

A Summary of Clarendon County's Population (2000 – 2005)

The following information is based on U.S. Census Bureau Population Estimates for 2001 through 2005. The figures for 2000 are the estimate base used for the 2000 Census calculations.

Clarendon County is estimated to have gained population during this five year period. The two largest urbanized areas (cities and towns) in Clarendon County lost population during this period and therefore the population gains have taken place mainly in the unincorporated areas of the County. It is logical to assume that this population growth is mainly located in the Lake Marion area where large housing developments are recently established or underway.

Estimated Population Growth for Clarendon County and its Municipalities

Location	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Increase 2000-05	Pct. Change
Clarendon County	32,502	31,815	32,916	32,889	33,079	33,363	861	2.6%
Manning	4,028	4,009	3,991	3,975	3,996	4,025	-3	-0.1%
Summerton	1,061	1,059	1,051	1,041	1,046	1,053	-8	-0.8%
Turbeville	719	724	723	717	720	724	5	0.6%
Paxville	248	248	247	246	247	249	1	0.4%
Remainder of County	26,674	25,775	26,904	27,156	26,910	27,312	638	2.4%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau 2000 Census & Population Estimates

The total population change over this five year period is estimated to be 861. The two components of population change are natural and net migration increase/decrease. Clarendon County's natural increase (births over deaths) was estimated at 532, while net migration (people moving into or out of the County) growth was estimated at 379 (See Note below). The greater growth of natural increase over the entire five year period was reversed between 2004 and 2005. During the last year of the Clarendon County estimates net in-migration outpaced natural increase by 44 people (natural increase 117 vs. net in-migration 161).

Due to Clarendon County's population growth and the loss of population in many of South Carolina's rural counties over the five year period, Clarendon County moved up in ranking of South Carolina's most populace counties from 31st in 2000 to 30th in 2005.

Note: The Clarendon County total of natural increase and net migration growth of 911 (532 plus 379) exceeds the County's overall growth for the five years addressed in this document of 861. This is the result of the use of a residual, or control factor, in the Census Bureau methodology. The control

factor is not a demographic component of population change, but results from the application of a national population control to county population estimates. The Census Bureau first estimates the nation population change, and then estimates the individual states. The Census Bureau then uses the control factor to ensure the total of the states' population change matches the national total. The same process is employed to ensure the sum of the individual county totals match each adjusted state total. This control factor is not applied to the components of population change (natural increase and net migration). Therefore, the total estimated growth for Clarendon County might be somewhat higher than the published estimated population change.