

CLARENDON COUNTY

Date Formed:	1785
Land Area (square miles):	607
Form of Government:	Council-Administrator
Council Members:	5
Method of Election:	Single Member/ Chair at-Large
Term Length:	4 yrs.
Council of Government:	Santee Lynches
County Seat:	Manning
Other Cities and Towns:	Paxville, Summerton, Turbeville



Population Trends

2020 Census	31,144	2023 Pop. Estimate	31,004
2010 Census	34,971	2020 Pop. Estimate	31,093
2000 Census	32,502	Numeric Change 2020-2023	-89
Numeric Change 2000-2020	-3,827	Percent Change 2020-2023	-0.29%
Persons Per Square Mile	51.3		

Economic Data

2023 Jobs	6,824	Avg. Wage Per Job, 2023	\$40,585
2020 Jobs	6,642	Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2023	56.1%
2010 Jobs	7,788	Per Capita Personal Income, 2022	\$45,300
Percent Change 2020-2023	2.7%	Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2022	69.2
Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020	-1.7%	Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2022	84.5
Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2023	4.9		

Tax Data

Total Assessed Property, 2022	\$132,551,668	Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:	
Per Capita Assessed Property, 2022	\$4,256	Local Option	1.0%
County Millage Rate, 2023	0.1795	Capital Projects	*
Value of a County Mil, 2023	\$126,156	School District	1.0%
State Accommodations Tax, FY 2022	\$240,543	Transportation	*
State Admissions Tax, FY 2022	\$52,694	Edu. Capital Improvement	*
		County Green Space	*

County Finance & Employment Data

Total Revenues FY 2022	\$39,319,723	Per Capita Revenues	\$1,263
Total Expenditures FY 2022	\$41,628,447	Per Capita Expenditures	\$1,337
General Fund Budget FY 2024	\$27,222,880	Per Capita General Fund Budget	\$874
Total Debt Outstanding FY 2023	\$44,020,258	Per Capita Total Debt FY 2023	\$1,332
Payroll FY 2024	\$11,592,710	County Credit Ratings:	
Full-Time Employment FY 2024	373	Fitch FY 2023	*
Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents	12	Moody's FY 2023	*
Part-Time Employment FY 2024	66	S&P FY 2023	A+

County History

Clarendon County was named for Edward Hyde, Earl of Clarendon (1608/9-1674), one of the Lords Proprietors of Carolina. The county was first established in 1785; in 1800 it became part of Sumter District, but then was split from Sumter in 1857. Several Revolutionary War skirmishes took place in this area; at Fort Watson in 1781 British soldiers were driven from a large Indian mound that had been fortified. During the Civil War, Union troops under General Edward Potter moved through the area, burning several plantations. In the 1950s, Clarendon County schools were sued over the issue of racial segregation. The case, *Briggs v. Elliott*, was one of several cases that eventually led the U.S. Supreme Court to abolish segregation in 1954. Clarendon County can claim five South Carolina Governors, all related: James Burchell Richardson (1770-1836), Richard Irvine Manning (1789-1836), John Peter Richardson (1801-1864), John Laurence Manning (1816-1889), and John Peter Richardson (1831-1899). Children's author Peggy Parish (1927-1988) and tennis player Althea Gibson are also Clarendon natives.