## **HORRY COUNTY**

Date Formed: 1801 Land Area (square miles): 1,134

Form of Government: Council-Administrator

Council Members: 12

Method of Election: Single Member/ Chair at-Large

Term Length:4 yrs.Council of Government:WaccamawCounty Seat:Conway

Other Cities and Towns: Atlantic Beach, Aynor, Briarcliffe Acres, Loris, North Myrtle Beach, Myrtle Beach,

Surfside Beach



Population Trends			
2020 Census	351,029	2023 Pop. Estimate	397,478
2010 Census	269,291	2020 Pop. Estimate	353,498
2000 Census	196,629	Numeric Change 2020-2023	43,980
Numeric Change 2000-2020	81,738	Percent Change 2020-2023	12.44%
Persons Per Square Mile	309.5		
Economic Data			
2023 Jobs	140,787	Avg. Wage Per Job, 2023	\$45,921
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2010 Jobs	115,574	Per Capita Personal Income, 2022	\$46,995
Percent Change 2020-2023	13.2%	Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2022	71.8
Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020	0.5%	Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2022	87.6
Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2023	5.1		

Tax Data			
Total Assessed Property, 2022	\$3,089,291,482	Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:	
Per Capita Assessed Property, 2022	\$8,801	Local Option	*
County Millage Rate, 2023	0.0562	Capital Projects	1.0%
Value of a County Mil, 2023	\$3,040,000	School District	*
State Accommodations Tax, FY 2022	\$31,616,130	Transportation	*
State AdmissionsTax, FY 2022	\$13,933,687	Edu. Capital Improvement	1.0%
		County Green Space	*

County Finance & Employment Data			
Total Revenues FY 2022	\$724,813,374	Per Capita Revenues	\$2,065
Total Expenditures FY 2022	\$525,200,320	Per Capita Expenditures	\$1,496
General Fund Budget FY 2024	\$254,191,688	Per Capita General Fund Budget	\$724
Total Debt Outstanding FY 2023	\$177,454,379	Per Capita Total Debt FY 2023	\$423
Payroll FY 2024	\$157,309,342	County Credit Ratings:	
Full-Time Employment FY 2024	2755	Fitch FY 2023	AA+
Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents	8	Moody's FY 2023	Aa1
Part-Time Employment FY 2024	150	S&P FY 2023	AA+

## **County History**

Horry County was named for Revolutionary War hero Peter Horry (1743-1815). The county was originally a part of Georgetown District, and at one time it was called Kingston. It became a separate county in 1801, with the county seat at Conway. This area of the state was isolated for many years by numerous rivers and swamps, and the inhabitants sometimes referred to themselves as the "Independent Republic of Horry." Lumber and naval stores were the primary industries during the eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries, with tobacco farming being introduced later. In the twentieth century, tourism has come to dominate the coastal section of the county centered around Myrtle Beach. Television personality Vanna White is a native of Horry County.