

WILLIAMSBURG COUNTY

Date Formed:	1705
Land Area (square miles):	934
Form of Government:	Council-Supervisor
Council Members:	8
Method of Election:	Single Member
Term Length:	4 yrs.
Council of Government:	Waccamaw
County Seat:	Kingstree
Other Cities and Towns:	Andrews, Greeleyville, Hemingway, Lane, Stuckey



Population Trends

2020 Census	31,026	2023 Pop. Estimate	29,891
2010 Census	34,423	2020 Pop. Estimate	30,902
2000 Census	37,217	Numeric Change 2020-2023	-1,011
Numeric Change 2000-2020	-3,397	Percent Change 2020-2023	-3.27%
Persons Per Square Mile	33.2		

Economic Data

2023 Jobs	7,243	Avg. Wage Per Job, 2023	\$50,095
2020 Jobs	8,108	Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2023	69.2%
2010 Jobs	9,220	Per Capita Personal Income, 2022	\$38,446
Percent Change 2020-2023	-11.9%	Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2022	58.7
Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020	-1.4%	Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2022	71.7
Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2023	6.1		

Tax Data

Total Assessed Property, 2022	\$108,636,227	Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:	
Per Capita Assessed Property, 2022	\$3,501	Local Option	1.0%
County Millage Rate, 2023	0.1735	Capital Projects	1.0%
Value of a County Mil, 2023	\$109,408	School District	*
State Accommodations Tax, FY 2022	\$23,215	Transportation	*
State Admissions Tax, FY 2022	\$5,215	Edu. Capital Improvement	*
		County Green Space	*

County Finance & Employment Data

Total Revenues FY 2022	\$67,425,385	Per Capita Revenues	\$2,173
Total Expenditures FY 2022	\$58,287,750	Per Capita Expenditures	\$1,879
General Fund Budget FY 2024	\$20,534,327	Per Capita General Fund Budget	\$662
Total Debt Outstanding FY 2023	\$33,572,590	Per Capita Total Debt FY 2023	\$1,203
Payroll FY 2024	\$9,621,124	County Credit Ratings:	
Full-Time Employment FY 2024	283	Fitch FY 2023	*
Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents	9	Moody's FY 2023	*
Part-Time Employment FY 2024	86	S&P FY 2023	A

County History

Williamsburg County was probably named for King William III of England (1650-1702). Scotch-Irish and French Huguenot settlers began moving into this part of the lowcountry around 1732, and in 1736 the township of Williamsburg was laid out on the Black River in the vicinity of the settlement of Kingstree. This area was part of Prince Frederick Parish, which in turn was part of Georgetown District. In 1804, Williamsburg became a separate district with the seat at Kingstree. A small part of Williamsburg later went to form Florence County in 1888. During the Revolutionary War, many of General Francis Marion's men hailed from this area, including Major John James (1732-1791). The battles of Black Mingo (September 28-29, 1780), Mount Hope Swamp (March 1781), and Lower Bridge (March 1781) were all fought in Williamsburg County. The county has remained primarily an agricultural region. Nobel Prize-winning geneticist Joseph L. Goldstein grew up in the town of Kingstree.