

KERSHAW COUNTY

Date Formed	1791	Form of Government	Council-Administrator
Land Area (Sq. Mi.)	726	Council Members	7
Council of Government	Santee Lynches	Term Length	4 years
County Seat	Camden	Method of Election	Single Member/ Chair at-Large
Other Municipalities	Bethune, Elgin		



Population Trends

Population Estimate 2017	65,036	Numeric Change 2016 - 2017	767
Population Estimate 2016	64,269	Percent Change 2016 - 2017	1.2%
Census Population 2010	61,697	Numeric Change 2010 - 2017	3,339
Census Population 2000	52,647	Avg. Annual Growth Rate 2010 - 2017	0.8%
Census Population 1990	43,599	Numeric Change 1990 - 2010	18,098
Persons Per Square Mile	84.98	Avg. Annual Growth Rate 1990 - 2010	2.1%

Economic Data

Jobs 2016	20,092	Personal Income 2016, in thousands	\$2,462,416
Jobs 2015	19,912	Per Capital Personal Income 2016	\$38,417
Jobs 2010	17,436	Per Cap Personal Income 2016, % of U.S.	78.0%
Jobs 2000	19,556	Average Wage Per Job 2016	\$38,054
Jobs 2000 - 2010, Ann. Avg. Growth Rate	-1.1%	Average Wage Per Job 2016, % of U.S.	71.0%
Jobs 2015 - 2016, Percent Change	0.9%	Unemployment Rate, Ann. Avg. 2017	4.5%

Tax Data

Assessed Property 2016	\$232,672,890	Additional Sales Tax, if applicable:	
Per Capita Assessed Propert Tax 2016	\$3,771	Local Option	1.0%
County Base Millage Rate 2017	.08150	Capital Projects	
Value of One Mil 2017	\$236,519	School District	
Net Taxable Sales FY 2016	\$400,755,605	Transportation	
State Admissions Tax Collected FY 2016	\$30,785	Education Capital Improvement	1.0%
State Accommod. Tax Collected FY 2016	\$143,337		

County Finance and Employment

Total Revenues FY 2016	\$56,610,488	Per Capita Revenues FY 2016	\$918
Total Expenditures FY 2016	\$43,484,776	Per Capita Expenditures FY 2016	\$705
General Fund Budget FY 2018	\$24,280,510	Per Capita General Fund Budget FY 201	\$394
Total Debt Outstanding FY 2017	\$36,894,534	Per Capita Debt Outstanding FY 2018	\$557
Payroll FY 2018	\$13,772,262	Credit Ratings FY 2018, if applicable:	
Full-Time Employees FY 2018	340	Moody's	Aa2
Part-Time Employees FY 2018	120	Standard and Poor's	
Full-Time Employees/1,000 Residents	5.5	Fitch	AA

County History

Kershaw County was named for Joseph Kershaw (1727-1791), an early settler. Originally part of Camden District, Kershaw County was formed in 1791 from parts of Clarendon, Lancaster, Fairfield, and Richland counties. The county seat is Camden, which is the oldest inland city in South Carolina. This site was settled around 1732 by English traders and farmers who moved inland from Charleston. During the Revolutionary War, the British occupied Camden from June 1780 to May 1781. Fourteen battles took place in the area, including the Battle of Camden (August 16, 1780) and the Battle of Hobkirk Hill (April 25, 1781). Kershaw County later produced six Confederate generals: Joseph Brevard Kershaw (1822-1894), James Chesnut (1815-1885), James Cantey (1818-1873), Zack Cantey Deas (1819-1882), John Bordenave Villepigue (1830-1862), and John Doby Kennedy (1840-1896). Union troops under General Sherman burned parts of Camden in February 1865. Statesman and financier Bernard M. Baruch (1870-1965) and labor leader Lane Kirkland were born in Kershaw County.

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.