## **CHARLESTON COUNTY**

Date Formed: 1769 Land Area (square miles): 919

Form of Government: Council-Administrator

Council Members:

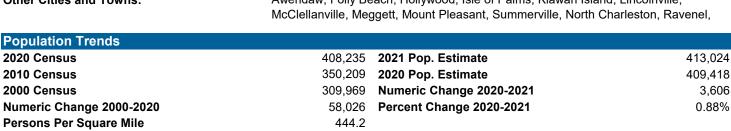
Method of Election: Single Member

Term Length: 4 yrs.

Council of Government: Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester

County Seat: Charleston

Other Cities and Towns: Awendaw, Folly Beach, Hollywood, Isle of Palms, Kiawah Island, Lincolnville,



Economic Data			
2021 Jobs	252,206	Avg. Wage Per Job, 2021	\$59,837
2020 Jobs	242,243	Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2021	87.0%
2010 Jobs	230,845	Per Capita Personal Income, 2020	\$66,656
Percent Change 2020-2021	4.0%	Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2020	112.0
Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020	0.5%	Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2020	138.8
Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2021	3.6		

Tax Dala			
Total Assessed Property, 2020	\$4,679,751,988	Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:	
Per Capita Assessed Property, 2020	\$11,463	Local Option	1.0%
County Millage Rate, 2021	0.0556	Capital Projects	*
Value of a County Mil, 2021	\$4,528,881	School District	*
State Accommodations Tax, FY 2021	\$18,553,787	Transportation	1.0%
State AdmissionsTax, FY 2021	\$6,158,062	Edu. Capital Improvement	1.0%

County Finance & Employment Data			
Total Revenues FY 2020	\$750,745,419	Per Capita Revenues	\$1,839
Total Expenditures FY 2020	\$626,494,481	Per Capita Expenditures	\$1,535
General Fund Budget FY 2022	\$245,200,588	Per Capita General Fund Budget	\$601
Total Debt Outstanding FY 2021	\$428,795,000	Per Capita Total Debt FY 2021	\$995
Payroll FY 2022	\$130,936,660	County Credit Ratings:	
Full-Time Employment FY 2022	2654	Fitch FY 2021	AAA
Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents	7	Moody's FY 2021	Aaa
Part-Time Employment FY 2022	205	S&P FY 2021	AAA

## **County History**

Charleston County and the city of Charleston are the most historic locations in the state. English settlers arrived in the colony of Carolina in 1670 and established a town at Albemarle Point on the west bank of the Ashley River. The settlement, named Charles Town in honor of King Charles II of England, was subsequently moved a few miles away to a peninsula between the Ashley and Cooper rivers. Charles Towne (renamed Charleston in 1783) was the political, social, and economic center of the state throughout the colonial and antebellum periods, and it served as the capital until 1790. Charleston District was formed in 1769, but portions were later split off to form Colleton (1800) and Berkeley (1882) counties. During the Revolutionary War the American forces defeated the attacking British fleet at Charleston in June 1776. At another Charleston fort, Fort Sumter, federal troops were fired on by Confederate forces in April 1861, signaling the start of the Civil War. Charleston County has had many famous residents, including three signers of the United States Constitution: Charles Pinckney (1757-1824), Charles Cotesworth Pinckney (1746-1825), and John Rutledge (1739-1800).

