CHARLESTON COUNTY

Date Formed:	1769
Land Area (square miles):	919
Form of Government:	Council-Administrator
Council Members:	9
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, McClellanville, Meggett, Mount Pleasant, Summerville, North Charleston, Ravenel,

Population Trends

2020 Census	408,235	**2021 Pop. Estimate**	413,024
2010 Census	350,209	**2020 Pop. Estimate**	409,418
2000 Census	309,969	**Numeric Change 2020-2021**	3,606
Numeric Change 2000-2020	58,026	**Percent Change 2020-2021**	0.88%
Persons Per Square Mile	444.2		

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 Data

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).