


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	2023 Pop. Estimate	44,031
2010 Census	46,734	2020 Pop. Estimate	43,258
2000 Census	42,768	Numeric Change 2020-2023	773
Numeric Change 2000-2020	-3,461	Percent Change 2020-2023	1.79%
Persons Per Square Mile	54.2		

Economic Data

2023 Jobs	14,552	Avg. Wage Per Job, 2023	\$47,033
2020 Jobs	14,239	Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2023	65.0%
2010 Jobs	13,711	Per Capita Personal Income, 2022	\$39,008
Percent Change 2020-2023	2.2%	Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2022	59.6
Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020	0.4%	Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2022	72.8
Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2023	4.5		

Tax Data

Total Assessed Property, 2022	\$141,055,736	Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:	
Per Capita Assessed Property, 2022	\$3,260	Local Option	1.0%
County Millage Rate, 2023	0.1343	Capital Projects	*
Value of a County Mil, 2023	\$146,972	School District	1.0%
State Accommodations Tax, FY 2022	\$94,884	Transportation	*
State Admissions Tax, FY 2022	\$39,484	Edu. Capital Improvement	*
		County Green Space	*

County Finance & Employment Data

Total Revenues FY 2022	\$42,644,748	Per Capita Revenues	\$985
Total Expenditures FY 2022	\$26,238,732	Per Capita Expenditures	\$606
General Fund Budget FY 2024	\$22,353,007	Per Capita General Fund Budget	\$517
Total Debt Outstanding FY 2023	\$7,387,000	Per Capita Total Debt FY 2023	\$164
Payroll FY 2024	\$10,434,569	County Credit Ratings:	
Full-Time Employment FY 2024	261	Fitch FY 2023	*
Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents	6	Moody's FY 2023	*
Part-Time Employment FY 2024	26	S&P FY 2023	*

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.