HORRY COUNTY

Date Formed: 1801 Land Area (square miles): 1,134

Form of Government: Council-Administrator

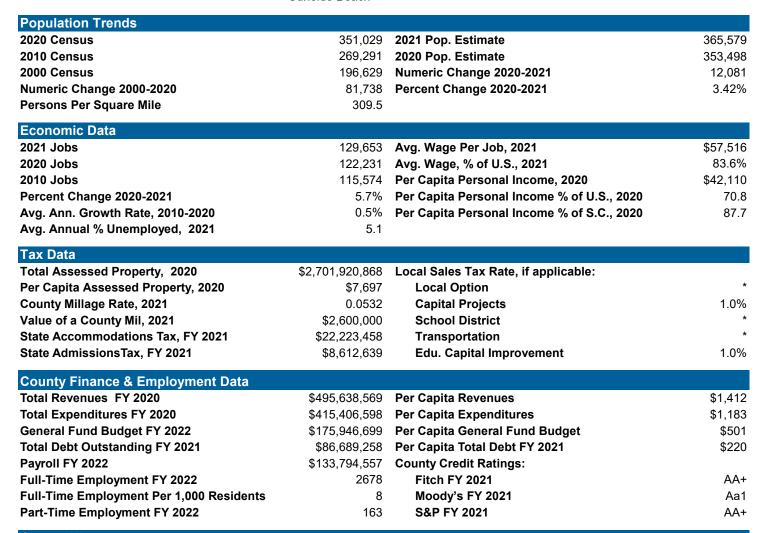
Council Members: 12

Method of Election: Single Member/ Chair at-Large

Term Length:4 yrs.Council of Government:WaccamawCounty Seat:Conway

Other Cities and Towns: Atlantic Beach, Aynor, Briarcliffe Acres, Loris, North Myrtle Beach, Myrtle Beach,

Surfside Beach



County History

Horry County was named for Revolutionary War hero Peter Horry (1743-1815). The county was originally a part of Georgetown District, and at one time it was called Kingston. It became a separate county in 1801, with the county seat at Conway. This area of the state was isolated for many years by numerous rivers and swamps, and the inhabitants sometimes referred to themselves as the "Independent Republic of Horry." Lumber and naval stores were the primary industries during the eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries, with tobacco farming being introduced later. In the twentieth century, tourism has come to dominate the coastal section of the county centered around Myrtle Beach. Television personality Vanna White is a native of Horry County.

