



**Welcome to  
Saint Mark's Episcopal  
Church, Charleston,  
SC**

**The Twenty-Frist Sunday after Pentecost**

**Followed by a Parish Discernment Meeting**

**October 22, 2023**

**10:00 a.m.**

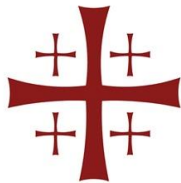
*St. Mark's Episcopal Church*

*A house of prayer for all people in the historic Radcliffeboro neighborhood  
of Charleston, South Carolina*

The Rt. Rev. Ruth Woodliff-Stanley, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina

The Very Reverend Dr. Michael Shaffer, Interim Rector

Loretta Haskell, Organist & Choirmaster



*The 1982 Hymnal, referred to as **Hymnal** and *Lift Every Voice and Sing II*, referred to as **LEVAS** are found in your pew. If **BCP** appears, that is a reference to the red Book of Common Prayer, also found in your pew.*

### Opening Proclamation

*Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.*

**CHORAL INTROIT**

Guide My Feet

Dr. Wendell P. Whalum

**OPENING HYMN**

Praise to the Living God

**Hymnal 372**

### **Enriching Our Worship – Holy Eucharist Prayer II**

#### **A LITURGY OF THE WORD**

Celebrant: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

*People: Glory to God for ever and ever.*

Celebrant:

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Song of Praise

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Celebrant: God be with you.

***People: And also with you.***

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant:

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## THE LESSONS

*Please be seated.*

### FIRST READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:  
Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead-- Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

### Psalm 99

1 The Lord is King;  
let the people tremble; \*  
he is enthroned upon the cherubim;  
let the earth shake.

2 The Lord is great in Zion; \*  
he is high above all peoples.

3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; \*  
he is the Holy One.

4 "O mighty King, lover of justice,  
you have established equity; \*  
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."

5 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God  
and fall down before his footstool; \*  
he is the Holy One.

6 Moses and Aaron among his priests,  
and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, \*  
they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.

7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; \*  
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.

8 O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; \*  
you were a God who forgave them,  
yet punished them for their evil deeds.

9 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God  
and worship him upon his holy hill; \*  
for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

## SEQUENCE HYMN

Before the Lord's Eternal Throne

Hymnal 391

## GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15-22

*Celebrant*      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
*People*          **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

*Celebrant*      The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*          **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## TRANSITION SONG

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful

Song by Taizé

*In the Lord I'll be ever thankful,  
In the Lord I'll rejoice.  
Look to God, do not be afraid,  
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near;  
Lift up your voices the Lord is near.*

## THE SERMON

The Very Rev. Dr. Michael Shaffer

## THE NICENE CREED

*We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God,  
Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.*

*For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Form III**

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

*That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

*That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

*That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

*That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Give to the departed eternal rest;

*Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

*May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*The People may add their own petitions.*

*All join in a Prayer for Our Parish*

*Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### **CONFESSION**

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins to God.

*People: God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created.*

*We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.*

## **ABSOLUTION**

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

## **THE PEACE**

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People: And also with you.*

## **SONG**

Surely the Presence of the Lord is In This Place

*Sung by all.*

*Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.  
I can feel God's mighty power and God's grace.  
I can hear the brush of angel's wings,  
I see glory on each face.  
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.*

## **WELCOME ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*The Priest offers an Offertory Sentence.*

## **OFFERTORY**

When Christ Broke Bread

Carol Muehlig

## **HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION**

*Sung to the tune of Hymnal #400*

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

## **Eucharistic Prayer 2 from Enriching our Worship**

The Lord be with you.

*And also with you.*

Lift up your hearts.

*We lift them to the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so, this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we say:

***Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.***

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.

To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself, yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

Then the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you. On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friend. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with St. Mark, St. Francis, the blessed Virgin Mary and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**



And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, We are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant sing*

*Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debt, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.*

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

**Fraction Anthem: Taste and see**

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Taste and see. Taste and see the good - ness

of the Lord. O taste and see. Taste and

see the good - ness of the Lord. of the Lord.

Fine

## INVITATION

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*At St. Mark's Episcopal Church, all desiring a deepening and reaffirming relationship with Christ are invited to come forward for Holy Communion or for a blessing. This is the table not of the Church, but of Jesus Christ. It is made ready for those who love God. Come, not because the Church invites you; it is Christ who invites you to be fed and blessed here. For He knows you by name and calls you by name.*

*Communion will be offered in two kinds. The wine may be received by either sipping the chalice or dipping your wafer in the wine. If you do not wish to receive the wine, please indicate that by crossing your arms over your chest when the chalice reaches you at the altar rail. Communion in one kind (in bread only) is a perfectly valid way to receive the sacrament. Gluten free hosts are available upon request at the communion rail. For a blessing, cross your hands over your chest. If you would like to have communion brought to your seat, please let an usher know.*

