

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.