

KERSHAW COUNTY

Date Formed:	1791
Land Area (square miles):	726
Form of Government:	Council-Administrator
Council Members:	7
Method of Election:	Single Member/ Chair at-Large
Term Length:	4 yrs.
Council of Government:	Santee Lynches
County Seat:	Camden
Other Cities and Towns:	Bethune, Elgin



Population Trends

2020 Census	65,403	2021 Pop. Estimate	66,130
2010 Census	61,697	2020 Pop. Estimate	65,536
2000 Census	52,647	Numeric Change 2020-2021	594
Numeric Change 2000-2020	3,706	Percent Change 2020-2021	0.91%
Persons Per Square Mile	90.1		

Economic Data

2021 Jobs	17,433	Avg. Wage Per Job, 2021	\$44,461
2020 Jobs	16,806	Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2021	64.6%
2010 Jobs	17,436	Per Capita Personal Income, 2020	\$45,782
Percent Change 2020-2021	3.6%	Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2020	76.9
Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020	-0.4%	Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2020	95.3
Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2021	3.7		

Tax Data

Total Assessed Property, 2020	\$270,058,707	Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:	
Per Capita Assessed Property, 2020	\$4,129	Local Option	1.0%
County Millage Rate, 2021	0.0810	Capital Projects	*
Value of a County Mil, 2021	\$255,000	School District	*
State Accommodations Tax, FY 2021	\$184,379	Transportation	*
State Admissions Tax, FY 2021	\$28,870	Edu. Capital Improvement	1.0%

County Finance & Employment Data

Total Revenues FY 2020	\$53,951,059	Per Capita Revenues	\$825
Total Expenditures FY 2020	\$47,101,081	Per Capita Expenditures	\$720
General Fund Budget FY 2022	\$28,749,942	Per Capita General Fund Budget	\$440
Total Debt Outstanding FY 2021	\$24,568,594	Per Capita Total Debt FY 2021	\$357
Payroll FY 2022	\$18,936,038	County Credit Ratings:	
Full-Time Employment FY 2022	376	Fitch FY 2021	AA+
Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents	6	Moody's FY 2021	Aa2
Part-Time Employment FY 2022	121	S&P FY 2021	*

County History

Kershaw County was named for Joseph Kershaw (1727-1791), an early settler. Originally part of Camden District, Kershaw County was formed in 1791 from parts of Claremont, Lancaster, Fairfield, and Richland counties. The county seat is Camden, which is the oldest inland city in South Carolina. This site was settled around 1732 by English traders and farmers who moved inland from Charleston. During the Revolutionary War, the British occupied Camden from June 1780 to May 1781. Fourteen battles took place in the area, including the Battle of Camden (August 16, 1780) and the Battle of Hobkirk Hill (April 25, 1781). Kershaw County later produced six Confederate generals: Joseph Brevard Kershaw (1822-1894), James Chesnut (1815-1885), James Cantey (1818-1873), Zack Cantey Deas (1819-1882), John Bordenave Villepigue (1830-1862), and John Doby Kennedy (1840-1896). Union troops under General Sherman burned parts of Camden in February 1865. Statesman and financier Bernard M. Baruch (1870-1965) and labor leader Lane Kirkland were born in Kershaw County.