

NEWBERRY COUNTY

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| Date Formed | 1785 | Form of Government | Council-Administrator |
| Land Area (Sq. Mi.) | 631 | Council Members | 7 |
| Council of Government | Central Midlands | Term Length | 4 years |
| County Seat | Newberry | Method of Election | Single Member |
| Other Municipalities | Little Mountain, Peak, Pomaria, Prosperity, Silverstreet, Whitmire | | |



Population Trends

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| Population Estimate 2017 | 38,488 | Numeric Change 2016 - 2017 | 444 |
| Population Estimate 2016 | 38,044 | Percent Change 2016 - 2017 | 1.2% |
| Census Population 2010 | 37,508 | Numeric Change 2010 - 2017 | 980 |
| Census Population 2000 | 36,108 | Avg. Annual Growth Rate 2010 - 2017 | 0.4% |
| Census Population 1990 | 33,172 | Numeric Change 1990 - 2010 | 4,336 |
| Persons Per Square Mile | 59.44 | Avg. Annual Growth Rate 1990 - 2010 | 0.7% |

Economic Data

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| Jobs 2016 | 14,524 | Personal Income 2016, in thousands | \$1,360,088 |
| Jobs 2015 | 14,164 | Per Capital Personal Income 2016 | \$35,718 |
| Jobs 2010 | 14,157 | Per Cap Personal Income 2016, % of U.S. | 72.5% |
| Jobs 2000 | 14,486 | Average Wage Per Job 2016 | \$35,025 |
| Jobs 2000 - 2010, Ann. Avg. Growth Rate | -0.2% | Average Wage Per Job 2016, % of U.S. | 65.0% |
| Jobs 2015 - 2016, Percent Change | 2.5% | Unemployment Rate, Ann. Avg. 2017 | 6.6% |

Tax Data

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| Assessed Property 2016 | \$148,254,048 | Additional Sales Tax, if applicable: | |
| Per Capita Assessed Propert Tax 2016 | \$3,953 | Local Option | |
| County Base Millage Rate 2017 | .14220 | Capital Projects | 1.0% |
| Value of One Mil 2017 | \$128,000 | School District | |
| Net Taxable Sales FY 2016 | \$279,832,552 | Transportation | |
| State Admissions Tax Collected FY 2016 | \$16,798 | Education Capital Improvement | |
| State Accommod. Tax Collected FY 2016 | \$121,589 | | |

County Finance and Employment

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| Total Revenues FY 2016 | \$29,877,995 | Per Capita Revenues FY 2016 | \$797 |
| Total Expenditures FY 2016 | \$27,393,475 | Per Capita Expenditures FY 2016 | \$730 |
| General Fund Budget FY 2018 | \$23,969,890 | Per Capita General Fund Budget FY 201 | \$639 |
| Total Debt Outstanding FY 2017 | \$10,439,280 | Per Capita Debt Outstanding FY 2018 | \$258 |
| Payroll FY 2018 | \$8,141,009 | Credit Ratings FY 2018, if applicable: | |
| Full-Time Employees FY 2018 | 195 | Moody's | Aa3 |
| Part-Time Employees FY 2018 | 16 | Standard and Poor's | |
| Full-Time Employees/1,000 Residents | 5.2 | Fitch | |

County History

The origin of the name Newberry is unknown. The county was formed in 1785 as a part of Ninety Six District. This part of the upcountry was settled largely by Scotch-Irish, English, and German immigrants in the mid-eighteenth century. Germans were so prevalent in part of Newberry County that it become known as Dutch Fork, with Dutch meaning Deutsch (German). Large-scale cotton farming replaced small farms in the nineteenth century, and the coming of the railroad made Newberry a leading cotton market. Historians John Belton O'Neill (1795-1863) and David Duncan Wallace (1874-1951) were Newberry County natives, as was South Carolina Governor and U.S. Senator Coleman L. Blease (1868-1942).

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.