Form of Government:	Council-Administrator
Council Members:	5
Method of Election:	Single Member
Term Length:	2 yrs.
Council of Government:	Upper Savannah
County Seat:	Edgefield
Other Cities and Towns:	Johnston, North Augusta, Trenton



Population Trends

2020 Census	25,657	2021 Pop. Estimate	26,153
2010 Census	26,985	2020 Pop. Estimate	25,675
2000 Census	24,595	Numeric Change 2020-2021	478
Numeric Change 2000-2020	-1,328	Percent Change 2020-2021	1.86%
Persons Per Square Mile	51.1		

Economic Data

2021 Jobs	5,265	Avg. Wage Per Job, 2021	\$42,913
2020 Jobs	5,155	Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2021	62.4%
2010 Jobs	6,438	Per Capita Personal Income, 2020	\$41,178
Percent Change 2020-2021	2.1%	Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2020	69.2
Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020	-2.5%	Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2020	85.7
Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2021	3.4		

Tax Data

Total Assessed Property, 2020	\$90,298,575	Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:	
Per Capita Assessed Property, 2020	\$3,519	Local Option	1.0%
County Millage Rate, 2021	0.1054	Capital Projects	1.0%
Value of a County Mil, 2021	\$89,060	School District	*
State Accommodations Tax, FY 2021	\$19,407	Transportation	*
State Admissions Tax, FY 2021	\$21,330	Edu. Capital Improvement	*

County Finance & Employment Data

Total Revenues FY 2020	\$13,138,046	Per Capita Revenues	\$512
Total Expenditures FY 2020	\$17,240,913	Per Capita Expenditures	\$672
General Fund Budget FY 2022	\$10,845,221	Per Capita General Fund Budget	\$423
Total Debt Outstanding FY 2021	\$1,186,785	Per Capita Total Debt FY 2021	\$43
Payroll FY 2022	\$7,544,445	County Credit Ratings:	
Full-Time Employment FY 2022	181	Fitch FY 2021	*
Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents	7	Moody's FY 2021	*
Part-Time Employment FY 2022	5	S&P FY 2021	*

County History

The origin of the name Edgefield is not clear, although it is usually described as "fanciful." The county was formed in 1785 as part of Ninety Six District; parts of Edgefield later went to form Aiken (1871), Saluda (1895), Greenwood (1897), and McCormick (1916) counties. This part of the upcountry, settled in the late eighteenth century, was the site of several Revolutionary War skirmishes. Although primarily agricultural, Edgefield County developed a thriving pottery industry in the nineteenth century; the old alkaline-glazed Edgefield pottery is highly sought after today. The larger Edgefield County was the home of ten South Carolina governors, including Francis W. Pickens (1805-1869), Benjamin R. Tillman (1847-1918), and Strom Thurmond (1902-2003). Confederate General Martin Witherspoon Gary (1831-1881) was also a resident of Edgefield County.

FAIRFIELD COUNTY

Date Formed:	1785
Land Area (square miles):	687
Form of Government:	Council-Administrator
Council Members:	7
Method of Election:	Single Member
Term Length:	4 yrs.
Council of Government:	Central Midlands
County Seat:	Winnsboro
Other Cities and Towns:	Ridgeway



Population Trends

2020 Census	20,948	2021 Pop. Estimate	20,690
2010 Census	23,956	2020 Pop. Estimate	20,858
2000 Census	23,454	Numeric Change 2020-2021	-168
Numeric Change 2000-2020	-3,008	Percent Change 2020-2021	-0.81%
Persons Per Square Mile	30.5		

Economic Data

2021 Jobs	5,362	Avg. Wage Per Job, 2021	\$38,934
2020 Jobs	5,291	Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2021	56.6%
2010 Jobs	7,269	Per Capita Personal Income, 2020	\$41,827
Percent Change 2020-2021	1.3%	Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2020	70.3
Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020	-3.7%	Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2020	87.1
Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2021	5.8		

Tax Data

Total Assessed Property, 2020	\$147,146,525	Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:	
Per Capita Assessed Property, 2020	\$7,024	Local Option	1.0%
County Millage Rate, 2021	0.1834	Capital Projects	*
Value of a County Mil, 2021	\$141,559	School District	*
State Accommodations Tax, FY 2021	\$52,568	Transportation	*
State Admissions Tax, FY 2021	\$83,901	Edu. Capital Improvement	*


County Finance & Employment Data

Total Revenues FY 2020	\$34,836,301	Per Capita Revenues	\$1,663
Total Expenditures FY 2020	\$40,025,291	Per Capita Expenditures	\$1,911
General Fund Budget FY 2022	\$33,757,551	Per Capita General Fund Budget	\$1,611
Total Debt Outstanding FY 2021	\$3,582,647	Per Capita Total Debt FY 2021	\$164
Payroll FY 2022	\$15,214,673	County Credit Ratings:	
Full-Time Employment FY 2022	308	Fitch FY 2021	*
Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents	15	Moody's FY 2021	*
Part-Time Employment FY 2022	25	S&P FY 2021	A

County History

The origin of the name Fairfield is not known, but local legend attributes it to a remark by Lord Cornwallis about the "fair fields" of the area. The county was formed in 1785 as a part of Camden District. The town of Winnsboro, which was settled around 1755, is the county seat. Fairfield County lies between the upcountry and the lowcountry areas of the state, and it was settled both by Scotch-Irish immigrants from colonies to the north and by English and French Huguenot planters from the lowcountry. In the colonial period this area was a center for the Regulator movement, which sought to bring law and order to the backcountry. During the Revolutionary War, Lord Cornwallis made his headquarters in Winnsboro from October 1780 to January 1781; the county was also invaded by General Sherman's troops during the Civil War. Cotton production was the major economic activity of the area, but the county also produced Winnsboro Blue Granite. Some prominent residents of the county were Regulator leader Thomas Woodward (d. 1779), Revolutionary War soldier Richard Winn (1750-1818), and artist Laura Glenn Douglas (1886-1962).

FLORENCE COUNTY

Date Formed:	1888	
Land Area (square miles):	800	
Form of Government:	Council-Administrator	
Council Members:	9	
Method of Election:	Single Member	
Term Length:	4 yrs.	
Council of Government:	Pee Dee	
County Seat:	Florence	
Other Cities and Towns:	Coward, Johnsonville, Lake City, Olanta, Pamplico, Quinby, Scranton, Timmons ville	

Population Trends

2020 Census	137,059	2021 Pop. Estimate	136,504
2010 Census	136,885	2020 Pop. Estimate	136,805
2000 Census	125,761	Numeric Change 2020-2021	-301
Numeric Change 2000-2020	174	Percent Change 2020-2021	-0.22%
Persons Per Square Mile	171.3		

Economic Data

2021 Jobs	64,488	Avg. Wage Per Job, 2021	\$49,414
2020 Jobs	63,507	Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2021	71.8%
2010 Jobs	66,543	Per Capita Personal Income, 2020	\$46,749
Percent Change 2020-2021	1.5%	Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2020	78.6
Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020	-0.5%	Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2020	97.4
Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2021	4.1		

Tax Data

Total Assessed Property, 2020	\$572,010,680	Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:	
Per Capita Assessed Property, 2020	\$4,173	Local Option	1.0%
County Millage Rate, 2021	0.1004	Capital Projects	1.0%
Value of a County Mil, 2021	\$522,041	School District	*
State Accommodations Tax, FY 2021	\$1,282,879	Transportation	*
State Admissions Tax, FY 2021	\$203,119	Edu. Capital Improvement	*

County Finance & Employment Data

Total Revenues FY 2020	\$135,845,385	Per Capita Revenues	\$991
Total Expenditures FY 2020	\$147,583,853	Per Capita Expenditures	\$1,077
General Fund Budget FY 2022	\$67,835,828	Per Capita General Fund Budget	\$495
Total Debt Outstanding FY 2021	\$155,938,000	Per Capita Total Debt FY 2021	\$1,137
Payroll FY 2022	\$34,897,071	County Credit Ratings:	
Full-Time Employment FY 2022	934	Fitch FY 2021	*
Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents	7	Moody's FY 2021	Aa2
Part-Time Employment FY 2022	135	S&P FY 2021	*

County History

Florence County took its name from its county seat, the City of Florence. The county was formed in 1888 from parts of Marion, Darlington, Williamsburg, and Clarendon counties. The City of Florence was founded in the 1850s as a stop on the Wilmington and Manchester Railroad; it was named for Florence Harllee, daughter of William Wallace Harllee (1812-1897), the president of the railroad. Florence soon became an important transportation center for the Pee Dee region. During the Civil War it was the site of a Confederate prison camp. In later years tobacco growing became a major activity in the county. Some famous Florence County natives are artist William H. Johnson (1901-1970), astronaut Ronald E. McNair (1950-1986), and stock car racer Cale Yarborough.

GEORGETOWN COUNTY

Date Formed:	1769
Land Area (square miles):	815
Form of Government:	Council-Administrator
Council Members:	7
Method of Election:	Single Member
Term Length:	4 yrs.
Council of Government:	Waccamaw
County Seat:	Georgetown
Other Cities and Towns:	Andrews, Pawleys Island



Population Trends

2020 Census	63,404	2021 Pop. Estimate	63,921
2010 Census	60,158	2020 Pop. Estimate	63,440
2000 Census	55,797	Numeric Change 2020-2021	481
Numeric Change 2000-2020	3,246	Percent Change 2020-2021	0.76%
Persons Per Square Mile	77.8		

Economic Data

2021 Jobs	24,244	Avg. Wage Per Job, 2021	\$64,229
2020 Jobs	23,446	Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2021	93.4%
2010 Jobs	23,994	Per Capita Personal Income, 2020	\$51,775
Percent Change 2020-2021	3.3%	Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2020	87.0
Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020	-0.2%	Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2020	107.8
Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2021	4.8		

Tax Data

Total Assessed Property, 2020	\$607,968,464	Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:	
Per Capita Assessed Property, 2020	\$9,589	Local Option	*
County Millage Rate, 2021	0.0647	Capital Projects	Ended 05-19
Value of a County Mil, 2021	\$599,067	School District	*
State Accommodations Tax, FY 2021	\$2,567,128	Transportation	*
State Admissions Tax, FY 2021	\$797,149	Edu. Capital Improvement	*

County Finance & Employment Data

Total Revenues FY 2020	\$65,556,981	Per Capita Revenues	\$1,034
Total Expenditures FY 2020	\$89,382,731	Per Capita Expenditures	\$1,410
General Fund Budget FY 2022	\$33,178,000	Per Capita General Fund Budget	\$523
Total Debt Outstanding FY 2021	\$29,165,000	Per Capita Total Debt FY 2021	\$455
Payroll FY 2022	\$28,965,766	County Credit Ratings:	
Full-Time Employment FY 2022	612	Fitch FY 2021	*
Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents	10	Moody's FY 2021	Aa2
Part-Time Employment FY 2022	53	S&P FY 2021	AA-

County History

Georgetown County and its county seat were named for King George II of England. Spanish explorers are believed to have visited this coastal area in 1526, but no permanent settlement was established. English planters and their African slaves moved into the region in the early eighteenth century, building large rice and indigo plantations. The town of Georgetown, which was established around 1730, was a busy port serving the surrounding plantations. Georgetown District was first named in 1769 and in 1785 the district was divided into four counties: Liberty (which became Marion District in 1800), Kingston (which became Horry District in 1801), Williamsburg (which became a separate district in 1804), and Winyah (which was renamed Georgetown in 1800). Many famous South Carolinians were residents of Georgetown County, including Thomas Lynch, Jr. (1749-1779), a signer of the Declaration of Independence; Joel Roberts Poinsett (1779-1851), U.S. Congressman, Secretary of War, and Ambassador to Mexico, who introduced the poinsettia to the U.S.; and Joseph Hayne Rainey (1832-1887), the first African-American elected to the U.S. House of Representatives.

GREENVILLE COUNTY

Date Formed:	1786	
Land Area (square miles):	790	
Form of Government:	Council-Administrator	
Council Members:	12	
Method of Election:	Single Member	
Term Length:	4 yrs.	
Council of Government:	Appalachian	
County Seat:	Greenville	
Other Cities and Towns:	Fountain Inn, Greer, Mauldin, Simpsonville, Travelers Rest	

Population Trends

2020 Census	525,534	2021 Pop. Estimate	533,834
2010 Census	451,225	2020 Pop. Estimate	526,980
2000 Census	379,616	Numeric Change 2020-2021	6,854
Numeric Change 2000-2020	74,309	Percent Change 2020-2021	1.30%
Persons Per Square Mile	665.2		

Economic Data

2021 Jobs	273,509	Avg. Wage Per Job, 2021	\$42,831
2020 Jobs	264,396	Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2021	62.3%
2010 Jobs	246,404	Per Capita Personal Income, 2020	\$52,213
Percent Change 2020-2021	3.3%	Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2020	87.7
Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020	0.7%	Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2020	108.7
Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2021	3.4		

Tax Data

Total Assessed Property, 2020	\$2,854,825,571	Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:	
Per Capita Assessed Property, 2020	\$5,432	Local Option	*
County Millage Rate, 2021	0.0592	Capital Projects	*
Value of a County Mil, 2021	\$2,544,308	School District	*
State Accommodations Tax, FY 2021	\$3,259,986	Transportation	*
State Admissions Tax, FY 2021	\$2,310,268	Edu. Capital Improvement	*

County Finance & Employment Data

Total Revenues FY 2020	\$270,961,721	Per Capita Revenues	\$516
Total Expenditures FY 2020	\$347,302,450	Per Capita Expenditures	\$661
General Fund Budget FY 2022	\$193,029,749	Per Capita General Fund Budget	\$367
Total Debt Outstanding FY 2021	\$84,817,000	Per Capita Total Debt FY 2021	\$154
Payroll FY 2022	\$150,785,819	County Credit Ratings:	
Full-Time Employment FY 2022	2241	Fitch FY 2021	AAA
Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents	4	Moody's FY 2021	Aaa
Part-Time Employment FY 2022	76	S&P FY 2021	AAA

County History

The origins of the name Greenville County are uncertain, but the county was probably named for Revolutionary War General Nathanael Greene (1742-1786) or for an early resident, Isaac Green. This part of the state was the territory of the Cherokee Indians until 1777. Scotch-Irish and English settlers began moving into the area soon after it was ceded to the state. Greenville District was created in 1786, but from 1791 to 1800 it was part of the larger Washington District. The county seat was originally named Pleasantburg, but in 1831 the name was changed to Greenville. Because of its location in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, Greenville County became a popular summer retreat for lowcountry planters. Encouraged by abundant streams and rivers, textile manufacturers began operating in the area as early as the 1820s, and after the Civil War Greenville County became a textile center. Diplomat and U.S. Congressman Waddy Thompson (1798-1868) was a resident of Greenville, and in more recent years the county has produced baseball player "Shoeless Joe" Jackson (1887-1951), Nobel Prize winner Charles Townes, and civil rights leader Jesse Jackson.

GREENWOOD COUNTY

Date Formed:	1897
Land Area (square miles):	456
Form of Government:	Council-Manager
Council Members:	7
Method of Election:	Single Member
Term Length:	4 yrs.
Council of Government:	Upper Savannah
County Seat:	Greenwood
Other Cities and Towns:	Hodges, Ninety Six, Troy, Ware Shoals



Population Trends

2020 Census	69,351	2021 Pop. Estimate	69,241
2010 Census	69,661	2020 Pop. Estimate	69,380
2000 Census	66,271	Numeric Change 2020-2021	-139
Numeric Change 2000-2020	-310	Percent Change 2020-2021	-0.20%
Persons Per Square Mile	152.1		

Economic Data

2021 Jobs	27,310	Avg. Wage Per Job, 2021	\$44,431
2020 Jobs	27,522	Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2021	64.6%
2010 Jobs	29,900	Per Capita Personal Income, 2020	\$40,786
Percent Change 2020-2021	-0.8%	Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2020	68.5
Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020	-0.9%	Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2020	84.9
Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2021	4.5		

Tax Data

Total Assessed Property, 2020	\$290,986,614	Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:	
Per Capita Assessed Property, 2020	\$4,196	Local Option	*
County Millage Rate, 2021	0.0736	Capital Projects	1.0%
Value of a County Mil, 2021	\$178,455	School District	*
State Accommodations Tax, FY 2021	\$230,511	Transportation	*
State Admissions Tax, FY 2021	\$248,508	Edu. Capital Improvement	*


County Finance & Employment Data

Total Revenues FY 2020	\$53,610,622	Per Capita Revenues	\$773
Total Expenditures FY 2020	\$57,188,511	Per Capita Expenditures	\$825
General Fund Budget FY 2022	\$24,281,844	Per Capita General Fund Budget	\$350
Total Debt Outstanding FY 2021	\$1,306,420	Per Capita Total Debt FY 2021	\$18
Payroll FY 2022	\$18,279,314	County Credit Ratings:	
Full-Time Employment FY 2022	375	Fitch FY 2021	*
Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents	5	Moody's FY 2021	*
Part-Time Employment FY 2022	121	S&P FY 2021	*

County History

Greenwood County takes its name from its county seat, Greenwood. The town of Greenwood was named around 1824 for the plantation of an early resident, John McGehee. Greenwood County was formed in 1897 from parts of Abbeville and Edgefield counties, which were originally part of the old Ninety Six District. This part of the backcountry was not settled until the mid-eighteenth century. The town of Ninety Six was established as a frontier trading post around 1730, and it was the site in November 1775 of one of the first South Carolina battles of the American Revolution. In May 1781, American forces besieged the British-held Star Fort at Ninety Six for over a month, but were forced to withdraw when British reinforcements approached. The arrival of the railroad in 1852 stimulated cotton growing and textile manufacturing in this area. Local plantation owner Francis Salvador (1747-1776), who was killed fighting Cherokees during the Revolutionary War, was the first Jewish person elected to the state legislature. U.S. Congressman Preston Smith Brooks (1819-1857) and educator Benjamin Mays (1894-1984) were also residents of Greenwood County.

