LEXINGTON COUNTY

Date Formed	1804	**Form of Government**	Council-Administrator
Land Area (Sq. Mi.)	699	**Council Members**	9
Council of Government	Central Midlands	**Term Length**	4 years
County Seat	Lexington	**Method of Election**	Single Member

Other Municipalities: Batesburg-Leesville, Cayce, Chapin, Columbia, Gaston, Gilbert, Irmo, Pelion, Pine Ridge, South Congaree, Springdale, Summit, Swansea, West Columbia

Population Trends

Population Estimate 2017	290,642	**Numeric Change 2016 - 2017**	4,248
Population Estimate 2016	286,394	**Percent Change 2016 - 2017**	1.5%
Census Population 2010	262,391	**Numeric Change 2010 - 2017**	28,251
Census Population 2000	216,014	**Avg. Annual Growth Rate 2010 - 2017**	1.5%
Census Population 1990	167,611	**Numeric Change 1990 - 2010**	94,780
Persons Per Square Mile	375.38	**Avg. Annual Growth Rate 1990 - 2010**	2.8%

Economic Data

Jobs 2016	125,921	**Personal Income 2016, in thousands**	$12,261,518
Jobs 2015	122,459	**Per Capital Personal Income 2016**	$42,843
Jobs 2010	102,569	**Per Cap Personal Income 2016, % of U.S.**	87.0%
Jobs 2000	89,554	**Average Wage Per Job 2016**	$40,268
Jobs 2000 - 2010, Ann. Avg. Growth Rate	1.5%	**Average Wage Per Job 2016, % of U.S.**	75.0%
Jobs 2015 - 2016, Percent Change	2.8%	**Unemployment Rate, Ann. Avg. 2017**	3.6%

Tax Data

Assessed Property 2016	$1,262,401,056	**Additional Sales Tax, if applicable:**	
Per Capita Assessed Propert Tax 2016	$4,811	**Local Option**	
County Base Millage Rate 2017	.08209	**Capital Projects**	
Value of One Mil 2017	$1,149,227	**School District**	1.0%
Net Taxable Sales FY 2016	$4,829,932,805	**Transportation**	
State Admissions Tax Collected FY 2016	$669,858	**Education Capital Improvement**	
State Accommod. Tax Collected FY 2016	$1,063,874		

County Finance and Employment

Total Revenues FY 2016	$195,837,993	**Per Capita Revenues FY 2016**	$746
Total Expenditures FY 2016	$198,293,818	**Per Capita Expenditures FY 2016**	$756
General Fund Budget FY 2018	$136,207,972	**Per Capita General Fund Budget FY 201**	$519
Total Debt Outstanding FY 2017	$38,631,159	**Per Capita Debt Outstanding FY 2018**	$135
Payroll FY 2018	$62,591,993	**Credit Ratings FY 2018, if applicable:**	
Full-Time Employees FY 2018	1,581	**Moody's**	Aa1
Part-Time Employees FY 2018	129	**Standard and Poor's**	
Full-Time Employees/1,000 Residents	6.0	**Fitch**	

County History

Lexington County was named for the Battle of Lexington, Massachusetts, the first battle of the American Revolution. This part of the state was designated as Lexington County from 1785 to 1791, then was merged back into the larger Orangeburg District. Lexington was eventually made a separate district in 1804. Small parts of the county later went to form Aiken (1871) and Calhoun (1908) counties. European settlement of this area began around 1718 when the British established a trading post on the Congaree River, which eventually became the town of Granby. Beginning in the 1730s many German, Swiss, and Scotch-Irish immigrants moved into the area and established small farms. Granby was the leading town and county seat for many years, but the growth of Columbia across the Congaree led to Granby's decline, and the county seat was moved to the town of Lexington in 1818. General Sherman's troops shelled the city of Columbia from the Lexington side of the Congaree during the Civil War. In 1930 Lake Murray was created on the Saluda River in Lexington County, covering many of the old farms and creating new recreational opportunities.

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.