


BERKELEY COUNTY

Date Formed:	1682	
Land Area (square miles):	1,098	
Form of Government:	Council-Supervisor	
Council Members:	9	
Method of Election:	Single Member	
Term Length:	4 yrs.	
Council of Government:	Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester	
County Seat:	Moncks Corner	
Other Cities and Towns:	Bonneau, Charleston, Goose Creek, Hanahan, North Charleston, Jamestown, St. Stephen, Summerville	

Population Trends

2020 Census	229,861	2021 Pop. Estimate	236,701
2010 Census	177,843	2020 Pop. Estimate	231,568
2000 Census	142,651	Numeric Change 2020-2021	5,133
Numeric Change 2000-2020	52,018	Percent Change 2020-2021	2.22%
Persons Per Square Mile	209.3		

Economic Data

2021 Jobs	56,539	Avg. Wage Per Job, 2021	\$80,799
2020 Jobs	55,015	Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2021	117.4%
2010 Jobs	42,067	Per Capita Personal Income, 2020	\$44,134
Percent Change 2020-2021	2.7%	Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2020	74.2
Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020	2.4%	Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2020	91.9
Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2021	3.6		

Tax Data

Total Assessed Property, 2020	\$1,400,737,523	Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:	
Per Capita Assessed Property, 2020	\$6,094	Local Option	1.0%
County Millage Rate, 2021	0.0485	Capital Projects	*
Value of a County Mil, 2021	\$1,116,000	School District	*
State Accommodations Tax, FY 2021	\$906,936	Transportation	1.0%
State Admissions Tax, FY 2021	\$858,809	Edu. Capital Improvement	*

County Finance & Employment Data

Total Revenues FY 2020	\$186,889,837	Per Capita Revenues	\$813
Total Expenditures FY 2020	\$141,335,266	Per Capita Expenditures	\$615
General Fund Budget FY 2022	\$102,837,227	Per Capita General Fund Budget	\$447
Total Debt Outstanding FY 2021	\$81,634,644	Per Capita Total Debt FY 2021	\$329
Payroll FY 2022	\$43,223,127	County Credit Ratings:	
Full-Time Employment FY 2022	1201	Fitch FY 2021	*
Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents	5	Moody's FY 2021	Aa2
Part-Time Employment FY 2022	368	S&P FY 2021	AA+

County History

Berkeley County was named for two of the Lords Proprietors of Carolina, Lord John Berkeley (d. 1678) and Sir William Berkeley (d. 1677). The county was originally named in 1682, and at one time it included the parishes of St. John Berkeley, St. James Goose Creek, St. James Santee, St. Stephen, St. Thomas, and St. Denis. In 1769 this area became part of Charleston District, and it did not become a separate county again until 1882. The county seat was Mount Pleasant from 1882 until 1895, when it was moved to Moncks Corner. This area was settled in the late seventeenth century by English and French Huguenot planters and their African slaves. Many of the old rice plantations are now covered by the waters of Lake Moultrie, which was built in the 1940s as part of the Santee-Cooper hydroelectric project. Two famous Revolutionary War generals were residents of the area: William Moultrie (1730-1805) and Francis Marion (1732-1795), known as the Swamp Fox. Henry Laurens (1724-1792), president of the Continental Congress, resided at Mepkin Plantation, which many years later was purchased by publisher Henry Luce (1898-1967).