

CHESTER COUNTY

Date Formed:	1785
Land Area (square miles):	581
Form of Government:	Council-Administrator
Council Members:	7
Method of Election:	Single Member
Term Length:	4 yrs.
Council of Government:	Catawba
County Seat:	Chester
Other Cities and Towns:	Fort Lawn, Great Falls, Lowrys, Richburg



Population Trends

2020 Census	32,294	2021 Pop. Estimate	32,209
2010 Census	33,140	2020 Pop. Estimate	32,276
2000 Census	34,068	Numeric Change 2020-2021	-67
Numeric Change 2000-2020	-846	Percent Change 2020-2021	-0.21%
Persons Per Square Mile	55.6		

Economic Data

2021 Jobs	9,530	Avg. Wage Per Job, 2021	\$49,373
2020 Jobs	9,517	Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2021	71.8%
2010 Jobs	8,457	Per Capita Personal Income, 2020	\$38,931
Percent Change 2020-2021	0.1%	Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2020	65.4
Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020	1.1%	Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2020	81.1
Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2021	5.9		

Tax Data

Total Assessed Property, 2020	\$132,338,061	Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:	
Per Capita Assessed Property, 2020	\$4,098	Local Option	1.0%
County Millage Rate, 2021	0.1785	Capital Projects	1.0%
Value of a County Mil, 2021	\$112,708	School District	*
State Accommodations Tax, FY 2021	\$108,435	Transportation	*
State Admissions Tax, FY 2021	\$63,407	Edu. Capital Improvement	*

County Finance & Employment Data

Total Revenues FY 2020	\$40,357,320	Per Capita Revenues	\$1,250
Total Expenditures FY 2020	\$39,343,373	Per Capita Expenditures	\$1,218
General Fund Budget FY 2022	*	Per Capita General Fund Budget	*
Total Debt Outstanding FY 2021	\$5,486,100	Per Capita Total Debt FY 2021	\$172
Payroll FY 2022	*	County Credit Ratings:	
Full-Time Employment FY 2022	*	Fitch FY 2021	*
Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents	*	Moody's FY 2021	*
Part-Time Employment FY 2022	*	S&P FY 2021	A+

County History

Chester County and its county seat were named for Chester County, Pennsylvania. The county was formed in 1785 as part of the larger Camden District but was later transferred to Pinckney District (1791-1800); it became a separate district in 1800. Scotch-Irish settlers from Pennsylvania and Virginia moved into this upstate region beginning about 1755. During the Revolutionary War, American forces under General Thomas Sumter were defeated here at the battle of Fishing Creek in August 1780; the Americans were victorious at Fishdam Ford in November of the same year. The Landsford Canal was built in 1823 to allow boats and barges to bypass rapids on the Catawba River; this canal is now open as a state park. In later years, the availability of hydroelectric power encouraged the establishment of textile mills in the area. Governor, U.S. Senator, and Judge Donald S. Russell (1906-1997) lived in Chester as a boy.