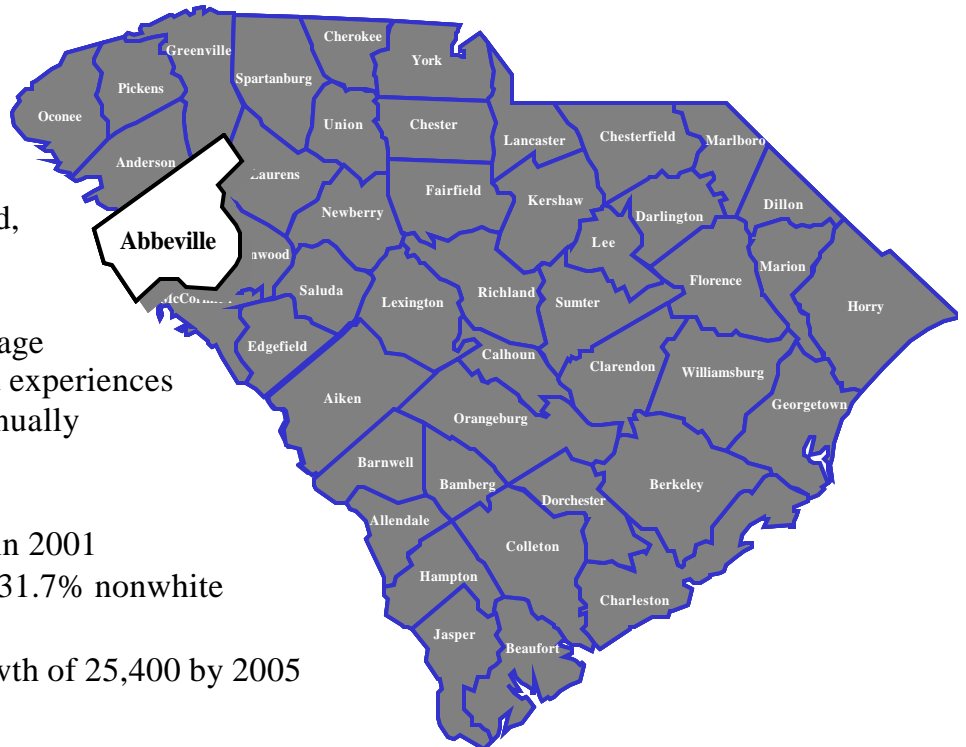


Spotlight on Abbeville County...

Location & Climate

- Located in the Northwest area of the state
- Surrounded by Anderson, Greenville, Laurens, Greenwood, and McCormick Counties and Georgia to the West.
- This climatic region has an average temperature of 61.8 degrees and experiences 46.72 inches of precipitation annually



Population

- Equaled approximately 26,314 in 2001
- Comprised of 68.3% white and 31.7% nonwhite
- Median age was 36.9 years old
- Has exceeded its estimated growth of 25,400 by 2005

Labor Force

- Decreased from 12,140 in 2001 to 11,960 in 2002
- Unemployment rate rose from 8.0% in 2001 to 9.2% in 2002

Employment

- Average monthly employment for the County was 10,860 in 2002

Per Capita Income

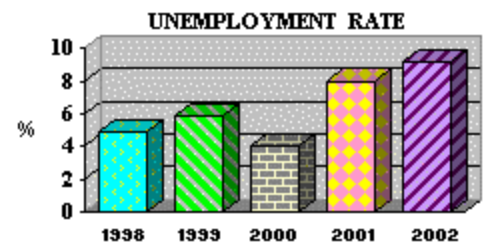
- Per capita income for the County was \$20,895 in 2001
- It was 84% of the state's PCI of \$24,840

Unemployment Insurance Benefits

The Abbeville Workforce Center, serving Abbeville and McCormick Counties, paid \$5,561,001 in regular U.I. benefits during calendar year 2002.

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