

HAMPTON COUNTY

Date Formed	1878	Form of Government	Council-Administrator
Land Area (Sq. Mi.)	560	Council Members	5
Council of Government	Lowcountry	Term Length	4 years
County Seat	Hampton	Method of Election	At-Large
Other Municipalities	Brunson, Estill, Furman, Gifford, Luray, Scotia, Varnville, Yemassee		



Population Trends

Population Estimate 2017	19,602	Numeric Change 2016 - 2017	-272
Population Estimate 2016	19,874	Percent Change 2016 - 2017	-1.4%
Census Population 2010	21,090	Numeric Change 2010 - 2017	-1,488
Census Population 2000	21,386	Avg. Annual Growth Rate 2010 - 2017	-1.0%
Census Population 1990	18,191	Numeric Change 1990 - 2010	2,899
Persons Per Square Mile	37.66	Avg. Annual Growth Rate 1990 - 2010	0.8%

Economic Data

Jobs 2016	5,123	Personal Income 2016, in thousands	\$572,227
Jobs 2015	5,027	Per Capital Personal Income 2016	\$28,723
Jobs 2010	5,320	Per Cap Personal Income 2016, % of U.S.	58.3%
Jobs 2000	6,930	Average Wage Per Job 2016	\$38,867
Jobs 2000 - 2010, Ann. Avg. Growth Rate	-2.3%	Average Wage Per Job 2016, % of U.S.	72.0%
Jobs 2015 - 2016, Percent Change	1.9%	Unemployment Rate, Ann. Avg. 2017	4.5%

Tax Data

Assessed Property 2016	\$51,634,827	Additional Sales Tax, if applicable:	
Per Capita Assessed Propert Tax 2016	\$2,448	Local Option	1.0%
County Base Millage Rate 2017	.19680	Capital Projects	1.0%
Value of One Mil 2017	\$51,634	School District	
Net Taxable Sales FY 2016	\$77,882,749	Transportation	
State Admissions Tax Collected FY 2016	\$11,718	Education Capital Improvement	
State Accommod. Tax Collected FY 2016	\$23,216		

County Finance and Employment

Total Revenues FY 2016	\$17,647,032	Per Capita Revenues FY 2016	\$837
Total Expenditures FY 2016	\$24,776,191	Per Capita Expenditures FY 2016	\$1,175
General Fund Budget FY 2018	\$14,320,601	Per Capita General Fund Budget FY 201	\$679
Total Debt Outstanding FY 2017	\$1,615,420	Per Capita Debt Outstanding FY 2018	\$70
Payroll FY 2018	\$6,355,277	Credit Ratings FY 2018, if applicable:	
Full-Time Employees FY 2018	191	Moody's	A3
Part-Time Employees FY 2018	37	Standard and Poor's	
Full-Time Employees/1,000 Residents	9.1	Fitch	

County History

Hampton County and its county seat were named for Confederate General and South Carolina Governor Wade Hampton (1818-1902). The county was formed from Beaufort County in 1878, shortly after Wade Hampton took office as governor. Parts of Hampton County later went to form Jasper (1912) and Allendale (1919) counties. During the Civil War, while the coastal areas of Beaufort County were occupied by federal troops, many planters fled to the area that became Hampton County. General Sherman's troops passed through the county in 1865, fighting several skirmishes with Confederate troops. This section of the state has remained primarily agricultural. Athlete Lucile Ellerbe Godbold (1900-1981), who won two gold medals in track and field at the 1922 Olympics, grew up in Hampton County, and writer Vertamae Grosvenor was also born there.

County histories obtained from the S.C. State Library Reference Room at www.statelibrary.sc.gov/sc-counties. All other sources listed in the county comparison tables in the appendix.