

## CHESTER COUNTY

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



### Population Trends

<b>2020 Census</b>	32,294	<b>2023 Pop. Estimate</b>	32,226
<b>2010 Census</b>	33,140	<b>2020 Pop. Estimate</b>	32,276
<b>2000 Census</b>	34,068	<b>Numeric Change 2020-2023</b>	-50
<b>Numeric Change 2000-2020</b>	-846	<b>Percent Change 2020-2023</b>	-0.15%
<b>Persons Per Square Mile</b>	55.6		

### Economic Data

<b>2023 Jobs</b>	10,155	<b>Avg. Wage Per Job, 2023</b>	\$55,754
<b>2020 Jobs</b>	9,517	<b>Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2023</b>	77.1%
<b>2010 Jobs</b>	8,457	<b>Per Capita Personal Income, 2022</b>	\$41,411
<b>Percent Change 2020-2023</b>	6.3%	<b>Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2022</b>	63.3
<b>Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020</b>	1.1%	<b>Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2022</b>	77.2
<b>Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2023</b>	5.9		

### Tax Data

<b>Total Assessed Property, 2022</b>	\$154,241,547	<b>Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:</b>	
<b>Per Capita Assessed Property, 2022</b>	\$4,776	<b>Local Option</b>	1.0%
<b>County Millage Rate, 2023</b>	0.1838	<b>Capital Projects</b>	1.0%
<b>Value of a County Mil, 2023</b>	\$116,536	<b>School District</b>	*
<b>State Accommodations Tax, FY 2022</b>	\$152,099	<b>Transportation</b>	*
<b>State Admissions Tax, FY 2022</b>	\$55,187	<b>Edu. Capital Improvement</b>	*
		<b>County Green Space</b>	*

### County Finance & Employment Data

<b>Total Revenues FY 2022</b>	\$70,760,778	<b>Per Capita Revenues</b>	\$2,191
<b>Total Expenditures FY 2022</b>	\$41,454,729	<b>Per Capita Expenditures</b>	\$1,284
<b>General Fund Budget FY 2024</b>	*	<b>Per Capita General Fund Budget</b>	*
<b>Total Debt Outstanding FY 2023</b>	\$22,576,600	<b>Per Capita Total Debt FY 2023</b>	\$710
<b>Payroll FY 2024</b>	*	<b>County Credit Ratings:</b>	
<b>Full-Time Employment FY 2024</b>	*	<b>Fitch FY 2023</b>	*
<b>Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents</b>	*	<b>Moody's FY 2023</b>	*
<b>Part-Time Employment FY 2024</b>	*	<b>S&amp;P FY 2023</b>	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.