

SUMTER COUNTY

Date Formed	1800	Form of Government	Council-Administrator
Land Area (Sq. Mi.)	665	Council Members	7
Council of Government	Santee Lynches	Term Length	4 years
County Seat	Sumter	Method of Election	Single Member
Other Municipalities	Mayesville, Pinewood		



Population Trends

Population Estimate 2017	106,847	Numeric Change 2016 - 2017	-440
Population Estimate 2016	107,287	Percent Change 2016 - 2017	-0.4%
Census Population 2010	107,456	Numeric Change 2010 - 2017	-609
Census Population 2000	104,646	Avg. Annual Growth Rate 2010 - 2017	-0.1%
Census Population 1990	102,637	Numeric Change 1990 - 2010	4,819
Persons Per Square Mile	161.59	Avg. Annual Growth Rate 1990 - 2010	0.2%

Economic Data

Jobs 2016	44,960	Personal Income 2016, in thousands	\$4,031,174
Jobs 2015	44,960	Per Capital Personal Income 2016	\$37,536
Jobs 2010	42,524	Per Cap Personal Income 2016, % of U.S.	76.2%
Jobs 2000	50,482	Average Wage Per Job 2016	\$36,025
Jobs 2000 - 2010, Ann. Avg. Growth Rate	-1.6%	Average Wage Per Job 2016, % of U.S.	67.0%
Jobs 2015 - 2016, Percent Change	0.0%	Unemployment Rate, Ann. Avg. 2017	4.0%

Tax Data

Assessed Property 2016	\$308,921,312	Additional Sales Tax, if applicable:	
Per Capita Assessed Propert Tax 2016	\$2,875	Local Option	1.0%
County Base Millage Rate 2017	.11320	Capital Projects	1.0%
Value of One Mil 2017	\$309,493	School District	
Net Taxable Sales FY 2016	\$843,829,204	Transportation	
State Admissions Tax Collected FY 2016	\$152,515	Education Capital Improvement	
State Accommod. Tax Collected FY 2016	\$368,110		

County Finance and Employment

Total Revenues FY 2016	\$74,897,914	Per Capita Revenues FY 2016	\$697
Total Expenditures FY 2016	\$99,792,935	Per Capita Expenditures FY 2016	\$929
General Fund Budget FY 2018	\$51,594,169	Per Capita General Fund Budget FY 201	\$480
Total Debt Outstanding FY 2017	\$58,130,907	Per Capita Debt Outstanding FY 2018	\$518
Payroll FY 2018	\$20,853,968	Credit Ratings FY 2018, if applicable:	
Full-Time Employees FY 2018	533	Moody's	Aa2
Part-Time Employees FY 2018	71	Standard and Poor's	A+
Full-Time Employees/1,000 Residents	5.0	Fitch	

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).

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.