


HAMPTON COUNTY

Date Formed:	1878	
Land Area (square miles):	560	
Form of Government:	Council-Administrator	
Council Members:	5	
Method of Election:	At-Large	
Term Length:	4 yrs.	
Council of Government:	Lowcountry	
County Seat:	Hampton	
Other Cities and Towns:	Brunson, Estill, Furman, Gifford, Luray, Scotia, Varnville, Yemassee	

Population Trends

2020 Census	18,561	2021 Pop. Estimate	18,180
2010 Census	21,090	2020 Pop. Estimate	18,512
2000 Census	21,386	Numeric Change 2020-2021	-332
Numeric Change 2000-2020	-2,529	Percent Change 2020-2021	-1.79%
Persons Per Square Mile	33.1		

Economic Data

2021 Jobs	4,499	Avg. Wage Per Job, 2021	\$38,038
2020 Jobs	4,464	Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2021	55.3%
2010 Jobs	5,320	Per Capita Personal Income, 2020	\$39,185
Percent Change 2020-2021	0.8%	Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2020	65.8
Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020	-1.9%	Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2020	81.6
Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2021	3.6		

Tax Data

Total Assessed Property, 2020	\$56,238,873	Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:	
Per Capita Assessed Property, 2020	\$3,030	Local Option	1.0%
County Millage Rate, 2021	0.2183	Capital Projects	0.0%
Value of a County Mil, 2021	\$41,869	School District	*
State Accommodations Tax, FY 2021	\$21,539	Transportation	*
State Admissions Tax, FY 2021	\$141	Edu. Capital Improvement	*

County Finance & Employment Data

Total Revenues FY 2020	\$18,740,190	Per Capita Revenues	\$1,010
Total Expenditures FY 2020	\$50,220,234	Per Capita Expenditures	\$2,706
General Fund Budget FY 2022	*	Per Capita General Fund Budget	*
Total Debt Outstanding FY 2021	\$2,984,346	Per Capita Total Debt FY 2021	\$160
Payroll FY 2022	*	County Credit Ratings:	
Full-Time Employment FY 2022	*	Fitch FY 2021	*
Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents	*	Moody's FY 2021	*
Part-Time Employment FY 2022	*	S&P FY 2021	*

County History

Hampton County and its county seat were named for Confederate General and South Carolina Governor Wade Hampton (1818-1902). The county was formed from Beaufort County in 1878, shortly after Wade Hampton took office as governor. Parts of Hampton County later went to form Jasper (1912) and Allendale (1919) counties. During the Civil War, while the coastal areas of Beaufort County were occupied by federal troops, many planters fled to the area that became Hampton County. General Sherman's troops passed through the county in 1865, fighting several skirmishes with Confederate troops. This section of the state has remained primarily agricultural. Athlete Lucile Ellerbe Godbold (1900-1981), who won two gold medals in track and field at the 1922 Olympics, grew up in Hampton County, and writer Vertamae Grosvenor was also born there.