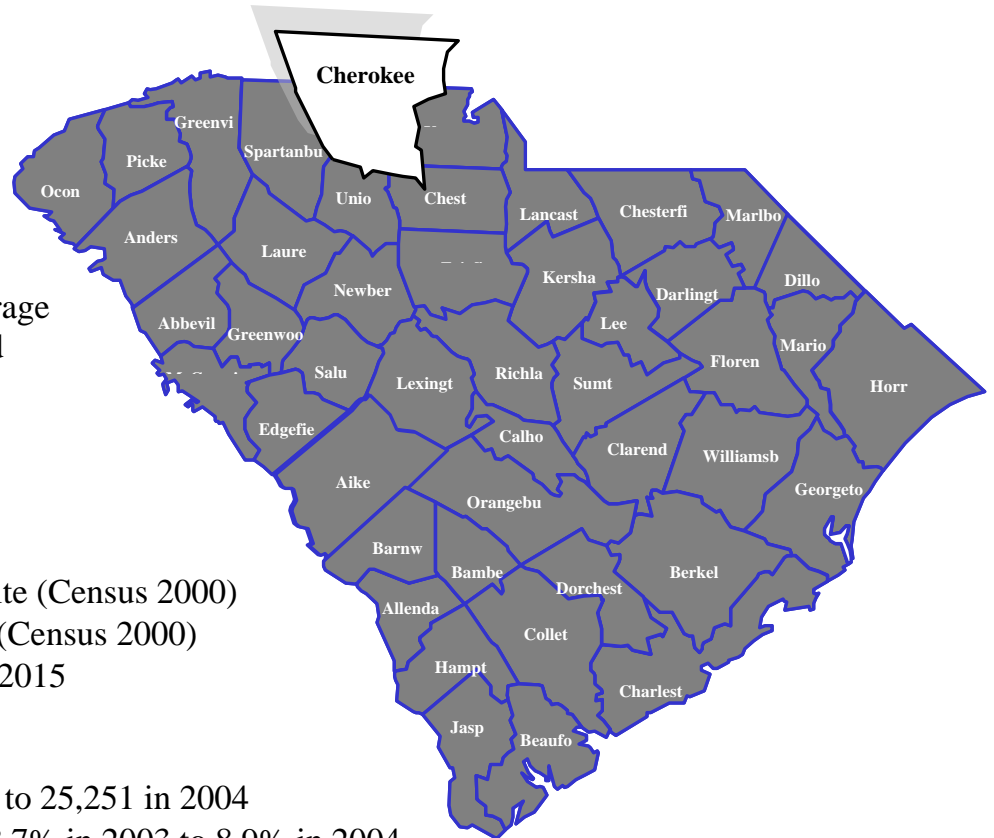


Spotlight on Cherokee County...

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

- 53,782 in 2004
- 76.9% white and 23.1% nonwhite (Census 2000)
- Median age was 35.3 years old (Census 2000)
- Estimated growth of 60,590 by 2015

Labor Force

- Decreased from 26,980 in 2003 to 25,251 in 2004
- Unemployment rate rose from 8.7% in 2003 to 8.9% in 2004

Employment

- Average monthly employment for the county was 22,992 in 2004, compared to 24,505 in 2003

Per Capita Income

- Per capita income for the county was \$21,492 in 2003
- It was 82% of the state's PCI of \$26,144

Unemployment Insurance Benefits

The Gaffney Workforce Center, which serves Cherokee County, paid \$6,553,417 in regular U.I. benefits during calendar year 2004.

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