

MARION COUNTY

Date Formed:	1785
Land Area (square miles):	489
Form of Government:	Council-Administrator
Council Members:	7
Method of Election:	Single Member
Term Length:	4 yrs.
Council of Government:	Pee Dee
County Seat:	Marion
Other Cities and Towns:	Mullins, Nichols, Sellers



Population Trends

2020 Census	29,183	2023 Pop. Estimate	28,508
2010 Census	33,062	2020 Pop. Estimate	29,043
2000 Census	35,466	Numeric Change 2020-2023	-535
Numeric Change 2000-2020	-3,879	Percent Change 2020-2023	-1.84%
Persons Per Square Mile	59.7		

Economic Data

2023 Jobs	6,735	Avg. Wage Per Job, 2023	\$43,842
2020 Jobs	6,900	Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2023	60.6%
2010 Jobs	7,697	Per Capita Personal Income, 2022	\$41,108
Percent Change 2020-2023	-2.4%	Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2022	62.8
Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020	-1.2%	Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2022	76.7
Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2023	6.6		

Tax Data

Total Assessed Property, 2022	\$86,139,162	Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:	
Per Capita Assessed Property, 2022	\$2,952	Local Option	1.0%
County Millage Rate, 2023	0.1458	Capital Projects	1.0%
Value of a County Mil, 2023	\$78,139	School District	*
State Accommodations Tax, FY 2022	\$32,685	Transportation	*
State Admissions Tax, FY 2022	\$6,828	Edu. Capital Improvement	*
		County Green Space	*

County Finance & Employment Data

Total Revenues FY 2022	\$35,073,183	Per Capita Revenues	\$1,202
Total Expenditures FY 2022	\$33,814,143	Per Capita Expenditures	\$1,159
General Fund Budget FY 2024	\$23,640,261	Per Capita General Fund Budget	\$810
Total Debt Outstanding FY 2023	\$1,206,879	Per Capita Total Debt FY 2023	\$41
Payroll FY 2024	*	County Credit Ratings:	
Full-Time Employment FY 2024	231	Fitch FY 2023	*
Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents	8	Moody's FY 2023	*
Part-Time Employment FY 2024	32	S&P FY 2023	*

County History

Marion County and its county seat were named for Revolutionary War General Francis Marion (1732-1795), known as the "Swamp Fox." In 1785 Liberty County was created as a part of Georgetown District; renamed Marion, it became a separate district in 1800. Parts of Marion later went to form Florence (1888) and Dillon (1910) counties. English settlers moved up the Great Pee Dee River into this area in the eighteenth century. During the Revolutionary War General Marion's men fought several skirmishes with the British here before retreating to their camp at Snows Island. In the twentieth century Marion County became a major tobacco growing region. Writers Virginia Durant Young (1842-1906) and Gwen Bristow (1903-1980) were natives of Marion County.