


CHESTERFIELD COUNTY

Date Formed:	1785	
Land Area (square miles):	799	
Form of Government:	Council-Administrator	
Council Members:	9	
Method of Election:	Single Member	
Term Length:	4 yrs.	
Council of Government:	Pee Dee	
County Seat:	Chesterfield	
Other Cities and Towns:	Cheraw, Jefferson, McBee, Mount Croghan, Pageland, Patrick, Ruby	

Population Trends

2020 Census	43,273	2021 Pop. Estimate	43,268
2010 Census	46,734	2020 Pop. Estimate	43,258
2000 Census	42,768	Numeric Change 2020-2021	10
Numeric Change 2000-2020	-3,461	Percent Change 2020-2021	0.02%
Persons Per Square Mile	54.2		

Economic Data

2021 Jobs	14,469	Avg. Wage Per Job, 2021	\$36,548
2020 Jobs	14,239	Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2021	53.1%
2010 Jobs	13,711	Per Capita Personal Income, 2020	\$34,477
Percent Change 2020-2021	1.6%	Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2020	57.9
Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020	0.4%	Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2020	71.8
Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2021	4.5		

Tax Data

Total Assessed Property, 2020	\$134,303,169	Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:	
Per Capita Assessed Property, 2020	\$3,104	Local Option	1.0%
County Millage Rate, 2021	0.1290	Capital Projects	*
Value of a County Mil, 2021	\$134,952	School District	1.0%
State Accommodations Tax, FY 2021	\$77,787	Transportation	*
State Admissions Tax, FY 2021	\$44,384	Edu. Capital Improvement	*

County Finance & Employment Data

Total Revenues FY 2020	\$30,724,775	Per Capita Revenues	\$710
Total Expenditures FY 2020	\$23,413,519	Per Capita Expenditures	\$541
General Fund Budget FY 2022	\$19,582,999	Per Capita General Fund Budget	\$453
Total Debt Outstanding FY 2021	\$9,585,340	Per Capita Total Debt FY 2021	\$212
Payroll FY 2022	\$9,010,563	County Credit Ratings:	
Full-Time Employment FY 2022	223	Fitch FY 2021	*
Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents	5	Moody's FY 2021	*
Part-Time Employment FY 2022	26	S&P FY 2021	*

County History

Chesterfield County was named for the English statesman Lord Chesterfield (1694-1773). The county seat is the town of Chesterfield, but the oldest town in the county is Cheraw, which was settled around 1748. The county was formed in 1785, but until 1800 it was part of the larger Cheraws District. Welsh settlers from Pennsylvania and Delaware moved into this region in the mid-eighteenth century, and they were later joined by Scotch-Irish and English. Cheraw was a center for transportation along the Great Pee Dee River, but most of the county is agricultural. General Sherman's troops passed through this area during the Civil War, briefly occupying the towns of Cheraw and Chesterfield. Cheraw State Park, founded in 1934, is the oldest of the state parks. Jazz musician Dizzy Gillespie (1917-1993) was a native of Chesterfield County.