


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.