

City of Charleston

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LAND AREA

Peninsula land area:	approx. 8 sq. miles
GIS calculated area (excluding water):	approx. 109 sq. mi
GIS calculated area (including water):	approx. 128 sq. mi

ANNEXATION

	2007	2008
Area Annexed:	126 acres	1682 acres
Persons Annexed	46	39
Housing Units Annexed	23	16

CENSUS DEMOGRAPHICS

	1990	2000
City of Charleston Total Population	80,414	96,650
West Ashley	32,750	45,954
Peninsula	38,789	35,157
James Island	7,744	12,741
Johns Island	1,131	1,676
Daniel Island/Cainhoy	0	1,122
Charleston-North Charleston MSA	506,875	549,033
City Racial Breakdown	41.6% Black 57.2% White	34.0% Black 63.0% White
City Per Capita Income	\$14,093	\$22,414
City Median Household Income	\$25,153	\$35,295
City Median Family Income	\$32,212	\$48,705
City Persons Per Household	2.43	2.23

(Source: U.S. Census Bureau 1990 Decennial and Census 2000 data)

CITY OF CHARLESTON 2009 ESTIMATES

	2008	2009
City of Charleston Total Population	121,569	123,737
West Ashley	55,358	56,936
Peninsula	36,433	36,616
James Island	17,958	18,021
Johns Island	4,514	4,664
Daniel Island/Cainhoy	7,306	7,500

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

BUILDING PERMITS

	2007	2008
Total Single & Multi-Family Permits Issued	1,536	1,083
West Ashley	658	775
Peninsula	77	106
James Island	74	33
Johns Island	281	72
Daniel Island/Cainhoy	446	97

(Source: City of Charleston building permit data)

