

MARLBORO COUNTY

Date Formed	1785	Form of Government	Council-Administrator
Land Area (Sq. Mi.)	480	Council Members	8
Council of Government	Pee Dee	Term Length	4 years
County Seat	Bennettsville	Method of Election	Single Member
Other Municipalities	Blenheim, Clio, McColl, Tatum		



Population Trends

Population Estimate 2017	26,825	Numeric Change 2016 - 2017	-211
Population Estimate 2016	27,036	Percent Change 2016 - 2017	-0.8%
Census Population 2010	28,933	Numeric Change 2010 - 2017	-2,108
Census Population 2000	28,818	Avg. Annual Growth Rate 2010 - 2017	-1.0%
Census Population 1990	29,361	Numeric Change 1990 - 2010	-428
Persons Per Square Mile	60.28	Avg. Annual Growth Rate 1990 - 2010	-0.1%

Economic Data

Jobs 2016	7,465	Personal Income 2016, in thousands	\$705,288
Jobs 2015	7,587	Per Capital Personal Income 2016	\$26,175
Jobs 2010	7,445	Per Cap Personal Income 2016, % of U.S.	53.2%
Jobs 2000	8,815	Average Wage Per Job 2016	\$40,962
Jobs 2000 - 2010, Ann. Avg. Growth Rate	-1.6%	Average Wage Per Job 2016, % of U.S.	76.0%
Jobs 2015 - 2016, Percent Change	-1.6%	Unemployment Rate, Ann. Avg. 2017	7.4%

Tax Data

Assessed Property 2016	\$70,126,880	Additional Sales Tax, if applicable:	
Per Capita Assessed Propert Tax 2016	\$2,424	Local Option	1.0%
County Base Millage Rate 2017	.11363	Capital Projects	
Value of One Mil 2017	\$60,000	School District	1.0%
Net Taxable Sales FY 2016	\$102,617,963	Transportation	
State Admissions Tax Collected FY 2016	\$8,175	Education Capital Improvement	
State Accommod. Tax Collected FY 2016	\$22,989		

County Finance and Employment

Total Revenues FY 2016	\$12,386,312	Per Capita Revenues FY 2016	\$428
Total Expenditures FY 2016	\$13,822,914	Per Capita Expenditures FY 2016	\$478
General Fund Budget FY 2018	\$11,181,227	Per Capita General Fund Budget FY 201	\$386
Total Debt Outstanding FY 2017	\$2,985,275	Per Capita Debt Outstanding FY 2018	\$109
Payroll FY 2018	\$5,030,251	Credit Ratings FY 2018, if applicable:	
Full-Time Employees FY 2018	146	Moody's	
Part-Time Employees FY 2018	14	Standard and Poor's	
Full-Time Employees/1,000 Residents	5.0	Fitch	

County History

Marlboro County was named for John Churchill, first Duke of Marlborough (1650-1722). The county name was originally spelled Marlborough, but it was later shortened. The county was created in 1785 as a part of Cheraws District. Welsh Baptists from Delaware settled in an area of the county known as Welsh Neck around 1737, and they were later joined by English and Scotch-Irish settlers. Cotton growing made this a wealthy part of the state prior to the Civil War. The town of Blenheim was also known for its mineral springs. General Sherman's troops passed through the county in 1865, briefly occupying the town of Bennettsville. Some famous Marlboro County natives are U.S. Congressman and diplomat Robert Blair Campbell (1791-1862), U.S. and Confederate Congressman John McQueen (1804-1867), and children's advocate Marian Wright Edelman.

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.