## **BERKELEY COUNTY**

1682 **Date Formed:** 1,098 Land Area (square miles):

Council-Supervisor Form of Government:

**Council Members:** 

**Persons Per Square Mile** 

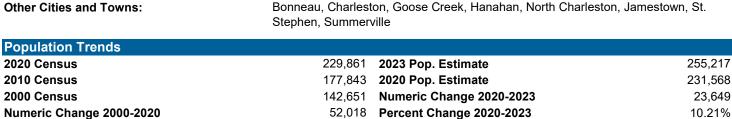
**Method of Election:** Single Member

4 yrs. Term Length:

**Council of Government:** Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester

Moncks Corner **County Seat:** 

209.3



Economic Data			
2023 Jobs	63,988	Avg. Wage Per Job, 2023	\$64,938
2020 Jobs	55,015	Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2023	89.7%
2010 Jobs	42,067	Per Capita Personal Income, 2022	\$50,686
Percent Change 2020-2023	14.0%	Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2022	77.4
Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020	2.4%	Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2022	94.5
Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2023	3.6		

Tax Data			
Total Assessed Property, 2022	\$1,736,602,652	Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:	
Per Capita Assessed Property, 2022	\$7,555	Local Option	1.0%
County Millage Rate, 2023	0.0485	Capital Projects	*
Value of a County Mil, 2023	\$1,400,000	School District	*
State Accommodations Tax, FY 2022	\$1,698,847	Transportation	1.0%
State AdmissionsTax, FY 2022	\$1,926,374	Edu. Capital Improvement	1.0%
		County Green Space	*

County Finance & Employment Data			
Total Revenues FY 2022	\$346,821,788	Per Capita Revenues	\$1,509
Total Expenditures FY 2022	\$159,517,132	Per Capita Expenditures	\$694
General Fund Budget FY 2024	\$124,906,001	Per Capita General Fund Budget	\$543
Total Debt Outstanding FY 2023	\$131,968,482	Per Capita Total Debt FY 2023	\$505
Payroll FY 2024	\$48,433,248	County Credit Ratings:	
Full-Time Employment FY 2024	1415	Fitch FY 2023	*
Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents	6	Moody's FY 2023	Aa1
Part-Time Employment FY 2024	132	S&P FY 2023	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).

