

CHESTERFIELD COUNTY

Date Formed	1785	Form of Government	Council-Administrator
Land Area (Sq. Mi.)	799	Council Members	9
Council of Government	Pee Dee	Term Length	4 years
County Seat	Chesterfield	Method of Election	Single Member
Other Municipalities	Cheraw, Jefferson, McBee, Mount Croghan, Pageland, Patrick, Ruby		



Population Trends

Population Estimate 2017	45,948	Numeric Change 2016 - 2017	-222
Population Estimate 2016	46,170	Percent Change 2016 - 2017	-0.5%
Census Population 2010	46,734	Numeric Change 2010 - 2017	-786
Census Population 2000	42,768	Avg. Annual Growth Rate 2010 - 2017	-0.2%
Census Population 1990	38,577	Numeric Change 1990 - 2010	8,157
Persons Per Square Mile	58.49	Avg. Annual Growth Rate 1990 - 2010	1.1%

Economic Data

Jobs 2016	15,789	Personal Income 2016, in thousands	\$1,416,411
Jobs 2015	15,402	Per Capital Personal Income 2016	\$30,783
Jobs 2010	13,711	Per Cap Personal Income 2016, % of U.S.	62.5%
Jobs 2000	17,485	Average Wage Per Job 2016	\$36,371
Jobs 2000 - 2010, Ann. Avg. Growth Rate	-2.2%	Average Wage Per Job 2016, % of U.S.	68.0%
Jobs 2015 - 2016, Percent Change	2.5%	Unemployment Rate, Ann. Avg. 2017	4.4%

Tax Data

Assessed Property 2016	\$124,666,751	Additional Sales Tax, if applicable:	
Per Capita Assessed Propert Tax 2016	\$2,668	Local Option	1.0%
County Base Millage Rate 2017	.12424	Capital Projects	
Value of One Mil 2017	\$117,000	School District	1.0%
Net Taxable Sales FY 2016	\$222,765,250	Transportation	
State Admissions Tax Collected FY 2016	\$22,665	Education Capital Improvement	
State Accommod. Tax Collected FY 2016	\$51,539		

County Finance and Employment

Total Revenues FY 2016	\$25,936,889	Per Capita Revenues FY 2016	\$555
Total Expenditures FY 2016	\$38,170,163	Per Capita Expenditures FY 2016	\$817
General Fund Budget FY 2018	\$16,932,168	Per Capita General Fund Budget FY 201	\$362
Total Debt Outstanding FY 2017	\$12,940,751	Per Capita Debt Outstanding FY 2018	\$285
Payroll FY 2018	\$8,050,824	Credit Ratings FY 2018, if applicable:	
Full-Time Employees FY 2018	249	Moody's	
Part-Time Employees FY 2018	17	Standard and Poor's	
Full-Time Employees/1,000 Residents	5.3	Fitch	

County History

Chesterfield County was named for the English statesman Lord Chesterfield (1694-1773). The county seat is the town of Chesterfield, but the oldest town in the county is Cheraw, which was settled around 1748. The county was formed in 1785, but until 1800 it was part of the larger Cheraws District. Welsh settlers from Pennsylvania and Delaware moved into this region in the mid-eighteenth century, and they were later joined by Scotch-Irish and English. Cheraw was a center for transportation along the Great Pee Dee River, but most of the county is agricultural. General Sherman's troops passed through this area during the Civil War, briefly occupying the towns of Cheraw and Chesterfield. Cheraw State Park, founded in 1934, is the oldest of the state parks. Jazz musician Dizzy Gillespie (1917-1993) was a native of Chesterfield County.

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.