


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).