

## SUMTER COUNTY

<b>Date Formed:</b>	1845
<b>Land Area (square miles):</b>	665
<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>	Sumter
<b>Other Cities and Towns:</b>	Mayesville, Pinewood



### Population Trends

<b>2020 Census</b>	105,556	<b>2023 Pop. Estimate</b>	104,165
<b>2010 Census</b>	107,456	<b>2020 Pop. Estimate</b>	105,417
<b>2000 Census</b>	104,646	<b>Numeric Change 2020-2023</b>	-1,252
<b>Numeric Change 2000-2020</b>	-1,900	<b>Percent Change 2020-2023</b>	-1.19%
<b>Persons Per Square Mile</b>	158.7		

### Economic Data

<b>2023 Jobs</b>	35,579	<b>Avg. Wage Per Job, 2023</b>	\$50,961
<b>2020 Jobs</b>	35,639	<b>Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2023</b>	70.4%
<b>2010 Jobs</b>	42,524	<b>Per Capita Personal Income, 2022</b>	\$46,582
<b>Percent Change 2020-2023</b>	-0.2%	<b>Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2022</b>	71.2
<b>Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020</b>	-1.9%	<b>Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2022</b>	89.6
<b>Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2023</b>	4.6		

### Tax Data

<b>Total Assessed Property, 2022</b>	\$358,308,830	<b>Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:</b>	
<b>Per Capita Assessed Property, 2022</b>	\$3,394	<b>Local Option</b>	1.0%
<b>County Millage Rate, 2023</b>	0.1139	<b>Capital Projects</b>	*
<b>Value of a County Mil, 2023</b>	\$317,413	<b>School District</b>	*
<b>State Accommodations Tax, FY 2022</b>	\$589,021	<b>Transportation</b>	*
<b>State Admissions Tax, FY 2022</b>	\$168,880	<b>Edu. Capital Improvement</b>	*
		<b>County Green Space</b>	*

### County Finance & Employment Data

<b>Total Revenues FY 2022</b>	\$127,506,973	<b>Per Capita Revenues</b>	\$1,208
<b>Total Expenditures FY 2022</b>	\$85,826,900	<b>Per Capita Expenditures</b>	\$813
<b>General Fund Budget FY 2024</b>	\$60,172,521	<b>Per Capita General Fund Budget</b>	\$570
<b>Total Debt Outstanding FY 2023</b>	\$14,381,273	<b>Per Capita Total Debt FY 2023</b>	\$137
<b>Payroll FY 2024</b>	\$26,206,740	<b>County Credit Ratings:</b>	
<b>Full-Time Employment FY 2024</b>	609	<b>Fitch FY 2023</b>	*
<b>Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents</b>	6	<b>Moody's FY 2023</b>	Aa2
<b>Part-Time Employment FY 2024</b>	71	<b>S&amp;P FY 2023</b>	A+

### County History

Sumter County and its county seat were named for Revolutionary War General Thomas Sumter (1734-1832), who was a resident of the area. This county has changed its name and boundaries several times. In 1785 Claremont County was formed as a part of Camden District; a part of the county was later split off in 1791 to form Salem County. Claremont, Clarendon, and Salem counties were combined into Sumter District in 1800. Clarendon was once again split off in 1857, however, and another small part of Sumter County went to form Lee County in 1902. This part of the state began attracting English settlers from the lowcountry and from Virginia in the mid-eighteenth century. The area known as the High Hills of Santee, a narrow ridge along the Wateree River, was famous for its healthy climate and rich soil. Sumter County eventually became a leading agricultural region. In 1941, Shaw Air Force Base was established near Sumter, and it continues today as an active duty fighter base. Confederate General Richard Heron Anderson (1821-1879) was a Sumter resident, as were opera singer Clara Louise Kellogg (1842-1916) and educator Mary McLeod Bethune (1875-1955).