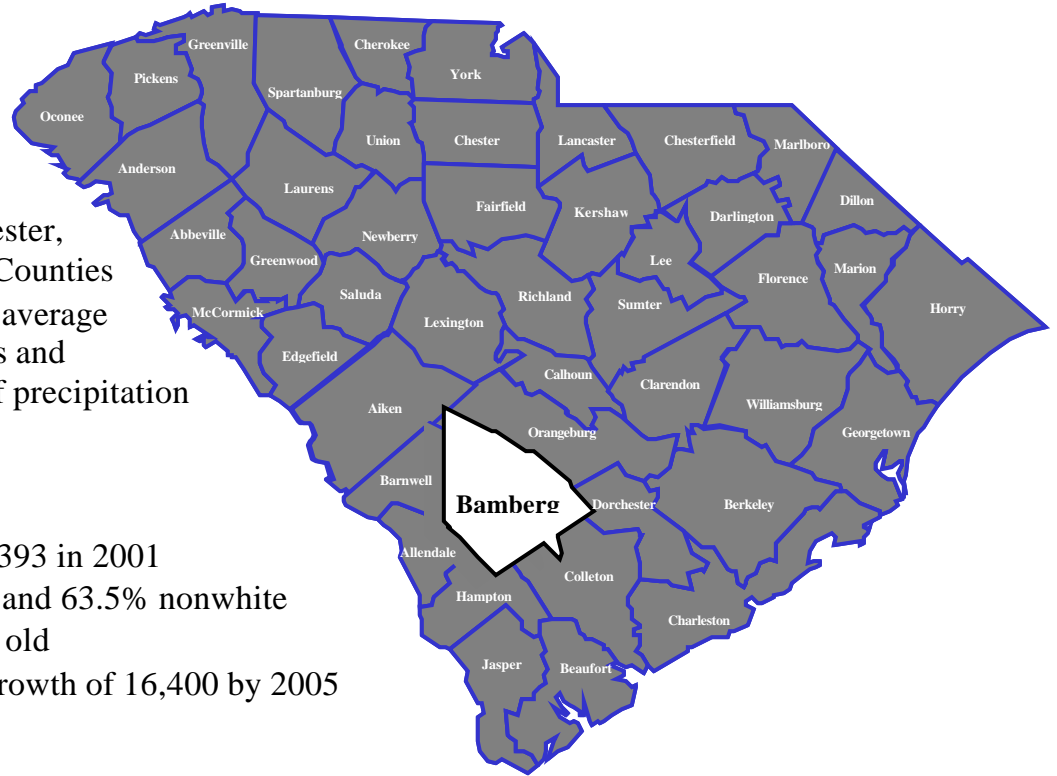


Spotlight on Bamberg County...

Location & Climate

- Located in the South-western area of the state
- Surrounded by Allendale, Barnwell, Colleton, Dorchester, Hampton and Orangeburg Counties
- This climatic region has an average temperature of 64.3 degrees and experiences 47.44 inches of precipitation annually



Population

- Equaled approximately 16,393 in 2001
- Comprised of 36.5% white and 63.5% nonwhite
- Median age was 35.2 years old
- Will exceed its estimated growth of 16,400 by 2005

Labor Force

- Increased from 7,710 in 2001 to 7,740 in 2002
- Unemployment rate fell from 6.0% in 2001 to 5.5% in 2002

Employment

- Average monthly employment for the County was 7,320 in 2002

Per Capita Income

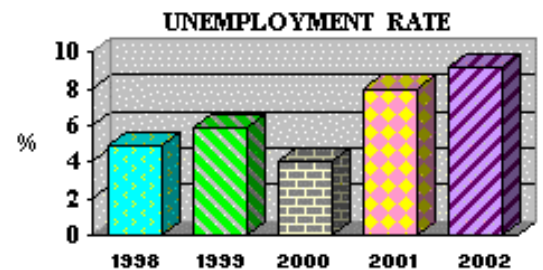
- Per capita income for the County was \$19,628 in 2001
- It was 79% of the state's PCI of \$24,840

Unemployment Insurance Benefits

The Orangeburg Workforce Center, which also serves Bamberg and Calhoun Counties, paid \$14,171,960 in regular U.I. benefits during calendar year 2002.

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