

CLARENDON COUNTY

Date Formed	1785	Form of Government	Council-Administrator
Land Area (Sq. Mi.)	607	Council Members	5
Council of Government	Santee Lynches	Term Length	4 years
County Seat	Manning	Method of Election	Single Member/ Chair at-Large
Other Municipalities	Paxville, Summerton, Turbeville		



Population Trends

Population Estimate 2017	34,057	Numeric Change 2016 - 2017	-182
Population Estimate 2016	34,239	Percent Change 2016 - 2017	-0.5%
Census Population 2010	34,971	Numeric Change 2010 - 2017	-914
Census Population 2000	32,502	Avg. Annual Growth Rate 2010 - 2017	-0.4%
Census Population 1990	28,450	Numeric Change 1990 - 2010	6,521
Persons Per Square Mile	57.61	Avg. Annual Growth Rate 1990 - 2010	1.1%

Economic Data

Jobs 2016	7,724	Personal Income 2016, in thousands	\$952,764
Jobs 2015	7,930	Per Capital Personal Income 2016	\$28,063
Jobs 2010	7,788	Per Cap Personal Income 2016, % of U.S.	57.0%
Jobs 2000	9,175	Average Wage Per Job 2016	\$30,103
Jobs 2000 - 2010, Ann. Avg. Growth Rate	-1.5%	Average Wage Per Job 2016, % of U.S.	56.0%
Jobs 2015 - 2016, Percent Change	-2.6%	Unemployment Rate, Ann. Avg. 2017	6.0%

Tax Data

Assessed Property 2016	\$103,619,263	Additional Sales Tax, if applicable:	
Per Capita Assessed Propert Tax 2016	\$2,963	Local Option	1.0%
County Base Millage Rate 2017	.17190	Capital Projects	
Value of One Mil 2017	\$97,276	School District	1.0%
Net Taxable Sales FY 2016	\$158,204,999	Transportation	
State Admissions Tax Collected FY 2016	\$42,129	Education Capital Improvement	
State Accommod. Tax Collected FY 2016	\$146,217		

County Finance and Employment

Total Revenues FY 2016	\$30,577,255	Per Capita Revenues FY 2016	\$874
Total Expenditures FY 2016	\$35,179,153	Per Capita Expenditures FY 2016	\$1,006
General Fund Budget FY 2018	\$21,005,050	Per Capita General Fund Budget FY 201	\$601
Total Debt Outstanding FY 2017	\$25,578,508	Per Capita Debt Outstanding FY 2018	\$717
Payroll FY 2018	\$9,351,983	Credit Ratings FY 2018, if applicable:	
Full-Time Employees FY 2018	285	Moody's	
Part-Time Employees FY 2018	36	Standard and Poor's	
Full-Time Employees/1,000 Residents	8.1	Fitch	

County History

Clarendon County was named for Edward Hyde, Earl of Clarendon (1608-1674), one of the Lords Proprietors of Carolina. The county was first established in 1785; in 1800, it became part of Sumter District, but then was split from Sumter in 1857. Several Revolutionary War skirmishes took place in this area; at Fort Watson in 1781, British soldiers were driven from a large Indian mound that had been fortified. During the Civil War, Union troops under General Edward Potter moved through the area, burning several plantations. In the 1950s, Clarendon County schools were sued over the issue of racial segregation. The case, *Briggs v. Elliott*, was one of several cases that eventually led the U.S. Supreme Court to abolish segregation in 1954. Clarendon County can claim five South Carolina Governors, all related: James Burchell Richardson (1770-1836), Richard Irvine Manning (1789-1836), John Peter Richardson (1801-1864), John Laurence Manning (1816-1889), and John Peter Richardson (1831-1899). Children's author Peggy Parish (1927-1988) and tennis player Althea Gibson (1927-2003) were also Clarendon natives.

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.