

BERKELEY COUNTY

Date Formed	1682	Form of Government	Council-Supervisor
Land Area (Sq. Mi.)	1098	Council Members	9
Council of Government	Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester	Term Length	4 years
County Seat	Moncks Corner	Method of Election	Single Member
Other Municipalities	Bonneau, Charleston, Goose Creek, Hanahan, North Charleston, Jamestown, St. Stephen, Summerville		



Population Trends

Population Estimate 2017	217,937	Numeric Change 2016 - 2017	6,074
Population Estimate 2016	211,863	Percent Change 2016 - 2017	2.9%
Census Population 2010	177,843	Numeric Change 2010 - 2017	40,094
Census Population 2000	142,651	Avg. Annual Growth Rate 2010 - 2017	3.2%
Census Population 1990	128,776	Numeric Change 1990 - 2010	49,067
Persons Per Square Mile	161.97	Avg. Annual Growth Rate 1990 - 2010	1.9%

Economic Data

Jobs 2016	53,506	Personal Income 2016, in thousands	\$7,522,100
Jobs 2015	50,928	Per Capita Personal Income 2016	\$35,667
Jobs 2010	42,067	Per Cap Personal Income 2016, % of U.S.	72.4%
Jobs 2000	36,308	Average Wage Per Job 2016	\$48,331
Jobs 2000 - 2010, Ann. Avg. Growth Rate	1.6%	Average Wage Per Job 2016, % of U.S.	90.0%
Jobs 2015 - 2016, Percent Change	5.1%	Unemployment Rate, Ann. Avg. 2017	3.8%

Tax Data

Assessed Property 2016	\$979,126,342	Additional Sales Tax, if applicable:	
Per Capita Assessed Propert Tax 2016	\$5,506	Local Option	1.0%
County Base Millage Rate 2017	.05050	Capital Projects	
Value of One Mil 2017	\$894,000	School District	
Net Taxable Sales FY 2016	\$1,917,188,795	Transportation	1.0%
State Admissions Tax Collected FY 2016	\$559,627	Education Capital Improvement	
State Accommod. Tax Collected FY 2016	\$605,027		

County Finance and Employment

Total Revenues FY 2016	\$263,722,707	Per Capita Revenues FY 2016	\$1,483
Total Expenditures FY 2016	\$172,521,171	Per Capita Expenditures FY 2016	\$970
General Fund Budget FY 2018	\$83,320,363	Per Capita General Fund Budget FY 201	\$469
Total Debt Outstanding FY 2017	\$59,145,074	Per Capita Debt Outstanding FY 2018	\$315
Payroll FY 2018	\$56,444,109	Credit Ratings FY 2018, if applicable:	
Full-Time Employees FY 2018	1,071	Moody's	Aa2
Part-Time Employees FY 2018	36	Standard and Poor's	AA
Full-Time Employees/1,000 Residents	6.0	Fitch	

County History

Berkeley County was named for two of the Lords Proprietors of Carolina, Lord John Berkeley (d. 1678) and Sir William Berkeley (d. 1677). The county was originally named in 1682, and at one time it included the parishes of St. John Berkeley, St. James Goose Creek, St. James Santee, St. Stephen, St. Thomas, and St. Denis. In 1769, this area became part of Charleston District, and it did not become a separate county again until 1882. The county seat was Mount Pleasant from 1882 until 1895, when it was moved to Moncks Corner. This area was settled in the late seventeenth century by English and French Huguenot planters and their African slaves. Many of the old rice plantations are now covered by the waters of Lake Moultrie, which was built in the 1940s as part of the Santee-Cooper hydroelectric project. Two famous Revolutionary War generals were residents of the area: William Moultrie (1730-1805) and Francis Marion (1732-1795), known as the Swamp Fox. Henry Laurens (1724-1792), president of the Continental Congress, resided at Mepkin Plantation, which many years later was purchased by publisher Henry Luce (1898-1967).

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.