

DARLINGTON COUNTY

Date Formed	1785	Form of Government	Council-Administrator
Land Area (Sq. Mi.)	561	Council Members	8
Council of Government	Pee Dee	Term Length	4 years
County Seat	Darlington	Method of Election	Single Member
Other Municipalities	Hartsville, Lamar, Society Hill		



Population Trends

Population Estimate 2017	67,265	Numeric Change 2016 - 2017	-105
Population Estimate 2016	67,370	Percent Change 2016 - 2017	-0.2%
Census Population 2010	68,681	Numeric Change 2010 - 2017	-1,416
Census Population 2000	67,394	Avg. Annual Growth Rate 2010 - 2017	-0.3%
Census Population 1990	61,851	Numeric Change 1990 - 2010	6,830
Persons Per Square Mile	122.43	Avg. Annual Growth Rate 1990 - 2010	0.6%

Economic Data

Jobs 2016	21,921	Personal Income 2016, in thousands	\$2,345,820
Jobs 2015	21,754	Per Capital Personal Income 2016	\$34,890
Jobs 2010	20,266	Per Cap Personal Income 2016, % of U.S.	70.8%
Jobs 2000	24,938	Average Wage Per Job 2016	\$44,424
Jobs 2000 - 2010, Ann. Avg. Growth Rate	-1.9%	Average Wage Per Job 2016, % of U.S.	83.0%
Jobs 2015 - 2016, Percent Change	0.8%	Unemployment Rate, Ann. Avg. 2017	5.3%

Tax Data

Assessed Property 2016	\$223,178,014	Additional Sales Tax, if applicable:	
Per Capita Assessed Propert Tax 2016	\$3,249	Local Option	1.0%
County Base Millage Rate 2017	.08081	Capital Projects	
Value of One Mil 2017	\$234,822	School District	
Net Taxable Sales FY 2016	\$381,126,656	Transportation	
State Admissions Tax Collected FY 2016	\$60,780	Education Capital Improvement	1.0%
State Accommod. Tax Collected FY 2016	\$123,878		

County Finance and Employment

Total Revenues FY 2016	\$37,669,676	Per Capita Revenues FY 2016	\$548
Total Expenditures FY 2016	\$29,010,650	Per Capita Expenditures FY 2016	\$422
General Fund Budget FY 2018	\$21,568,059	Per Capita General Fund Budget FY 201	\$314
Total Debt Outstanding FY 2017	\$2,680,460	Per Capita Debt Outstanding FY 2018	\$38
Payroll FY 2018	\$12,950,259	Credit Ratings FY 2018, if applicable:	
Full-Time Employees FY 2018	329	Moody's	
Part-Time Employees FY 2018	131	Standard and Poor's	A-/A-1
Full-Time Employees/1,000 Residents	4.8	Fitch	

County History

The origin of the name of this county is uncertain, but it may have been named for Darlington, England. The county was formed in 1785, with the county seat at Darlington, and until 1800 it was a part of the Cheraws District. Parts of Darlington County were removed to form Florence County in 1888 and Lee County in 1902. This area was settled in the mid-eighteenth century by Welsh, Scotch-Irish, and English farmers, who grew cotton primarily. In more recent years, the county has been best known for the stock car races which take place at the Darlington Raceway. David Rogerson Williams (1776-1830), South Carolina Governor and scientific experimenter, was a native of Darlington; he is remembered for introducing the mule to Southern agriculture. Other prominent Darlington residents were industrialists James Lide Coker (1837-1918) and David R. Coker (1870-1938), and novelists Annie Greene Nelson (1902-1993) and Elizabeth Boatwright Coker (1909-1993).

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.