HAMPTON COUNTY

Date Formed:	1878	
Land Area (square miles):	560	
Form of Government:	Council-Administrator	
Council Members:	5	
Method of Election:	At-Large	
Term Length:	4 yrs.	
Council of Government:	Lowcountry	
County Seat:	Hampton	
Other Cities and Towns:	Brunson, Estill, Furman, Gifford, Luray, Scotia, Varnville, Yemassee	

Population Trends

2020 Census	18,561	2021 Pop. Estimate	18,180
2010 Census	21,090	2020 Pop. Estimate	18,512
2000 Census	21,386	Numeric Change 2020-2021	-332
Numeric Change 2000-2020	-2,529	Percent Change 2020-2021	-1.79%
Persons Per Square Mile	33.1		

Economic Data

2021 Jobs	4,499	Avg. Wage Per Job, 2021	\$38,038
2020 Jobs	4,464	Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2021	55.3%
2010 Jobs	5,320	Per Capita Personal Income, 2020	\$39,185
Percent Change 2020-2021	0.8%	Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2020	65.8
Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020	-1.9%	Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2020	81.6
Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2021	3.6		

Tax Data

Total Assessed Property, 2020	\$56,238,873	Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:	
Per Capita Assessed Property, 2020	\$3,030	Local Option	1.0%
County Millage Rate, 2021	0.2183	Capital Projects	0.0%
Value of a County Mil, 2021	\$41,869	School District	*
State Accommodations Tax, FY 2021	\$21,539	Transportation	*
State Admissions Tax, FY 2021	\$141	Edu. Capital Improvement	*


County Finance & Employment Data

Total Revenues FY 2020	\$18,740,190	Per Capita Revenues	\$1,010
Total Expenditures FY 2020	\$50,220,234	Per Capita Expenditures	\$2,706
General Fund Budget FY 2022	*	Per Capita General Fund Budget	*
Total Debt Outstanding FY 2021	\$2,984,346	Per Capita Total Debt FY 2021	\$160
Payroll FY 2022	*	County Credit Ratings:	
Full-Time Employment FY 2022	*	Fitch FY 2021	*
Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents	*	Moody's FY 2021	*
Part-Time Employment FY 2022	*	S&P FY 2021	*

County History

Hampton County and its county seat were named for Confederate General and South Carolina Governor Wade Hampton (1818-1902). The county was formed from Beaufort County in 1878, shortly after Wade Hampton took office as governor. Parts of Hampton County later went to form Jasper (1912) and Allendale (1919) counties. During the Civil War, while the coastal areas of Beaufort County were occupied by federal troops, many planters fled to the area that became Hampton County. General Sherman's troops passed through the county in 1865, fighting several skirmishes with Confederate troops. This section of the state has remained primarily agricultural. Athlete Lucile Ellerbe Godbold (1900-1981), who won two gold medals in track and field at the 1922 Olympics, grew up in Hampton County, and writer Vertamae Grosvenor was also born there.

HORRY COUNTY

Date Formed:	1801	
Land Area (square miles):	1,134	
Form of Government:	Council-Administrator	
Council Members:	12	
Method of Election:	Single Member/ Chair at-Large	
Term Length:	4 yrs.	
Council of Government:	Waccamaw	
County Seat:	Conway	
Other Cities and Towns:	Atlantic Beach, Aynor, Briarcliffe Acres, Loris, North Myrtle Beach, Myrtle Beach, Surfside Beach	

Population Trends

2020 Census	351,029	2021 Pop. Estimate	365,579
2010 Census	269,291	2020 Pop. Estimate	353,498
2000 Census	196,629	Numeric Change 2020-2021	12,081
Numeric Change 2000-2020	81,738	Percent Change 2020-2021	3.42%
Persons Per Square Mile	309.5		

Economic Data

2021 Jobs	129,653	Avg. Wage Per Job, 2021	\$57,516
2020 Jobs	122,231	Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2021	83.6%
2010 Jobs	115,574	Per Capita Personal Income, 2020	\$42,110
Percent Change 2020-2021	5.7%	Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2020	70.8
Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020	0.5%	Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2020	87.7
Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2021	5.1		

Tax Data

Total Assessed Property, 2020	\$2,701,920,868	Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:	
Per Capita Assessed Property, 2020	\$7,697	Local Option	*
County Millage Rate, 2021	0.0532	Capital Projects	1.0%
Value of a County Mil, 2021	\$2,600,000	School District	*
State Accommodations Tax, FY 2021	\$22,223,458	Transportation	*
State Admissions Tax, FY 2021	\$8,612,639	Edu. Capital Improvement	1.0%

County Finance & Employment Data

Total Revenues FY 2020	\$495,638,569	Per Capita Revenues	\$1,412
Total Expenditures FY 2020	\$415,406,598	Per Capita Expenditures	\$1,183
General Fund Budget FY 2022	\$175,946,699	Per Capita General Fund Budget	\$501
Total Debt Outstanding FY 2021	\$86,689,258	Per Capita Total Debt FY 2021	\$220
Payroll FY 2022	\$133,794,557	County Credit Ratings:	
Full-Time Employment FY 2022	2678	Fitch FY 2021	AA+
Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents	8	Moody's FY 2021	Aa1
Part-Time Employment FY 2022	163	S&P FY 2021	AA+

County History

Horry County was named for Revolutionary War hero Peter Horry (1743-1815). The county was originally a part of Georgetown District, and at one time it was called Kingston. It became a separate county in 1801, with the county seat at Conway. This area of the state was isolated for many years by numerous rivers and swamps, and the inhabitants sometimes referred to themselves as the "Independent Republic of Horry." Lumber and naval stores were the primary industries during the eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries, with tobacco farming being introduced later. In the twentieth century, tourism has come to dominate the coastal section of the county centered around Myrtle Beach. Television personality Vanna White is a native of Horry County.

JASPER COUNTY

Date Formed:	1912
Land Area (square miles):	656
Form of Government:	Council-Administrator
Council Members:	5
Method of Election:	At Large
Term Length:	4 yrs.
Council of Government:	Lowcountry
County Seat:	Ridgeland
Other Cities and Towns:	Hardeeville



Population Trends

2020 Census	28,791	2021 Pop. Estimate	30,324
2010 Census	24,777	2020 Pop. Estimate	29,073
2000 Census	20,678	Numeric Change 2020-2021	1,251
Numeric Change 2000-2020	4,014	Percent Change 2020-2021	4.30%
Persons Per Square Mile	43.9		

Economic Data

2021 Jobs	9,863	Avg. Wage Per Job, 2021	\$44,232
2020 Jobs	9,643	Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2021	64.3%
2010 Jobs	8,044	Per Capita Personal Income, 2020	\$34,446
Percent Change 2020-2021	2.2%	Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2020	57.9
Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020	1.7%	Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2020	71.7
Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2021	3.4		

Tax Data

Total Assessed Property, 2020	\$173,226,064	Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:	
Per Capita Assessed Property, 2020	\$6,017	Local Option	1.0%
County Millage Rate, 2021	0.1540	Capital Projects	Ended 11-02
Value of a County Mil, 2021	\$168,721	School District	1.0%
State Accommodations Tax, FY 2021	\$372,192	Transportation	1.0%
State Admissions Tax, FY 2021	\$55,031	Edu. Capital Improvement	*

County Finance & Employment Data

Total Revenues FY 2020	\$48,030,372	Per Capita Revenues	\$1,668
Total Expenditures FY 2020	\$42,749,387	Per Capita Expenditures	\$1,485
General Fund Budget FY 2022	*	Per Capita General Fund Budget	*
Total Debt Outstanding FY 2021	\$21,394,710	Per Capita Total Debt FY 2021	\$652
Payroll FY 2022	*	County Credit Ratings:	
Full-Time Employment FY 2022	*	Fitch FY 2021	*
Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents	*	Moody's FY 2021	*
Part-Time Employment FY 2022	*	S&P FY 2021	AA-

County History

Jasper County was named for Revolutionary War hero Sergeant William Jasper (ca.1750-1779). The county was formed in 1912 from parts of Beaufort and Hampton counties. This area of the state was the home of the Yemassee and Coosaw Indians until colonial times. In 1732 Swiss-German immigrants led by Jean Pierre Purry established a settlement called Purrysburgh on the Savannah River, but the town did not survive. Other settlers built extensive rice plantations, some of which now form the Savannah River National Wildlife Refuge. Two other towns in the county, Coosawhatchie and Pocotaligo, served at different times as the seat of government for Beaufort District. During the Civil War the Confederate Army defeated federal troops at the Battle of Honey Hill in November 1864. Jasper County was home to Thomas Heyward, Jr. (1746-1809), a signer of the Declaration of Independence, and Henry Martyn Robert (1837-1923), author of Robert's Rules of Order.

KERSHAW COUNTY

Date Formed:	1791
Land Area (square miles):	726
Form of Government:	Council-Administrator
Council Members:	7
Method of Election:	Single Member/ Chair at-Large
Term Length:	4 yrs.
Council of Government:	Santee Lynches
County Seat:	Camden
Other Cities and Towns:	Bethune, Elgin



Population Trends

2020 Census	65,403	2021 Pop. Estimate	66,130
2010 Census	61,697	2020 Pop. Estimate	65,536
2000 Census	52,647	Numeric Change 2020-2021	594
Numeric Change 2000-2020	3,706	Percent Change 2020-2021	0.91%
Persons Per Square Mile	90.1		

Economic Data

2021 Jobs	17,433	Avg. Wage Per Job, 2021	\$44,461
2020 Jobs	16,806	Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2021	64.6%
2010 Jobs	17,436	Per Capita Personal Income, 2020	\$45,782
Percent Change 2020-2021	3.6%	Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2020	76.9
Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020	-0.4%	Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2020	95.3
Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2021	3.7		

Tax Data

Total Assessed Property, 2020	\$270,058,707	Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:	
Per Capita Assessed Property, 2020	\$4,129	Local Option	1.0%
County Millage Rate, 2021	0.0810	Capital Projects	*
Value of a County Mil, 2021	\$255,000	School District	*
State Accommodations Tax, FY 2021	\$184,379	Transportation	*
State Admissions Tax, FY 2021	\$28,870	Edu. Capital Improvement	1.0%

County Finance & Employment Data

Total Revenues FY 2020	\$53,951,059	Per Capita Revenues	\$825
Total Expenditures FY 2020	\$47,101,081	Per Capita Expenditures	\$720
General Fund Budget FY 2022	\$28,749,942	Per Capita General Fund Budget	\$440
Total Debt Outstanding FY 2021	\$24,568,594	Per Capita Total Debt FY 2021	\$357
Payroll FY 2022	\$18,936,038	County Credit Ratings:	
Full-Time Employment FY 2022	376	Fitch FY 2021	AA+
Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents	6	Moody's FY 2021	Aa2
Part-Time Employment FY 2022	121	S&P FY 2021	*

County History

Kershaw County was named for Joseph Kershaw (1727-1791), an early settler. Originally part of Camden District, Kershaw County was formed in 1791 from parts of Claremont, Lancaster, Fairfield, and Richland counties. The county seat is Camden, which is the oldest inland city in South Carolina. This site was settled around 1732 by English traders and farmers who moved inland from Charleston. During the Revolutionary War, the British occupied Camden from June 1780 to May 1781. Fourteen battles took place in the area, including the Battle of Camden (August 16, 1780) and the Battle of Hobkirk Hill (April 25, 1781). Kershaw County later produced six Confederate generals: Joseph Brevard Kershaw (1822-1894), James Chesnut (1815-1885), James Cantey (1818-1873), Zack Cantey Deas (1819-1882), John Bordenave Villepigue (1830-1862), and John Doby Kennedy (1840-1896). Union troops under General Sherman burned parts of Camden in February 1865. Statesman and financier Bernard M. Baruch (1870-1965) and labor leader Lane Kirkland were born in Kershaw County.

LANCASTER COUNTY

Date Formed:	1785
Land Area (square miles):	549
Form of Government:	Council-Administrator
Council Members:	7
Method of Election:	Single Member
Term Length:	4 yrs.
Council of Government:	Catawba
County Seat:	Lancaster
Other Cities and Towns:	Heath Springs, Kershaw



Population Trends

2020 Census	96,016	2021 Pop. Estimate	100,336
2010 Census	76,652	2020 Pop. Estimate	96,652
2000 Census	61,351	Numeric Change 2020-2021	3,684
Numeric Change 2000-2020	19,364	Percent Change 2020-2021	3.81%
Persons Per Square Mile	174.9		

Economic Data

2021 Jobs	25,969	Avg. Wage Per Job, 2021	\$51,547
2020 Jobs	25,305	Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2021	74.9%
2010 Jobs	18,411	Per Capita Personal Income, 2020	\$52,999
Percent Change 2020-2021	2.6%	Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2020	89.1
Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020	2.7%	Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2020	110.4
Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2021	4.4		

Tax Data

Total Assessed Property, 2020	\$457,216,660	Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:	
Per Capita Assessed Property, 2020	\$4,762	Local Option	1.0%
County Millage Rate, 2021	0.1012	Capital Projects	1.0%
Value of a County Mil, 2021	\$409,344	School District	*
State Accommodations Tax, FY 2021	\$97,219	Transportation	*
State Admissions Tax, FY 2021	\$130,462	Edu. Capital Improvement	*


County Finance & Employment Data

Total Revenues FY 2020	\$91,488,538	Per Capita Revenues	\$953
Total Expenditures FY 2020	\$92,107,803	Per Capita Expenditures	\$959
General Fund Budget FY 2022	\$70,066,507	Per Capita General Fund Budget	\$730
Total Debt Outstanding FY 2021	\$33,029,939	Per Capita Total Debt FY 2021	\$306
Payroll FY 2022	\$31,848,295	County Credit Ratings:	
Full-Time Employment FY 2022	587	Fitch FY 2021	*
Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents	6	Moody's FY 2021	Aa1
Part-Time Employment FY 2022	771	S&P FY 2021	AA-

County History

Lancaster County and its county seat were named for Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. The county was formed in 1785, and it was originally part of Camden District. A part of Lancaster County was removed in 1791 to form Kershaw County. Scotch-Irish settlers from Pennsylvania began moving into this upstate region in the 1750s. The Waxhaws settlement on the border with North Carolina was the birthplace of President Andrew Jackson (1767-1845). During the Revolutionary War British Lieutenant Colonel Banastre Tarleton earned his nickname of "Bloody" Tarleton by massacring American troops in this area on May 29, 1780; the Battle of Hanging Rock was also fought in the county later the same year. Although Lancaster County has been primarily agricultural, gold mining began there in the 1820s and textile manufacturing sprang up following the Civil War. Governor and U.S. Senator Stephen Decatur Miller (1787-1838), surgeon J. Marion Sims (1813-1883), industrialist Elliott White Springs (1896-1959), and astronaut Charles M. Duke, Jr. were all Lancaster County residents.

