


## CHARLESTON COUNTY

<b>Date Formed:</b>	1769	
<b>Land Area (square miles):</b>	919	
<b>Form of Government:</b>	Council-Administrator	
<b>Council Members:</b>	9	
<b>Method of Election:</b>	Single Member	
<b>Term Length:</b>	4 yrs.	
<b>Council of Government:</b>	Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester	
<b>County Seat:</b>	Charleston	
<b>Other Cities and Towns:</b>	Awendaw, Folly Beach, Hollywood, Isle of Palms, Kiawah Island, Lincolnville, McClellanville, Meggett, Mount Pleasant, Summerville, North Charleston, Ravenel, Seabrook Island, Sullivan's Island	

### Population Trends

<b>2020 Census</b>	408,235	<b>2023 Pop. Estimate</b>	424,367
<b>2010 Census</b>	350,209	<b>2020 Pop. Estimate</b>	409,418
<b>2000 Census</b>	309,969	<b>Numeric Change 2020-2023</b>	14,949
<b>Numeric Change 2000-2020</b>	58,026	<b>Percent Change 2020-2023</b>	3.65%
<b>Persons Per Square Mile</b>	444.2		

### Economic Data

<b>2023 Jobs</b>	273,930	<b>Avg. Wage Per Job, 2023</b>	\$64,772
<b>2020 Jobs</b>	242,243	<b>Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2023</b>	89.5%
<b>2010 Jobs</b>	230,845	<b>Per Capita Personal Income, 2022</b>	\$76,546
<b>Percent Change 2020-2023</b>	11.6%	<b>Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2022</b>	116.9
<b>Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020</b>	0.5%	<b>Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2022</b>	142.8
<b>Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2023</b>	3.6		

### Tax Data

<b>Total Assessed Property, 2022</b>	\$4,995,210,362	<b>Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:</b>	
<b>Per Capita Assessed Property, 2022</b>	\$12,236	<b>Local Option</b>	1.0%
<b>County Millage Rate, 2023</b>	0.0556	<b>Capital Projects</b>	*
<b>Value of a County Mil, 2023</b>	\$4,903,717	<b>School District</b>	*
<b>State Accommodations Tax, FY 2022</b>	\$29,781,220	<b>Transportation</b>	1.0%
<b>State Admissions Tax, FY 2022</b>	\$11,072,192	<b>Edu. Capital Improvement</b>	1.0%
		<b>County Green Space</b>	*

### County Finance & Employment Data

<b>Total Revenues FY 2022</b>	\$1,025,408,065	<b>Per Capita Revenues</b>	\$2,512
<b>Total Expenditures FY 2022</b>	\$629,621,515	<b>Per Capita Expenditures</b>	\$1,542
<b>General Fund Budget FY 2024</b>	\$324,747,197	<b>Per Capita General Fund Budget</b>	\$795
<b>Total Debt Outstanding FY 2023</b>	\$428,085,000	<b>Per Capita Total Debt FY 2023</b>	\$966
<b>Payroll FY 2024</b>	\$170,250,526	<b>County Credit Ratings:</b>	
<b>Full-Time Employment FY 2024</b>	2699	<b>Fitch FY 2023</b>	AAA
<b>Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents</b>	7	<b>Moody's FY 2023</b>	Aaa
<b>Part-Time Employment FY 2024</b>	*	<b>S&amp;P FY 2023</b>	AAA

### County History

Charleston County and the city of Charleston are the most historic locations in the state. English settlers arrived in the colony of Carolina in 1670 and established a town at Albemarle Point on the west bank of the Ashley River. The settlement, named Charles Town in honor of King Charles II of England, was subsequently moved a few miles away to a peninsula between the Ashley and Cooper rivers. Charles Towne (renamed Charleston in 1783) was the political, social, and economic center of the state throughout the colonial and antebellum periods, and it served as the capital until 1790. Charleston District was formed in 1769, but portions were later split off to form Colleton (1800) and Berkeley (1882) counties. During the Revolutionary War the American forces defeated the attacking British fleet at Charleston in June 1776. At another Charleston fort, Fort Sumter, federal troops were fired on by Confederate forces in April 1861, signaling the start of the Civil War. Charleston County has had many famous residents, including three signers of the United States Constitution: Charles Pinckney (1757-1824), Charles Cotesworth Pinckney (1746-1825), and John Rutledge (1739-1800).