FLORENCE COUNTY

Date Formed 1888  Form of Government  Council-Administrator
Land Area (Sq. Mi.) 800  Council Members 9
Council of Government Pee Dee  Term Length 4 years
County Seat Florence  Method of Election  Single Member
Other Municipalities Coward, Johnsonville, Lake City, Olanta, Pamplico, Quinby, Scranton, Timmonsville

Population Trends
Population Estimate 2016 138,448  Percent Change 2016 - 2017 0.1%
Census Population 2010 136,885  Numeric Change 2010 - 2017 1,681
Census Population 2000 125,761  Avg. Annual Growth Rate 2010 - 2017 0.2%
Census Population 1990 114,344  Numeric Change 1990 - 2010 22,541
Persons Per Square Mile 171.11  Avg. Annual Growth Rate 1990 - 2010 1.0%

Economic Data
Jobs 2016 69,629  Personal Income 2016, in thousands $5,307,939
Jobs 2015 68,848  Per Capital Personal Income 2016 $38,258
Jobs 2010 66,543  Per Cap Personal Income 2016, % of U.S. 77.7%
Jobs 2000 69,898  Average Wage Per Job 2016 $38,297
Jobs 2000 - 2010, Ann. Avg. Growth Rate -0.5%
Jobs 2015 - 2016, Percent Change 1.1%

Tax Data
Assessed Property 2016 $533,960,692  Additional Sales Tax, if applicable:
Per Cap Assessed Prop Tax 2016 $3,901  Local Option 1.0%
County Base Millage Rate 2017 .09320  Capital Projects 1.0%
Value of One Mil 2017 $481,971  School District
Net Taxable Sales FY 2016 $1,963,393,480  Transportation
State Admissions Tax Collected FY 2016 $481,808  Education Capital Improvement
State Accommod. Tax Collected FY 2016 $1,288,460

County Finance and Employment
Total Revenues FY 2016 $114,363,607  Per Capita Revenues FY 2016 $835
Total Expenditures FY 2016 $149,814,309  Per Capital Expenditures FY 2016 $1,094
General Fund Budget FY 2018 $58,430,943  Per Capita General Fund Budget FY 201 $427
Total Debt Outstanding FY 2017 $27,408,000  Per Capital Debt Outstanding FY 2018 $194
Payroll FY 2018 $31,515,745  Credit Ratings FY 2018, if applicable:
Full-Time Employees FY 2018 791  Moody's Aa2
Part-Time Employees FY 2018 92  Standard and Poor's AA
Full-Time Employees/1,000 Residents 5.8  Fitch

County History
Florence County took its name from its county seat, the City of Florence. The county was formed in 1888 from parts of Marion, Darlington, Williamsburg, and Clarendon counties. The City of Florence was founded in the 1850s as a stop on the Wilmington and Manchester Railroad; it was named for Florence Harllee, daughter of William Wallace Harllee (1812-1897), the president of the railroad. Florence soon became an important transportation center for the Pee Dee region. During the Civil War, it was the site of a Confederate prison camp. In later years, tobacco growing became a major activity in the county. Some famous Florence County natives are artist William H. Johnson (1901-1970), astronaut Ronald E. McNair (1950-1986), and stock car racer Cale Yarborough.

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.