LAURENS COUNTY

Date Formed:	1785	
Land Area (square miles):	715	
Form of Government:	Council	
Council Members:	7	
Method of Election:	Single Member	
Term Length:	4 yrs.	
Council of Government:	Upper Savannah	
County Seat:	Laurens	
Other Cities and Towns:	Clinton, Cross Hill, Fountain Inn, Gray Court, Ware Shoals, Waterloo	

Population Trends

2020 Census	67,539	2021 Pop. Estimate	67,803
2010 Census	66,537	2020 Pop. Estimate	67,551
2000 Census	69,567	Numeric Change 2020-2021	252
Numeric Change 2000-2020	1,002	Percent Change 2020-2021	0.37%
Persons Per Square Mile	94.5		

Economic Data

2021 Jobs	20,761	Avg. Wage Per Job, 2021	\$34,907
2020 Jobs	19,916	Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2021	50.7%
2010 Jobs	18,740	Per Capita Personal Income, 2020	\$38,108
Percent Change 2020-2021	4.1%	Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2020	64.0
Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020	0.6%	Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2020	79.4
Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2021	4.3		

Tax Data

Total Assessed Property, 2020	\$218,438,444	Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:	
Per Capita Assessed Property, 2020	\$3,234	Local Option	1.0%
County Millage Rate, 2021	0.0956	Capital Projects	1.0%
Value of a County Mil, 2021	\$180,920	School District	*
State Accommodations Tax, FY 2021	\$137,015	Transportation	*
State Admissions Tax, FY 2021	\$116,661	Edu. Capital Improvement	*

County Finance & Employment Data

Total Revenues FY 2020	\$45,496,528	Per Capita Revenues	\$674
Total Expenditures FY 2020	\$42,902,474	Per Capita Expenditures	\$635
General Fund Budget FY 2022	\$35,705,957	Per Capita General Fund Budget	\$529
Total Debt Outstanding FY 2021	\$35,934,602	Per Capita Total Debt FY 2021	\$530
Payroll FY 2022	\$11,242,333	County Credit Ratings:	
Full-Time Employment FY 2022	365	Fitch FY 2021	*
Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents	5	Moody's FY 2021	Aa3
Part-Time Employment FY 2022	68	S&P FY 2021	*

County History

Laurens County and its county seat were named for Revolutionary War leader Henry Laurens (1724-1792). The county was established in 1785 as a part of Ninety Six District. This part of the state was settled primarily by Scotch-Irish and English immigrants in the mid 1700s, and during the American Revolution quite a few of its residents remained loyal to Great Britain. Several Revolutionary War battles were fought in the county, including the Battle of Musgrove's Mill (August 18, 1780). President Andrew Johnson (1808-1875), a native of North Carolina, worked as a tailor in the town of Laurens for a brief time in the 1820s. Laurens County was also home to Ann Pamela Cunningham (1816-1875), the leader of the movement to preserve Mount Vernon, and educator Wil Lou Gray (1883-1984).

LEE COUNTY

Date Formed:	1902
Land Area (square miles):	410
Form of Government:	Council-Administrator
Council Members:	7
Method of Election:	Single Member
Term Length:	4 yrs.
Council of Government:	Santee Lynches
County Seat:	Bishopville
Other Cities and Towns:	Lynchburg



Population Trends

2020 Census	16,531	2021 Pop. Estimate	16,280
2010 Census	19,220	2020 Pop. Estimate	16,458
2000 Census	20,119	Numeric Change 2020-2021	-178
Numeric Change 2000-2020	-2,689	Percent Change 2020-2021	-1.08%
Persons Per Square Mile	40.3		

Economic Data

2021 Jobs	3,728	Avg. Wage Per Job, 2021	\$45,296
2020 Jobs	3,721	Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2021	65.8%
2010 Jobs	4,000	Per Capita Personal Income, 2020	\$36,638
Percent Change 2020-2021	0.2%	Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2020	61.6
Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020	-0.7%	Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2020	76.3
Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2021	5.6		

Tax Data

Total Assessed Property, 2020	\$40,909,060	Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:	
Per Capita Assessed Property, 2020	\$2,475	Local Option	1.0%
County Millage Rate, 2021	0.1794	Capital Projects	1.0%
Value of a County Mil, 2021	\$36,000	School District	Ended 9-11
State Accommodations Tax, FY 2021	\$21,449	Transportation	*
State Admissions Tax, FY 2021	\$37,692	Edu. Capital Improvement	*


County Finance & Employment Data

Total Revenues FY 2020	\$14,910,484	Per Capita Revenues	\$902
Total Expenditures FY 2020	\$12,560,707	Per Capita Expenditures	\$760
General Fund Budget FY 2022	\$13,920,584	Per Capita General Fund Budget	\$842
Total Debt Outstanding FY 2021	\$818,792	Per Capita Total Debt FY 2021	\$51
Payroll FY 2022	\$5,981,800	County Credit Ratings:	
Full-Time Employment FY 2022	126	Fitch FY 2021	*
Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents	8	Moody's FY 2021	*
Part-Time Employment FY 2022	45	S&P FY 2021	*

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.

LEXINGTON COUNTY

Date Formed:	1804	
Land Area (square miles):	699	
Form of Government:	Council-Administrator	
Council Members:	9	
Method of Election:	Single Member	
Term Length:	4 yrs.	
Council of Government:	Central Midlands	
County Seat:	Lexington	
Other Cities and Towns:	Batesburg-Leesville, Cayce, Chapin, Columbia, Gaston, Gilbert, Irmo, Pelion, Pine Ridge, South Congaree, Springdale, Summit, Swansea, West Columbia	

Population Trends

2020 Census	293,991	2021 Pop. Estimate	300,137
2010 Census	262,391	2020 Pop. Estimate	294,891
2000 Census	216,014	Numeric Change 2020-2021	5,246
Numeric Change 2000-2020	31,600	Percent Change 2020-2021	1.78%
Persons Per Square Mile	420.6		

Economic Data

2021 Jobs	121,939	Avg. Wage Per Job, 2021	\$47,266
2020 Jobs	119,027	Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2021	68.7%
2010 Jobs	102,569	Per Capita Personal Income, 2020	\$50,188
Percent Change 2020-2021	2.4%	Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2020	84.3
Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020	1.4%	Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2020	104.5
Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2021	3.0		

Tax Data

Total Assessed Property, 2020	\$1,477,800,719	Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:	
Per Capita Assessed Property, 2020	\$5,027	Local Option	*
County Millage Rate, 2021	0.0796	Capital Projects	*
Value of a County Mil, 2021	\$1,357,608	School District	1.0%
State Accommodations Tax, FY 2021	\$1,062,211	Transportation	*
State Admissions Tax, FY 2021	\$514,956	Edu. Capital Improvement	*

County Finance & Employment Data

Total Revenues FY 2020	\$215,245,874	Per Capita Revenues	\$732
Total Expenditures FY 2020	\$223,127,365	Per Capita Expenditures	\$759
General Fund Budget FY 2022	\$160,723,857	Per Capita General Fund Budget	\$547
Total Debt Outstanding FY 2021	\$20,415,000	Per Capita Total Debt FY 2021	\$65
Payroll FY 2022	\$74,449,035	County Credit Ratings:	
Full-Time Employment FY 2022	1709	Fitch FY 2021	*
Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents	6	Moody's FY 2021	Aaa
Part-Time Employment FY 2022	219	S&P FY 2021	AA+

County History

Lexington County was named for the Battle of Lexington, Massachusetts, the first battle of the American Revolution. This part of the state was designated as Lexington County from 1785 to 1791, then was merged back into the larger Orangeburg District. Lexington was eventually made a separate district in 1804. Small parts of the county later went to form Aiken (1871) and Calhoun (1908) counties. European settlement of this area began around 1718 when the British established a trading post on the Congaree River, which eventually became the town of Granby. Beginning in the 1730s many German, Swiss, and Scotch-Irish immigrants moved into the area and established small farms. Granby was the leading town and county seat for many years, but the growth of Columbia across the Congaree led to Granby's decline, and the county seat was moved to the town of Lexington in 1818. General Sherman's troops shelled the city of Columbia from the Lexington side of the Congaree during the Civil War. In 1930 Lake Murray was created on the Saluda River in Lexington County, covering many of the old farms and creating new recreational opportunities.

MARION COUNTY

Date Formed:	1800
Land Area (square miles):	489
Form of Government:	Council-Administrator
Council Members:	7
Method of Election:	Single Member
Term Length:	4 yrs.
Council of Government:	Pee Dee
County Seat:	Marion
Other Cities and Towns:	Mullins, Nichols, Sellers



Population Trends

2020 Census	29,183	2021 Pop. Estimate	28,784
2010 Census	33,062	2020 Pop. Estimate	29,043
2000 Census	35,466	Numeric Change 2020-2021	-259
Numeric Change 2000-2020	-3,879	Percent Change 2020-2021	-0.89%
Persons Per Square Mile	59.7		

Economic Data

2021 Jobs	6,825	Avg. Wage Per Job, 2021	\$47,863
2020 Jobs	6,900	Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2021	69.6%
2010 Jobs	7,697	Per Capita Personal Income, 2020	\$36,606
Percent Change 2020-2021	-1.1%	Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2020	61.5
Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020	-1.2%	Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2020	76.2
Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2021	6.6		

Tax Data

Total Assessed Property, 2020	\$81,890,797	Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:	
Per Capita Assessed Property, 2020	\$2,806	Local Option	1.0%
County Millage Rate, 2021	0.1420	Capital Projects	1.0%
Value of a County Mil, 2021	\$67,631	School District	*
State Accommodations Tax, FY 2021	\$32,092	Transportation	*
State Admissions Tax, FY 2021	\$3,917	Edu. Capital Improvement	*

County Finance & Employment Data

Total Revenues FY 2020	\$23,116,503	Per Capita Revenues	\$792
Total Expenditures FY 2020	\$28,395,376	Per Capita Expenditures	\$973
General Fund Budget FY 2022	\$22,360,771	Per Capita General Fund Budget	\$766
Total Debt Outstanding FY 2021	\$3,468,163	Per Capita Total Debt FY 2021	\$138
Payroll FY 2022	*	County Credit Ratings:	
Full-Time Employment FY 2022	236	Fitch FY 2021	*
Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents	8	Moody's FY 2021	*
Part-Time Employment FY 2022	24	S&P FY 2021	*

County History

Marion County and its county seat were named for Revolutionary War General Francis Marion (1732-1795), known as the "Swamp Fox." In 1785 Liberty County was created as a part of Georgetown District; renamed Marion, it became a separate district in 1800. Parts of Marion later went to form Florence (1888) and Dillon (1910) counties. English settlers moved up the Great Pee Dee River into this area in the eighteenth century. During the Revolutionary War General Marion's men fought several skirmishes with the British here before retreating to their camp at Snows Island. In the twentieth century Marion County became a major tobacco growing region. Writers Virginia Durant Young (1842-1906) and Gwen Bristow (1903-1980) were natives of Marion County.

MARLBORO COUNTY

Date Formed:	1785
Land Area (square miles):	480
Form of Government:	Council-Administrator
Council Members:	8
Method of Election:	Single Member
Term Length:	4 yrs.
Council of Government:	Pee Dee
County Seat:	Bennettsville
Other Cities and Towns:	Blenheim, Clio, McColl, Tatum



Population Trends

2020 Census	26,667	2021 Pop. Estimate	26,382
2010 Census	28,933	2020 Pop. Estimate	26,537
2000 Census	28,818	Numeric Change 2020-2021	-155
Numeric Change 2000-2020	-2,266	Percent Change 2020-2021	-0.58%
Persons Per Square Mile	55.6		

Economic Data

2021 Jobs	6,403	Avg. Wage Per Job, 2021	\$43,409
2020 Jobs	6,457	Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2021	63.1%
2010 Jobs	7,445	Per Capita Personal Income, 2020	\$35,748
Percent Change 2020-2021	-0.8%	Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2020	60.1
Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020	-1.5%	Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2020	74.4
Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2021	7.8		

Tax Data

Total Assessed Property, 2020	\$78,497,362	Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:	
Per Capita Assessed Property, 2020	\$2,944	Local Option	1.0%
County Millage Rate, 2021	0.1203	Capital Projects	*
Value of a County Mil, 2021	\$60,000	School District	1.0%
State Accommodations Tax, FY 2021	\$25,486	Transportation	*
State Admissions Tax, FY 2021	\$6,792	Edu. Capital Improvement	*

County Finance & Employment Data

Total Revenues FY 2020	\$18,251,373	Per Capita Revenues	\$684
Total Expenditures FY 2020	\$18,367,491	Per Capita Expenditures	\$689
General Fund Budget FY 2022	\$12,658,582	Per Capita General Fund Budget	\$475
Total Debt Outstanding FY 2021	\$2,326,711	Per Capita Total Debt FY 2021	\$93
Payroll FY 2022	\$6,325,928	County Credit Ratings:	
Full-Time Employment FY 2022	183	Fitch FY 2021	*
Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents	7	Moody's FY 2021	*
Part-Time Employment FY 2022	42	S&P FY 2021	*

County History

Marlboro County was named for John Churchill, first Duke of Marlborough (1650-1722). The county name was originally spelled Marlborough, but it was later shortened. The county was created in 1785 as a part of Cheraws District. Welsh Baptists from Delaware settled in an area of the county known as Welsh Neck around 1737, and they were later joined by English and Scotch-Irish settlers. Cotton growing made this a wealthy part of the state prior to the Civil War. The town of Blenheim was also known for its mineral springs. General Sherman's troops passed through the county in 1865, briefly occupying the town of Bennettsville. Some famous Marlboro County natives are U.S. Congressman and diplomat Robert Blair Campbell (1791-1862), U.S. and Confederate Congressman John McQueen (1804-1867), and children's advocate Marian Wright Edelman.

McCORMICK COUNTY

Date Formed:	1916
Land Area (square miles):	360
Form of Government:	Council-Administrator
Council Members:	5
Method of Election:	Single Member
Term Length:	4 yrs.
Council of Government:	Upper Savannah
County Seat:	McCormick
Other Cities and Towns:	Parksville, Plum Branch



Population Trends

2020 Census	9,526	2021 Pop. Estimate	9,760
2010 Census	10,233	2020 Pop. Estimate	9,513
2000 Census	9,958	Numeric Change 2020-2021	247
Numeric Change 2000-2020	-707	Percent Change 2020-2021	2.60%
Persons Per Square Mile	26.5		

Economic Data

2021 Jobs	1,665	Avg. Wage Per Job, 2021	\$36,132
2020 Jobs	1,576	Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2021	52.5%
2010 Jobs	1,844	Per Capita Personal Income, 2020	\$42,422
Percent Change 2020-2021	5.3%	Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2020	71.3
Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020	-1.7%	Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2020	88.3
Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2021	4.8		

Tax Data

Total Assessed Property, 2020	\$52,785,984	Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:	
Per Capita Assessed Property, 2020	\$5,541	Local Option	1.0%
County Millage Rate, 2021	0.1421	Capital Projects	1.0%
Value of a County Mil, 2021	\$45,496	School District	*
State Accommodations Tax, FY 2021	\$51,905	Transportation	*
State Admissions Tax, FY 2021	\$65,155	Edu. Capital Improvement	*


County Finance & Employment Data

Total Revenues FY 2020	\$10,735,779	Per Capita Revenues	\$1,127
Total Expenditures FY 2020	\$8,276,793	Per Capita Expenditures	\$869
General Fund Budget FY 2022	\$10,388,813	Per Capita General Fund Budget	\$1,091
Total Debt Outstanding FY 2021	\$6,264,217	Per Capita Total Debt FY 2021	\$680
Payroll FY 2022	\$5,274,520	County Credit Ratings:	
Full-Time Employment FY 2022	128	Fitch FY 2021	*
Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents	13	Moody's FY 2021	*
Part-Time Employment FY 2022	57	S&P FY 2021	*

County History

Named for inventor Cyrus Hall McCormick (1809-1884), McCormick County was formed in 1916 from parts of Edgefield, Abbeville, and Greenwood counties. The area was settled in the mid-18th century by Scotch-Irish, French Huguenot, and German farmers. The British built Fort Charlotte to protect the region after early inhabitants were massacred by Cherokee Indians at Long Cane in 1760; this fort was one of the first to be seized by the Americans during the Revolutionary War. Around 1850 gold was discovered where the town of McCormick now stands. In 1871 Cyrus McCormick donated land from the Dorn Gold Mine for the town, which was named for him. S.C. Governor and U.S. Senator George McDuffie (1790-1851), Unionist leader James Louis Petigru (1789-1863), and Willington Academy educator Moses Waddel (1770-1840) resided in the county. John C. Calhoun (1782-1850), U.S. Vice President, Secretary of War, Secretary of State, and Senator, was born in McCormick County.

NEWBERRY COUNTY

Date Formed:	1785	
Land Area (square miles):	631	
Form of Government:	Council-Administrator	
Council Members:	7	
Method of Election:	Single Member	
Term Length:	4 yrs.	
Council of Government:	Central Midlands	
County Seat:	Newberry	
Other Cities and Towns:	Little Mountain, Peak, Pomaria, Prosperity, Silverstreet, Whitmire	

Population Trends

2020 Census	37,719	2021 Pop. Estimate	37,996
2010 Census	37,508	2020 Pop. Estimate	37,715
2000 Census	36,108	Numeric Change 2020-2021	281
Numeric Change 2000-2020	211	Percent Change 2020-2021	0.75%
Persons Per Square Mile	59.8		

Economic Data

2021 Jobs	14,937	Avg. Wage Per Job, 2021	\$38,163
2020 Jobs	14,310	Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2021	55.5%
2010 Jobs	14,157	Per Capita Personal Income, 2020	\$41,910
Percent Change 2020-2021	4.2%	Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2020	70.4
Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020	0.1%	Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2020	87.3
Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2021	3.3		

Tax Data

Total Assessed Property, 2020	\$171,722,637	Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:	
Per Capita Assessed Property, 2020	\$4,553	Local Option	*
County Millage Rate, 2021	0.1340	Capital Projects	1.0%
Value of a County Mil, 2021	\$150,457	School District	*
State Accommodations Tax, FY 2021	\$161,530	Transportation	*
State Admissions Tax, FY 2021	\$17,723	Edu. Capital Improvement	*

County Finance & Employment Data

Total Revenues FY 2020	\$32,549,221	Per Capita Revenues	\$863
Total Expenditures FY 2020	\$35,447,551	Per Capita Expenditures	\$940
General Fund Budget FY 2022	\$27,227,839	Per Capita General Fund Budget	\$722
Total Debt Outstanding FY 2021	\$21,036,129	Per Capita Total Debt FY 2021	\$543
Payroll FY 2022	\$9,409,595	County Credit Ratings:	
Full-Time Employment FY 2022	195	Fitch FY 2021	*
Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents	5	Moody's FY 2021	AA
Part-Time Employment FY 2022	16	S&P FY 2021	*

County History

The origin of the name Newberry is unknown. The county was formed in 1785 as a part of Ninety Six District. This part of the upcountry was settled largely by Scotch-Irish, English, and German immigrants in the mid-eighteenth century. Germans were so prevalent in part of Newberry County that it become known as Dutch Fork, with Dutch meaning Deutsch (German). Large-scale cotton farming replaced small farms in the nineteenth century, and the coming of the railroad made Newberry a leading cotton market. Historians John Belton O'Neale (1795-1863) and David Duncan Wallace (1874-1951) were Newberry County natives, as was South Carolina Governor and U.S. Senator Coleman L. Blease (1868-1942).

