

## HORRY COUNTY

<b>Date Formed</b>	1801	<b>Form of Government</b>	Council-Administrator
<b>Land Area (Sq. Mi.)</b>	1134	<b>Council Members</b>	12
<b>Council of Government</b>	Waccamaw	<b>Term Length</b>	4 years
<b>County Seat</b>	Conway	<b>Method of Election</b>	Single Member/ Chair at-Large
<b>Other Municipalities</b>	Atlantic Beach, Aynor, Briarcliffe Acres, Loris, North Myrtle Beach, Myrtle Beach, Surfside Beach		



### Population Trends

<b>Population Estimate 2017</b>	333,268	<b>Numeric Change 2016 - 2017</b>	11,828
<b>Population Estimate 2016</b>	321,440	<b>Percent Change 2016 - 2017</b>	3.7%
<b>Census Population 2010</b>	269,291	<b>Numeric Change 2010 - 2017</b>	63,977
<b>Census Population 2000</b>	196,629	<b>Avg. Annual Growth Rate 2010 - 2017</b>	3.4%
<b>Census Population 1990</b>	144,053	<b>Numeric Change 1990 - 2010</b>	125,238
<b>Persons Per Square Mile</b>	237.47	<b>Avg. Annual Growth Rate 1990 - 2010</b>	4.3%

### Economic Data

<b>Jobs 2016</b>	132,809	<b>Personal Income 2016, in thousands</b>	\$10,901,662
<b>Jobs 2015</b>	128,808	<b>Per Capital Personal Income 2016</b>	\$33,820
<b>Jobs 2010</b>	115,574	<b>Per Cap Personal Income 2016, % of U.S.</b>	68.7%
<b>Jobs 2000</b>	109,682	<b>Average Wage Per Job 2016</b>	\$32,086
<b>Jobs 2000 - 2010, Ann. Avg. Growth Rate</b>	0.5%	<b>Average Wage Per Job 2016, % of U.S.</b>	60.0%
<b>Jobs 2015 - 2016, Percent Change</b>	3.1%	<b>Unemployment Rate, Ann. Avg. 2017</b>	5.0%

### Tax Data

<b>Assessed Property 2016</b>	\$2,173,633,149	<b>Additional Sales Tax, if applicable:</b>	
<b>Per Capita Assessed Propert Tax 2016</b>	\$8,072	<b>Local Option</b>	
<b>County Base Millage Rate 2017</b>	.05240	<b>Capital Projects</b>	1.0%
<b>Value of One Mil 2017</b>	\$2,059,000	<b>School District</b>	
<b>Net Taxable Sales FY 2016</b>	\$6,389,576,571	<b>Transportation</b>	
<b>State Admissions Tax Collected FY 2016</b>	\$9,585,302	<b>Education Capital Improvement</b>	1.0%
<b>State Accommod. Tax Collected FY 2016</b>	\$19,817,833		

### County Finance and Employment

<b>Total Revenues FY 2016</b>	\$336,108,658	<b>Per Capita Revenues FY 2016</b>	\$1,248
<b>Total Expenditures FY 2016</b>	\$383,715,555	<b>Per Capita Expenditures FY 2016</b>	\$1,425
<b>General Fund Budget FY 2018</b>	\$160,201,285	<b>Per Capita General Fund Budget FY 201</b>	\$595
<b>Total Debt Outstanding FY 2017</b>	\$246,721,616	<b>Per Capita Debt Outstanding FY 2018</b>	\$805
<b>Payroll FY 2018</b>	\$90,454,276	<b>Credit Ratings FY 2018, if applicable:</b>	
<b>Full-Time Employees FY 2018</b>	2,397	<b>Moody's</b>	Aa1
<b>Part-Time Employees FY 2018</b>	169	<b>Standard and Poor's</b>	A
<b>Full-Time Employees/1,000 Residents</b>	8.9	<b>Fitch</b>	AA+

### County History

Horry County was named for Revolutionary War hero Peter Horry (1743-1815). The county was originally a part of Georgetown District, and at one time it was called Kingston. It became a separate county in 1801, with the county seat at Conway. This area of the state was isolated for many years by numerous rivers and swamps, and the inhabitants sometimes referred to themselves as the "Independent Republic of Horry." Lumber and naval stores were the primary industries during the eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries, with tobacco farming being introduced later. In the twentieth century, tourism began to dominate the coastal section of the county centered around Myrtle Beach. Television personality Vanna White is a native of Horry County.

*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.*