

MARLBORO COUNTY

Date Formed:	1785
Land Area (square miles):	480
Form of Government:	Council-Administrator
Council Members:	8
Method of Election:	Single Member
Term Length:	4 yrs.
Council of Government:	Pee Dee
County Seat:	Bennettsville
Other Cities and Towns:	Blenheim, Clio, McColl, Tatum



Population Trends

2020 Census	26,667	2021 Pop. Estimate	26,382
2010 Census	28,933	2020 Pop. Estimate	26,537
2000 Census	28,818	Numeric Change 2020-2021	-155
Numeric Change 2000-2020	-2,266	Percent Change 2020-2021	-0.58%
Persons Per Square Mile	55.6		

Economic Data

2021 Jobs	6,403	Avg. Wage Per Job, 2021	\$43,409
2020 Jobs	6,457	Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2021	63.1%
2010 Jobs	7,445	Per Capita Personal Income, 2020	\$35,748
Percent Change 2020-2021	-0.8%	Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2020	60.1
Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020	-1.5%	Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2020	74.4
Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2021	7.8		

Tax Data

Total Assessed Property, 2020	\$78,497,362	Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:	
Per Capita Assessed Property, 2020	\$2,944	Local Option	1.0%
County Millage Rate, 2021	0.1203	Capital Projects	*
Value of a County Mil, 2021	\$60,000	School District	1.0%
State Accommodations Tax, FY 2021	\$25,486	Transportation	*
State Admissions Tax, FY 2021	\$6,792	Edu. Capital Improvement	*

County Finance & Employment Data

Total Revenues FY 2020	\$18,251,373	Per Capita Revenues	\$684
Total Expenditures FY 2020	\$18,367,491	Per Capita Expenditures	\$689
General Fund Budget FY 2022	\$12,658,582	Per Capita General Fund Budget	\$475
Total Debt Outstanding FY 2021	\$2,326,711	Per Capita Total Debt FY 2021	\$93
Payroll FY 2022	\$6,325,928	County Credit Ratings:	
Full-Time Employment FY 2022	183	Fitch FY 2021	*
Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents	7	Moody's FY 2021	*
Part-Time Employment FY 2022	42	S&P FY 2021	*

County History

Marlboro County was named for John Churchill, first Duke of Marlborough (1650-1722). The county name was originally spelled Marlborough, but it was later shortened. The county was created in 1785 as a part of Cheraws District. Welsh Baptists from Delaware settled in an area of the county known as Welsh Neck around 1737, and they were later joined by English and Scotch-Irish settlers. Cotton growing made this a wealthy part of the state prior to the Civil War. The town of Blenheim was also known for its mineral springs. General Sherman's troops passed through the county in 1865, briefly occupying the town of Bennettsville. Some famous Marlboro County natives are U.S. Congressman and diplomat Robert Blair Campbell (1791-1862), U.S. and Confederate Congressman John McQueen (1804-1867), and children's advocate Marian Wright Edelman.