OCONEE COUNTY

Date Formed:	1868
Land Area (square miles):	625
Form of Government:	Council-Administrator
Council Members:	5
Method of Election:	Single Member
Term Length:	4 yrs.
Council of Government:	Appalachian
County Seat:	Walhalla
Other Cities and Towns:	Salem, Seneca, West Union, Westminster



Population Trends

2020 Census	78,607	2021 Pop. Estimate	79,203
2010 Census	74,273	2020 Pop. Estimate	78,638
2000 Census	66,215	Numeric Change 2020-2021	565
Numeric Change 2000-2020	4,334	Percent Change 2020-2021	0.72%
Persons Per Square Mile	125.8		

Economic Data

2021 Jobs	23,444	Avg. Wage Per Job, 2021	\$36,107
2020 Jobs	23,460	Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2021	52.5%
2010 Jobs	23,204	Per Capita Personal Income, 2020	\$47,511
Percent Change 2020-2021	-0.1%	Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2020	79.8
Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020	0.1%	Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2020	98.9
Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2021	3.6		

Tax Data

Total Assessed Property, 2020	\$598,653,940	Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:	
Per Capita Assessed Property, 2020	\$7,616	Local Option	*
County Millage Rate, 2021	0.0743	Capital Projects	*
Value of a County Mil, 2021	*	School District	*
State Accommodations Tax, FY 2021	\$583,707	Transportation	*
State Admissions Tax, FY 2021	\$262,288	Edu. Capital Improvement	*


County Finance & Employment Data

Total Revenues FY 2020	\$77,996,528	Per Capita Revenues	\$992
Total Expenditures FY 2020	\$74,070,077	Per Capita Expenditures	\$942
General Fund Budget FY 2022	\$56,835,152	Per Capita General Fund Budget	\$723
Total Debt Outstanding FY 2021	\$22,719,320	Per Capita Total Debt FY 2021	\$278
Payroll FY 2022	\$24,350,083	County Credit Ratings:	
Full-Time Employment FY 2022	531	Fitch FY 2021	*
Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents	7	Moody's FY 2021	Aa2
Part-Time Employment FY 2022	24	S&P FY 2021	AA

County History

Oconee County, which was formed in 1868 from Pickens County, takes its name from an Indian word. This area in the northwest corner of the state on the edge of the Blue Ridge Mountains was home to several Indian tribes, including the Creeks and the Cherokees, but the Indians gave up their lands in treaties signed in 1777 and 1785. After the American Revolution, settlers from other parts of the state began moving in, including the Germans from Charleston who founded the town of Walhalla in 1850. In 1856 work began on a tunnel for the Blue Ridge Railroad that would have linked Charleston with Knoxville, Tennessee, but the Civil War ended that project; the unfinished Stumphouse Tunnel can still be seen today. Several Revolutionary War heroes moved to present day Oconee County after the war, including Andrew Pickens (1739-1817), Robert Anderson (1741-1813), and Benjamin Cleveland (1738-1806).

ORANGEBURG COUNTY

Date Formed:	1769	
Land Area (square miles):	1,106	
Form of Government:	Council-Administrator	
Council Members:	7	
Method of Election:	Single Member	
Term Length:	4 yrs.	
Council of Government:	Lower Savannah	
County Seat:	Orangeburg	
Other Cities and Towns:	Bowman, Branchville, Cope, Cordova, Elloree, Eutawville, Holly Hill, Livingston, Neeses, North, Norway, Rowesville, Santee, Springfield, Vance, Woodford	

Population Trends

2020 Census	84,223	2021 Pop. Estimate	82,962
2010 Census	92,501	2020 Pop. Estimate	83,958
2000 Census	91,582	Numeric Change 2020-2021	-996
Numeric Change 2000-2020	-8,278	Percent Change 2020-2021	-1.19%
Persons Per Square Mile	76.2		

Economic Data

2021 Jobs	27,283	Avg. Wage Per Job, 2021	\$45,784
2020 Jobs	27,241	Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2021	66.5%
2010 Jobs	32,874	Per Capita Personal Income, 2020	\$38,730
Percent Change 2020-2021	0.2%	Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2020	65.1
Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020	-2.1%	Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2020	80.7
Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2021	7.1		

Tax Data

Total Assessed Property, 2020	\$308,330,426	Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:	
Per Capita Assessed Property, 2020	\$3,661	Local Option	*
County Millage Rate, 2021	0.1738	Capital Projects	1.0%
Value of a County Mil, 2021	\$309,169	School District	*
State Accommodations Tax, FY 2021	\$694,041	Transportation	*
State Admissions Tax, FY 2021	\$138,054	Edu. Capital Improvement	*

County Finance & Employment Data

Total Revenues FY 2020	\$110,149,150	Per Capita Revenues	\$1,308
Total Expenditures FY 2020	\$112,755,572	Per Capita Expenditures	\$1,339
General Fund Budget FY 2022	\$46,293,828	Per Capita General Fund Budget	\$550
Total Debt Outstanding FY 2021	\$128,840,804	Per Capita Total Debt FY 2021	\$1,538
Payroll FY 2022	\$18,044,419	County Credit Ratings:	
Full-Time Employment FY 2022	628	Fitch FY 2021	A
Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents	7	Moody's FY 2021	*
Part-Time Employment FY 2022	170	S&P FY 2021	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.

PICKENS COUNTY

Date Formed:	1826
Land Area (square miles):	497
Form of Government:	Council-Administrator
Council Members:	6
Method of Election:	Single Member
Term Length:	4 yrs.
Council of Government:	Appalachian
County Seat:	Pickens
Other Cities and Towns:	Central, Clemson, Easley, Liberty, Norris, Six Mile



Population Trends

2020 Census	131,404	2021 Pop. Estimate	132,229
2010 Census	119,224	2020 Pop. Estimate	131,602
2000 Census	110,757	Numeric Change 2020-2021	627
Numeric Change 2000-2020	12,180	Percent Change 2020-2021	0.48%
Persons Per Square Mile	264.4		

Economic Data

2021 Jobs	35,848	Avg. Wage Per Job, 2021	\$47,273
2020 Jobs	35,049	Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2021	68.7%
2010 Jobs	37,334	Per Capita Personal Income, 2020	\$41,770
Percent Change 2020-2021	2.2%	Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2020	70.2
Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020	-0.7%	Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2020	87
Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2021	3.5		

Tax Data

Total Assessed Property, 2020	\$608,599,728	Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:	
Per Capita Assessed Property, 2020	\$4,632	Local Option	1.0%
County Millage Rate, 2021	0.0743	Capital Projects	*
Value of a County Mil, 2021	\$609,737	School District	*
State Accommodations Tax, FY 2021	\$553,411	Transportation	*
State Admissions Tax, FY 2021	\$1,486,484	Edu. Capital Improvement	*


County Finance & Employment Data

Total Revenues FY 2020	\$73,830,660	Per Capita Revenues	\$562
Total Expenditures FY 2020	\$78,797,470	Per Capita Expenditures	\$600
General Fund Budget FY 2022	\$47,918,367	Per Capita General Fund Budget	\$365
Total Debt Outstanding FY 2021	\$27,498,922	Per Capita Total Debt FY 2021	\$211
Payroll FY 2022	\$28,433,870	County Credit Ratings:	
Full-Time Employment FY 2022	555	Fitch FY 2021	*
Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents	4	Moody's FY 2021	Aa2
Part-Time Employment FY 2022	162	S&P FY 2021	AA

County History

Pickens County was named for Revolutionary War hero Andrew Pickens (1739-1817). This area in the northwestern corner of the state was Indian territory until 1777. It subsequently became part of Pendleton District (at one time called Washington District). In 1826 Pendleton was divided into two counties, Pickens and Anderson; the western portion of Pickens County was later split off to form Oconee County (1868). The earliest European settlers in this region were Indian traders. The British built Fort Prince George around 1753 as protection against the Indians, and the fort was the site of several battles in the Cherokee War of 1756. The Cherokee town of Old Seneca was later destroyed by American troops in 1776. John C. Calhoun (1782-1850), U.S. Vice President, Senator, and cabinet member, made his home at Fort Hill plantation in Pickens County. His son-in-law, Thomas Green Clemson (1807-1888), bequeathed the plantation to the state for use as an agricultural college, which led to the founding of Clemson University.

RICHLAND COUNTY

Date Formed:	1785	
Land Area (square miles):	756	
Form of Government:	Council-Administrator	
Council Members:	11	
Method of Election:	Single Member	
Term Length:	4 yrs.	
Council of Government:	Central Midlands	
County Seat:	Columbia	
Other Cities and Towns:	Arcadia Lakes, Blythewood, Eastover, Forest Acres, Irmo	

Population Trends

2020 Census	416,147	2021 Pop. Estimate	418,307
2010 Census	384,504	2020 Pop. Estimate	416,527
2000 Census	320,677	Numeric Change 2020-2021	1,780
Numeric Change 2000-2020	31,643	Percent Change 2020-2021	0.43%
Persons Per Square Mile	550.5		

Economic Data

2021 Jobs	216,627	Avg. Wage Per Job, 2021	\$55,736
2020 Jobs	212,162	Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2021	81.0%
2010 Jobs	224,103	Per Capita Personal Income, 2020	\$49,678
Percent Change 2020-2021	2.1%	Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2020	83.5
Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020	-0.6%	Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2020	103.5
Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2021	4.1		

Tax Data

Total Assessed Property, 2020	\$1,836,869,684	Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:	
Per Capita Assessed Property, 2020	\$4,414	Local Option	1.0%
County Millage Rate, 2021	0.1262	Capital Projects	*
Value of a County Mil, 2021	\$1,725,000	School District	*
State Accommodations Tax, FY 2021	\$2,480,677	Transportation	1.0%
State Admissions Tax, FY 2021	\$1,901,281	Edu. Capital Improvement	*

County Finance & Employment Data

Total Revenues FY 2020	\$516,772,180	Per Capita Revenues	\$1,242
Total Expenditures FY 2020	\$516,626,480	Per Capita Expenditures	\$1,241
General Fund Budget FY 2022	\$176,400,000	Per Capita General Fund Budget	\$424
Total Debt Outstanding FY 2021	\$283,760,000	Per Capita Total Debt FY 2021	\$668
Payroll FY 2022	\$88,770,781	County Credit Ratings:	
Full-Time Employment FY 2022	2237	Fitch FY 2021	*
Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents	5	Moody's FY 2021	Aaa
Part-Time Employment FY 2022	270	S&P FY 2021	AAA

County History

Richland County was probably named for its "rich land." The county was formed in 1785 as part of the large Camden District. A small part of Richland later went to Kershaw County (1791). In 1786 the state legislature decided to move the capital from Charleston to a more central location. A site was chosen in Richland County, which is in the geographic center of the state, and a new town was laid out. Columbia subsequently became not only the center of government but an important trade and manufacturing center. Cotton from the surrounding plantations was shipped through Columbia and later manufactured into textiles there. Columbia is also known for its educational institutions, particularly the University of South Carolina, which was founded in 1802. General William T. Sherman captured Columbia during the Civil War, and his troops burned the town on February 17, 1865. The U.S. Army returned on more friendly terms in 1917, when Fort Jackson was established. Confederate General, South Carolina Governor, and U.S. Senator Wade Hampton (1818-1902) was a resident of Richland County, and President Woodrow Wilson (1856-1924) lived in Columbia as a boy.

SALUDA COUNTY

Date Formed:	1895
Land Area (square miles):	452
Form of Government:	Council
Council Members:	5
Method of Election:	Single Member/ Chair at-Large
Term Length:	4 yrs.
Council of Government:	Upper Savannah
County Seat:	Saluda
Other Cities and Towns:	Batesburg-Leesville, Monetta, Ridge Spring, Ward



Population Trends

2020 Census	18,862	2021 Pop. Estimate	18,821
2010 Census	19,875	2020 Pop. Estimate	18,830
2000 Census	19,181	Numeric Change 2020-2021	-9
Numeric Change 2000-2020	-1,013	Percent Change 2020-2021	-0.05%
Persons Per Square Mile	41.7		

Economic Data

2021 Jobs	4,845	Avg. Wage Per Job, 2021	\$35,975
2020 Jobs	4,989	Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2021	52.3%
2010 Jobs	4,831	Per Capita Personal Income, 2020	\$37,637
Percent Change 2020-2021	-3.0%	Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2020	63.2
Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020	0.3%	Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2020	78.4
Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2021	3.1		

Tax Data

Total Assessed Property, 2020	\$62,961,253	Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:	
Per Capita Assessed Property, 2020	\$3,338	Local Option	1.0%
County Millage Rate, 2021	0.1535	Capital Projects	1.0%
Value of a County Mil, 2021	\$63,096	School District	*
State Accommodations Tax, FY 2021	\$24,053	Transportation	*
State Admissions Tax, FY 2021	\$8,777	Edu. Capital Improvement	*


County Finance & Employment Data

Total Revenues FY 2020	\$14,739,262	Per Capita Revenues	\$781
Total Expenditures FY 2020	\$11,756,527	Per Capita Expenditures	\$623
General Fund Budget FY 2022	\$13,853,829	Per Capita General Fund Budget	\$734
Total Debt Outstanding FY 2021	\$734,524	Per Capita Total Debt FY 2021	\$36
Payroll FY 2022	\$5,533,095	County Credit Ratings:	
Full-Time Employment FY 2022	153	Fitch FY 2021	*
Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents	8	Moody's FY 2021	*
Part-Time Employment FY 2022	31	S&P FY 2021	*

County History

Saluda County was named for the Saluda River, which forms one of its borders. The county was established in 1895 from part of Edgefield County. The Cherokee Indians lived in this area for many years. In 1755 they signed a treaty with the British at their settlement, known as Saluda Old Town. Scotch-Irish and English settlers subsequently began moving into the area, while the Cherokees moved farther to the north. Two famous heroes of the Alamo, William Barrett Travis (1809-1836) and James Butler Bonham (1807-1836) were natives of what is now Saluda County.

SPARTANBURG COUNTY

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

Population Trends

2020 Census	327,997	2021 Pop. Estimate	335,864
2010 Census	284,307	2020 Pop. Estimate	329,364
2000 Census	253,791	Numeric Change 2020-2021	6,500
Numeric Change 2000-2020	43,690	Percent Change 2020-2021	1.97%
Persons Per Square Mile	404.4		

Economic Data

2021 Jobs	147,042	Avg. Wage Per Job, 2021	\$45,077
2020 Jobs	144,453	Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2021	65.5%
2010 Jobs	119,497	Per Capita Personal Income, 2020	\$46,543
Percent Change 2020-2021	1.8%	Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2020	78.2
Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020	1.7%	Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2020	96.9
Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2021	4.0		

Tax Data

Total Assessed Property, 2020	\$1,596,175,192	Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:	
Per Capita Assessed Property, 2020	\$4,866	Local Option	*
County Millage Rate, 2021	0.0830	Capital Projects	1.0%
Value of a County Mil, 2021	\$141,283	School District	*
State Accommodations Tax, FY 2021	\$1,081,121	Transportation	*
State Admissions Tax, FY 2021	\$525,146	Edu. Capital Improvement	*

County Finance & Employment Data

Total Revenues FY 2020	\$277,600,941	Per Capita Revenues	\$846
Total Expenditures FY 2020	\$222,381,491	Per Capita Expenditures	\$678
General Fund Budget FY 2022	\$119,947,000	Per Capita General Fund Budget	\$366
Total Debt Outstanding FY 2021	\$56,167,723	Per Capita Total Debt FY 2021	\$167
Payroll FY 2022	\$66,252,133	County Credit Ratings:	
Full-Time Employment FY 2022	1415	Fitch FY 2021	AA+
Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents	4	Moody's FY 2021	Aa1
Part-Time Employment FY 2022	161	S&P FY 2021	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.

