

Geographic Characteristics

State land area (sq. mi): 30,109	% of U.S.: 0.85
Coastline (mi): 187	Shoreline (mi): 2,876
County equivalents: 46	Coastal: 22
	Marine: 6

2000 Sex by Age: State of South Carolina and Average of Selected Fishing Communities

	Total	M	Under 5	5 to 14	15 to 24	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 to 74	75 to 84	85 and over
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South Carolina	4,012,012	48.6%	6.6%	14.3%	14.4%	14.0%	15.6%	13.7%	9.3%	6.7%	4.1%	1.3%
Fishing Communities	207,762	48.6%	5.9%	12.5%	13.6%	12.8%	14.4%	14.7%	10.9%	8.5%	5.3%	1.5%
		51.4%										

2000 Race and Hispanic/Latino Ethnicity: South Carolina and Average of Selected Fishing Communities

	Total Population	Race							Ethnicity
		White	Black or African American	American Indian and Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander	Some other race	Two or more races	% Hispanic or Latino (of any race)
South Carolina	4,012,012	67.2%	29.5%	0.3%	0.9%	0.0%	1.0%	1.0%	2.4%
Fishing Communities	207,762	62.9%	30.6%	4.1%	0.6%	0.1%	0.7%	1.0%	1.8%

2000 Demographic Attributes: Selected Fishing Communities Compared to State Total

Fishing Communities	Total Population	Median Household Income	% Family Households below Poverty Level	% Persons over 16 in Labor Force	Median Educational Attainment	% ≥5 yrs Speak Language other than English at Home
South Carolina	4,012,012	\$37,082	10.7%	63.4%	Some college	5.2%
Beaufort	12,950	\$36,532	11.5%	67.7%	Some college	8.7%
Burton	7,180	\$39,753	12.3%	70.9%	Some college	9.9%
Charleston	96,650	\$35,295	13.3%	62.2%	Some college	6.8%
Georgetown	8,950	\$29,424	19.9%	56.3%	HS graduate	4.1%
Little River	7,027	\$40,427	4.7%	58.0%	Some college	3.7%
McClellanville	459	\$42,500	8.3%	56.7%	Some college	9.0%
Mt. Pleasant	47,609	\$61,054	3.2%	69.9%	Some college	6.2%
Murrells Inlet	5,519	\$39,877	5.4%	61.6%	Some college	2.7%
St. Helena ¹	18,807	\$45,060	8.5%	57.4%	Some college	5.4%
Wadmalaw Island ²	2,611	\$31,653	14.1%	51.6%	Some college	4.6%

Indicators for Growth and Population Well-being in South Carolina

Indicator	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Population ³	3,790,066	3,839,578	3,885,736	4,012,012	4,060,728	4,101,122	4,142,356	4,194,694	4,246,933	4,321,249
Building Permits	30,072	33,576	36,161	32,812	30,133	34,104	38,191	43,230	54,157	50,776
Unemployment Rate	4.4	3.6	4.1	3.6	5.2	5.9	6.7	6.8	6.8	6.4
Disaster Declarations	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	4	0	1
Emergency Declarations	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0

¹Census data for St. Helena was identified as St. Helena CCD in the Beaufort County subdivision.

²Census data for Wadmalaw Island was identified as Wadmalaw Island CCD in the Charleston County subdivision.

³Estimated population for all years except 2000; actual count was available for this year.