JASPER COUNTY

Date Formed:	1912
Land Area (square miles):	656
Form of Government:	Council-Administrator
Council Members:	5
Method of Election:	At Large
Term Length:	4 yrs.
Council of Government:	Lowcountry
County Seat:	Ridgeland
Other Cities and Towns:	Hardeeville

Population Trends

2020 Census	28,791	**2023 Pop. Estimate**	33,544
2010 Census	24,777	**2020 Pop. Estimate**	29,073
2000 Census	20,678	**Numeric Change 2020-2023**	4,471
Numeric Change 2000-2020	4,014	**Percent Change 2020-2023**	15.38%
Persons Per Square Mile	43.9		

Economic Data

2023 Jobs	10,981	**Avg. Wage Per Job, 2023**	$52,133
2020 Jobs	9,643	**Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2023**	72.0%
2010 Jobs	8,044	**Per Capita Personal Income, 2022**	$41,144
Percent Change 2020-2023	12.2%	**Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2022**	62.8
Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020	1.7%	**Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2022**	76.7
Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2023	3.4		

Tax Data

Total Assessed Property, 2022	$214,859,314	**Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:**	
Per Capita Assessed Property, 2022	$7,463	**Local Option**	1.0%
County Millage Rate, 2023	0.1520	**Capital Projects**	*
Value of a County Mil, 2023	$224,465	**School District**	1.0%
State Accommodations Tax, FY 2022	$651,038	**Transportation**	*
State AdmissionsTax, FY 2022	$136,422	**Edu. Capital Improvement**	*
		County Green Space	*

County Finance & Employment Data

Total Revenues FY 2022	$49,037,835	**Per Capita Revenues**	$1,703
Total Expenditures FY 2022	$40,571,976	**Per Capita Expenditures**	$1,409
General Fund Budget FY 2024	*	**Per Capita General Fund Budget**	*
Total Debt Outstanding FY 2023	$20,411,631	**Per Capita Total Debt FY 2023**	$591
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**	AA-

County History

Jasper County was named for Revolutionary War hero Sergeant William Jasper (ca.1750-1779). The county was formed in 1912 from parts of Beaufort and Hampton counties. This area of the state was the home of the Yemassee and Coosaw Indians until colonial times. In 1732 Swiss-German immigrants led by Jean Pierre Purry established a settlement called Purrysburgh on the Savannah River, but the town did not survive. Other settlers built extensive rice plantations, some of which now form the Savannah River National Wildlife Refuge. Two other towns in the county, Coosawhatchie and Pocotaligo, served at different times as the seat of government for Beaufort District. During the Civil War the Confederate Army defeated federal troops at the Battle of Honey Hill in November 1864. Jasper County was home to Thomas Heyward, Jr. (1746-1809), a signer of the Declaration of Independence, and Henry Martyn Robert (1837-1923), author of Robert's Rules of Order.