

LANCASTER COUNTY

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| 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

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|---------------------------------|--------|---------------------------------|---------|
| 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

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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.