


## RICHLAND COUNTY

<b>Date Formed:</b>	1785	
<b>Land Area (square miles):</b>	756	
<b>Form of Government:</b>	Council-Administrator	
<b>Council Members:</b>	11	
<b>Method of Election:</b>	Single Member	
<b>Term Length:</b>	4 yrs.	
<b>Council of Government:</b>	Central Midlands	
<b>County Seat:</b>	Columbia	
<b>Other Cities and Towns:</b>	Arcadia Lakes, Blythewood, Eastover, Forest Acres, Irmo	

### Population Trends

<b>2020 Census</b>	416,147	<b>2021 Pop. Estimate</b>	418,307
<b>2010 Census</b>	384,504	<b>2020 Pop. Estimate</b>	416,527
<b>2000 Census</b>	320,677	<b>Numeric Change 2020-2021</b>	1,780
<b>Numeric Change 2000-2020</b>	31,643	<b>Percent Change 2020-2021</b>	0.43%
<b>Persons Per Square Mile</b>	550.5		

### Economic Data

<b>2021 Jobs</b>	216,627	<b>Avg. Wage Per Job, 2021</b>	\$55,736
<b>2020 Jobs</b>	212,162	<b>Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2021</b>	81.0%
<b>2010 Jobs</b>	224,103	<b>Per Capita Personal Income, 2020</b>	\$49,678
<b>Percent Change 2020-2021</b>	2.1%	<b>Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2020</b>	83.5
<b>Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020</b>	-0.6%	<b>Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2020</b>	103.5
<b>Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2021</b>	4.1		

### Tax Data

<b>Total Assessed Property, 2020</b>	\$1,836,869,684	<b>Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:</b>	
<b>Per Capita Assessed Property, 2020</b>	\$4,414	<b>Local Option</b>	1.0%
<b>County Millage Rate, 2021</b>	0.1262	<b>Capital Projects</b>	*
<b>Value of a County Mil, 2021</b>	\$1,725,000	<b>School District</b>	*
<b>State Accommodations Tax, FY 2021</b>	\$2,480,677	<b>Transportation</b>	1.0%
<b>State Admissions Tax, FY 2021</b>	\$1,901,281	<b>Edu. Capital Improvement</b>	*

### County Finance & Employment Data

<b>Total Revenues FY 2020</b>	\$516,772,180	<b>Per Capita Revenues</b>	\$1,242
<b>Total Expenditures FY 2020</b>	\$516,626,480	<b>Per Capita Expenditures</b>	\$1,241
<b>General Fund Budget FY 2022</b>	\$176,400,000	<b>Per Capita General Fund Budget</b>	\$424
<b>Total Debt Outstanding FY 2021</b>	\$283,760,000	<b>Per Capita Total Debt FY 2021</b>	\$668
<b>Payroll FY 2022</b>	\$88,770,781	<b>County Credit Ratings:</b>	
<b>Full-Time Employment FY 2022</b>	2237	<b>Fitch FY 2021</b>	*
<b>Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents</b>	5	<b>Moody's FY 2021</b>	Aaa
<b>Part-Time Employment FY 2022</b>	270	<b>S&amp;P FY 2021</b>	AAA

### County History

Richland County was probably named for its "rich land." The county was formed in 1785 as part of the large Camden District. A small part of Richland later went to Kershaw County (1791). In 1786 the state legislature decided to move the capital from Charleston to a more central location. A site was chosen in Richland County, which is in the geographic center of the state, and a new town was laid out. Columbia subsequently became not only the center of government but an important trade and manufacturing center. Cotton from the surrounding plantations was shipped through Columbia and later manufactured into textiles there. Columbia is also known for its educational institutions, particularly the University of South Carolina, which was founded in 1802. General William T. Sherman captured Columbia during the Civil War, and his troops burned the town on February 17, 1865. The U.S. Army returned on more friendly terms in 1917, when Fort Jackson was established. Confederate General, South Carolina Governor, and U.S. Senator Wade Hampton (1818-1902) was a resident of Richland County, and President Woodrow Wilson (1856-1924) lived in Columbia as a boy.