

Dorchester County

Population of Dorchester County, 1900-2000

Year	Dorchester County	Percent Difference
1900	16,294	N/A
1910	17,891	9.8%
1920	19,459	8.8%
1930	18,956	-2.6%
1940	19,928	5.1%
1950	22,601	13.4%
1960	24,383	7.9%
1970	32,276	32.4%
1980	58,761	82.1%
1990	83,060	41.4%
2000	96,413	16.1%

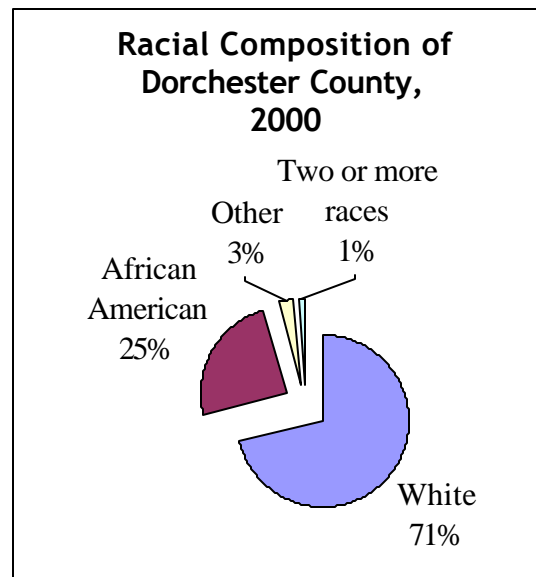
Source: US Bureau of the Census

Population

The population of Dorchester County has tripled since 1970, and most of that growth has occurred in the last 20 years. Dorchester County was the 15th largest county in South Carolina in terms of population in 2000, one place higher than its 1990 16th place rank. The Dorchester Road Corridor Planning Area had the highest population in 2000, although it had the second largest population growth rate. The Dorchester County West Planning Area had the lowest population, but the highest population growth rate.

Racial Composition

The racial composition of Dorchester County shifted slightly between 1990 and 2000. In 1990, 75 percent of the population was White, 23 percent was African American and 2 percent was classified as "Other". By 2000, the White population made up only 71 percent of the total population and the African American population comprised 25 percent of the total population. This shift indicates an increase of almost 10 percent in the White population during the 1990's, while the African American population increased by 26 percent. The "Other" population increased by more than 50 percent and made up just over 3 percent of the 2000 population.



Age Distribution

The population of Dorchester County aged slightly between 1990 and 2000. In 1990, 70 percent of the population was over the age of 18. By 2000, 71 percent of the County's residents were over the age of 18. This means that the population over 18 years of age increased by almost 10,000 persons, or by more than 17 percent.

Age Distribution of Dorchester County, 1990 and 2000

1990 Population	1990 18+ years	% 18+ years	2000 Population	2000 18+ years	% 18+ years	#90-00	%90-00
83,060	58,492	70%	96,413	68,467	71%	9,975	17%

Source: US Bureau of the Census