## **MUSIC AT COMMUNION**

I Want Jesus to Walk With Me  
I Am Weak But Thou Are Strong

**LEVAS 70**  
**LEVAS 72**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

*God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. AMEN*

## **THE BLESSING**

### **PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

**Hymnal 544**

## **THE DISMISSAL**

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

## **CLOSING HYMN**

Thank You, Lord

*Sung a cappella by all*

*Thank You, Lord (x's 3) I just want to thank you Lord.  
You've Been So Good (x's 3) I just want to thank you Lord.  
You've Been My Friend (x's 3) I just want to thank you Lord.*

*The worship is over. Now the service begins.*



**SERVICE PARTICIPANTS:**

The Very Reverend Dr. Michael Shaffer, *Celebrant & Preacher*  
Alfonso Grayson, *Crucifer & Eucharistic Minister*  
Minerva King & Shawan Gillians, *Lectors*  
Ruth Breland, Samara Hawkins, Alphonso Grayson, *Altar Guild*  
Angela Hare, *Usher*

*The flowers are given by Loretta Haskell in Thanksgiving  
for St. Mark's History and Future.*



*The mission of St. Mark's, a historically African American Episcopal church with a diverse congregation is to live and grow in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, as well as reach out, serve, teach and support the parish family and wider community.*

***All are welcome, all are honored, all are embraced, all are loved.***

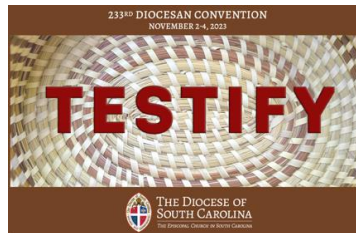
## Announcements



### All Saints Sunday, November 5, 2023 Baptisms, Shrimp and Grits

Plan to be at St. Mark's when we celebrate the Feast of All Saints on Sunday, November 5. We will have two baptisms during our 10:00 AM worship service, one infant and one adult. Following our service, the Men's Club will be hosting its Annual Shrimp and Grits Brunch. (Photo is not completely representative of what will be served, but *it will be darn good!*)

The Men's Club has also recently started their Annual Raffle Drive, to raise funds to support their ministry. Raffle tickets can be purchased from Men's Club members or by contacting the Parish Office. The cost is \$15 for one ticket, \$25 for two or \$100 for 10. The winner of the Raffle drawing will win \$500, and the winning ticket will be drawn following our worship service on December 10. You need not be present to win, but being present is a win, whether or not your ticket is drawn!



**233<sup>rd</sup> Diocesan Convention** – St. James Episcopal Church, Charleston – November 2-4. The Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina will be hosted by the Peninsula Deanery at St. James Episcopal Church on November 2-4, 2023. The theme of this year's convention is "Testify." Registration cost is \$100 per person which includes the Thursday reception, and Friday lunch and reception. Deadline for visitor registration is Friday, October 20. For more information go to the diocesan website at [www.episcopalchurchsc.org](http://www.episcopalchurchsc.org).

**Altar Flower Donations** – Altar Flowers may be donated by signing up for any given Sunday in the Altar Flower Notebook in the church Narthex. Suggested donation is a minimum of \$40.00.

**Free parking** is available during Sunday Worship Services at Ashley Hall School parking lot, located at the corner of Warren and Smith Streets, only one block from St. Mark's Church.

**Parish Office Hours** are every Friday, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Other times, contact Fr. Michael at 843-830-1220.

**Congregational Meetings following worship today and next Sunday.**

**FAST FACTS****City of Charleston**

Prepared by the Department of Planning, Preservation & Sustainability  
January 2023

**LAND AREA**

Peninsula land area  
Total City area (excluding water)  
Total City area (including water)

**2023**

approx. 8.0 sq miles  
approx. 120 sq miles  
approx. 142 sq miles

**CENSUS DEMOGRAPHICS**

City of Charleston Total Population  
West Ashley  
**Peninsula**  
James Island  
Johns Island  
Daniel Island/Cainhoy  
Charleston-North Charleston-Summerville MSA  
**City Racial Breakdown**

**2010**

120,083  
54,239  
**34,636**  
17,847  
5,266  
8,095  
664,607  
**25.6% Black**  
**68.6% White**

**2020**

150,227  
67,873  
**33,644**  
21,595  
11,884  
15,231  
799,636  
**18.0% Black**  
**77.6% White**

City Per Capita Income  
City Median Household Income  
City Median Family Income  
City Persons Per Household

\$30,763  
\$49,448  
\$67,400  
2.18

\$46,575  
\$72,071  
\$100,187  
2.15

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

**POPULATION ESTIMATES**

City of Charleston Total Population  
West Ashley  
Peninsula  
James Island  
Johns Island  
Daniel Island/Cainhoy

