

ANDERSON COUNTY

Date Formed	1826	Form of Government	Council-Administrator
Land Area (Sq. Mi.)	718	Council Members	7
Council of Government	Appalachian	Term Length	2 years
County Seat	Anderson	Method of Election	Single Member
Other Municipalities	Belton, Clemson, Honea Path, Iva, Pelzer, West Pelzer, Pendleton, Starr, Williamston		



Population Trends

Population Estimate 2017	198,759	Numeric Change 2016 - 2017	2,791
Population Estimate 2016	195,968	Percent Change 2016 - 2017	1.4%
Census Population 2010	187,126	Numeric Change 2010 - 2017	11,633
Census Population 2000	165,740	Avg. Annual Growth Rate 2010 - 2017	0.9%
Census Population 1990	145,196	Numeric Change 1990 - 2010	41,930
Persons Per Square Mile	260.62	Avg. Annual Growth Rate 1990 - 2010	1.4%

Economic Data

Jobs 2016	69,126	Personal Income 2016, in thousands	\$7,105,398
Jobs 2015	67,959	Per Capital Personal Income 2016	\$36,147
Jobs 2010	59,819	Per Cap Personal Income 2016, % of U.S.	73.4%
Jobs 2000	69,913	Average Wage Per Job 2016	\$37,839
Jobs 2000 - 2010, Ann. Avg. Growth Rate	-1.4%	Average Wage Per Job 2016, % of U.S.	71.0%
Jobs 2015 - 2016, Percent Change	1.7%	Unemployment Rate, Ann. Avg. 2017	3.9%

Tax Data

Assessed Property 2016	\$788,863,203	Additional Sales Tax, if applicable:	
Per Capita Assessed Propert Tax 2016	\$4,216	Local Option	
County Base Millage Rate 2017	.08390	Capital Projects	
Value of One Mil 2017	\$713,649	School District	
Net Taxable Sales FY 2016	\$1,861,708,334	Transportation	
State Admissions Tax Collected FY 2016	\$499,333	Education Capital Improvement	1.0%
State Accommod. Tax Collected FY 2016	\$641,492		

County Finance and Employment

Total Revenues FY 2016	\$101,219,417	Per Capita Revenues FY 2016	\$541
Total Expenditures FY 2016	\$122,657,839	Per Capita Expenditures FY 2016	\$655
General Fund Budget FY 2018	\$72,219,000	Per Capita General Fund Budget FY 201	\$386
Total Debt Outstanding FY 2017	\$54,374,221	Per Capita Debt Outstanding FY 2018	\$274
Payroll FY 2018	\$34,722,920	Credit Ratings FY 2018, if applicable:	
Full-Time Employees FY 2018	883	Moody's	Aa2
Part-Time Employees FY 2018	221	Standard and Poor's	
Full-Time Employees/1,000 Residents	4.7	Fitch	

County History

Anderson County and its county seat were named for Revolutionary War General Robert Anderson (1741-1812). This region was occupied by the Cherokee Indians until 1777, when it was ceded by treaty to the state. Part of the "Indian Land" became Pendleton District (also called Washington District at one time). The area was given its present name in 1826, when Pendleton District was split into Anderson and Pickens. Most of the early settlers of this area were Scotch-Irish farmers who moved south from Pennsylvania and Virginia in the eighteenth century. The oldest town in the county is Pendleton, which was founded around 1790; it became a popular summer resort for lowcountry planters in the nineteenth century. Some famous residents of Anderson County were U.S. Senator and South Carolina Governor Olin D. Johnston (1896-1965), business leader Charles E. Daniel (1895-1964), and composer Lily Strickland (1884-1958).

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.