

DARLINGTON COUNTY

Date Formed:	1785
Land Area (square miles):	561
Form of Government:	Council-Administrator
Council Members:	8
Method of Election:	Single Member
Term Length:	4 yrs.
Council of Government:	Pee Dee
County Seat:	Darlington
Other Cities and Towns:	Hartsville, Lamar, Society Hill



Population Trends

2020 Census	62,905	2023 Pop. Estimate	62,416
2010 Census	68,681	2020 Pop. Estimate	62,833
2000 Census	67,394	Numeric Change 2020-2023	-417
Numeric Change 2000-2020	-5,776	Percent Change 2020-2023	-0.66%
Persons Per Square Mile	112.1		

Economic Data

2023 Jobs	20,358	Avg. Wage Per Job, 2023	\$55,938
2020 Jobs	19,607	Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2023	77.3%
2010 Jobs	20,266	Per Capita Personal Income, 2022	\$47,707
Percent Change 2020-2023	3.7%	Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2022	72.9
Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020	-0.3%	Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2022	89
Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2023	4.5		

Tax Data

Total Assessed Property, 2022	\$259,720,527	Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:	
Per Capita Assessed Property, 2022	\$4,129	Local Option	1.0%
County Millage Rate, 2023	0.0883	Capital Projects	*
Value of a County Mil, 2023	\$263,770	School District	*
State Accommodations Tax, FY 2022	\$159,713	Transportation	*
State Admissions Tax, FY 2022	\$173,028	Edu. Capital Improvement	1.0%
		County Green Space	*

County Finance & Employment Data

Total Revenues FY 2022	\$48,747,916	Per Capita Revenues	\$775
Total Expenditures FY 2022	\$52,620,489	Per Capita Expenditures	\$837
General Fund Budget FY 2024	*	Per Capita General Fund Budget	*
Total Debt Outstanding FY 2023	\$2,076,200	Per Capita Total Debt FY 2023	\$32
Payroll FY 2024	*	County Credit Ratings:	
Full-Time Employment FY 2024	*	Fitch FY 2023	*
Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents	*	Moody's FY 2023	*
Part-Time Employment FY 2024	*	S&P FY 2023	*

County History

The origin of the name of this county is uncertain, but it may have been named for Darlington, England. The county was formed in 1785, with the county seat at Darlington, and until 1800 it was a part of the Cheraws District. Parts of Darlington County were removed to form Florence County in 1888 and Lee County in 1902. This area was settled in the mid-eighteenth century by Welsh, Scotch-Irish, and English farmers, who grew cotton primarily. In more recent years the county has been best known for the stock car races which take place at the Darlington Raceway. David Rogerson Williams (1776-1830), South Carolina Governor and scientific experimenter, was a native of Darlington; he is remembered for introducing the mule to Southern agriculture. Other prominent Darlington residents were industrialists James Lide Coker (1837-1918) and David R. Coker (1870-1938), and novelists Annie Greene Nelson (1902-1993) and Elizabeth Boatwright Coker (1909-1993).