

## MARLBORO COUNTY

<b>Date Formed:</b>	1785
<b>Land Area (square miles):</b>	480
<b>Form of Government:</b>	Council-Administrator
<b>Council Members:</b>	8
<b>Method of Election:</b>	Single Member
<b>Term Length:</b>	4 yrs.
<b>Council of Government:</b>	Pee Dee
<b>County Seat:</b>	Bennettsville
<b>Other Cities and Towns:</b>	Blenheim, Clio, McColl, Tatum



### Population Trends

<b>2020 Census</b>	26,667	<b>2023 Pop. Estimate</b>	25,704
<b>2010 Census</b>	28,933	<b>2020 Pop. Estimate</b>	26,537
<b>2000 Census</b>	28,818	<b>Numeric Change 2020-2023</b>	-833
<b>Numeric Change 2000-2020</b>	-2,266	<b>Percent Change 2020-2023</b>	-3.14%
<b>Persons Per Square Mile</b>	55.6		

### Economic Data

<b>2023 Jobs</b>	5,530	<b>Avg. Wage Per Job, 2023</b>	\$51,806
<b>2020 Jobs</b>	6,457	<b>Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2023</b>	71.6%
<b>2010 Jobs</b>	7,445	<b>Per Capita Personal Income, 2022</b>	\$37,831
<b>Percent Change 2020-2023</b>	-16.8%	<b>Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2022</b>	57.8
<b>Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020</b>	-1.5%	<b>Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2022</b>	70.6
<b>Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2023</b>	7.8		

### Tax Data

<b>Total Assessed Property, 2022</b>	\$86,345,096	<b>Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:</b>	
<b>Per Capita Assessed Property, 2022</b>	\$3,238	<b>Local Option</b>	1.0%
<b>County Millage Rate, 2023</b>	0.1283	<b>Capital Projects</b>	*
<b>Value of a County Mil, 2023</b>	\$65,000	<b>School District</b>	1.0%
<b>State Accommodations Tax, FY 2022</b>	\$20,769	<b>Transportation</b>	*
<b>State Admissions Tax, FY 2022</b>	\$11,023	<b>Edu. Capital Improvement</b>	*
		<b>County Green Space</b>	*

### County Finance & Employment Data

<b>Total Revenues FY 2022</b>	\$28,704,823	<b>Per Capita Revenues</b>	\$1,076
<b>Total Expenditures FY 2022</b>	\$18,944,551	<b>Per Capita Expenditures</b>	\$710
<b>General Fund Budget FY 2024</b>	\$14,233,618	<b>Per Capita General Fund Budget</b>	\$534
<b>Total Debt Outstanding FY 2023</b>	\$2,373,773	<b>Per Capita Total Debt FY 2023</b>	\$97
<b>Payroll FY 2024</b>	\$7,632,380	<b>County Credit Ratings:</b>	
<b>Full-Time Employment FY 2024</b>	189	<b>Fitch FY 2023</b>	*
<b>Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents</b>	7	<b>Moody's FY 2023</b>	*
<b>Part-Time Employment FY 2024</b>	42	<b>S&amp;P FY 2023</b>	*

### County History

Marlboro County was named for John Churchill, first Duke of Marlborough (1650-1722). The county name was originally spelled Marlborough, but it was later shortened. The county was created in 1785 as a part of Cheraws District. Welsh Baptists from Delaware settled in an area of the county known as Welsh Neck around 1737, and they were later joined by English and Scotch-Irish settlers. Cotton growing made this a wealthy part of the state prior to the Civil War. The town of Blenheim was also known for its mineral springs. General Sherman's troops passed through the county in 1865, briefly occupying the town of Bennettsville. Some famous Marlboro County natives are U.S. Congressman and diplomat Robert Blair Campbell (1791-1862), U.S. and Confederate Congressman John McQueen (1804-1867), and children's advocate Marian Wright Edelman.