

City of Charleston

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LAND AREA

Peninsula land area	2022	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

	2010	2020
City of Charleston Total Population	120,083	150,227
West Ashley	54,239	67,873
Peninsula	34,636	33,644
James Island	17,847	21,595
Johns Island	5,266	11,884
Daniel Island/Cainhoy	8,095	15,231
Charleston-North Charleston-Summerville MSA	664,607	799,636
City Racial Breakdown	25.6% Black	18.0% Black
	68.6% White	77.6% White
City Per Capita Income	\$30,763	Not Available
City Median Household Income	\$49,448	Not Available
City Median Family Income	\$67,400	Not Available
City Persons Per Household	2.18	2.15

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

POPULATION ESTIMATES

	2021	2022
City of Charleston Total Population	152,851	156,625
West Ashley	68,232	69,145
Peninsula	33,971	35,279
James Island	21,701	21,822
Johns Island	12,763	13,417
Daniel Island/Cainhoy	16,184	16,962

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

BUILDING PERMITS (residential)

	2020	2021
Total Single & Multi-Family Unit Permits Issued	2,184	1,856
West Ashley	395	835
Peninsula	728	495
James Island	54	47
Johns Island	478	353
Daniel Island/Cainhoy	529	126

(Source: City of Charleston building permit data)

ANNEXATION

	2020	2021
Area Annexed	18.4 acres	109.4 acres
Persons Annexed	29	71
Housing Units Annexed	16	27