

Spotlight on Colleton County...

Location & Climate

- Located in the Southern area of the state
- Surrounded by Bamberg, Beaufort, Charleston, Dorchester, Hampton, and Orangeburg Counties and the Atlantic Ocean
- This climatic region has an average temperature of 64.6 degrees and experiences 49.18 inches of precipitation annually



Population

- Equaled approximately 38,546 in 2001
- Comprised of 55.5% white and 44.5% nonwhite
- Median age was 36.5 years old
- Estimated to grow to 40,200 by 2005

Labor Force

- Increased from 15,020 in 2001 to 15,320 in 2002
- Unemployment rate rose from 5.1% in 2001 to 6.3% in 2002

Employment

- Average monthly employment for the county was 14,360 in 2002

Per Capita Income

- Per capita income for the County was \$19,339 in 2001
- It was 78% of the state's PCI of \$24,840

Unemployment Insurance Benefits

The Walterboro Workforce Center, which serves Colleton County, paid \$2,965,278 in regular U.I. benefits during calendar year 2002.

Walterboro Workforce Center

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