

YORK COUNTY

Date Formed	1785	Form of Government	Council-Manager
Land Area (Sq. Mi.)	682	Council Members	7
Council of Government	Catawba	Term Length	4 years
County Seat	York	Method of Election	Single Member
Other Municipalities	Clover, Fort Mill, Hickory Grove, McConnells, Rock Hill, Sharon, Smyrna, Tega Cay		



Population Trends

Population Estimate 2017	266,439	Numeric Change 2016 - 2017	8,441
Population Estimate 2016	257,998	Percent Change 2016 - 2017	3.3%
Census Population 2010	226,073	Numeric Change 2010 - 2017	40,366
Census Population 2000	164,614	Avg. Annual Growth Rate 2010 - 2017	2.6%
Census Population 1990	131,497	Numeric Change 1990 - 2010	94,576
Persons Per Square Mile	331.49	Avg. Annual Growth Rate 1990 - 2010	3.6%

Economic Data

Jobs 2016	96,149	Personal Income 2016, in thousands	\$10,486,063
Jobs 2015	91,995	Per Capital Personal Income 2016	\$40,561
Jobs 2010	79,250	Per Cap Personal Income 2016, % of U.S.	82.4%
Jobs 2000	67,589	Average Wage Per Job 2016	\$42,487
Jobs 2000 - 2010, Ann. Avg. Growth Rate	1.7%	Average Wage Per Job 2016, % of U.S.	79.0%
Jobs 2015 - 2016, Percent Change	4.5%	Unemployment Rate, Ann. Avg. 2017	6.3%

Tax Data

Assessed Property 2016	\$1,262,133,077	Additional Sales Tax, if applicable:	
Per Capita Assessed Propert Tax 2016	\$5,583	Local Option	
County Base Millage Rate 2018	.07480	Capital Projects	1.0%
Value of One Mil 2017	\$1,230,000	School District	
Net Taxable Sales FY 2016	\$2,809,862,977	Transportation	
State Admissions Tax Collected FY 2016	\$2,101,979	Education Capital Improvement	
State Accommod. Tax Collected FY 2016	\$1,011,967		

County Finance and Employment

Total Revenues FY 2016	\$287,747,037	Per Capita Revenues FY 2016	\$1,273
Total Expenditures FY 2016	\$194,769,606	Per Capita Expenditures FY 2016	\$862
General Fund Budget FY 2018	\$112,888,343	Per Capita General Fund Budget FY 2018	\$499
Total Debt Outstanding FY 2017	\$148,496,000	Per Capita Debt Outstanding FY 2018	\$603
Payroll FY 2018	\$50,210,570	Credit Ratings FY 2018, if applicable:	
Full-Time Employees FY 2018	833	Moody's	AA+
Part-Time Employees FY 2018	111	Standard and Poor's	
Full-Time Employees/1,000 Residents	3.7	Fitch	Aa1

County History

York County and its county seat were named for York County, Pennsylvania. The county was first established in 1785 as part of Camden District. From 1791 to 1800, it was part of Pinckney District, and it became a separate district when Pinckney was dissolved in 1800. Part of the county went to form Cherokee County in 1897. When European settlers arrived, this part of the state was inhabited by the Catawba Indians. The Catawbas signed a treaty with the English in 1763, relinquishing their rights to much of their land. This treaty opened up the area to Scotch-Irish settlers moving down from Pennsylvania and up from the lowcountry. The Catawba Nation is now the only federally-recognized Indian tribe in the state. Two battles were fought in this area during the Revolutionary War, Williamson's Plantation (July 12, 1780) and Kings Mountain (October 7, 1780); the latter battle was a major victory for the Americans. Small-scale cotton farming was prevalent in the county in the nineteenth century, but textile mills became important in the twentieth century, contributing to the growth of the county's largest city, Rock Hill.

County histories obtained from the S.C. State Library Reference Room at www.statelibrary.sc.gov/sc-counties. All other sources listed in the county comparison tables in the appendix.