

Planning Areas

At the time of the 2000 Census, there were 17 Census Tracts in Dorchester County. These tracts have been combined to form four planning areas including the St. George Area, Dorchester County West, Central Summerville and Dorchester Road Corridor. As with every Census, tracts within Dorchester County were adjusted based on population trends for the 2000 Census. These changes include:

- Tract 103 includes Tracts 103, 111.97 and 111.98
- Tract 105 was split into Tracts 105.01 and 105.02
- Tract 106 was split into Tracts 106.01 and 106.02
- Tract 107 includes Tracts 107 and 109.97
- Tract 108.03 was split into Tracts 108.07 and 108.08
- Tract 108.05 was split into Tracts 108.11 and 108.12
- The boundary between Tracts 108.98 and 109.98 was adjusted and they were renamed Tracts 108.10 and 108.09
- Tract 108.10 now includes Tract 110.98

Dorchester County Planning Areas, 2000

Planning Area	2000 Population	Number Difference 1990- 2000	Percent Difference 1990- 2000
St. George Area	13,096	597	5%
Dorchester County West	8,152	1,594	24%
Central Summerville	33,129	4,014	14%
Dorchester Road Corridor	42,036	7,148	20%

Almost 44 percent of the population of Dorchester County lived in the Dorchester Road Corridor Planning Area in 2000. The Central Summerville Planning Area encompassed more than 34 percent of the County-wide population. Just over 13 percent of the population lived in the St. George Planning Area and 8.5 percent of the population lived in the Dorchester County West Planning Area.

There was a marked variation in the racial composition of the planning areas. The White populations of both the Central Summerville and the Dorchester Road Corridor Planning Areas were 76 percent and 77 percent, respectively. The African American populations of these areas were 21 percent and 18 percent, respectively. The racial composition of the St. George Planning Area was approximately even, with the White population at 49 percent and the African American population at 50 percent. Just over 55 percent of the population of the Dorchester County West Planning Area was White, while 40 percent was African American.

At the time of the 2000 Census, the population of the Dorchester County West Planning Area had the largest percentage of population over the age of 18 of all the planning areas in the County. A little more than 75 percent of the population was over the age of 18. Only 69 percent of the population of the Dorchester Road Corridor Planning Area was over the age of 18 in 2000.