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RICHLAND COUNTY COLLECTIONS, 2006-07  
*Alternatives Catch On With Taxpayers*

Columbia, SC - Collections increased over the last year due to Richland County's continued growth. The use of new payment options by Richland County taxpayers continued to rise in Fiscal Year 2006-07.

The Richland County Treasurer's Office collected 449,729 property tax payments totaling \$456 million from July 1, 2006, until June 30, 2007. That figure is an increase of 11,000 payments, or 2.9%, over the previous year. Since FY 2002-03 the number of tax bills collected has increased by 42,000.

"Tax payments have increased by 10,000 each year," Richland County Treasurer David Adams said. "We have worked smarter. We've handled the huge growth in our work (without additional staff) by allowing technology to do some of the work for all of us. New alternatives make paying taxes more convenient for taxpayers, and more efficient and accurate for the County."

Non-traditional payments increased 20.8% last year. Those payment types include internet and telephone credit card payments, and drop-off payments at NBSC branches throughout the Midlands. Credit card payments increased 34.5% and NBSC payments increased 8.4%. Both types of receipts totaled almost 40,000 tax payments in the last twelve months.

The Partial Payment Plan offered by Richland County declined by 9% to 1,547 payments - but it remains significantly elevated from the 710 payments accepted in 2002-03.

"Most of the increase in these unconventional payments are due to familiarity. Payment information is on the bills so that people are aware of their choices, and people are more comfortable using the internet to pay bills," Adams concluded. "We want to continue to aggressively grow this segment of our collections so that people can meet their obligations in the way that best suits their needs."

For more information on payment options, visit: [www.rcgov.us/treasurer](http://www.rcgov.us/treasurer) .

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