


NEWBERRY COUNTY

Date Formed:	1785	
Land Area (square miles):	631	
Form of Government:	Council-Administrator	
Council Members:	7	
Method of Election:	Single Member	
Term Length:	4 yrs.	
Council of Government:	Central Midlands	
County Seat:	Newberry	
Other Cities and Towns:	Little Mountain, Peak, Pomaria, Prosperity, Silverstreet, Whitmire	

Population Trends

2020 Census	37,719	2021 Pop. Estimate	37,996
2010 Census	37,508	2020 Pop. Estimate	37,715
2000 Census	36,108	Numeric Change 2020-2021	281
Numeric Change 2000-2020	211	Percent Change 2020-2021	0.75%
Persons Per Square Mile	59.8		

Economic Data

2021 Jobs	14,937	Avg. Wage Per Job, 2021	\$38,163
2020 Jobs	14,310	Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2021	55.5%
2010 Jobs	14,157	Per Capita Personal Income, 2020	\$41,910
Percent Change 2020-2021	4.2%	Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2020	70.4
Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020	0.1%	Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2020	87.3
Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2021	3.3		

Tax Data

Total Assessed Property, 2020	\$171,722,637	Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:	
Per Capita Assessed Property, 2020	\$4,553	Local Option	*
County Millage Rate, 2021	0.1340	Capital Projects	1.0%
Value of a County Mil, 2021	\$150,457	School District	*
State Accommodations Tax, FY 2021	\$161,530	Transportation	*
State Admissions Tax, FY 2021	\$17,723	Edu. Capital Improvement	*

County Finance & Employment Data

Total Revenues FY 2020	\$32,549,221	Per Capita Revenues	\$863
Total Expenditures FY 2020	\$35,447,551	Per Capita Expenditures	\$940
General Fund Budget FY 2022	\$27,227,839	Per Capita General Fund Budget	\$722
Total Debt Outstanding FY 2021	\$21,036,129	Per Capita Total Debt FY 2021	\$543
Payroll FY 2022	\$9,409,595	County Credit Ratings:	
Full-Time Employment FY 2022	195	Fitch FY 2021	*
Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents	5	Moody's FY 2021	AA
Part-Time Employment FY 2022	16	S&P FY 2021	*

County History

The origin of the name Newberry is unknown. The county was formed in 1785 as a part of Ninety Six District. This part of the upcountry was settled largely by Scotch-Irish, English, and German immigrants in the mid-eighteenth century. Germans were so prevalent in part of Newberry County that it become known as Dutch Fork, with Dutch meaning Deutsch (German). Large-scale cotton farming replaced small farms in the nineteenth century, and the coming of the railroad made Newberry a leading cotton market. Historians John Belton O'Neale (1795-1863) and David Duncan Wallace (1874-1951) were Newberry County natives, as was South Carolina Governor and U.S. Senator Coleman L. Blease (1868-1942).