

GEORGETOWN COUNTY

Date Formed:	1769
Land Area (square miles):	815
Form of Government:	Council-Administrator
Council Members:	7
Method of Election:	Single Member
Term Length:	4 yrs.
Council of Government:	Waccamaw
County Seat:	Georgetown
Other Cities and Towns:	Andrews, Pawleys Island



Population Trends

2020 Census	63,404	2021 Pop. Estimate	63,921
2010 Census	60,158	2020 Pop. Estimate	63,440
2000 Census	55,797	Numeric Change 2020-2021	481
Numeric Change 2000-2020	3,246	Percent Change 2020-2021	0.76%
Persons Per Square Mile	77.8		

Economic Data

2021 Jobs	24,244	Avg. Wage Per Job, 2021	\$64,229
2020 Jobs	23,446	Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2021	93.4%
2010 Jobs	23,994	Per Capita Personal Income, 2020	\$51,775
Percent Change 2020-2021	3.3%	Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2020	87.0
Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020	-0.2%	Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2020	107.8
Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2021	4.8		

Tax Data

Total Assessed Property, 2020	\$607,968,464	Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:	
Per Capita Assessed Property, 2020	\$9,589	Local Option	*
County Millage Rate, 2021	0.0647	Capital Projects	Ended 05-19
Value of a County Mil, 2021	\$599,067	School District	*
State Accommodations Tax, FY 2021	\$2,567,128	Transportation	*
State Admissions Tax, FY 2021	\$797,149	Edu. Capital Improvement	*

County Finance & Employment Data

Total Revenues FY 2020	\$65,556,981	Per Capita Revenues	\$1,034
Total Expenditures FY 2020	\$89,382,731	Per Capita Expenditures	\$1,410
General Fund Budget FY 2022	\$33,178,000	Per Capita General Fund Budget	\$523
Total Debt Outstanding FY 2021	\$29,165,000	Per Capita Total Debt FY 2021	\$455
Payroll FY 2022	\$28,965,766	County Credit Ratings:	
Full-Time Employment FY 2022	612	Fitch FY 2021	*
Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents	10	Moody's FY 2021	Aa2
Part-Time Employment FY 2022	53	S&P FY 2021	AA-

County History

Georgetown County and its county seat were named for King George II of England. Spanish explorers are believed to have visited this coastal area in 1526, but no permanent settlement was established. English planters and their African slaves moved into the region in the early eighteenth century, building large rice and indigo plantations. The town of Georgetown, which was established around 1730, was a busy port serving the surrounding plantations. Georgetown District was first named in 1769 and in 1785 the district was divided into four counties: Liberty (which became Marion District in 1800), Kingston (which became Horry District in 1801), Williamsburg (which became a separate district in 1804), and Winyah (which was renamed Georgetown in 1800). Many famous South Carolinians were residents of Georgetown County, including Thomas Lynch, Jr. (1749-1779), a signer of the Declaration of Independence; Joel Roberts Poinsett (1779-1851), U.S. Congressman, Secretary of War, and Ambassador to Mexico, who introduced the poinsettia to the U.S.; and Joseph Hayne Rainey (1832-1887), the first African-American elected to the U.S. House of Representatives.