KERSHAW COUNTY

Date Formed: 1791 Land Area (square miles): 726

Form of Government: Council-Administrator

Council Members:

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



2020 Census		Population Trends			
2000 Census 52,647 Numeric Change 2020-2021 Numeric Change 2000-2020 3,706 Persons Per Square Mile 90.1		•	65,403	2021 Pop. Estimate	66,130
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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.