


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	2023 Pop. Estimate	18,122
2010 Census	21,090	2020 Pop. Estimate	18,512
2000 Census	21,386	Numeric Change 2020-2023	-390
Numeric Change 2000-2020	-2,529	Percent Change 2020-2023	-2.11%
Persons Per Square Mile	33.1		

Economic Data

2023 Jobs	4,688	Avg. Wage Per Job, 2023	\$48,080
2020 Jobs	4,464	Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2023	66.4%
2010 Jobs	5,320	Per Capita Personal Income, 2022	\$40,380
Percent Change 2020-2023	4.8%	Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2022	61.7
Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020	-1.9%	Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2022	75.3
Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2023	3.6		

Tax Data

Total Assessed Property, 2022	\$56,936,994	Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:	
Per Capita Assessed Property, 2022	\$3,068	Local Option	1.0%
County Millage Rate, 2023	0.2277	Capital Projects	0.0%
Value of a County Mil, 2023	\$57,388	School District	*
State Accommodations Tax, FY 2022	\$25,888	Transportation	*
State Admissions Tax, FY 2022	\$19	Edu. Capital Improvement	*
		County Green Space	*

County Finance & Employment Data

Total Revenues FY 2022	\$23,172,030	Per Capita Revenues	\$1,248
Total Expenditures FY 2022	\$26,099,003	Per Capita Expenditures	\$1,406
General Fund Budget FY 2024	*	Per Capita General Fund Budget	*
Total Debt Outstanding FY 2023	\$3,466,620	Per Capita Total Debt FY 2023	\$190
Payroll FY 2024	*	County Credit Ratings:	
Full-Time Employment FY 2024	*	Fitch FY 2023	*
Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents	*	Moody's FY 2023	*
Part-Time Employment FY 2024	*	S&P FY 2023	*

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.