CLARENDON COUNTY

Date Formed: 1785 Land Area (square miles): 607

Form of Government: Council-Administrator

Council Members:

Method of Election: Single Member/ Chair at-Large

Term Length: 4 yrs.

Council of Government: Santee Lynches

County Seat: Manning

Other Cities and Towns: Paxville, Summerton, Turbeville



Population Trends			
2020 Census	31,144	2021 Pop. Estimate	31,024
2010 Census	34,971	2020 Pop. Estimate	31,093
2000 Census	32,502	Numeric Change 2020-2021	-69
Numeric Change 2000-2020	-3,827	Percent Change 2020-2021	-0.22%
Persons Per Square Mile	51.3		
Economic Data			
2021 Jobs	6,746	Avg. Wage Per Job, 2021	\$43,101
2020 Jobs	6,642	Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2021	62.6%
2010 Jobs	7,788	Per Capita Personal Income, 2020	\$38,001
Percent Change 2020-2021	1.5%	Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2020	63.9
Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020	-1.7%	Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2020	79.1
Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2021	4.9		
Tax Data			
Total Assessed Property, 2020	\$114,117,711	Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:	
Per Capita Assessed Property, 2020	\$3,664	Local Option	1.0%
County Millage Rate, 2021	0.1813	Capital Projects	*
Value of a County Mil, 2021	\$107,742	School District	1.0%
State Accommodations Tax, FY 2021	\$170,812	Transportation	*
State AdmissionsTax, FY 2021	\$41,085	Edu. Capital Improvement	*
County Finance & Employment Data			
Total Revenues FY 2020	\$33,251,963	Per Capita Revenues	\$1,068
Total Expenditures FY 2020	\$31,675,814	Per Capita Expenditures	\$1,017
General Fund Budget FY 2022	\$23,312,710	Per Capita General Fund Budget	\$749
Total Debt Outstanding FY 2021	\$29,703,894	Per Capita Total Debt FY 2021	\$891
Payroll FY 2022	\$9,145,110	County Credit Ratings:	
Full-Time Employment FY 2022	341	Fitch FY 2021	*
Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents	11	Moody's FY 2021	*
Part-Time Employment FY 2022	61	S&P FY 2021	A+

County History

Clarendon County was named for Edward Hyde, Earl of Clarendon (1608/9-1674), one of the Lords Proprietors of Carolina. The county was first established in 1785; in 1800 it became part of Sumter District, but then was split from Sumter in 1857. Several Revolutionary War skirmishes took place in this area; at Fort Watson in 1781 British soldiers were driven from a large Indian mound that had been fortified. During the Civil War, Union troops under General Edward Potter moved through the area, burning several plantations. In the 1950s, Clarendon County schools were sued over the issue of racial segregation. The case, Briggs v. Elliott, was one of several cases that eventually led the U.S. Supreme Court to abolish segregation in 1954. Clarendon County can claim five South Carolina Governors, all related: James Burchell Richardson (1770-1836), Richard Irvine Manning (1789-1836), John Peter Richardson (1801-1864), John Laurence Manning (1816-1889), and John Peter Richardson (1831-1899). Children's author Peggy Parish (1927-1988) and tennis player Althea Gibson are also Clarendon natives.