



Spotlight on Allendale...

Allendale County and its county seat of Allendale were named for the Allen family, one of whom, Paul Allen, was the town's first postmaster. The county is South Carolina's youngest; it was formed in 1919 from parts of Barnwell and Hampton counties. The area was settled in the mid-eighteenth century by English, German, and Scotch-Irish farmers, and it remains primarily agricultural. The plantation of Confederate general Johnson Hagood (1829-1898) was in what is now Allendale County, and the artist Jasper Johns spent his childhood years in Allendale.

Barnwell Workforce Center

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Location & Climate

- Located in the southwestern area of the state
- Surrounded by Barnwell, Bamberg, Colleton, and Hampton counties, with Georgia to the west
- This region has an average temperature of 64.4 degrees with an annual average rainfall of 46.6 inches.

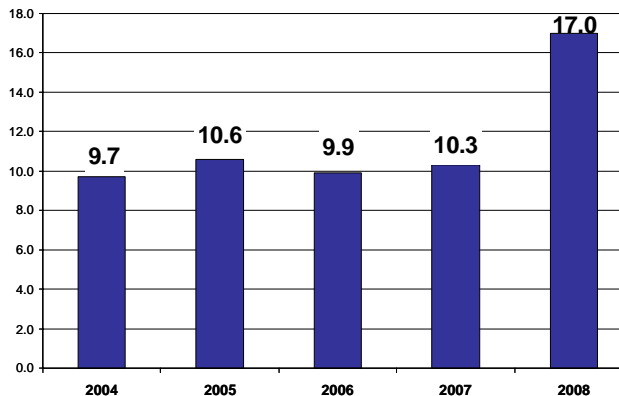
Population

- Was 10,450 in 2007
- Estimated growth to 10,680 by 2015
- 2007 data was comprised of 28.4% White, 70.8% African-American, and 0.7% Other
- The Hispanic-Latino population increased from 181 in 2000 to 259 in 2007, a 43.1% change.

Labor Force

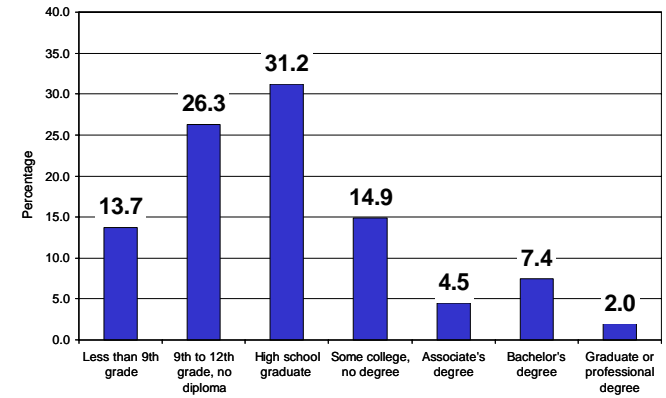
- Decreased from 3,560 in 2007 to 3,340 in 2008
- Employment dropped from 3,190 in 2007 to 2,770 in 2008.
- Unemployment rate increased from 10.3% in 2007 to 17.0% in 2008.

Unemployment Rates for Allendale County
2004 - 2008



Educational Attainment

Allendale County 2007



Per Capita Income

- County per capita income was \$21,930 for 2007.
- This was 71% of the state's per capita income of \$31,100.
- This was 57% of the national per capita income of \$38,620.

Unemployment Insurance Benefits

The Barnwell Workforce Center, serving Barnwell and Allendale counties, paid \$6,735,650 in regular unemployment insurance benefits during 2008.



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