

## LEE COUNTY

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



### Population Trends

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

### Economic Data

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

### Tax Data

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

### County Finance & Employment Data

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

### 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.