


FLORENCE COUNTY

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| Date Formed: | 1888 |  |
| Land Area (square miles): | 800 | |
| Form of Government: | Council-Administrator | |
| Council Members: | 9 | |
| Method of Election: | Single Member | |
| Term Length: | 4 yrs. | |
| Council of Government: | Pee Dee | |
| County Seat: | Florence | |
| Other Cities and Towns: | Coward, Johnsonville, Lake City, Olanta, Pamplico, Quinby, Scranton, Timmons ville | |

Population Trends

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|---------------------------------|---------|---------------------------------|---------|
| 2020 Census | 137,059 | 2023 Pop. Estimate | 137,214 |
| 2010 Census | 136,885 | 2020 Pop. Estimate | 136,805 |
| 2000 Census | 125,761 | Numeric Change 2020-2023 | 409 |
| Numeric Change 2000-2020 | 174 | Percent Change 2020-2023 | 0.30% |
| Persons Per Square Mile | 171.3 | | |

Economic Data

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| 2023 Jobs | 67,830 | Avg. Wage Per Job, 2023 | \$50,116 |
| 2020 Jobs | 63,507 | Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2023 | 69.3% |
| 2010 Jobs | 66,543 | Per Capita Personal Income, 2022 | \$52,035 |
| Percent Change 2020-2023 | 6.4% | Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2022 | 79.5 |
| Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020 | -0.5% | Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2022 | 97 |
| Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2023 | 4.1 | | |

Tax Data

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| Total Assessed Property, 2022 | \$631,768,819 | Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable: | |
| Per Capita Assessed Property, 2022 | \$4,609 | Local Option | 1.0% |
| County Millage Rate, 2023 | 0.1049 | Capital Projects | 1.0% |
| Value of a County Mil, 2023 | \$555,241 | School District | * |
| State Accommodations Tax, FY 2022 | \$1,869,444 | Transportation | * |
| State Admissions Tax, FY 2022 | \$510,661 | Edu. Capital Improvement | * |
| | | County Green Space | * |

County Finance & Employment Data

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|---|---------------|---------------------------------------|---------|
| Total Revenues FY 2022 | \$171,291,903 | Per Capita Revenues | \$1,250 |
| Total Expenditures FY 2022 | \$165,942,423 | Per Capita Expenditures | \$1,211 |
| General Fund Budget FY 2024 | * | Per Capita General Fund Budget | * |
| Total Debt Outstanding FY 2023 | \$122,227,000 | Per Capita Total Debt FY 2023 | \$895 |
| 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 | Aa2 |
| Part-Time Employment FY 2024 | * | S&P FY 2023 | AA- |

County History

Florence County took its name from its county seat, the City of Florence. The county was formed in 1888 from parts of Marion, Darlington, Williamsburg, and Clarendon counties. The City of Florence was founded in the 1850s as a stop on the Wilmington and Manchester Railroad; it was named for Florence Harllee, daughter of William Wallace Harllee (1812-1897), the president of the railroad. Florence soon became an important transportation center for the Pee Dee region. During the Civil War it was the site of a Confederate prison camp. In later years tobacco growing became a major activity in the county. Some famous Florence County natives are artist William H. Johnson (1901-1970), astronaut Ronald E. McNair (1950-1986), and stock car racer Cale Yarborough.