

Spotlight on Aiken County...

Location & Climate

- Located in the Western area of the state
- Surrounded by Barnwell, Edgefield, Lexington, Orangeburg, and Saluda Counties and Georgia
- This climatic region has an average temperature of 63.9 degrees and experiences 49.19 inches of precipitation annually



Population

- Equaled approximately 143,905 in 2001
- Comprised of 71.4% white and 28.6% nonwhite
- Median age was 36.4 years old
- Estimated to grow to 145,900 by 2005

Labor Force

- Increased from 62,730 in 2001 to 63,350 in 2002
- Unemployment fell from 5.8% in 2001 to 5.3% in 2002

Employment

- Average monthly employment for the County was 59,970 in 2002

Per Capita Income

- Per capita income for the County was \$25,649 in 2001
- It was 103% of the state's PCI of \$24,840

Unemployment Insurance Benefits

The Aiken Workforce Center, serving Aiken County, paid \$10,433,530 in regular U.I. benefits during calendar year 2002.

Aiken Workforce Center

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