

## GEORGETOWN COUNTY

<b>Date Formed:</b>	1769
<b>Land Area (square miles):</b>	815
<b>Form of Government:</b>	Council-Administrator
<b>Council Members:</b>	7
<b>Method of Election:</b>	Single Member
<b>Term Length:</b>	4 yrs.
<b>Council of Government:</b>	Waccamaw
<b>County Seat:</b>	Georgetown
<b>Other Cities and Towns:</b>	Andrews, Pawleys Island



### Population Trends

<b>2020 Census</b>	63,404	<b>2023 Pop. Estimate</b>	65,731
<b>2010 Census</b>	60,158	<b>2020 Pop. Estimate</b>	63,440
<b>2000 Census</b>	55,797	<b>Numeric Change 2020-2023</b>	2,291
<b>Numeric Change 2000-2020</b>	3,246	<b>Percent Change 2020-2023</b>	3.61%
<b>Persons Per Square Mile</b>	77.8		

### Economic Data

<b>2023 Jobs</b>	25,450	<b>Avg. Wage Per Job, 2023</b>	\$48,909
<b>2020 Jobs</b>	23,446	<b>Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2023</b>	67.6%
<b>2010 Jobs</b>	23,994	<b>Per Capita Personal Income, 2022</b>	\$57,180
<b>Percent Change 2020-2023</b>	7.9%	<b>Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2022</b>	87.3
<b>Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020</b>	-0.2%	<b>Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2022</b>	106.6
<b>Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2023</b>	4.8		

### Tax Data

<b>Total Assessed Property, 2022</b>	\$650,395,309	<b>Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:</b>	
<b>Per Capita Assessed Property, 2022</b>	\$10,258	<b>Local Option</b>	*
<b>County Millage Rate, 2023</b>	0.0768	<b>Capital Projects</b>	*
<b>Value of a County Mil, 2023</b>	*	<b>School District</b>	*
<b>State Accommodations Tax, FY 2022</b>	\$3,128,559	<b>Transportation</b>	*
<b>State Admissions Tax, FY 2022</b>	\$1,067,049	<b>Edu. Capital Improvement</b>	*
		<b>County Green Space</b>	*

### County Finance & Employment Data

<b>Total Revenues FY 2022</b>	\$93,174,346	<b>Per Capita Revenues</b>	\$1,470
<b>Total Expenditures FY 2022</b>	\$94,077,818	<b>Per Capita Expenditures</b>	\$1,484
<b>General Fund Budget FY 2024</b>	\$33,024,000	<b>Per Capita General Fund Budget</b>	\$521
<b>Total Debt Outstanding FY 2023</b>	\$33,887,124	<b>Per Capita Total Debt FY 2023</b>	\$523
<b>Payroll FY 2024</b>	\$29,141,108	<b>County Credit Ratings:</b>	
<b>Full-Time Employment FY 2024</b>	638	<b>Fitch FY 2023</b>	*
<b>Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents</b>	10	<b>Moody's FY 2023</b>	Aa2
<b>Part-Time Employment FY 2024</b>	100	<b>S&amp;P FY 2023</b>	*

### County History

Georgetown County and its county seat were named for King George II of England. Spanish explorers are believed to have visited this coastal area in 1526, but no permanent settlement was established. English planters and their African slaves moved into the region in the early eighteenth century, building large rice and indigo plantations. The town of Georgetown, which was established around 1730, was a busy port serving the surrounding plantations. Georgetown District was first named in 1769 and in 1785 the district was divided into four counties: Liberty (which became Marion District in 1800), Kingston (which became Horry District in 1801), Williamsburg (which became a separate district in 1804), and Winyah (which was renamed Georgetown in 1800). Many famous South Carolinians were residents of Georgetown County, including Thomas Lynch, Jr. (1749-1779), a signer of the Declaration of Independence; Joel Roberts Poinsett (1779-1851), U.S. Congressman, Secretary of War, and Ambassador to Mexico, who introduced the poinsettia to the U.S.; and Joseph Hayne Rainey (1832-1887), the first African-American elected to the U.S. House of Representatives.