SUMTER COUNTY

Date Formed:	1800
Land Area (square miles):	665
Form of Government:	Council-Administrator
Council Members:	7
Method of Election:	Single Member
Term Length:	4 yrs.
Council of Government:	Santee Lynches
County Seat:	Sumter
Other Cities and Towns:	Mayesville, Pinewood



Population Trends

2020 Census	105,556	2021 Pop. Estimate	104,758
2010 Census	107,456	2020 Pop. Estimate	105,417
2000 Census	104,646	Numeric Change 2020-2021	-659
Numeric Change 2000-2020	-1,900	Percent Change 2020-2021	-0.63%
Persons Per Square Mile	158.7		

Economic Data

2021 Jobs	36,140	Avg. Wage Per Job, 2021	\$42,583
2020 Jobs	35,639	Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2021	61.9%
2010 Jobs	42,524	Per Capita Personal Income, 2020	\$43,003
Percent Change 2020-2021	1.4%	Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2020	72.3
Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020	-1.9%	Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2020	89.6
Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2021	4.6		

Tax Data

Total Assessed Property, 2020	\$328,717,474	Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:	
Per Capita Assessed Property, 2020	\$3,114	Local Option	1.0%
County Millage Rate, 2021	0.1109	Capital Projects	1.0%
Value of a County Mil, 2021	\$307,000	School District	*
State Accommodations Tax, FY 2021	\$422,619	Transportation	*
State Admissions Tax, FY 2021	\$90,726	Edu. Capital Improvement	*

County Finance & Employment Data

Total Revenues FY 2020	\$104,296,423	Per Capita Revenues	\$988
Total Expenditures FY 2020	\$101,351,977	Per Capita Expenditures	\$960
General Fund Budget FY 2022	\$52,477,365	Per Capita General Fund Budget	\$497
Total Debt Outstanding FY 2021	\$28,538,165	Per Capita Total Debt FY 2021	\$270
Payroll FY 2022	\$22,565,878	County Credit Ratings:	
Full-Time Employment FY 2022	601	Fitch FY 2021	*
Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents	6	Moody's FY 2021	Aa2
Part-Time Employment FY 2022	71	S&P FY 2021	A+

County History

Sumter County and its county seat were named for Revolutionary War General Thomas Sumter (1734-1832), who was a resident of the area. This county has changed its name and boundaries several times. In 1785 Claremont County was formed as a part of Camden District; a part of the county was later split off in 1791 to form Salem County. Claremont, Clarendon, and Salem counties were combined into Sumter District in 1800. Clarendon was once again split off in 1857, however, and another small part of Sumter County went to form Lee County in 1902. This part of the state began attracting English settlers from the lowcountry and from Virginia in the mid-eighteenth century. The area known as the High Hills of Santee, a narrow ridge along the Wateree River, was famous for its healthy climate and rich soil. Sumter County eventually became a leading agricultural region. In 1941, Shaw Air Force Base was established near Sumter, and it continues today as an active duty fighter base. Confederate General Richard Heron Anderson (1821-1879) was a Sumter resident, as were opera singer Clara Louise Kellogg (1842-1916) and educator Mary McLeod Bethune (1875-1955).

UNION COUNTY

Date Formed:	1785
Land Area (square miles):	514
Form of Government:	Council-Supervisor
Council Members:	7
Method of Election:	Single Member
Term Length:	4 yrs.
Council of Government:	Catawba
County Seat:	Union
Other Cities and Towns:	Carlisle, Jonesville, Lockhart



Population Trends

2020 Census	27,244	2021 Pop. Estimate	27,016
2010 Census	28,961	2020 Pop. Estimate	27,148
2000 Census	29,881	Numeric Change 2020-2021	-132
Numeric Change 2000-2020	-1,717	Percent Change 2020-2021	-0.49%
Persons Per Square Mile	53.0		

Economic Data

2021 Jobs	7,507	Avg. Wage Per Job, 2021	\$41,108
2020 Jobs	7,461	Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2021	59.8%
2010 Jobs	7,159	Per Capita Personal Income, 2020	\$37,515
Percent Change 2020-2021	0.6%	Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2020	63.0
Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020	0.4%	Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2020	78.1
Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2021	6.5		

Tax Data

Total Assessed Property, 2020	\$79,736,679	Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:	
Per Capita Assessed Property, 2020	\$2,927	Local Option	1.0%
County Millage Rate, 2021	0.1689	Capital Projects	*
Value of a County Mil, 2021	\$70,000	School District	*
State Accommodations Tax, FY 2021	\$41,321	Transportation	*
State Admissions Tax, FY 2021	\$1,236	Edu. Capital Improvement	*

County Finance & Employment Data

Total Revenues FY 2020	\$23,424,428	Per Capita Revenues	\$860
Total Expenditures FY 2020	\$26,439,551	Per Capita Expenditures	\$970
General Fund Budget FY 2022	\$20,192,036	Per Capita General Fund Budget	\$741
Total Debt Outstanding FY 2021	\$2,797,044	Per Capita Total Debt FY 2021	\$104
Payroll FY 2022	\$9,613,965	County Credit Ratings:	
Full-Time Employment FY 2022	193	Fitch FY 2021	*
Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents	7	Moody's FY 2021	*
Part-Time Employment FY 2022	63	S&P FY 2021	*

County History

Union County was named for the old Union Church, which served both the Presbyterian and Episcopal congregations in the area. The church was erected in 1765 near the present day town of Union, the county seat. Union County was created as a part of Ninety Six District in 1785. It was part of Pinckney District from 1791 to 1800 and became a separate district when Pinckney was dissolved in 1800. The upper part of the county later went to form Cherokee County in 1897. The early settlers in this area were mainly Scotch-Irish from Virginia and Pennsylvania, who began immigrating to the South Carolina upcountry in the 1750s. Much fighting took place here during the Revolutionary War, including the battles of Musgrove's Mill (August 18, 1780) and Blackstocks (November 20, 1780). Revolutionary leaders Thomas Brandon (1741-1802) and Joseph McJunkin (1755-1846) were from Union County, as were Confederate Generals States Rights Gist (1831-1864) and William Henry Wallace (1827-1905). Secession Governor William Henry Gist (1807-1874) made his home at Rose Hill Plantation in Union County, now a state park.

WILLIAMSBURG COUNTY

Date Formed:	1804
Land Area (square miles):	934
Form of Government:	Council-Supervisor
Council Members:	8
Method of Election:	Single Member
Term Length:	4 yrs.
Council of Government:	Waccamaw
County Seat:	Kingstree
Other Cities and Towns:	Andrews, Greeleyville, Hemingway, Lane, Stuckey



Population Trends

2020 Census	31,026	2021 Pop. Estimate	30,484
2010 Census	34,423	2020 Pop. Estimate	30,902
2000 Census	37,217	Numeric Change 2020-2021	-418
Numeric Change 2000-2020	-3,397	Percent Change 2020-2021	-1.35%
Persons Per Square Mile	33.2		

Economic Data

2021 Jobs	7,850	Avg. Wage Per Job, 2021	\$38,557
2020 Jobs	8,108	Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2021	56.0%
2010 Jobs	9,220	Per Capita Personal Income, 2020	\$38,528
Percent Change 2020-2021	-3.3%	Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2020	64.7
Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020	-1.4%	Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2020	80.2
Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2021	6.1		

Tax Data

Total Assessed Property, 2020	\$100,180,175	Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:	
Per Capita Assessed Property, 2020	\$3,229	Local Option	1.0%
County Millage Rate, 2021	0.1665	Capital Projects	1.0%
Value of a County Mil, 2021	\$100,436	School District	*
State Accommodations Tax, FY 2021	\$23,158	Transportation	*
State Admissions Tax, FY 2021	\$14,664	Edu. Capital Improvement	*


County Finance & Employment Data

Total Revenues FY 2020	\$34,695,199	Per Capita Revenues	\$1,118
Total Expenditures FY 2020	\$36,652,091	Per Capita Expenditures	\$1,181
General Fund Budget FY 2022	\$20,534,327	Per Capita General Fund Budget	\$662
Total Debt Outstanding FY 2021	\$39,794,013	Per Capita Total Debt FY 2021	\$1,379
Payroll FY 2022	\$9,621,124	County Credit Ratings:	
Full-Time Employment FY 2022	283	Fitch FY 2021	*
Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents	9	Moody's FY 2021	*
Part-Time Employment FY 2022	86	S&P FY 2021	A

County History

Williamsburg County was probably named for King William III of England (1650-1702). Scotch-Irish and French Huguenot settlers began moving into this part of the lowcountry around 1732, and in 1736 the township of Williamsburg was laid out on the Black River in the vicinity of the settlement of Kingstree. This area was part of Prince Frederick Parish, which in turn was part of Georgetown District. In 1804, Williamsburg became a separate district with the seat at Kingstree. A small part of Williamsburg later went to form Florence County in 1888. During the Revolutionary War, many of General Francis Marion's men hailed from this area, including Major John James (1732-1791). The battles of Black Mingo (September 28-29, 1780), Mount Hope Swamp (March 1781), and Lower Bridge (March 1781) were all fought in Williamsburg County. The county has remained primarily an agricultural region. Nobel Prize-winning geneticist Joseph L. Goldstein grew up in the town of Kingstree.

YORK COUNTY

Date Formed:	1785	
Land Area (square miles):	682	
Form of Government:	Council-Manager	
Council Members:	7	
Method of Election:	Single Member	
Term Length:	4 yrs.	
Council of Government:	Catawba	
County Seat:	York	
Other Cities and Towns:	Clover, Fort Mill, Hickory Grove, McConnells, Rock Hill, Sharon, Smyrna, Tega Cay	

Population Trends

2020 Census	282,090	2021 Pop. Estimate	288,595
2010 Census	226,073	2020 Pop. Estimate	283,899
2000 Census	164,614	Numeric Change 2020-2021	4,696
Numeric Change 2000-2020	56,017	Percent Change 2020-2021	1.65%
Persons Per Square Mile	413.6		

Economic Data

2021 Jobs	99,956	Avg. Wage Per Job, 2021	\$45,922
2020 Jobs	96,903	Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2021	66.8%
2010 Jobs	79,250	Per Capita Personal Income, 2020	\$51,772
Percent Change 2020-2021	3.1%	Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2020	87.0
Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020	1.8%	Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2020	107.8
Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2021	3.7		

Tax Data

Total Assessed Property, 2020	\$1,617,977,210	Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:	
Per Capita Assessed Property, 2020	\$5,736	Local Option	*
County Millage Rate, 2021	0.0765	Capital Projects	1.0%
Value of a County Mil, 2021	\$1,543,915	School District	*
State Accommodations Tax, FY 2021	\$1,141,761	Transportation	*
State Admissions Tax, FY 2021	\$555,847	Edu. Capital Improvement	*

County Finance & Employment Data

Total Revenues FY 2020	\$211,386,490	Per Capita Revenues	\$749
Total Expenditures FY 2020	\$242,403,017	Per Capita Expenditures	\$859
General Fund Budget FY 2022	\$134,438,789	Per Capita General Fund Budget	\$477
Total Debt Outstanding FY 2021	\$123,310,000	Per Capita Total Debt FY 2021	\$403
Payroll FY 2022	\$57,171,214	County Credit Ratings:	
Full-Time Employment FY 2022	1141	Fitch FY 2021	*
Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents	4	Moody's FY 2021	Aaa
Part-Time Employment FY 2022	139	S&P FY 2021	AA+

County History

York County and its county seat were named for York County, Pennsylvania. The county was first established in 1785 as part of Camden District. From 1791 to 1800 it was part of Pinckney District, and it became a separate district when Pinckney was dissolved in 1800. Part of the county went to form Cherokee County in 1897. When European settlers arrived, this part of the state was inhabited by the Catawba Indians. The Catawbans signed a treaty with the English in 1763, relinquishing their rights to much of their land. This treaty opened up the area to Scotch-Irish settlers moving down from Pennsylvania and up from the lowcountry. The Catawba Nation is now the only federally-recognized Indian tribe in the state. Two battles were fought in this area during the Revolutionary War, Williamson's Plantation (July 12, 1780) and Kings Mountain (October 7, 1780); the latter battle was a major victory for the Americans. Small-scale cotton farming was prevalent in the county in the nineteenth century, but textile mills became important in the twentieth century, contributing to the growth of the county's largest city, Rock Hill.

**APPENDIX:
COMPARISON TABLES**

General County Government Information

County	Date Formed	Form of Government	Method of Election	Council Members	Term Length	Council of Government
Abbeville	1785	Council	Single Member	7	4 yrs.	Upper Savannah
Aiken	1871	Council-Administrator	Single Member/ Chair at-Large	9	4 yrs.	Lower Savannah
Allendale	1919	Council	Single Member	5	4 yrs.	Lower Savannah
Anderson	1826	Council-Administrator	Single Member	7	2 yrs.	Appalachian
Bamberg	1897	Council-Administrator	Single Member	7	4 yrs.	Lower Savannah
Barnwell	1800	Council	Single Member	7	4 yrs.	Lower Savannah
Beaufort	1769	Council-Administrator	Single Member	11	4 yrs.	Lowcountry
Berkeley	1682	Council-Supervisor	Single Member	9	4 yrs.	Berkeley-Charleston-
Calhoun	1908	Council	Single Member	5	4 yrs.	Lower Savannah
Charleston	1769	Council-Administrator	Single Member	9	4 yrs.	Berkeley-Charleston-
Cherokee	1897	Council-Administrator	Single Member	7	4 yrs.	Appalachian
Chester	1785	Council-Administrator	Single Member	7	4 yrs.	Catawba
Chesterfield	1785	Council-Administrator	Single Member	9	4 yrs.	Pee Dee
Clarendon	1785	Council-Administrator	Single Member/ Chair at-Large	5	4 yrs.	Santee Lynches
Colleton	1800	Council-Administrator	Single Member	5	4 yrs.	Lowcountry
Darlington	1785	Council-Administrator	Single Member	8	4 yrs.	Pee Dee
Dillon	1910	Council-Administrator	Single Member	7	4 yrs.	Pee Dee
Dorchester	1897	Council-Administrator	Single Member	7	4 yrs.	Berkeley-Charleston-
Edgefield	1785	Council-Administrator	Single Member	5	2 yrs.	Upper Savannah
Fairfield	1785	Council-Administrator	Single Member	7	4 yrs.	Central Midlands
Florence	1888	Council-Administrator	Single Member	9	4 yrs.	Pee Dee
Georgetown	1769	Council-Administrator	Single Member	7	4 yrs.	Waccamaw
Greenville	1786	Council-Administrator	Single Member	12	4 yrs.	Appalachian
Greenwood	1897	Council-Manager	Single Member	7	4 yrs.	Upper Savannah
Hampton	1878	Council-Administrator	At-Large	5	4 yrs.	Lowcountry
Horry	1801	Council-Administrator	Single Member/ Chair at-Large	12	4 yrs.	Waccamaw
Jasper	1912	Council-Administrator	At Large	5	4 yrs.	Lowcountry
Kershaw	1791	Council-Administrator	Single Member/ Chair at-Large	7	4 yrs.	Santee Lynches
Lancaster	1785	Council-Administrator	Single Member	7	4 yrs.	Catawba
Laurens	1785	Council	Single Member	7	4 yrs.	Upper Savannah
Lee	1902	Council-Administrator	Single Member	7	4 yrs.	Santee Lynches
Lexington	1804	Council-Administrator	Single Member	9	4 yrs.	Central Midlands
Marion	1800	Council-Administrator	Single Member	7	4 yrs.	Pee Dee
Marlboro	1785	Council-Administrator	Single Member	8	4 yrs.	Pee Dee
McCormick	1916	Council-Administrator	Single Member	5	4 yrs.	Upper Savannah
Newberry	1785	Council-Administrator	Single Member	7	4 yrs.	Central Midlands
Oconee	1868	Council-Administrator	Single Member	5	4 yrs.	Appalachian
Orangeburg	1769	Council-Administrator	Single Member	7	4 yrs.	Lower Savannah
Pickens	1826	Council-Administrator	Single Member	6	4 yrs.	Appalachian
Richland	1785	Council-Administrator	Single Member	11	4 yrs.	Central Midlands
Saluda	1895	Council	Single Member/ Chair at-Large	5	4 yrs.	Upper Savannah
Spartanburg	1785	Council-Administrator	Single Member/ Chair at-Large	7	4 yrs.	Appalachian
Sumter	1800	Council-Administrator	Single Member	7	4 yrs.	Santee Lynches
Union	1785	Council-Supervisor	Single Member	7	4 yrs.	Catawba
Williamsburg	1804	Council-Supervisor	Single Member	8	4 yrs.	Waccamaw
York	1785	Council-Manager	Single Member	7	4 yrs.	Catawba

*Chester County form of government changes from council-supervisor to council-administrator on January 1, 2023.

