

WILLIAMSBURG COUNTY

Date Formed	1804	Form of Government	Council-Supervisor
Land Area (Sq. Mi.)	934	Council Members	8
Council of Government	Waccamaw	Term Length	4 years
County Seat	Kingstree	Method of Election	Single Member
Other Municipalities	Andrews, Greeleyville, Hemingway, Lane, Stuckey		



Population Trends

Population Estimate 2017	31,133	Numeric Change 2016 - 2017	-714
Population Estimate 2016	31,847	Percent Change 2016 - 2017	-2.2%
Census Population 2010	34,423	Numeric Change 2010 - 2017	-3,290
Census Population 2000	37,217	Avg. Annual Growth Rate 2010 - 2017	-1.4%
Census Population 1990	36,815	Numeric Change 1990 - 2010	-2,392
Persons Per Square Mile	36.86	Avg. Annual Growth Rate 1990 - 2010	-0.3%

Economic Data

Jobs 2016	10,237	Personal Income 2016, in thousands	\$917,913
Jobs 2015	10,433	Per Capital Personal Income 2016	\$28,725
Jobs 2010	9,220	Per Cap Personal Income 2016, % of U.S.	58.3%
Jobs 2000	10,806	Average Wage Per Job 2016	\$35,505
Jobs 2000 - 2010, Ann. Avg. Growth Rate	-1.5%	Average Wage Per Job 2016, % of U.S.	66.0%
Jobs 2015 - 2016, Percent Change	-1.9%	Unemployment Rate, Ann. Avg. 2017	5.4%

Tax Data

Assessed Property 2016	\$94,154,305	Additional Sales Tax, if applicable:	
Per Capita Assessed Propert Tax 2016	\$2,735	Local Option	1.0%
County Base Millage Rate 2017	.16650	Capital Projects	1.0%
Value of One Mil 2017	\$94,154	School District	
Net Taxable Sales FY 2016	\$197,866,766	Transportation	
State Admissions Tax Collected FY 2016	\$16,142	Education Capital Improvement	
State Accommod. Tax Collected FY 2016	\$2,663		

County Finance and Employment

Total Revenues FY 2016	\$32,838,879	Per Capita Revenues FY 2016	\$954
Total Expenditures FY 2016	\$33,856,417	Per Capita Expenditures FY 2016	\$984
General Fund Budget FY 2018	\$20,534,327	Per Capita General Fund Budget FY 201	\$597
Total Debt Outstanding FY 2017	\$34,202,451	Per Capita Debt Outstanding FY 2018	\$973
Payroll FY 2018	\$9,621,124	Credit Ratings FY 2018, if applicable:	
Full-Time Employees FY 2018	287	Moody's	A3
Part-Time Employees FY 2018	113	Standard and Poor's	SP-1
Full-Time Employees/1,000 Residents	8.3	Fitch	

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.

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.