**2022**

156,625  
69,145  
35,279  
21,822  
13,417  
16,962

**2023**

159,333  
70,680  
36,156  
21,865  
13,501  
17,131

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

**BUILDING PERMITS (residential)**

Total Single & Multi-Family Unit Permits Issued  
West Ashley  
Peninsula  
James Island  
Johns Island  
Daniel Island/Cainhoy

**2021**

1,856  
835  
495  
47  
353  
126

**2022**

1,673  
606  
408  
14  
285  
360

(Source: City of Charleston building permit data)

**ANNEXATION**

Area Annexed  
Persons Annexed  
Housing Units Annexed

**2021**

109.4 acres  
71  
27

**2022**

38.2 acres  
95  
50



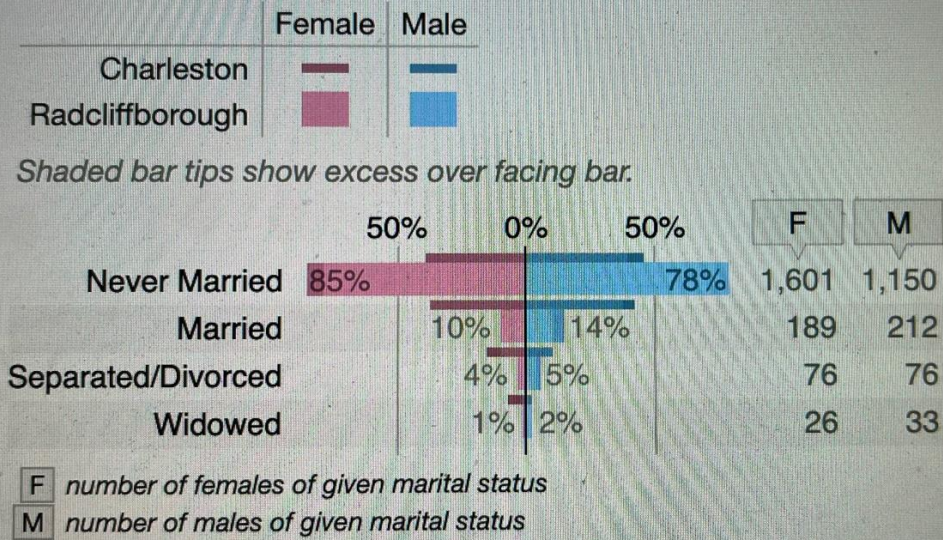
## Radcliffeborough Neighborhood Statistics 2023

### Marital Status

#1

Percentage of population aged 15 and older.

Scope: population of Charleston and Radcliffeborough

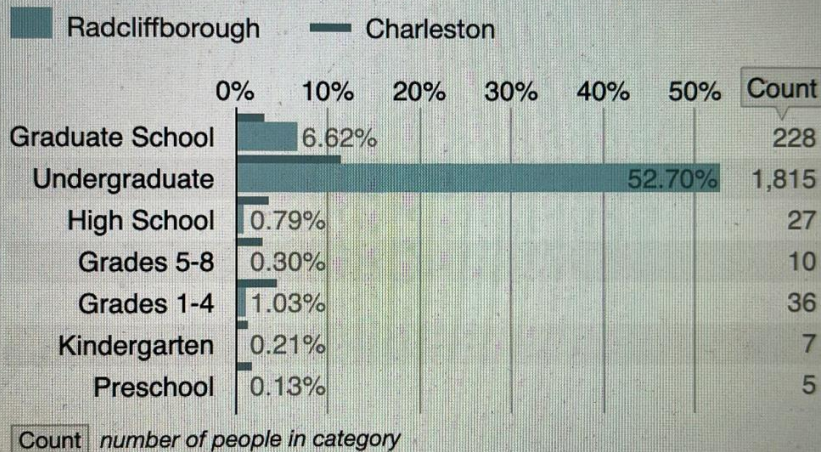


### School Enrollment

#1

Percentage of people aged 3 and older by grade level.

