

Newcomer's Information

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Location & Geography

The City of Charleston is located on the shores of the Atlantic Ocean at the juncture of the Ashley and Cooper Rivers. Charleston occupies 88.14 square miles, 7.6 miles of which are the downtown business district. Charleston is the second largest city in South Carolina with an estimated 1998 population of 100,122. The Charleston Metropolitan Area encompasses three counties: Berkeley, Charleston and Dorchester.

Weather

Charleston enjoys a warm climate. In January the average temperature is 55 degrees. In July, the average is 82 degrees. Humidity averages 86 percent; Rainfall, 52 inches per year. The first frost typically occurs around December 10, and the last usually occurs in mid-February.

Government

Charleston is governed by a full-time mayor and a city council composed of twelve council members who are elected for staggered four-year terms from single-member districts. The Mayor is the presiding officer of City Council. He has no veto power but casts a vote similar to those cast by each member of Council. Regular meetings open to the public are held twice each month during the year. The Mayor is the chief executive and administrative officer of the City which has no City Manager.

UTILITIES

Cable Television

Comcast..... (843) 554-4100
Home Television..... (843) 277-7300
Knology of Charleston..... (843) 225-1000
Time Warner (843) 871-7000

Electricity & Gas

Berkeley Electric Co-op..... (843) 572-5454
Edisto Electric Co-op..... (843) 563-4952
Santee Cooper..... (843) 761-4060
SC Electric & Gas Co..... (843) 554-7234

Telephone

BellSouth Telephone Co..... (843) 780-2355
Comcast..... (843) 554-4100

Water

Berkeley County..... (843) 572-4400
City of Charleston..... (843) 727-6800
City of Goose Creek..... (843) 797-6220
Dorchester Co. Water Authority..... (843) 832-0070
Mount Pleasant Waterworks..... (843) 884-9626
Summerville Commissioner..... (843) 871-0810
of Public Works

AUTO REGISTRATION/DMV

When applying for a South Carolina license plate, you will need to bring the following to any SC Motor Vehicle Department: car title, liability insurance, registration number and Form #406 receipt obtained from the County Auditor showing you owe no taxes.

A valid driver's license from another state may be used for 90 days. You must then qualify and obtain a South Carolina license at any SC DMV office.

Charleston County

180 Lockwood Blvd.
Charleston
(843) 727-6477

1189 Iron Bridge Rd.
Mt. Pleasant
(843) 884-9760

1119 Wappoo Rd.
Charleston/West Ashley
(843) 769-5879

3790 Leeds Ave.
North Charleston
(843) 740-6168

Berkeley County
438 North Highway 52
Moncks Corner
(843) 761-5385

135 Wimberly Dr.
Ladson
(843) 572-7852

Dorchester County
5215 E. Jim Bilton Blvd.
St. George
(843) 563-6130

VOTER REGISTRATION

With proof of residency, you may obtain information at any of the following locations:

Charleston County.....(843) 744-8683
4367 Headquarters Road
North Charleston, SC 29405

Berkeley County.....(843) 719-4056
6 Belt Drive
Moncks Corner, SC 29461

Dorchester County.....(843) 832-0132
201 Johnston Street
St. George, SC 29477

SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Charleston County..... (843) 937-6300
Berkeley County..... (843) 723-4627
Dorchester County District 2..... (843) 873-2901
Dorchester County District 4..... (843) 563-4535

MUNICIPALITIES

City of Charleston..... (843) 724-7311
City of Folly Beach..... (843) 588-7006
City of Goose Creek..... (843) 797-6220
City of Hanahan..... (843) 554-4221
City of Isle of Palms (843) 886-6428
Town of Kiawah Island..... (843) 768-9166
Town of Lincolnville..... (843) 873-3261
Town of Mount Pleasant..... (843) 884-8517
City of North Charleston..... (843) 554-5700
Town of Sullivan’s Island..... (843) 883-3198
Town of Summerville..... (843) 871-6000
Town of St. George..... (843) 563-3032
Town of Harleyville..... (843) 462-7676
Town of Reevesville..... (843) 563-9128
Town of Ridgeville..... (843) 871-7960

COUNTY OFFICES

Charleston County..... (843) 958-4000
Berkeley County..... (843) 723-3800
Dorchester County..... (843) 832-0103