

City of Charleston

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LAND AREA

Peninsula land area	2020	approx. 8.0 sq miles
Total City area (excluding water)		approx. 120 sq miles
Total City area (including water)		approx. 142 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	25.6% Black
	63.0% White	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

	2019	2020
City of Charleston Total Population	154,069	156,536
West Ashley	66,604	66,992
Peninsula	40,601	40,969
James Island	22,030	22,215
Johns Island	10,311	10,961
Daniel Island/Cainhoy	14,523	15,399

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

BUILDING PERMITS (residential)

	2018	2019
Total Single & Multi-Family Unit Permits Issued	3,192	1,355
West Ashley	743	240
Peninsula	1,158	213
James Island	549	91
Johns Island	412	346
Daniel Island/Cainhoy	330	465

(Source: City of Charleston building permit data)

ANNEXATION

	2018	2019
Area Annexed	5,151.88 acres	37.9 acres
Persons Annexed	30	52
Housing Units Annexed	25	23