

MARION COUNTY

Date Formed	1800	Form of Government	Council-Administrator
Land Area (Sq. Mi.)	489	Council Members	7
Council of Government	Pee Dee	Term Length	4 years
County Seat	Marion	Method of Election	Single Member
Other Municipalities	Mullins, Nichols, Sellers		



Population Trends

Population Estimate 2017	31,293	Numeric Change 2016 - 2017	-460
Population Estimate 2016	31,753	Percent Change 2016 - 2017	-1.4%
Census Population 2010	33,062	Numeric Change 2010 - 2017	-1,769
Census Population 2000	35,466	Avg. Annual Growth Rate 2010 - 2017	-0.8%
Census Population 1990	33,899	Numeric Change 1990 - 2010	-837
Persons Per Square Mile	67.61	Avg. Annual Growth Rate 1990 - 2010	-0.1%

Economic Data

Jobs 2016	7,033	Personal Income 2016, in thousands	\$930,159
Jobs 2015	7,126	Per Capital Personal Income 2016	\$29,319
Jobs 2010	7,697	Per Cap Personal Income 2016, % of U.S.	59.5%
Jobs 2000	12,996	Average Wage Per Job 2016	\$31,906
Jobs 2000 - 2010, Ann. Avg. Growth Rate	-4.1%	Average Wage Per Job 2016, % of U.S.	60.0%
Jobs 2015 - 2016, Percent Change	-1.3%	Unemployment Rate, Ann. Avg. 2017	4.6%

Tax Data

Assessed Property 2016	\$81,797,706	Additional Sales Tax, if applicable:	
Per Capita Assessed Propert Tax 2016	\$2,474	Local Option	1.0%
County Base Millage Rate 2017	.13000	Capital Projects	1.0%
Value of One Mil 2017	\$68,643	School District	
Net Taxable Sales FY 2016	\$164,841,267	Transportation	
State Admissions Tax Collected FY 2016	\$57,709	Education Capital Improvement	
State Accommod. Tax Collected FY 2016	\$21,671		

County Finance and Employment

Total Revenues FY 2016	\$23,474,289	Per Capita Revenues FY 2016	\$710
Total Expenditures FY 2016	\$26,913,453	Per Capita Expenditures FY 2016	\$814
General Fund Budget FY 2018	\$19,028,526	Per Capita General Fund Budget FY 201	\$576
Total Debt Outstanding FY 2017	\$4,797,753	Per Capita Debt Outstanding FY 2018	\$138
Payroll FY 2018		Credit Ratings FY 2018, if applicable:	
Full-Time Employees FY 2018	239	Moody's	
Part-Time Employees FY 2018	40	Standard and Poor's	
Full-Time Employees/1,000 Residents	7.2	Fitch	

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.

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.