

## FLORENCE COUNTY

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



### Population Trends

<b>Population Estimate 2017</b>	138,566	<b>Numeric Change 2016 - 2017</b>	118
<b>Population Estimate 2016</b>	138,448	<b>Percent Change 2016 - 2017</b>	0.1%
<b>Census Population 2010</b>	136,885	<b>Numeric Change 2010 - 2017</b>	1,681
<b>Census Population 2000</b>	125,761	<b>Avg. Annual Growth Rate 2010 - 2017</b>	0.2%
<b>Census Population 1990</b>	114,344	<b>Numeric Change 1990 - 2010</b>	22,541
<b>Persons Per Square Mile</b>	171.11	<b>Avg. Annual Growth Rate 1990 - 2010</b>	1.0%

### Economic Data

<b>Jobs 2016</b>	69,629	<b>Personal Income 2016, in thousands</b>	\$5,307,939
<b>Jobs 2015</b>	68,848	<b>Per Capital Personal Income 2016</b>	\$38,258
<b>Jobs 2010</b>	66,543	<b>Per Cap Personal Income 2016, % of U.S.</b>	77.7%
<b>Jobs 2000</b>	69,898	<b>Average Wage Per Job 2016</b>	\$38,297
<b>Jobs 2000 - 2010, Ann. Avg. Growth Rate</b>	-0.5%	<b>Average Wage Per Job 2016, % of U.S.</b>	71.0%
<b>Jobs 2015 - 2016, Percent Change</b>	1.1%	<b>Unemployment Rate, Ann. Avg. 2017</b>	4.6%

### Tax Data

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

### County Finance and Employment

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

### 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](http://www.statelibrary.sc.gov/sc-counties). All other sources listed in the county comparison tables in the appendix.*