

City of Charleston

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LAND AREA

Peninsula land area	2016	approx. 8.0 sq miles
Total City area (excluding water)		approx. 112 sq miles
Total City area (including water)		approx. 131 sq miles

CENSUS DEMOGRAPHICS

	2000	2010
City of Charleston Total Population	96,650	120,083
West Ashley	45,954	54,239
Peninsula	35,157	34,636
James Island	12,741	17,847
Johns Island	1,676	5,266
Daniel Island/Cainhoy	1,122	8,095
Charleston-North Charleston-Summerville MSA	549,033	664,607
City Racial Breakdown	34.0% Black 63.0% White	25.6% Black 68.6% White
City Per Capita Income	\$22,414	\$30,763
City Median Household Income	\$35,295	\$49,448
City Median Family Income	\$48,705	\$67,400
City Persons Per Household	2.23	2.18

(Source: U.S. Census Bureau, decennial census data & American Community Survey data)

POPULATION ESTIMATES

	2015	2016
City of Charleston Total Population	133,579	137,447
West Ashley	59,889	60,878
Peninsula	35,882	35,972
James Island	20,247	20,416
Johns Island	7,116	8,119
Daniel Island/Cainhoy	10,445	12,062

(Source: City of Charleston building permit and annexation data)

BUILDING PERMITS (residential)

	2014	2015
Total Single & Multi-Family Unit Permits Issued	2,580	2,055
West Ashley	873	518
Peninsula	264	61
James Island	812	89
Johns Island	437	535
Daniel Island/Cainhoy	194	852

(Source: City of Charleston building permit data)

ANNEXATION

	2014	2015
Area Annexed	983.35 acres	291.41 acres
Persons Annexed	55	65
Housing Units Annexed	26	26