

# Charleston County

## Population of Charleston County, 1900-2000

Year	Charleston County	Percent Difference
1900	88,006	N/A
1910	88,594	0.7%
1920	108,450	22.4%
1930	101,050	-6.8%
1940	121,105	19.8%
1950	164,856	36.1%
1960	216,382	31.3%
1970	247,650	14.5%
1980	276,974	11.8%
1990	295,039	6.5%
2000	309,969	5.1%

Source: US Bureau of the Census

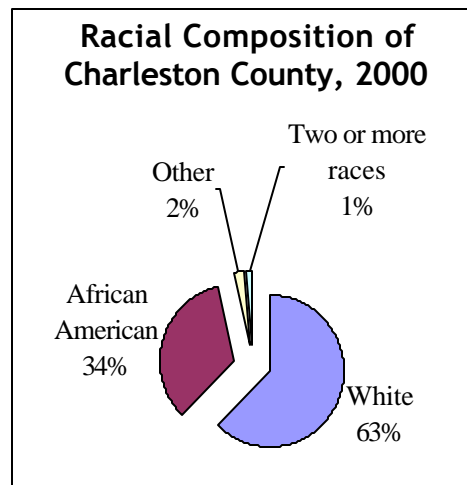
### Population

In 1900, more than 88,000 people lived in Charleston County. By 1950, that number had increased by almost 90 percent and by 2000, the population of the County topped 300,000 people. This is an increase of almost 222,000 persons, or 250 percent. Between 1990 and 2000, the population grew by 5.1 percent, the lowest percent increase since 1930.

During the 1990's, the majority of the population growth in Charleston County occurred in the East Cooper Planning Area, which saw a 44.8 percent increase in population. Conversely, both the Charleston Peninsula and North Charleston Planning Areas lost population over the same time period.

### Racial Composition

The racial composition of Charleston County shifted slightly during the decade between 1990 and 2000. The number of White residents in the County increased by more than 2 percent, while the number of African American residents increased by almost 4 percent. The number of "Other" residents increased by 67 percent.



### Age Distribution

The population of Charleston County aged slightly during the 1990's. In 1990, 75 percent of the population was over the age of 18. By 2000, almost 15,000 more residents were over the age of 18, an increase of 5 percent.

### Age Distribution of Charleston County, 1990 and 2000

1990 Population	1990 18+ years	% 18+ years	2000 Population	2000 18+ years	% 18+ years	#90-00	%90-00
295,039	221,434	75%	309,969	236,395	76%	14,961	7%

Source: US Bureau of the Census