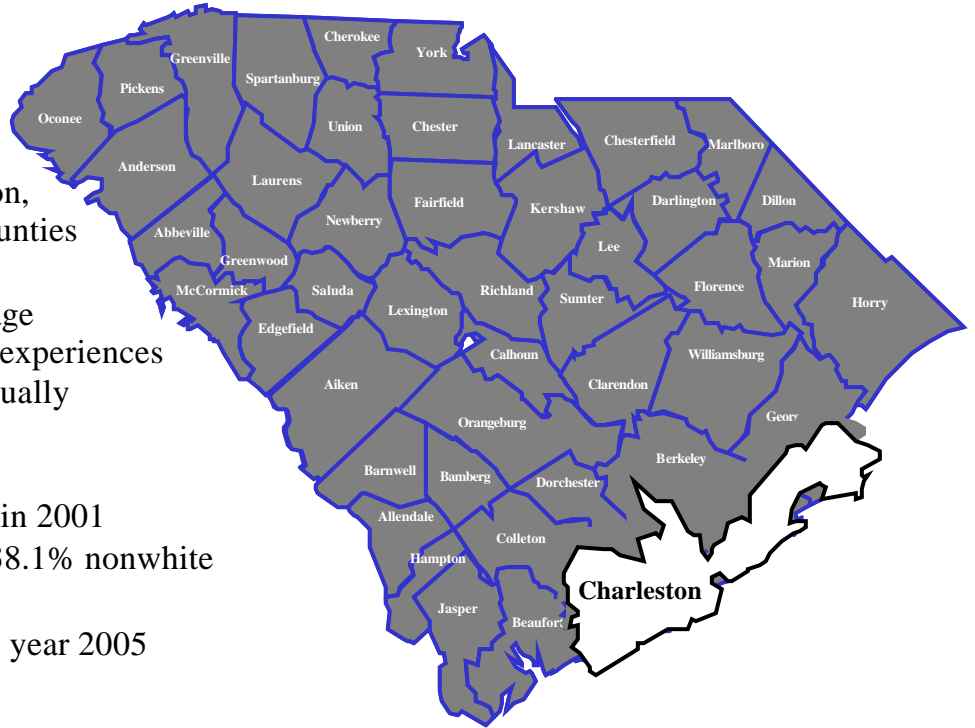


Spotlight on Charleston County...

Location & Climate

- Located in the Southeastern area of the state
- Surrounded by Berkeley, Colleton, Dorchester, and Georgetown Counties and the Atlantic Ocean
- This climatic region has an average temperature of 65.6 degrees and experiences 50.70 inches of precipitation annually



Population

- Equaled approximately 312,007 in 2001
- Comprised of 61.9% white and 38.1% nonwhite
- Median age was 34.5 years old
- Estimated to grow to 329,800 by year 2005

Labor Force

- Increased from 162,090 in 2001 to 163,290 in 2002
- Unemployment rate rose from 3.6% in 2001 to 4.2% in 2002

Employment

- Average monthly employment for the County was 156,520 in 2002

Per Capita Income

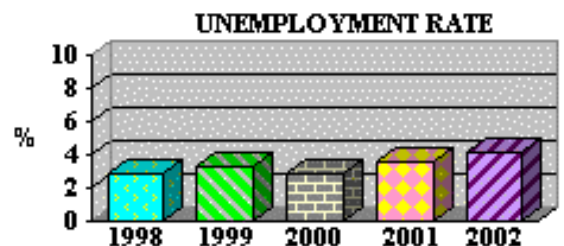
- Per capita income for the County was \$29,688 in 2001
- It was 120% of the state's PCI of \$24,840

Unemployment Insurance Benefits

The Charleston Workforce Center paid \$20,036,791 in regular U.I. benefits during calendar year 2002.

Charleston Workforce Center

176 Lockwood Blvd.
Charleston, SC 29403
(843) 792-7026/FAX: 792-4005



South Carolina Employment Security Commission - Labor Market Information
P.O. Box 995 Columbia, S.C. 29202
(803) 737-2660/Fax 737-2838
(800) 205-9290 (outside of the Columbia area)
(<http://www.sces.org/lmi>)