

Spotlight on Clarendon . . .

Clarendon County was named for Edward Hyde, Earl of Clarendon (1608/9-1674), one of the Lords Proprietors of Carolina. The county seat is Manning. Several Revolutionary War skirmishes took place in this area; at Fort Watson in 1781, British soldiers were driven from a large Indian mound that had been fortified. During the Civil War, Union troops under General Edward Potter moved through this area, burning plantations. In the 1950s, Clarendon County schools were sued over the issue of racial segregation. The case Briggs v. Elliott was one of several cases that eventually led the U. S. Supreme Court to abolish segregation in 1954. Clarendon County can claim five South Carolina governors. Children's author Peggy Parish (1927-1988) and tennis player Althea Gibson (1927-2003) are Clarendon County natives.

Sumter Workforce Center

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Location & Climate

- Located in the central area of the state
- Surrounded by Sumter, Florence, Williamsburg, Berkeley, Orangeburg, and Calhoun counties
- This region has an average temperature of 63.7 degrees with an annual average rainfall of 47.5 inches.

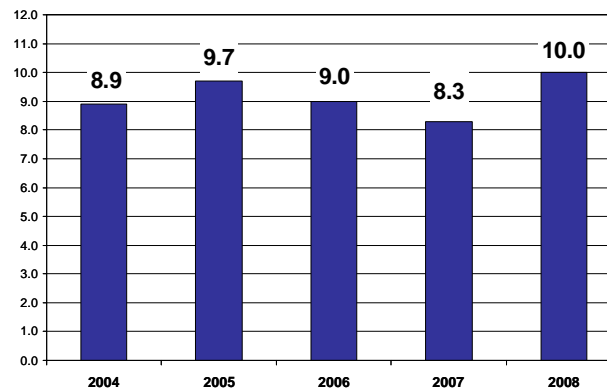
Population

- Was 32,680 in 2007
- Estimated growth to 34,900 by 2015
- 2007 data was comprised of 48.1% White, 50.4% African-American, and 1.4% Other
- The Hispanic-Latino population increased from 560 in 2000 to 841 in 2007, a 50.2% change.

Labor Force

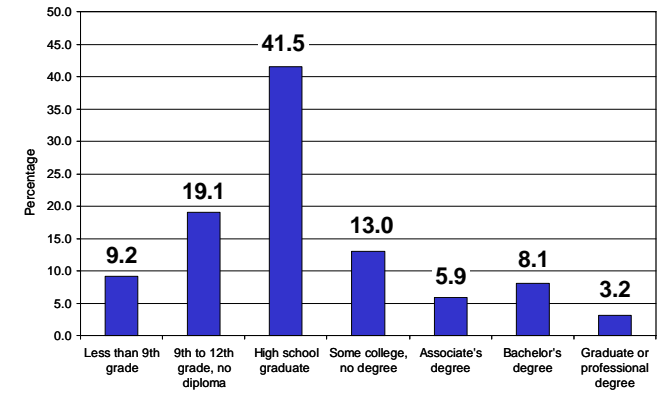
- Decreased from 12,660 in 2007 to 12,470 in 2008
- Employment dropped from 11,610 in 2007 to 11,220 in 2008.
- Unemployment rate rose from 8.3% in 2007 to 10.0% in 2008.

Unemployment Rates for Clarendon County
2004 - 2008



Educational Attainment

Clarendon County 2007



Per Capita Income

- County per capita income was \$23,370 for 2007.
- This was 75% of the state's per capita income of \$31,100.
- This was 61% of the national per capita income of \$38,620.

Unemployment Insurance Benefits

The Sumter Workforce Center, which serves Clarendon and Sumter counties, paid \$13,355,559 in regular unemployment insurance benefits during 2008.



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