

COLLETON COUNTY

Date Formed	1800	Form of Government	Council-Administrator
Land Area (Sq. Mi.)	1056	Council Members	5
Council of Government	Lowcountry	Term Length	4 years
County Seat	Walterboro	Method of Election	Single Member
Other Municipalities	Cottageville, Edisto Beach, Lodge, Smoaks, Williams		



Population Trends

Population Estimate 2017	37,611	Numeric Change 2016 - 2017	12
Population Estimate 2016	37,599	Percent Change 2016 - 2017	0.0%
Census Population 2010	38,892	Numeric Change 2010 - 2017	-1,281
Census Population 2000	38,264	Avg. Annual Growth Rate 2010 - 2017	-0.5%
Census Population 1990	34,377	Numeric Change 1990 - 2010	4,515
Persons Per Square Mile	36.83	Avg. Annual Growth Rate 1990 - 2010	0.7%

Economic Data

Jobs 2016	11,704	Personal Income 2016, in thousands	\$1,303,126
Jobs 2015	11,539	Per Capital Personal Income 2016	\$34,362
Jobs 2010	10,805	Per Cap Personal Income 2016, % of U.S.	69.8%
Jobs 2000	11,804	Average Wage Per Job 2016	\$31,560
Jobs 2000 - 2010, Ann. Avg. Growth Rate	-0.8%	Average Wage Per Job 2016, % of U.S.	59.0%
Jobs 2015 - 2016, Percent Change	1.4%	Unemployment Rate, Ann. Avg. 2017	4.8%

Tax Data

Assessed Property 2016	\$171,391,033	Additional Sales Tax, if applicable:	
Per Capita Assessed Propert Tax 2016	\$4,407	Local Option	1.0%
County Base Millage Rate 2017	.12505	Capital Projects	1.0%
Value of One Mil 2017	\$170,234	School District	
Net Taxable Sales FY 2016	\$302,779,227	Transportation	
State Admissions Tax Collected FY 2016	\$63,009	Education Capital Improvement	
State Accommod. Tax Collected FY 2016	\$751,681		

County Finance and Employment

Total Revenues FY 2016	\$54,110,197	Per Capita Revenues FY 2016	\$1,391
Total Expenditures FY 2016	\$57,030,114	Per Capita Expenditures FY 2016	\$1,466
General Fund Budget FY 2018	\$32,915,910	Per Capita General Fund Budget FY 201	\$846
Total Debt Outstanding FY 2017	\$38,794,573	Per Capita Debt Outstanding FY 2018	\$914
Payroll FY 2018	\$17,685,538	Credit Ratings FY 2018, if applicable:	
Full-Time Employees FY 2018	410	Moody's	Aa3
Part-Time Employees FY 2018	78	Standard and Poor's	AA-
Full-Time Employees/1,000 Residents	10.5	Fitch	

County History

Colleton County was named for one of the Lords Proprietors, Sir John Colleton (1608-1666). The county was first created in 1682 under the proprietary government, but the designation was seldom used in the colonial period. Instead, the area was known by its parish names: St. Bartholomew, St. Paul, and St. George Dorchester. In 1769, these parishes became part of Charleston District, where they remained until Colleton District was formed in 1800. A portion of the county was removed in 1897 to form Dorchester County. Several Revolutionary War skirmishes took place in Colleton County, and the state legislature met in the town of Jacksonboro in 1782 while Charleston was occupied by the British. This part of the lowcountry was known for its extensive rice and cotton plantations, many of which were bought by Northerners after the Civil War for use as hunting preserves; some of those lands are now being incorporated into the ACE Basin, a nature preserve bounded by the Ashepoo, Combahee, and Edisto rivers. The Revolutionary War hero Isaac Hayne (1745-1781) was a Colleton resident, as were politicians Rawlins Lowndes (1721-1800) and William Lowndes (1782-1822).

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.