Decennial Census Population					
County	2000 Census	2010 Census	2020 Census	Numeric Change 2000-2020	Percent Change 2000-2020
Abbeville	26,167	25,417	24,295	-1,122	-4.3%
Aiken	142,552	160,099	168,808	8,709	6.1%
Allendale	11,211	10,419	8,039	-2,380	-21.2%
Anderson	165,740	187,126	203,718	16,592	10.0%
Bamberg	16,658	15,987	13,311	-2,676	-16.1%
Barnwell	23,478	22,621	20,589	-2,032	-8.7%
Beaufort	120,937	162,233	187,117	24,884	20.6%
Berkeley	142,651	177,843	229,861	52,018	36.5%
Calhoun	15,185	15,175	14,119	-1,056	-7.0%
Charleston	309,969	350,209	408,235	58,026	18.7%
Cherokee	52,537	55,342	56,216	874	1.7%
Chester	34,068	33,140	32,294	-846	-2.5%
Chesterfield	42,768	46,734	43,273	-3,461	-8.1%
Clarendon	32,502	34,971	31,144	-3,827	-11.8%
Colleton	38,264	38,892	38,604	-288	-0.8%
Darlington	67,394	68,681	62,905	-5,776	-8.6%
Dillon	30,722	32,062	28,292	-3,770	-12.3%
Dorchester	96,413	136,555	161,540	24,985	25.9%
Edgefield	24,595	26,985	25,657	-1,328	-5.4%
Fairfield	23,454	23,956	20,948	-3,008	-12.8%
Florence	125,761	136,885	137,059	174	0.1%
Georgetown	55,797	60,158	63,404	3,246	5.8%
Greenville	379,616	451,225	525,534	74,309	19.6%
Greenwood	66,271	69,661	69,351	-310	-0.5%
Hampton	21,386	21,090	18,561	-2,529	-11.8%
Horry	196,629	269,291	351,029	81,738	41.6%
Jasper	20,678	24,777	28,791	4,014	19.4%
Kershaw	52,647	61,697	65,403	3,706	7.0%
Lancaster	61,351	76,652	96,016	19,364	31.6%
Laurens	69,567	66,537	67,539	1,002	1.4%
Lee	20,119	19,220	16,531	-2,689	-13.4%
Lexington	216,014	262,391	293,991	31,600	14.6%
Marion	35,466	33,062	29,183	-3,879	-10.9%
Marlboro	28,818	28,933	26,667	-2,266	-7.9%
McCormick	9,958	10,233	9,526	-707	-7.1%
Newberry	36,108	37,508	37,719	211	0.6%
Oconee	66,215	74,273	78,607	4,334	6.5%
Orangeburg	91,582	92,501	84,223	-8,278	-9.0%
Pickens	110,757	119,224	131,404	12,180	11.0%
Richland	320,677	384,504	416,147	31,643	9.9%
Saluda	19,181	19,875	18,862	-1,013	-5.3%
Spartanburg	253,791	284,307	327,997	43,690	17.2%
Sumter	104,646	107,456	105,556	-1,900	-1.8%
Union	29,881	28,961	27,244	-1,717	-5.7%
Williamsburg	37,217	34,423	31,026	-3,397	-9.1%
York	164,614	226,073	282,090	56,017	34.0%
South Carolina	4,012,012	4,625,364	5,118,425	493,061	12.3%
United States	248,709,873	308,745,538	331,449,281	22,703,743	9.1%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau; www.census.gov

Population Estimates						
County	2020 Census	2021 Pop. Estimate	2020 Pop. Estimate	Numeric Change 2020-2021	Percent Change 2020-2021	Avg. Annual Growth Rate 2020 - 2021
Abbeville	24,295	24,299	24,212	87	0.36%	0.36%
Aiken	168,808	170,776	169,032	1,744	1.03%	1.03%
Allendale	8,039	7,858	7,990	-132	-1.65%	-1.65%
Anderson	203,718	206,908	204,032	2,876	1.41%	1.41%
Bamberg	13,311	13,189	13,251	-62	-0.47%	-0.47%
Barnwell	20,589	20,580	20,567	13	0.06%	0.06%
Beaufort	187,117	191,748	187,691	4,057	2.16%	2.16%
Berkeley	229,861	236,701	231,568	5,133	2.22%	2.22%
Calhoun	14,119	14,165	14,125	40	0.28%	0.28%
Charleston	408,235	413,024	409,418	3,606	0.88%	0.88%
Cherokee	56,216	56,052	56,179	-127	-0.23%	-0.23%
Chester	32,294	32,209	32,276	-67	-0.21%	-0.21%
Chesterfield	43,273	43,268	43,258	10	0.02%	0.02%
Clarendon	31,144	31,024	31,093	-69	-0.22%	-0.22%
Colleton	38,604	38,462	38,543	-81	-0.21%	-0.21%
Darlington	62,905	62,755	62,833	-78	-0.12%	-0.12%
Dillon	28,292	28,087	28,284	-197	-0.70%	-0.70%
Dorchester	161,540	163,327	161,975	1,352	0.83%	0.83%
Edgefield	25,657	26,153	25,675	478	1.86%	1.86%
Fairfield	20,948	20,690	20,858	-168	-0.81%	-0.81%
Florence	137,059	136,504	136,805	-301	-0.22%	-0.22%
Georgetown	63,404	63,921	63,440	481	0.76%	0.76%
Greenville	525,534	533,834	526,980	6,854	1.30%	1.30%
Greenwood	69,351	69,241	69,380	-139	-0.20%	-0.20%
Hampton	18,561	18,180	18,512	-332	-1.79%	-1.79%
Horry	351,029	365,579	353,498	12,081	3.42%	3.42%
Jasper	28,791	30,324	29,073	1,251	4.30%	4.30%
Kershaw	65,403	66,130	65,536	594	0.91%	0.91%
Lancaster	96,016	100,336	96,652	3,684	3.81%	3.81%
Laurens	67,539	67,803	67,551	252	0.37%	0.37%
Lee	16,531	16,280	16,458	-178	-1.08%	-1.08%
Lexington	293,991	300,137	294,891	5,246	1.78%	1.78%
Marion	29,183	28,784	29,043	-259	-0.89%	-0.89%
Marlboro	26,667	26,382	26,537	-155	-0.58%	-0.58%
McCormick	9,526	9,760	9,513	247	2.60%	2.60%
Newberry	37,719	37,996	37,715	281	0.75%	0.75%
Oconee	78,607	79,203	78,638	565	0.72%	0.72%
Orangeburg	84,223	82,962	83,958	-996	-1.19%	-1.19%
Pickens	131,404	132,229	131,602	627	0.48%	0.48%
Richland	416,147	418,307	416,527	1,780	0.43%	0.43%
Saluda	18,862	18,821	18,830	-9	-0.05%	-0.05%
Spartanburg	327,997	335,864	329,364	6,500	1.97%	1.97%
Sumter	105,556	104,758	105,417	-659	-0.63%	-0.63%
Union	27,244	27,016	27,148	-132	-0.49%	-0.49%
Williamsburg	31,026	30,484	30,902	-418	-1.35%	-1.35%
York	282,090	288,595	283,899	4,696	1.65%	1.65%
South Carolina	5,118,425	5,190,705	5,130,729	59,976	1.17%	1.17%
United States	331,449,281	331,893,745	331,501,080	392,665	0.12%	0.12%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau; www.census.gov

Land Area and Population Density

County	Land Area (Sq. Mi.)	2020 Census	Persons Per Sq. Mi.*	County	Sorted by Land Area (Sq. Mi.)	County	Sorted by Persons Per Sq. Mi.*
Abbeville	508	24,295	47.82	1. Horry	1,134	1. Greenville	665.23
Aiken	1,073	168,808	157.32	2. Orangeburg	1,106	2. Richland	550.46
Allendale	408	8,039	19.70	3. Berkeley	1,098	3. Charleston	444.22
Anderson	718	203,718	283.73	4. Aiken	1,073	4. Lexington	420.59
Bamberg	393	13,311	33.87	5. Colleton	1,056	5. York	413.62
Barnwell	548	20,589	37.57	6. Williamsburg	934	6. Spartanburg	404.44
Beaufort	587	187,117	318.77	7. Charleston	919	7. Beaufort	318.77
Berkeley	1,098	229,861	209.35	8. Georgetown	815	8. Horry	309.55
Calhoun	380	14,119	37.16	9. Spartanburg	811	9. Anderson	283.73
Charleston	919	408,235	444.22	10. Florence	800	10. Dorchester	280.94
Cherokee	393	56,216	143.04	11. Chesterfield	799	11. Pickens	264.39
Chester	581	32,294	55.58	12. Greenville	790	12. Berkeley	209.35
Chesterfield	799	43,273	54.16	13. Richland	756	13. Lancaster	174.89
Clarendon	607	31,144	51.31	14. Kershaw	726	14. Florence	171.32
Colleton	1,056	38,604	36.56	15. Anderson	718	15. Sumter	158.73
Darlington	561	62,905	112.13	16. Laurens	715	16. Aiken	157.32
Dillon	405	28,292	69.86	17. Lexington	699	17. Greenwood	152.09
Dorchester	575	161,540	280.94	18. Fairfield	687	18. Cherokee	143.04
Edgefield	502	25,657	51.11	19. York	682	19. Oconee	125.77
Fairfield	687	20,948	30.49	20. Sumter	665	20. Darlington	112.13
Florence	800	137,059	171.32	21. Jasper	656	21. Laurens	94.46
Georgetown	815	63,404	77.80	22. Newberry	631	22. Kershaw	90.09
Greenville	790	525,534	665.23	23. Oconee	625	23. Georgetown	77.80
Greenwood	456	69,351	152.09	24. Clarendon	607	24. Orangeburg	76.15
Hampton	560	18,561	33.14	25. Beaufort	587	25. Dillon	69.86
Horry	1,134	351,029	309.55	26. Chester	581	26. Newberry	59.78
Jasper	656	28,791	43.89	27. Dorchester	575	27. Marion	59.68
Kershaw	726	65,403	90.09	28. Darlington	561	28. Chester	55.58
Lancaster	549	96,016	174.89	29. Hampton	560	29. Marlboro	55.56
Laurens	715	67,539	94.46	30. Lancaster	549	30. Chesterfield	54.16
Lee	410	16,531	40.32	31. Barnwell	548	31. Union	53.00
Lexington	699	293,991	420.59	32. Union	514	32. Clarendon	51.31
Marion	489	29,183	59.68	33. Abbeville	508	33. Edgefield	51.11
Marlboro	480	26,667	55.56	34. Edgefield	502	34. Abbeville	47.82
McCormick	360	9,526	26.46	35. Pickens	497	35. Jasper	43.89
Newberry	631	37,719	59.78	36. Marion	489	36. Saluda	41.73
Oconee	625	78,607	125.77	37. Marlboro	480	37. Lee	40.32
Orangeburg	1,106	84,223	76.15	38. Greenwood	456	38. Barnwell	37.57
Pickens	497	131,404	264.39	39. Saluda	452	39. Calhoun	37.16
Richland	756	416,147	550.46	40. Lee	410	40. Colleton	36.56
Saluda	452	18,862	41.73	41. Allendale	408	41. Bamberg	33.87
Spartanburg	811	327,997	404.44	42. Dillon	405	42. Williamsburg	33.22
Sumter	665	105,556	158.73	43. Bamberg	393	43. Hampton	33.14
Union	514	27,244	53.00	44. Cherokee	393	44. Fairfield	30.49
Williamsburg	934	31,026	33.22	45. Calhoun	380	45. McCormick	26.46
York	682	282,090	413.62	46. McCormick	360	46. Allendale	19.70
South Carolina	30,109	5,118,425	170.00				
U.S.	3,537,438	331,449,281	93.70				

*Persons per square mile calculated with 2020 Census population.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau; www.census.gov

Per Capita Personal Income						
County	Per Capita Personal Income, 2019	Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2019	Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2019	Per Capita Personal Income, 2020	Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2020	Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2020
Abbeville	\$ 35,065	77.1	62.6	\$ 38,033	79.2	63.9
Aiken	44,503	97.9	79.4	47,118	98.1	79.2
Allendale	33,110	72.8	59.1	38,991	81.2	65.5
Anderson	41,306	90.9	73.7	43,459	90.5	73.0
Bamberg	34,611	76.1	61.8	37,596	78.3	63.2
Barnwell	35,961	79.1	64.2	38,682	80.6	65.0
Beaufort	59,377	130.6	105.9	61,298	127.6	103.0
Berkeley	41,968	92.3	74.9	44,134	91.9	74.2
Calhoun	41,620	91.6	74.3	44,655	93.0	75.0
Charleston	64,486	141.9	115.1	66,656	138.8	112.0
Cherokee	33,738	74.2	60.2	36,567	76.1	61.4
Chester	35,664	78.5	63.6	38,931	81.1	65.4
Chesterfield	32,535	71.6	58.0	34,477	71.8	57.9
Clarendon	34,665	76.3	61.8	38,001	79.1	63.9
Colleton	37,026	81.5	66.1	40,336	84.0	67.8
Darlington	39,085	86.0	69.7	41,928	87.3	70.5
Dillon	30,468	67.0	54.4	33,030	68.8	55.5
Dorchester	40,840	89.8	72.9	42,662	88.8	71.7
Edgefield	37,506	82.5	66.9	41,178	85.7	69.2
Fairfield	38,277	84.2	68.3	41,827	87.1	70.3
Florence	43,759	96.3	78.1	46,749	97.4	78.6
Georgetown	49,260	108.4	87.9	51,775	107.8	87.0
Greenville	49,742	109.4	88.8	52,213	108.7	87.7
Greenwood	38,031	83.7	67.9	40,786	84.9	68.5
Hampton	33,833	74.4	60.4	39,185	81.6	65.8
Horry	39,633	87.2	70.7	42,110	87.7	70.8
Jasper	31,847	70.1	56.8	34,446	71.7	57.9
Kershaw	43,196	95.0	77.1	45,782	95.3	76.9
Lancaster	50,584	111.3	90.3	52,999	110.4	89.1
Laurens	35,796	78.8	63.9	38,108	79.4	64.0
Lee	33,349	73.4	59.5	36,638	76.3	61.6
Lexington	47,789	105.1	85.3	50,188	104.5	84.3
Marion	33,465	73.6	59.7	36,606	76.2	61.5
Marlboro	32,379	71.2	57.8	35,748	74.4	60.1
McCormick	39,949	87.9	71.3	42,422	88.3	71.3
Newberry	39,210	86.3	70.0	41,910	87.3	70.4
Oconee	45,471	100.0	81.1	47,511	98.9	79.8
Orangeburg	35,700	78.5	63.7	38,730	80.7	65.1
Pickens	39,845	87.7	71.1	41,770	87.0	70.2
Richland	46,806	103.0	83.5	49,678	103.5	83.5
Saluda	35,242	77.5	62.9	37,637	78.4	63.2
Spartanburg	44,151	97.1	78.8	46,543	96.9	78.2
Sumter	39,812	87.6	71.0	43,003	89.6	72.3
Union	34,618	76.2	61.8	37,515	78.1	63.0
Williamsburg	34,626	76.2	61.8	38,528	80.2	64.7
York	48,729	107.2	86.9	51,772	107.8	87.0
South Carolina	46,173	100.0	82.9	48,838	100.0	82.6
United States	55,724	120.7	100.0	59,147	121.1	100.0

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis; https://apps.bea.gov/iTable/index_regional.cfm

Wage and Salary Employment Trends					
County	2010 Jobs	2020 Jobs	2021 Jobs	Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020	Percent Change 2020-2021
Abbeville	6,249	5,315	5,352	-2%	0.7%
Aiken	62,447	58,311	59,476	-0.7%	2.0%
Allendale	3,492	2,533	2,424	-3.8%	-4.5%
Anderson	59,819	64,525	66,519	0.7%	3.0%
Bamberg	5,065	3,424	3,392	-4.8%	-0.9%
Barnwell	6,032	4,848	4,674	-2.4%	-3.7%
Beaufort	70,693	64,763	66,915	-0.9%	3.2%
Berkeley	42,067	55,015	56,539	2.4%	2.7%
Calhoun	4,289	4,582	4,523	0.6%	-1.3%
Charleston	230,845	242,243	252,206	0.5%	4.0%
Cherokee	18,902	19,510	20,211	0.3%	3.5%
Chester	8,457	9,517	9,530	1.1%	0.1%
Chesterfield	13,711	14,239	14,469	0.4%	1.6%
Clarendon	7,788	6,642	6,746	-1.7%	1.5%
Colleton	10,805	10,119	9,975	-0.7%	-1.4%
Darlington	20,266	19,607	19,807	-0.3%	1.0%
Dillon	9,558	9,137	9,282	-0.5%	1.6%
Dorchester	31,213	34,497	35,227	1.0%	2.1%
Edgefield	6,438	5,155	5,265	-2.5%	2.1%
Fairfield	7,269	5,291	5,362	-3.7%	1.3%
Florence	66,543	63,507	64,488	-0.5%	1.5%
Georgetown	23,994	23,446	24,244	-0.2%	3.3%
Greenville	246,404	264,396	273,509	0.7%	3.3%
Greenwood	29,900	27,522	27,310	-0.9%	-0.8%
Hampton	5,320	4,464	4,499	-1.9%	0.8%
Horry	115,574	122,231	129,653	0.5%	5.7%
Jasper	8,044	9,643	9,863	1.7%	2.2%
Kershaw	17,436	16,806	17,433	-0.4%	3.6%
Lancaster	18,411	25,305	25,969	2.7%	2.6%
Laurens	18,740	19,916	20,761	0.6%	4.1%
Lee	4,000	3,721	3,728	-0.7%	0.2%
Lexington	102,569	119,027	121,939	1.4%	2.4%
Marion	7,697	6,900	6,825	-1.2%	-1.1%
Marlboro	7,445	6,457	6,403	-1.5%	-0.8%
McCormick	1,844	1,576	1,665	-1.7%	5.3%
Newberry	14,157	14,310	14,937	0.1%	4.2%
Oconee	23,204	23,460	23,444	0.1%	-0.1%
Orangeburg	32,874	27,241	27,283	-2.1%	0.2%
Pickens	37,334	35,049	35,848	-0.7%	2.2%
Richland	224,103	212,162	216,627	-0.6%	2.1%
Saluda	4,831	4,989	4,845	0.3%	-3.0%
Spartanburg	119,497	144,453	147,042	1.7%	1.8%
Sumter	42,524	35,639	36,140	-1.9%	1.4%
Union	7,159	7,461	7,507	0.4%	0.6%
Williamsburg	9,220	8,108	7,850	-1.4%	-3.3%
York	79,250	96,903	99,956	1.8%	3.1%
South Carolina	1,893,479	2,028,041	2,093,555	0.7%	3.1%