Scope: population of Charleston and Radcliffeborough









## Detailed Age and Sex

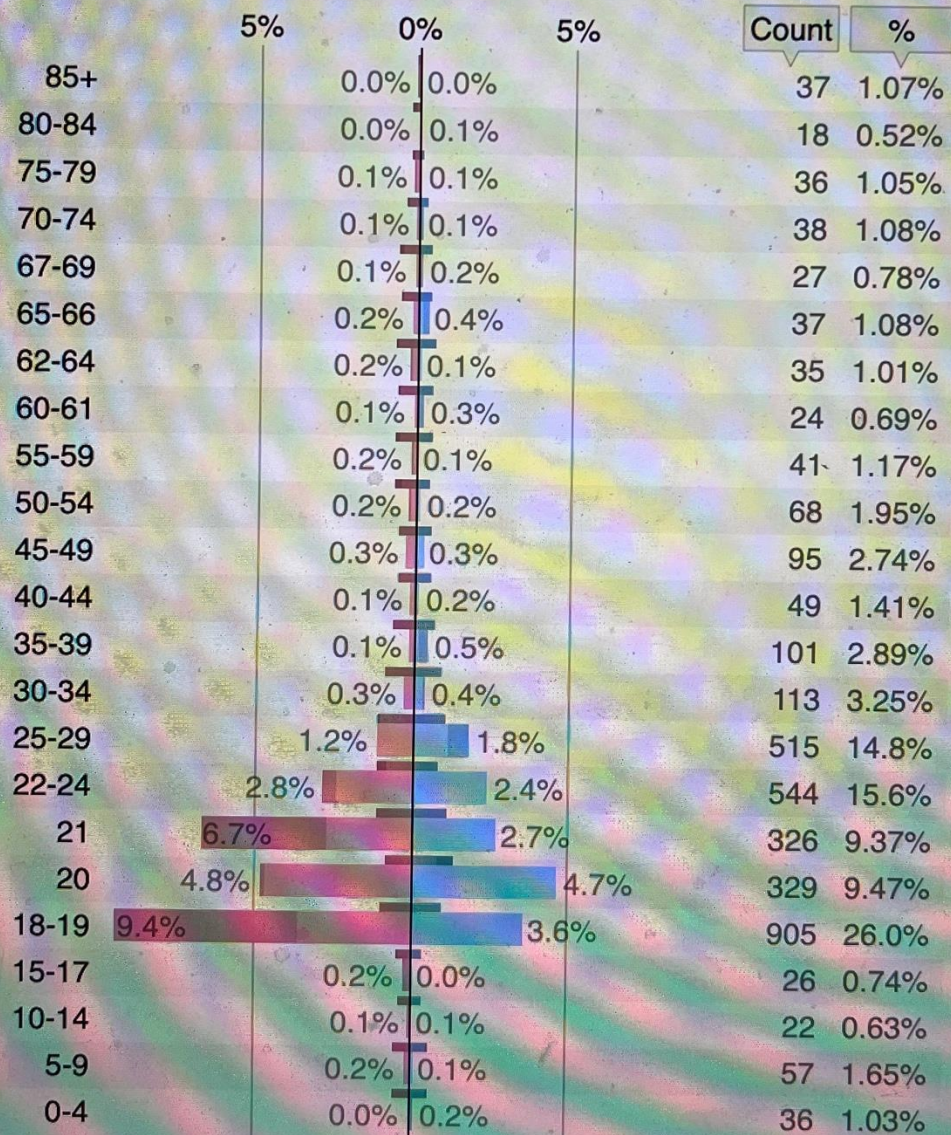
#3

Percentage in each age cohort per year of age.<sup>1</sup>

Scope: population of Charleston and Radcliffborough

	Female	Male
Charleston		
Radcliffborough		

Shaded bar tips show excess over facing bar.



Count number of people in age cohort



## Relative Race and Ethnicity

#2

Race and Hispanic origin in Radcliffborough as a percentage of the total population, expressed as percentage point difference from Charleston.

Scope: population of Charleston and Radcliffborough



% group's percentage of the total population of Radcliffborough

ref. group's percentage of the total population of Charleston

<sup>1</sup> non-Hispanic

<sup>2</sup> excluding black and Asian Hispanics

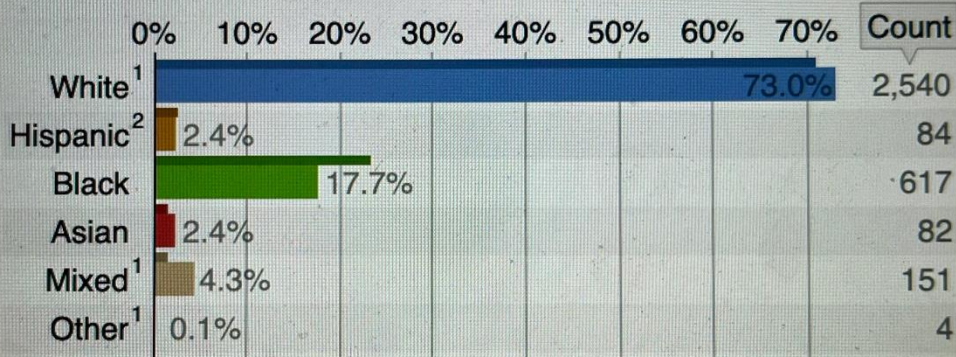
## Race and Ethnicity

#1

Percentage of the total population.

Scope: population of Charleston and Radcliffborough

Radcliffborough Charleston



Count number of members in ethno-racial group

<sup>1</sup> non-Hispanic

<sup>2</sup> excluding black and Asian Hispanics