

WILLIAMSBURG COUNTY

Date Formed:	1804
Land Area (square miles):	934
Form of Government:	Council-Supervisor
Council Members:	8
Method of Election:	Single Member
Term Length:	4 yrs.
Council of Government:	Waccamaw
County Seat:	Kingstree
Other Cities and Towns:	Andrews, Greeleyville, Hemingway, Lane, Stuckey



Population Trends

2020 Census	31,026	2021 Pop. Estimate	30,484
2010 Census	34,423	2020 Pop. Estimate	30,902
2000 Census	37,217	Numeric Change 2020-2021	-418
Numeric Change 2000-2020	-3,397	Percent Change 2020-2021	-1.35%
Persons Per Square Mile	33.2		

Economic Data

2021 Jobs	7,850	Avg. Wage Per Job, 2021	\$38,557
2020 Jobs	8,108	Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2021	56.0%
2010 Jobs	9,220	Per Capita Personal Income, 2020	\$38,528
Percent Change 2020-2021	-3.3%	Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2020	64.7
Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020	-1.4%	Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2020	80.2
Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2021	6.1		

Tax Data

Total Assessed Property, 2020	\$100,180,175	Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:	
Per Capita Assessed Property, 2020	\$3,229	Local Option	1.0%
County Millage Rate, 2021	0.1665	Capital Projects	1.0%
Value of a County Mil, 2021	\$100,436	School District	*
State Accommodations Tax, FY 2021	\$23,158	Transportation	*
State Admissions Tax, FY 2021	\$14,664	Edu. Capital Improvement	*

County Finance & Employment Data

Total Revenues FY 2020	\$34,695,199	Per Capita Revenues	\$1,118
Total Expenditures FY 2020	\$36,652,091	Per Capita Expenditures	\$1,181
General Fund Budget FY 2022	\$20,534,327	Per Capita General Fund Budget	\$662
Total Debt Outstanding FY 2021	\$39,794,013	Per Capita Total Debt FY 2021	\$1,379
Payroll FY 2022	\$9,621,124	County Credit Ratings:	
Full-Time Employment FY 2022	283	Fitch FY 2021	*
Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents	9	Moody's FY 2021	*
Part-Time Employment FY 2022	86	S&P FY 2021	A

County History

Williamsburg County was probably named for King William III of England (1650-1702). Scotch-Irish and French Huguenot settlers began moving into this part of the lowcountry around 1732, and in 1736 the township of Williamsburg was laid out on the Black River in the vicinity of the settlement of Kingstree. This area was part of Prince Frederick Parish, which in turn was part of Georgetown District. In 1804, Williamsburg became a separate district with the seat at Kingstree. A small part of Williamsburg later went to form Florence County in 1888. During the Revolutionary War, many of General Francis Marion's men hailed from this area, including Major John James (1732-1791). The battles of Black Mingo (September 28-29, 1780), Mount Hope Swamp (March 1781), and Lower Bridge (March 1781) were all fought in Williamsburg County. The county has remained primarily an agricultural region. Nobel Prize-winning geneticist Joseph L. Goldstein grew up in the town of Kingstree.