

S.No.	Governor	Term in Office	Duration	Party	Election
1	Henry McMaster	January 24, 2017 – Incumbent	6 years, 124 days	Republican	2022 2018 Succeeded from Lieutenant Governor
2	Nikki Haley	January 12, 2011 – January 24, 2017 (Resigned)	6 years	Republican	2014 2010
3	Mark Sanford	January 15, 2003 – January 12, 2011 (Term Limited)	8 years	Republican	2006 2002
4	Jim Hodges	January 13, 1999 – January 15, 2003 (Lost reelection)	4 years	Democratic	1998
5	David Beasley	January 11, 1995 – January 13, 1999 (Lost reelection)	4 years	Republican	1994
6	Carroll A. Campbell, Jr.	January 14, 1987 – January 11, 1995 (Term limited)	8 years	Republican	1990 1986
7	Richard Riley	January 10, 1979 – January 14, 1987 (Term limited)	8 years	Democratic	1982 1978
8	James B. Edwards	January 21, 1975 – January 10, 1979 (Term limited)	4 years	Republican	1974
9	John C. West	January 19, 1971 – January 21, 1975 (Term limited)	4 years	Democratic	1970
10	Robert Evander McNair	April 22, 1965 – January 19, 1971 (Term limited)	5.5 years	Democratic	1966 Succeeded from Lieutenant Governor
11	Donald Stuart Russell	January 15, 1963 – April 22, 1965 (Resigned)	1.5 years	Democratic	1962

12	Ernest F. Hollings	January 20, 1959 – January 15, 1963 (Term limited)	4 years	Democratic	1958
13	George Bell Timmerman, Jr.	January 18, 1955 – January 15, 1959 (Term limited)	4 years	Democratic	1954
14	James Francis Byrnes	January 16, 1951 – January 18, 1955 (Term limited)	4 years	Democratic	1950
15	Strom Thurmond	January 21, 1947 – January 16, 1951 (Term limited)	4 years	Democratic	1946
16	Ransome Judson Williams	January 2, 1945 – January 21, 1947 (Not a candidate for	2 years	Democratic	Succeeded from Lieutenant Governor
17	Olin D. Johnston	January 19, 1943 – January 2, 1945 (Resigned)	2 years (6 years total)	Democratic	1942
18	Richard Manning Jefferies	March 2, 1942 – January 19, 1943 (Not a candidate for	8 months	Democratic	1938
19	Vacant	February 27, 1942 – March 2, 1942	-	-	1938
20	Joseph Emile Harley	November 4, 1941 – February 27, 1942 (Died)	4 months	Democratic	1938
21	Burnet R. Maybank	January 17, 1939 – November 4, 1941 (Resigned)	2.5 years	Democratic	1938
22	Olin D. Johnston	January 15, 1935 – January 17, 1939 (Term limited)	4 years	Democratic	1934
23	Ibra Charles Blackwood	January 20, 1931 – January 15, 1935 (Term limited)	4 years	Democratic	1930

24	John Gardiner Richards, Jr.	January 18, 1927 – January 20, 1931 (Term limited)	4 years	Democratic	1926
25	Thomas Gordon McLeod	January 16, 1923 – January 18, 1927 (Term limited)	4 years	Democratic	1924 1922
26	Wilson Godfrey Harvey	May 20, 1922 – January 16, 1923 (Not a candidate for	1.75 years	Democratic	Succeeded from Lieutenant Governor
27	Robert Archer Cooper	January 21, 1919 – May 20, 1922 (Resigned)	3.25 years	Democratic	1920 1918
28	Richard Irvine Manning III	January 19, 1915 – January 21, 1919 (Term limited)	4 years	Democratic	1916 1914
29	Charles Aurelius Smith	January 14, 1915 – January 19, 1915 (Not a candidate for	5 days	Democratic	Succeeded from Lieutenant Governor
30	Coleman Livingston Blease	January 17, 1911 – January 14, 1915 (Resigned)	4 years	Democratic	1912 1910
31	Martin Frederick Ansel	January 15, 1907 – January 17, 1911 (Term limited)	4 years	Democratic	1908 1906
32	Duncan Clinch Heyward	January 20, 1903 – January 15, 1907 (Term limited)	4 years	Democratic	1904 1902
33	Miles Benjamin McSweeney	June 2, 1899 – January 20, 1903 (Not a candidate for	3.5 years	Democratic	1900 Succeeded from Lieutenant Governor
34	William Haselden Ellerbe	January 18, 1897 – June 2, 1899 (Died)	2.5 years	Democratic	1898 1896

35	John Gary Evans	December 4, 1894 – January 18, 1897 (Not a candidate for	2 years	Democratic	1894
36	Benjamin Ryan Tillman	December 4, 1890 – December 4, 1894 (Term limited)	4 years	Democratic	1892 1890
37	John Peter Richardson III	November 30, 1886 – December 4, 1890 (Term limited)	4 years	Democratic	1888 1886
38	John Calhoun Sheppard	July 10, 1886 – November 30, 1886 (Not a candidate for	5 months	Democratic	Succeeded from Lieutenant Governor
39	Hugh Smith Thompson	December 1, 1882 – July 10, 1886 (Resigned)	3.5 years	Democratic	1884 1882
40	Johnson Hagood	November 30, 1880 – December 1, 1882 (Not a candidate for	2 years	Democratic	1880
41	Thomas Bothwell Jeter	September 1, 1880 – November 30, 1880 (Not a candidate for	3 months	Democratic	1878
42	William Dunlap Simpson	February 26, 1879 – September 1, 1880 (Resigned)	1.5 years	Democratic	1878
43	Wade Hampton III	April 11, 1877 – September 26, 1879 (Resigned)	2.5 years	Democratic	1878 1876
44	Disputed	December 14, 1876 – April 11, 1877	-	-	Disputed between Chamberlain and Wade Hampton III. Two governments were formed during this time.
45	Daniel Henry Chamberlain	December 1, 1874 – December 14, 1876 (Lost reelection)	2 years	Republican	1874

46	Franklin J. Moses, Jr.	December 7, 1872 – December 1, 1874 (Lost renomination)	2 years	Republican	1872
47	Robert Kingston Scott	July 6, 1868 – December 7, 1872 (Term limited)	4.5 years	Republican	1870 1868
48	James Lawrence Orr	November 26, 1865 – July 6, 1868 (Not candidate for	2.5 years	No Party	1865

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