

SALUDA COUNTY

Date Formed:	1895
Land Area (square miles):	452
Form of Government:	Council
Council Members:	5
Method of Election:	Single Member/ Chair at-Large
Term Length:	4 yrs.
Council of Government:	Upper Savannah
County Seat:	Saluda
Other Cities and Towns:	Batesburg-Leesville, Monetta, Ridge Spring, Ward



Population Trends

2020 Census	18,862	2021 Pop. Estimate	18,821
2010 Census	19,875	2020 Pop. Estimate	18,830
2000 Census	19,181	Numeric Change 2020-2021	-9
Numeric Change 2000-2020	-1,013	Percent Change 2020-2021	-0.05%
Persons Per Square Mile	41.7		

Economic Data

2021 Jobs	4,845	Avg. Wage Per Job, 2021	\$35,975
2020 Jobs	4,989	Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2021	52.3%
2010 Jobs	4,831	Per Capita Personal Income, 2020	\$37,637
Percent Change 2020-2021	-3.0%	Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2020	63.2
Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020	0.3%	Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2020	78.4
Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2021	3.1		

Tax Data

Total Assessed Property, 2020	\$62,961,253	Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:	
Per Capita Assessed Property, 2020	\$3,338	Local Option	1.0%
County Millage Rate, 2021	0.1535	Capital Projects	1.0%
Value of a County Mil, 2021	\$63,096	School District	*
State Accommodations Tax, FY 2021	\$24,053	Transportation	*
State Admissions Tax, FY 2021	\$8,777	Edu. Capital Improvement	*

County Finance & Employment Data

Total Revenues FY 2020	\$14,739,262	Per Capita Revenues	\$781
Total Expenditures FY 2020	\$11,756,527	Per Capita Expenditures	\$623
General Fund Budget FY 2022	\$13,853,829	Per Capita General Fund Budget	\$734
Total Debt Outstanding FY 2021	\$734,524	Per Capita Total Debt FY 2021	\$36
Payroll FY 2022	\$5,533,095	County Credit Ratings:	
Full-Time Employment FY 2022	153	Fitch FY 2021	*
Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents	8	Moody's FY 2021	*
Part-Time Employment FY 2022	31	S&P FY 2021	*

County History

Saluda County was named for the Saluda River, which forms one of its borders. The county was established in 1895 from part of Edgefield County. The Cherokee Indians lived in this area for many years. In 1755 they signed a treaty with the British at their settlement, known as Saluda Old Town. Scotch-Irish and English settlers subsequently began moving into the area, while the Cherokees moved farther to the north. Two famous heroes of the Alamo, William Barrett Travis (1809-1836) and James Butler Bonham (1807-1836) were natives of what is now Saluda County.