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics; www.bls.gov/cew/downloadable-data-files.htm; Total Covered Wages, All Industries

Average Annual Wage Per Job				
County	Avg. Wage Per Job, 2020	Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2020	Avg. Wage Per Job, 2021	Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2021
Abbeville	\$ 40,910	64%	\$ 38,540	56%
Aiken	54,082	84%	44,637	65%
Allendale	45,439	71%	43,070	63%
Anderson	43,866	69%	40,572	59%
Bamberg	37,399	58%	40,842	59%
Barnwell	36,751	57%	39,282	57%
Beaufort	44,460	69%	45,291	66%
Berkeley	55,478	87%	80,799	117%
Calhoun	47,905	75%	34,489	50%
Charleston	55,885	87%	59,837	87%
Cherokee	38,843	61%	39,996	58%
Chester	45,373	71%	49,373	72%
Chesterfield	40,840	64%	36,548	53%
Clarendon	32,442	51%	43,101	63%
Colleton	37,914	59%	41,805	61%
Darlington	49,312	77%	42,982	62%
Dillon	34,943	55%	36,914	54%
Dorchester	42,148	66%	38,573	56%
Edgefield	41,718	65%	42,913	62%
Fairfield	54,638	85%	38,934	57%
Florence	43,120	67%	49,414	72%
Georgetown	44,320	69%	64,229	93%
Greenville	52,454	82%	42,831	62%
Greenwood	44,765	70%	44,431	65%
Hampton	44,879	70%	38,038	55%
Horry	37,994	59%	57,516	84%
Jasper	42,364	66%	44,232	64%
Kershaw	40,071	63%	44,461	65%
Lancaster	52,251	82%	51,547	75%
Laurens	43,187	67%	34,907	51%
Lee	38,767	61%	45,296	66%
Lexington	46,916	73%	47,266	69%
Marion	35,379	55%	47,863	70%
Marlboro	42,666	67%	43,409	63%
McCormick	34,902	55%	36,132	53%
Newberry	40,749	64%	38,163	55%
Oconee	48,236	75%	36,107	52%
Orangeburg	42,567	66%	45,784	67%
Pickens	45,188	71%	47,273	69%
Richland	52,169	81%	55,736	81%
Saluda	35,180	55%	35,975	52%
Spartanburg	49,621	78%	45,077	66%
Sumter	42,238	66%	42,583	62%
Union	41,426	65%	41,108	60%
Williamsburg	43,095	67%	38,557	56%
York	51,296	80%	45,922	67%
South Carolina	49,554	77%	54,355	79%
United States	64,021	100%	68,797	100%

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics; <https://www.bls.gov/data>

Annual Average Unemployment Rate										
County	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2000	2021
Abbeville	10.6	9.5	7.7	6.9	5.5	4.6	4.0	3.3	6.5	4.5
Aiken	8.6	7.6	6.5	5.9	5.0	4.1	3.3	2.8	4.9	3.4
Allendale	16.9	14.0	12.2	11.3	8.6	6.9	5.8	5.2	9.3	7.8
Anderson	8.9	7.1	6.0	5.4	4.6	3.9	3.3	2.7	5.8	3.7
Bamberg	15.9	13.5	11.6	10.5	9.1	7.5	6.5	5.4	8.8	7.5
Barnwell	13.9	12.1	9.7	9.0	7.4	6.0	4.8	4.2	7.2	6.5
Beaufort	7.6	6.4	5.7	5.5	4.8	4.1	3.2	2.6	5.3	3.5
Berkeley	8.4	7.0	6.0	5.5	4.6	3.8	3.0	2.5	5.4	3.6
Calhoun	11.2	9.6	8.0	7.1	6.2	5.2	4.2	3.5	6.0	4.5
Charleston	7.2	5.9	5.2	4.9	4.1	3.5	2.8	2.3	6.2	3.6
Cherokee	12.8	10.5	8.3	7.1	6.0	5.0	3.6	3.0	7.8	5.1
Chester	14.8	12.2	9.7	8.4	7.2	6.1	4.8	4.1	8.8	5.9
Chesterfield	11.4	9.2	6.9	6.1	5.0	4.3	3.3	2.8	5.9	4.5
Clarendon	12.8	10.3	8.4	7.7	6.7	6.0	4.7	3.8	6.6	4.9
Colleton	12.1	9.9	7.6	7.0	5.6	4.8	4.0	3.1	5.9	4.4
Darlington	11.1	9.3	8.0	7.4	6.3	5.3	4.1	3.3	6.3	4.5
Dillon	14.1	11.8	9.7	8.6	6.8	5.7	4.8	4.0	6.0	5.8
Dorchester	7.8	6.6	5.8	5.5	4.6	3.9	3.0	2.4	5.7	3.6
Edgefield	9.4	8.1	6.7	6.4	5.7	4.6	3.5	2.8	5.0	3.4
Fairfield	13.0	10.7	8.7	8.1	7.2	7.4	6.2	4.4	7.8	5.8
Florence	9.7	8.3	7.2	6.6	5.3	4.5	3.7	2.9	5.4	4.1
Georgetown	12.0	10.1	8.6	8.4	6.8	5.6	4.5	3.7	7.3	4.8
Greenville	7.4	6.1	5.3	4.9	4.3	3.7	2.9	2.4	5.5	3.4
Greenwood	10.1	8.6	6.9	6.3	5.2	4.5	3.6	3.0	6.2	4.5
Hampton	11.2	9.3	7.7	8.4	5.9	4.4	3.5	2.6	4.8	3.6
Horry	10.4	8.6	7.4	7.1	5.9	5.0	4.2	3.6	8.4	5.1
Jasper	8.5	6.9	5.7	5.1	4.4	3.7	3.0	2.5	5.0	3.4
Kershaw	9.5	7.8	6.5	6.0	5.2	4.5	3.5	2.9	5.2	3.7
Lancaster	11.3	9.3	7.2	6.3	5.3	4.7	3.8	3.3	6.6	4.4
Laurens	10.3	8.6	7.1	6.6	5.2	4.4	3.6	2.9	6.7	4.3
Lee	14.1	11.0	9.1	8.4	7.1	6.0	4.6	3.9	7.4	5.6
Lexington	7.0	5.8	5.1	4.8	4.1	3.6	2.9	2.3	4.2	3.0
Marion	11.8	9.8	7.9	7.1	5.6	4.5	3.6	4.2	7.6	6.6
Marlboro	15.9	13.1	10.6	10.0	8.8	7.4	5.5	4.7	9.5	7.8
McCormick	17.6	13.8	10.6	10.1	8.4	6.5	5.1	3.0	6.5	4.8
Newberry	8.8	7.3	5.7	5.3	4.5	4.2	3.1	2.6	4.6	3.3
Oconee	8.8	7.7	6.3	5.8	5.2	4.4	3.3	2.7	5.2	3.6
Orangeburg	14.3	12.4	11.4	10.9	8.9	7.2	5.8	4.6	8.8	7.1
Pickens	9.0	7.4	6.3	5.8	5.0	4.1	3.4	2.8	5.2	3.5
Richland	8.2	6.9	6.0	5.7	4.8	4.3	3.4	2.7	5.7	4.1
Saluda	8.5	6.9	5.7	5.2	4.6	3.9	3.1	2.6	4.2	3.1
Spartanburg	9.4	7.7	6.4	5.7	4.7	4.0	3.1	2.5	6.3	4.0
Sumter	10.7	8.7	7.3	6.9	5.9	5.2	4.0	3.3	6.5	4.6
Union	13.6	11.3	8.6	7.9	6.2	5.4	4.1	3.4	8.9	6.5
Williamsburg	15.8	12.5	10.0	9.2	7.8	6.4	5.4	4.4	8.0	6.1
York	9.3	7.7	6.3	5.5	4.6	4.0	3.3	2.7	5.8	3.7
South Carolina	9.3	7.7	6.3	5.5	4.6	4.0	3.4	2.8	6.0	4.0

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics; www.bls.gov/lau/tables.htm#cntyaa

Assessed Property				
County	Total Assessed Property, 2019	Per Capita Assessed Property, 2019	Total Assessed Property, 2020	Per Capita Assessed Property, 2020
Abbeville	\$ 71,897,231	\$ 2,959	\$ 77,520,314	\$ 3,191
Aiken	791,873,819	4,691	814,332,397	4,824
Allendale	22,338,387	2,779	22,817,263	2,838
Anderson	888,485,020	4,361	943,624,537	4,632
Bamberg	31,278,114	2,350	31,502,186	2,367
Barnwell	59,727,565	2,901	60,517,158	2,939
Beaufort	2,199,315,504	11,754	2,274,398,454	12,155
Berkeley	1,306,223,392	5,683	1,400,737,523	6,094
Calhoun	80,593,272	5,708	85,756,617	6,074
Charleston	4,172,994,624	10,222	4,679,751,988	11,463
Cherokee	215,326,407	3,830	225,901,132	4,018
Chester	136,814,162	4,237	132,338,061	4,098
Chesterfield	127,476,165	2,946	134,303,169	3,104
Clarendon	109,019,162	3,500	114,117,711	3,664
Colleton	185,253,263	4,799	194,011,469	5,026
Darlington	242,232,611	3,851	245,217,542	3,898
Dillon	72,096,013	2,548	75,550,553	2,670
Dorchester	692,000,298	4,284	721,432,890	4,466
Edgefield	84,013,328	3,274	90,298,575	3,519
Fairfield	147,494,647	7,041	147,146,525	7,024
Florence	555,334,102	4,052	572,010,680	4,173
Georgetown	592,479,978	9,345	607,968,464	9,589
Greenville	2,752,539,705	5,238	2,854,825,571	5,432
Greenwood	275,407,739	3,971	290,986,614	4,196
Hampton	55,751,182	3,004	56,238,873	3,030
Horry	2,591,113,965	7,381	2,701,920,868	7,697
Jasper	161,145,490	5,597	173,226,064	6,017
Kershaw	273,249,392	4,178	270,058,707	4,129
Lancaster	434,848,871	4,529	457,216,660	4,762
Laurens	210,934,160	3,123	218,438,444	3,234
Lee	38,005,473	2,299	40,909,060	2,475
Lexington	1,370,698,228	4,662	1,477,800,719	5,027
Marion	79,968,656	2,740	81,890,797	2,806
Marlboro	75,599,437	2,835	78,497,362	2,944
McCormick	46,103,779	4,840	52,785,984	5,541
Newberry	164,530,689	4,362	171,722,637	4,553
Oconee	569,383,563	7,243	598,653,940	7,616
Orangeburg	309,952,630	3,680	308,330,426	3,661
Pickens	569,211,873	4,332	608,599,728	4,632
Richland	1,787,267,420	4,295	1,836,869,684	4,414
Saluda	62,342,017	3,305	62,961,253	3,338
Spartanburg	1,475,170,260	4,498	1,596,175,192	4,866
Sumter	328,360,098	3,111	328,717,474	3,114
Union	72,840,511	2,674	79,736,679	2,927
Williamsburg	96,135,369	3,099	100,180,175	3,229
York	1,440,166,447	5,105	1,617,977,210	5,736
All Counties	28,024,994,018	5,475	29,715,975,329	5,806

Per Capita Assessed Property calculated with 2020 Census population. Source: SC Department of Revenue; <https://dor.sc.gov/lgs/reports-assessed-property-by-county>

County Millage Rates and Mil Values		
County	County Millage Rate, 2021	Value of a County Mil, 2021
Abbeville	0.13670	\$ 70,975
Aiken	0.06730	758,000
Allendale	0.22900	18,948
Anderson	0.08570	825,000
Bamberg	0.23160	30,052
Barnwell	0.15830	59,736
Beaufort	0.06480	2,137,150
Berkeley	0.04850	1,116,000
Calhoun	0.11800	58,575
Charleston	0.05560	4,528,881
Cherokee	0.09840	189,936
Chester	0.17850	112,708
Chesterfield	0.12902	134,952
Clarendon	0.18130	107,742
Colleton	0.12655	192,981
Darlington	0.79900	245,886
Dillon	0.14350	69,635
Dorchester	0.08190	*
Edgefield	0.10539	89,060
Fairfield	0.18340	141,559
Florence	0.10040	522,041
Georgetown	0.06470	599,067
Greenville	0.05920	2,544,308
Greenwood	0.07360	178,455
Hampton	0.21829	41,869
Horry	0.05320	2,600,000
Jasper	0.15400	168,721
Kershaw	0.08100	255,000
Lancaster	0.10120	409,344
Laurens	0.09555	180,920
Lee	0.17940	36,000
Lexington	0.07956	1,357,608
Marion	0.14200	67,631
Marlboro	0.12030	60,000
McCormick	0.14210	45,496
Newberry	0.13400	150,457
Oconee	0.07430	*
Orangeburg	0.17380	309,169
Pickens	0.07430	609,737
Richland	0.12620	1,725,000
Saluda	0.15350	63,096
Spartanburg	0.08300	141,283
Sumter	0.11090	307,000
Union	0.16890	70,000
Williamsburg	0.16647	100,436
York	0.07650	1,543,915

* Not Reported

Millage rates represent county base rates and do not include school districts, municipalities, special purpose districts special fees, or county industrial abatements

Value of a mil based on county operations only.

