

ABBEVILLE COUNTY

Date Formed	1785	Form of Government	Council
Land Area (Sq. Mi.)	508	Council Members	7
Council of Government	Upper Savannah	Term Length	4 years
County Seat	Abbeville	Method of Election	Single Member
Other Municipalities	Calhoun Falls, Donalds, Due West, Honea Path, Lowndesville, Ware Shoals		



Population Trends

Population Estimate 2017	24,722	Numeric Change 2016 - 2017	5
Population Estimate 2016	24,717	Percent Change 2016 - 2017	0.0%
Census Population 2010	25,417	Numeric Change 2010 - 2017	-695
Census Population 2000	26,167	Avg. Annual Growth Rate 2010 - 2017	-0.4%
Census Population 1990	23,862	Numeric Change 1990 - 2010	1,555
Persons Per Square Mile	50.03	Avg. Annual Growth Rate 1990 - 2010	0.3%

Economic Data

Jobs 2016	6,217	Personal Income 2016, in thousands	\$780,346
Jobs 2015	6,192	Per Capital Personal Income 2016	\$31,374
Jobs 2010	6,249	Per Cap Personal Income 2016, % of U.S.	63.7%
Jobs 2000	9,394	Average Wage Per Job 2016	\$35,375
Jobs 2000 - 2010, Ann. Avg. Growth Rate	-3.3%	Average Wage Per Job 2016, % of U.S.	66.0%
Jobs 2015 - 2016, Percent Change	0.4%	Unemployment Rate, Ann. Avg. 2017	4.6%

Tax Data

Assessed Property 2016	\$63,705,049	Additional Sales Tax, if applicable:	
Per Capita Assessed Propert Tax 2016	\$2,506	Local Option	1.0%
County Base Millage Rate 2017	.12598	Capital Projects	
Value of One Mil 2017	\$60,479	School District	
Net Taxable Sales FY 2016	\$82,851,389	Transportation	
State Admissions Tax Collected FY 2016	\$865	Education Capital Improvement	
State Accommod. Tax Collected FY 2016	\$15,739		

County Finance and Employment

Total Revenues FY 2016	\$13,655,692	Per Capita Revenues FY 2016	\$537
Total Expenditures FY 2016	\$13,790,081	Per Capita Expenditures FY 2016	\$543
General Fund Budget FY 2018	\$10,062,182	Per Capita General Fund Budget FY 201	\$396
Total Debt Outstanding FY 2017	\$4,351,944	Per Capita Debt Outstanding FY 2018	\$160
Payroll FY 2018	\$6,408,300	Credit Ratings FY 2018, if applicable:	
Full-Time Employees FY 2018	150	Moody's	
Part-Time Employees FY 2018	80	Standard and Poor's	
Full-Time Employees/1,000 Residents	5.9	Fitch	

County History

Both the county and its county seat were named for the French town of the same name. Originally part of Ninety-Six District, the area was designated as Abbeville County in 1785. Parts of Abbeville later went to form Greenwood (1897) and McCormick (1916) counties. The county was settled primarily by Scotch-Irish and French Huguenot farmers in the mid-eighteenth century. A historic treaty with the Cherokee Indians was signed at Dewitt's Corner (now Due West) in 1777. Abbeville was known as a hotbed of secession, and at the end of the Civil War the last Confederate council of war was held there. Abbeville's most famous native son was John C. Calhoun (1782-1850), U.S. Vice President, Secretary of War, Secretary of State, and Senator.

County histories obtained from the S.C. State Library Reference Room at www.statelibrary.sc.gov/sc-counties. All other sources listed in the county comparison tables in the appendix.