

JASPER COUNTY

Date Formed:	1912
Land Area (square miles):	656
Form of Government:	Council-Administrator
Council Members:	5
Method of Election:	At Large
Term Length:	4 yrs.
Council of Government:	Lowcountry
County Seat:	Ridgeland
Other Cities and Towns:	Hardeeville



Population Trends

2020 Census	28,791	2021 Pop. Estimate	30,324
2010 Census	24,777	2020 Pop. Estimate	29,073
2000 Census	20,678	Numeric Change 2020-2021	1,251
Numeric Change 2000-2020	4,014	Percent Change 2020-2021	4.30%
Persons Per Square Mile	43.9		

Economic Data

2021 Jobs	9,863	Avg. Wage Per Job, 2021	\$44,232
2020 Jobs	9,643	Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2021	64.3%
2010 Jobs	8,044	Per Capita Personal Income, 2020	\$34,446
Percent Change 2020-2021	2.2%	Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2020	57.9
Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020	1.7%	Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2020	71.7
Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2021	3.4		

Tax Data

Total Assessed Property, 2020	\$173,226,064	Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:	
Per Capita Assessed Property, 2020	\$6,017	Local Option	1.0%
County Millage Rate, 2021	0.1540	Capital Projects	Ended 11-02
Value of a County Mil, 2021	\$168,721	School District	1.0%
State Accommodations Tax, FY 2021	\$372,192	Transportation	1.0%
State Admissions Tax, FY 2021	\$55,031	Edu. Capital Improvement	*

County Finance & Employment Data

Total Revenues FY 2020	\$48,030,372	Per Capita Revenues	\$1,668
Total Expenditures FY 2020	\$42,749,387	Per Capita Expenditures	\$1,485
General Fund Budget FY 2022	*	Per Capita General Fund Budget	*
Total Debt Outstanding FY 2021	\$21,394,710	Per Capita Total Debt FY 2021	\$652
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	AA-

County History

Jasper County was named for Revolutionary War hero Sergeant William Jasper (ca.1750-1779). The county was formed in 1912 from parts of Beaufort and Hampton counties. This area of the state was the home of the Yemassee and Coosaw Indians until colonial times. In 1732 Swiss-German immigrants led by Jean Pierre Purry established a settlement called Purrysburgh on the Savannah River, but the town did not survive. Other settlers built extensive rice plantations, some of which now form the Savannah River National Wildlife Refuge. Two other towns in the county, Coosawhatchie and Pocotaligo, served at different times as the seat of government for Beaufort District. During the Civil War the Confederate Army defeated federal troops at the Battle of Honey Hill in November 1864. Jasper County was home to Thomas Heyward, Jr. (1746-1809), a signer of the Declaration of Independence, and Henry Martyn Robert (1837-1923), author of Robert's Rules of Order.