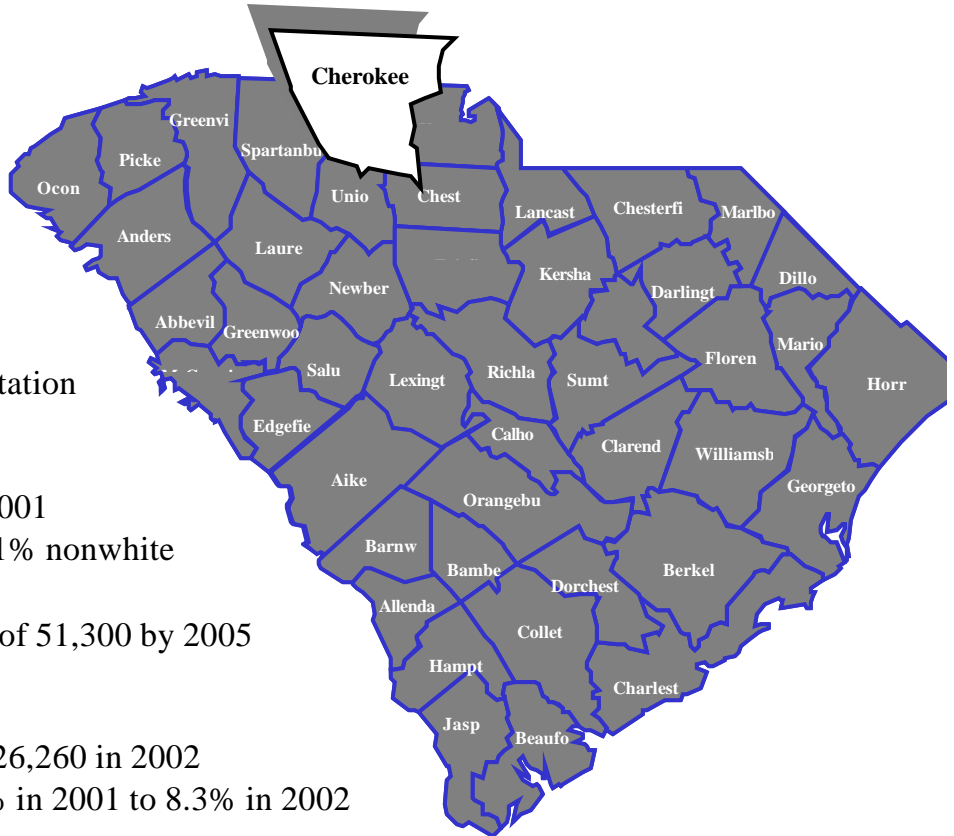


Spotlight on Cherokee County...

Location & Climate

- Located in the Northern area of the state
- Surrounded by Spartanburg, Union, and York Counties and North Carolina
- This climatic region has an average temperature of 58.5 degrees and experiences 48.24 inches of precipitation



Population

- Equaled approximately 53,161 in 2001
- Comprised of 76.9% white and 23.1% nonwhite
- Median age was 35.3 years old
- Has exceeded its estimated growth of 51,300 by 2005

Labor Force

- Decreased from 26,550 in 2001 to 26,260 in 2002
- Unemployment rate rose from 7.7% in 2001 to 8.3% in 2002

Employment

- Average monthly employment for the County was 24,070 in 2002

Per Capita Income

- Per capita income for the County was \$20,015 in 2001
- It was 81% of the state's PCI of \$24,840

Unemployment Insurance Benefits

The Gaffney Workforce Center, which serves Cherokee County, paid \$8,671,310 in regular U.I. benefits during calendar year 2002.

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