

UNION COUNTY

Date Formed	1785	Form of Government	Council-Supervisor
Land Area (Sq. Mi.)	514	Council Members	7
Council of Government	Catawba	Term Length	4 years
County Seat	Union	Method of Election	Single Member
Other Municipalities	Carlisle, Jonesville, Lockhart		



Population Trends

Population Estimate 2017	27,537	Numeric Change 2016 - 2017	-148
Population Estimate 2016	27,685	Percent Change 2016 - 2017	-0.5%
Census Population 2010	28,961	Numeric Change 2010 - 2017	-1,424
Census Population 2000	29,881	Avg. Annual Growth Rate 2010 - 2017	-0.7%
Census Population 1990	30,337	Numeric Change 1990 - 2010	-1,376
Persons Per Square Mile	56.34	Avg. Annual Growth Rate 1990 - 2010	-0.2%

Economic Data

Jobs 2016	8,324	Personal Income 2016, in thousands	\$852,649
Jobs 2015	7,971	Per Capital Personal Income 2016	\$30,812
Jobs 2010	7,159	Per Cap Personal Income 2016, % of U.S.	62.6%
Jobs 2000	11,168	Average Wage Per Job 2016	\$33,734
Jobs 2000 - 2010, Ann. Avg. Growth Rate	-3.6%	Average Wage Per Job 2016, % of U.S.	63.0%
Jobs 2015 - 2016, Percent Change	4.4%	Unemployment Rate, Ann. Avg. 2017	5.3%

Tax Data

Assessed Property 2016	\$72,870,467	Additional Sales Tax, if applicable:	
Per Capita Assessed Propert Tax 2016	\$2,516	Local Option	1.0%
County Base Millage Rate 2017	.14900	Capital Projects	
Value of One Mil 2017	\$65,000	School District	
Net Taxable Sales FY 2016	\$139,798,780	Transportation	
State Admissions Tax Collected FY 2016	\$3,859	Education Capital Improvement	
State Accommod. Tax Collected FY 2016	\$31,178		

County Finance and Employment

Total Revenues FY 2016	\$20,223,065	Per Capita Revenues FY 2016	\$698
Total Expenditures FY 2016	\$20,430,301	Per Capita Expenditures FY 2016	\$705
General Fund Budget FY 2018	\$16,009,979	Per Capita General Fund Budget FY 201	\$553
Total Debt Outstanding FY 2017	\$4,820,042	Per Capita Debt Outstanding FY 2018	\$177
Payroll FY 2018	\$6,900,719	Credit Ratings FY 2018, if applicable:	
Full-Time Employees FY 2018	188	Moody's	
Part-Time Employees FY 2018	62	Standard and Poor's	
Full-Time Employees/1,000 Residents	6.5	Fitch	

County History

Union County was named for the old Union Church, which served both the Presbyterian and Episcopal congregations in the area. The church was erected in 1765 near the present day town of Union, the county seat. Union County was created as a part of Ninety Six District in 1785. It was part of Pinckney District from 1791 to 1800 and became a separate district when Pinckney was dissolved in 1800. The upper part of the county later went to form Cherokee County in 1897. The early settlers in this area were mainly Scotch-Irish from Virginia and Pennsylvania, who began immigrating to the South Carolina upcountry in the 1750s. Much fighting took place here during the Revolutionary War, including the battles of Musgrove's Mill (August 18, 1780) and Blackstocks (November 20, 1780). Revolutionary leaders Thomas Brandon (1741-1802) and Joseph McJunkin (1755-1846) were from Union County, as were Confederate Generals States Rights Gist (1831-1864) and William Henry Wallace (1827-1905). Secession Governor William Henry Gist (1807-1874) made his home at Rose Hill Plantation in Union County, now a state park.

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.