

Planning Areas

Berkeley County is one of the three largest counties in the State in terms of land area. At the time of the 2000 Census, there were 22 Census Tracts in the County. These tracts have been combined to form four planning areas including Northwest Berkeley County, Sangaree East, Moncks Corner and Goose Creek/Hanahan/Ladson. As with every Census, tracts within Berkeley County were adjusted based on population trends for the 2000 Census. Four tracts were changed:

- Tract 201.98 was renamed Tract 201
- Tract 207.04 was divided into Tracts 207.08 and 207.09
- Tract 208.01 was divided into Tracts 208.04 and 208.05
- Tract 209 was divided into Tracts 209.01 and 209.02

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Planning Area	2000 Population	Number Difference 1990-2000	Percent Difference 1990-2000
Northwest Berkeley County	15,735	3,066	24.2%
Sangaree East	24,596	3,638	17.4%
Moncks Corner	14,890	1,955	15.1%
Goose Creek/Hanahan/Ladson	87,430	5,216	6.3%

More than 61 percent of the residents of Berkeley County lived in the Goose Creek/Hanahan/Ladson Planning Area in 2000. Just over 17 percent of the population resided in the Sangaree East Planning Area and 11 percent and 10 percent of the residents lived in the Northwest Berkeley County Planning Area and the Moncks Corner Planning Area, respectively.

There was little variation in the racial composition of the planning areas in Berkeley County at the time of the 2000 Census. All planning areas were predominantly White, as was the County overall. The Santee East Planning Area had the largest population of African American residents and the smallest population of White residents. Conversely, the Goose Creek/Hanahan/Ladson Planning Area had the smallest population of African American residents and the largest population of White residents. The population of Berkeley County, overall, was 68 percent White and almost 27 percent African American.

In 1990, 68 percent of the County-wide population was over the age of 18. By 2000, 72 percent of the residents were over the age of 18. The populations of each of the Planning Areas aged during the 1990's, as well. The Northwest Berkeley County Planning Area encompassed the highest percentage of persons over the age of 18 in 2000. The Moncks Corner and Santee East Planning Areas each had the lowest percentage of population over the age of 18.