Source: 2021 South Carolina Property Tax Rates by County; <https://www.sccounties.org/research-information/property-tax-rates>

Sales Taxes Imposed at the County Level					
County	Local Option	Capital Projects	School District	Transportation	Education Capital Improvement
Abbeville	1.0%	*	*	*	*
Aiken	*	1.0%	*	*	1.0%
Allendale	1.0%	1.0%	*	*	*
Anderson	*	*	*	*	1.0%
Bamberg	1.0%	1.0%	*	*	*
Barnwell	1.0%	1.0%	*	*	*
Beaufort	*	*	*	Ended 1-22	*
Berkeley	1.0%	*	*	1.0%	*
Calhoun	1.0%	1.0%	*	*	*
Charleston	1.0%	*	*	1.0%	1.0%
Cherokee	1.0%	*	Ended 3-15	*	1.0%
Chester	1.0%	1.0%	*	*	*
Chesterfield	1.0%	*	1.0%	*	*
Clarendon	1.0%	*	1.0%	*	*
Colleton	1.0%	1.0%	*	*	*
Darlington	1.0%	*	*	*	1.0%
Dillon	1.0%	Ended 9-08	1.0%	*	*
Dorchester	*	*	*	1.0%	*
Edgefield	1.0%	1.0%	*	*	*
Fairfield	1.0%	*	*	*	*
Florence	1.0%	1.0%	*	*	*
Georgetown	*	Ended 05-19	*	*	*
Greenville	*	*	*	*	*
Greenwood	*	1.0%	*	*	*
Hampton	1.0%		*	*	*
Horry	*	1.0%	*	*	1.0%
Jasper	1.0%	Ended 11-02	1.0%	1.0%	*
Kershaw	1.0%	*	*	*	1.0%
Lancaster	1.0%	1.0%	*	*	*
Laurens	1.0%	1.0%	*	*	*
Lee	1.0%	1.0%	Ended 9-11	*	*
Lexington	*	*	1.0%	*	*
Marion	1.0%	1.0%	*	*	*
Marlboro	1.0%	*	1.0%	*	*
McCormick	1.0%	1.0%	*	*	*
Newberry	*	1.0%	*	*	*
Oconee	*	*	*	*	*
Orangeburg	*	1.0%	*	*	*
Pickens	1.0%	*	*	*	*
Richland	1.0%	*	*	1.0%	*
Saluda	1.0%	1.0%	*	*	*
Spartanburg	*	1.0%	*	*	*
Sumter	1.0%	1.0%	*	*	*
Union	1.0%	*	*	*	*
Williamsburg	1.0%	1.0%	*	*	*
York	*	1.0%	*	*	*

Source: S.C. Department of Revenue; SC Sales and Use Tax Manual, Winter 2021 Edition; <https://dor.sc.gov>
 *Tax not imposed

County Local Option Sales and Use Tax Collections

County	Local Option FY 2021	Capital Projects FY 2021	School Districts FY 2021	Transportation FY 2019	Edu. Capital Improvement FY 2021
Abbeville	\$2,182,572	*	*	*	*
Aiken	*	\$ 24,197,119	*	*	\$ 24,159,905
Allendale	567,221	500,273	*	*	*
Anderson	*	*	*	*	31,211,964
Bamberg	1,287,297	1,109,592	*	*	*
Barnwell	2,397,625	2,007,056	*	*	*
Beaufort	*	*	*	\$ 56,697,353	*
Berkeley	42,007,384	*	*	41,617,906	*
Calhoun	1,439,382	1,234,352	*	*	*
Charleston	136,727,724	*	*	135,206,551	122,550,566
Cherokee	8,349,010	*	*	*	7,370,307
Chester	3,570,218	3,336,896	*	*	*
Chesterfield	5,112,329	*	\$ 4,353,606	*	*
Clarendon	3,899,336	*	3,847,814	*	*
Colleton	6,346,639	5,410,092	*	*	*
Darlington	8,888,521	*	*	*	7,539,256
Dillon	4,138,412	*	3,572,431	*	*
Dorchester	*	*	*	22,922,867	*
Edgefield	2,395,862	174,469	*	*	*
Fairfield	2,141,110	*	*	*	*
Florence	30,454,699	27,322,351	*	*	*
Georgetown	*	29,498	*	*	*
Greenville	*	*	*	*	*
Greenwood	*	11,000,500	*	*	*
Hampton	2,126,412	1,668,550	*	*	*
Horry	*	94,505,697	*	*	95,042,563
Jasper	6,276,094	*	5,496,067	6,171,548	*
Kershaw	9,715,373	*	*	*	8,186,510
Lancaster	15,989,631	13,979,969	*	*	*
Laurens	7,113,666	474,655	*	*	*
Lee	1,372,431	1,221,211	*	*	*
Lexington	*	*	58,115,624	*	*
Marion	3,432,241	2,950,137	*	*	*
Marlboro	2,231,710	*	1,881,852	*	*
McCormick	889,589	758,491	*	*	*
Newberry	*	5,006,863	*	*	*
Oconee	*	*	*	*	*
Orangeburg	*	11,534,648	*	*	*
Pickens	20,569,182	*	*	*	*
Richland	79,771,415	*	*	78,783,592	*
Saluda	1,450,354	1,233,847	*	*	*
Spartanburg	*	54,494,467	*	*	*
Sumter	16,048,558	13,962,120	*	*	*
Union	2,948,934	*	*	*	*
Williamsburg	2,925,290	2,507,804	*	*	*
York	*	45,248,680	*	*	*
S. Carolina	434,782,046	325,869,336	77,267,394	341,399,816	296,061,071

Source: S.C. Department of Revenue 2020-2021 Annual Report; <https://dor.sc.gov>

*Tax not imposed

State Accommodations and Admissions Tax Collections

County	State Accommodations Tax, FY 2021	State Admissions Tax, FY 2021
Abbeville	\$ 28,118	\$ -298
Aiken	691,384	899,774
Allendale	4,389	-
Anderson	656,217	403,920
Bamberg	11,167	534
Barnwell	26,468	6,283
Beaufort	14,240,085	4,717,344
Berkeley	906,936	858,809
Calhoun	1,733	6,048
Charleston	18,553,787	6,158,062
Cherokee	137,859	71,444
Chester	108,435	63,407
Chesterfield	77,787	44,384
Clarendon	170,812	41,085
Colleton	995,320	130,010
Darlington	115,513	159,418
Dillon	139,670	17,439
Dorchester	147,940	593,706
Edgefield	19,407	21,330
Fairfield	52,568	83,901
Florence	1,282,879	203,119
Georgetown	2,567,128	797,149
Greenville	3,259,986	2,310,268
Greenwood	230,511	248,508
Hampton	21,539	141
Horry	22,223,458	8,612,639
Jasper	372,192	55,031
Kershaw	184,379	28,870
Lancaster	97,219	130,462
Laurens	137,015	116,661
Lee	21,449	37,692
Lexington	1,062,211	514,956
Marion	32,092	3,917
Marlboro	25,486	6,792
McCormick	51,905	65,155
Newberry	161,530	17,723
Oconee	583,707	262,288
Orangeburg	694,041	138,054
Pickens	553,411	1,486,484
Richland	2,480,677	1,901,281
Saluda	24,053	8,777
Spartanburg	1,081,121	525,146
Sumter	422,619	90,726
Union	41,321	1,236
Williamsburg	23,158	14,664
York	1,141,761	555,847
Unallocated	1,291,302	1,291,302
South Carolina	75,862,442	33,701,490

Source: S.C. Department of Revenue 2020-2021 Annual Report; <https://dor.sc.gov>

County Revenues and Expenditures				
County	Total Revenues FY 2020	Per Capita Revenues	Total Expenditures FY 2020	Per Capita Expenditures
Abbeville	\$ 15,351,575	\$ 632	\$ 14,915,600	\$ 614
Aiken	147,994,298	877	167,189,375	990
Allendale	9,491,402	1,181	12,051,073	1,499
Anderson	96,295,710	473	138,445,080	680
Bamberg	10,819,167	813	9,048,806	680
Barnwell	17,123,509	832	28,038,637	1,362
Beaufort	252,567,983	1,350	197,502,206	1,056
Berkeley	186,889,837	813	141,335,266	615
Calhoun	16,850,980	1,193	16,703,910	1,183
Charleston	750,745,419	1,839	626,494,481	1,535
Cherokee	32,026,245	570	30,496,682	542
Chester	40,357,320	1,250	39,343,373	1,218
Chesterfield	30,724,775	710	23,413,519	541
Clarendon	33,251,963	1,068	31,675,814	1,017
Colleton	53,475,304	1,385	67,603,672	1,751
Darlington	41,216,068	655	45,204,111	719
Dillon	27,844,977	984	25,213,004	891
Dorchester	169,009,413	1,046	121,872,619	754
Edgefield	13,138,046	512	17,240,913	672
Fairfield	34,836,301	1,663	40,025,291	1,911
Florence	135,845,385	991	147,583,853	1,077
Georgetown	65,556,981	1,034	89,382,731	1,410
Greenville	270,961,721	516	347,302,450	661
Greenwood	53,610,622	773	57,188,511	825
Hampton	18,740,190	1,010	50,220,234	2,706
Horry	495,638,569	1,412	415,406,598	1,183
Jasper	48,030,372	1,668	42,749,387	1,485
Kershaw	53,951,059	825	47,101,081	720
Lancaster	91,488,538	953	92,107,803	959
Laurens	45,496,528	674	42,902,474	635
Lee	14,910,484	902	12,560,707	760
Lexington	215,245,874	732	223,127,365	759
Marion	23,116,503	792	28,395,376	973
Marlboro	18,251,373	684	18,367,491	689
McCormick	10,735,779	1,127	8,276,793	869
Newberry	32,549,221	863	35,447,551	940
Oconee	77,996,528	992	74,070,077	942
Orangeburg	110,149,150	1,308	112,755,572	1,339
Pickens	73,830,660	562	78,797,470	600
Richland	516,772,180	1,242	516,626,480	1,241
Saluda	14,739,262	781	11,756,527	623
Spartanburg	277,600,941	846	222,381,491	678
Sumter	104,296,423	988	101,351,977	960
Union	23,424,428	860	26,439,551	970
Williamsburg	34,695,199	1,118	36,652,091	1,181
York	211,386,490	749	242,403,017	859

Source: 2020 Local Government Finance Report, S.C. Fiscal Affairs and Revenue Office;
<https://rfa.sc.gov/data-research/local-government/finance>

County General Fund Budget and Payroll			
County	General Fund Budget FY 2022	Per Capita General Fund Budget	Payroll FY 2022
Abbeville	\$ 12,267,943	\$ 505	\$ 7,087,637
Aiken	75,617,816	448	52,907,221
Allendale	*	*	*
Anderson	*	*	*
Bamberg	7,963,590	598	3,487,953
Barnwell	10,284,003	499	7,215,470
Beaufort	134,850,000	721	66,500,000
Berkeley	102,837,227	447	43,223,127
Calhoun	14,125,545	1,000	7,937,955
Charleston	245,200,588	601	130,936,660
Cherokee	27,768,666	494	12,255,946
Chester	*	*	*
Chesterfield	19,582,999	453	9,010,563
Clarendon	23,312,710	749	9,145,110
Colleton	31,464,413	815	22,815,319
Darlington	24,684,943	392	16,687,216
Dillon	20,059,267	709	8,090,752
Dorchester	68,875,387	426	37,508,275
Edgefield	10,845,221	423	7,544,445
Fairfield	33,757,551	1,611	15,214,673
Florence	67,835,828	495	34,897,071
Georgetown	33,178,000	523	28,965,766
Greenville	193,029,749	367	150,785,819
Greenwood	24,281,844	350	18,279,314
Hampton	*	*	*
Horry	175,946,699	501	133,794,557
Jasper	*	*	*
Kershaw	28,749,942	440	18,936,038
Lancaster	70,066,507	730	31,848,295
Laurens	35,705,957	529	11,242,333
Lee	13,920,584	842	5,981,800
Lexington	160,723,857	547	74,449,035
Marion	22,360,771	766	*
Marlboro	12,658,582	475	6,325,928
McCormick	10,388,813	1,091	5,274,520
Newberry	27,227,839	722	9,409,595
Oconee	56,835,152	723	24,350,083
Orangeburg	46,293,828	550	18,044,419
Pickens	47,918,367	365	28,433,870
Richland	176,400,000	424	88,770,781
Saluda	13,853,829	734	5,533,095
Spartanburg	119,947,000	366	66,252,133
Sumter	52,477,365	497	22,565,878
Union	20,192,036	741	9,613,965
Williamsburg	20,534,327	662	9,621,124
York	134,438,789	477	57,171,214

*Not Reported

Source: FY 2022 Wage and Salary Report, South Carolina Association of Counties;
<https://www.sccounties.org/research-information/wage-and-salary-survey>

County Employment				
County	Full-Time Employment FY 2022	Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents	Part-Time Employment FY 2022	Full-Time Law Enforcement FY 2022
Abbeville	172	7	62	32
Aiken	956	6	71	222
Allendale	*	*	*	*
Anderson	*	*	*	*
Bamberg	97	7	97	13
Barnwell	186	9	40	0
Beaufort	1,162	6	128	254
Berkeley	1,201	5	368	*
Calhoun	142	10	62	32
Charleston	2,654	7	205	264
Cherokee	302	5	27	106
Chester	*	*	*	*
Chesterfield	223	5	26	53
Clarendon	341	11	61	60
Colleton	417	11	79	59
Darlington	329	5	204	135
Dillon	239	8	78	50
Dorchester	1,026	6	175	217
Edgefield	181	7	5	38
Fairfield	308	15	25	73
Florence	934	7	135	211
Georgetown	612	10	53	99
Greenville	2,241	4	76	489
Greenwood	375	5	121	75
Hampton	*	*	*	*
Horry	2,678	8	163	479
Jasper	*	*	*	*
Kershaw	376	6	121	81
Lancaster	587	6	771	135
Laurens	365	5	68	108
Lee	126	8	45	*
Lexington	1,709	6	219	435
Marion	236	8	24	75
Marlboro	183	7	42	52
McCormick	128	13	57	22
Newberry	195	5	16	79
Oconee	531	7	24	169
Orangeburg	628	7	170	102
Pickens	555	4	162	162
Richland	2,237	5	270	773
Saluda	153	8	31	28
Spartanburg	1,415	4	161	326
Sumter	601	6	71	214
Union	193	7	63	35
Williamsburg	283	9	86	46
York	1,141	4	139	208

*Not Reported

Source: FY 2022 Wage and Salary Report, South Carolina Association of Counties;

https://www.sccounties.org/sites/default/files/uploads/resources/2022_wage_and_salary_report.pdf

County Debt Outstanding			
County	General Obligation Debt FY 2021	Total Debt Outstanding FY 2021	Per Capita Total Debt FY 2021
Abbeville	\$ 2,352,000	\$ 4,427,900	\$ 182
Aiken	39,705,000	39,705,000	227
Allendale	2,350,537	2,350,537	292
Anderson	17,670,868	42,324,565	203
Bamberg	3,243,943	3,243,943	241
Barnwell	7,322,323	7,322,323	361
Beaufort	205,795,000	207,320,970	1,021
Berkeley	48,099,644	81,634,644	329
Calhoun	8,648,650	13,039,773	915
Charleston	319,355,000	428,795,000	995
Cherokee	4,186,000	4,186,000	72
Chester	5,486,100	5,486,100	172
Chesterfield	4,147,340	9,585,340	212
Clarendon	7,017,355	29,703,894	891
Colleton	19,944,633	19,944,633	528
Darlington	604,000	905,921	14
Dillon	2,571,608	3,630,834	122
Dorchester	139,087,276	200,638,655	1,164
Edgefield	1,186,785	1,186,785	43
Fairfield	3,582,647	3,582,647	164
Florence	152,930,000	155,938,000	1,137
Georgetown	29,165,000	29,165,000	455
Greenville	42,010,000	84,817,000	154
Greenwood	1,306,420	1,306,420	18
Hampton	2,984,346	2,984,346	160
Horry	42,927,000	86,689,258	220
Jasper	7,929,710	21,394,710	652
Kershaw	1,269,144	24,568,594	357
Lancaster	25,410,000	33,029,939	306
Laurens	8,892,669	35,934,602	530
Lee	818,792	818,792	51
Lexington	20,415,000	20,415,000	65
Marion	3,468,163	3,468,163	138
Marlboro	1,801,667	2,326,711	93
McCormick	2,969,819	6,264,217	680
Newberry	15,536,129	21,036,129	543
Oconee	16,329,158	22,719,320	278
Orangeburg	74,599,455	128,840,804	1,538
Pickens	22,345,000	27,498,922	211
Richland	87,655,000	283,760,000	668
Saluda	245,000	734,524	36
Spartanburg	35,505,000	56,167,723	167
Sumter	28,538,165	28,538,165	270
Union	2,797,044	2,797,044	104
Williamsburg	13,799,013	39,794,013	1,379
York	115,620,000	123,310,000	403

Source: Local Government Debt Report for FY 2021, South Carolina State Treasurer's Office;
<https://treasurer.sc.gov/media/82168/annual-local-government-debt-report-fy21.pdf>

County Credit Ratings

County	Fitch FY 2021	Moody's FY 2021	S&P FY 2021
Abbeville	*	*	*
Aiken	*	Aa2	AA
Allendale	*	*	*
Anderson	*	*	*
Bamberg	*	*	A
Barnwell	*	*	A
Beaufort	*	Aa1	AA+
Berkeley	*	Aa2	AA+
Calhoun	*	*	*
Charleston	AAA	Aaa	AAA
Cherokee	*	Aa3	*
Chester	*	*	A+
Chesterfield	*	*	*
Clarendon	*	*	A+
Colleton	*	Aa3	AA-
Darlington	*	*	*
Dillon	*	*	*
Dorchester	*	Aa1	AA
Edgefield	*	*	*
Fairfield	*	*	A
Florence	*	Aa2	*
Georgetown	*	Aa2	AA-
Greenville	AAA	Aaa	AAA
Greenwood	*	*	*
Hampton	*	*	*
Horry	AA+	Aa1	AA+
Jasper	*	*	AA-
Kershaw	AA+	Aa2	*
Lancaster	*	Aa1	AA-
Laurens	*	Aa3	*
Lee	*	*	*
Lexington	*	Aaa	AA+
Marion	*	*	*
Marlboro	*	*	*
McCormick	*	*	*
Newberry	*	AA	*
Oconee	*	Aa2	AA
Orangeburg	A	*	A-
Pickens	*	Aa2	AA
Richland	*	Aaa	AAA
Saluda	*	*	*
Spartanburg	AA+	Aa1	AA+
Sumter	*	Aa2	A+
Union	*	*	*
Williamsburg	*	*	A
York	*	Aaa	AA+

Ratings Defined		
Fitch	AAA	Highest credit quality
	AA	Very high credit quality
	A	High credit quality
	BBB	Good credit quality
Moody's	Aaa	Exceptional financial security
	Aa	Excellent financial security
	A	Good financial security
	Baa	Adequate financial security
S&P	AAA	Extremely strong capacity
	AA	Very strong capacity
	A	Strong capacity
	BBB	Adequate capacity
<p>Note: In some cases, Fitch and Standard & Poor's use a plus or minus sign to show relative standing within a rating category. Similarly, Moody's uses the numerical modifiers 1, 2, and 3 with 1 signifying the higher end of a rating category and 3 signifying the lower end.</p>		

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*Credit Rating not issued by rating company



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