


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:	Waccamaw	
County Seat:	Conway	
Other Cities and Towns:	Atlantic Beach, Aynor, Briarcliffe Acres, Loris, North Myrtle Beach, Myrtle Beach, Surfside Beach	

Population Trends

2020 Census	351,029	2021 Pop. Estimate	365,579
2010 Census	269,291	2020 Pop. Estimate	353,498
2000 Census	196,629	Numeric Change 2020-2021	12,081
Numeric Change 2000-2020	81,738	Percent Change 2020-2021	3.42%
Persons Per Square Mile	309.5		

Economic Data

2021 Jobs	129,653	Avg. Wage Per Job, 2021	\$57,516
2020 Jobs	122,231	Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2021	83.6%
2010 Jobs	115,574	Per Capita Personal Income, 2020	\$42,110
Percent Change 2020-2021	5.7%	Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2020	70.8
Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020	0.5%	Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2020	87.7
Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2021	5.1		

Tax Data

Total Assessed Property, 2020	\$2,701,920,868	Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:	
Per Capita Assessed Property, 2020	\$7,697	Local Option	*
County Millage Rate, 2021	0.0532	Capital Projects	1.0%
Value of a County Mil, 2021	\$2,600,000	School District	*
State Accommodations Tax, FY 2021	\$22,223,458	Transportation	*
State Admissions Tax, FY 2021	\$8,612,639	Edu. Capital Improvement	1.0%

County Finance & Employment Data

Total Revenues FY 2020	\$495,638,569	Per Capita Revenues	\$1,412
Total Expenditures FY 2020	\$415,406,598	Per Capita Expenditures	\$1,183
General Fund Budget FY 2022	\$175,946,699	Per Capita General Fund Budget	\$501
Total Debt Outstanding FY 2021	\$86,689,258	Per Capita Total Debt FY 2021	\$220
Payroll FY 2022	\$133,794,557	County Credit Ratings:	
Full-Time Employment FY 2022	2678	Fitch FY 2021	AA+
Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents	8	Moody's FY 2021	Aa1
Part-Time Employment FY 2022	163	S&P FY 2021	AA+

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.