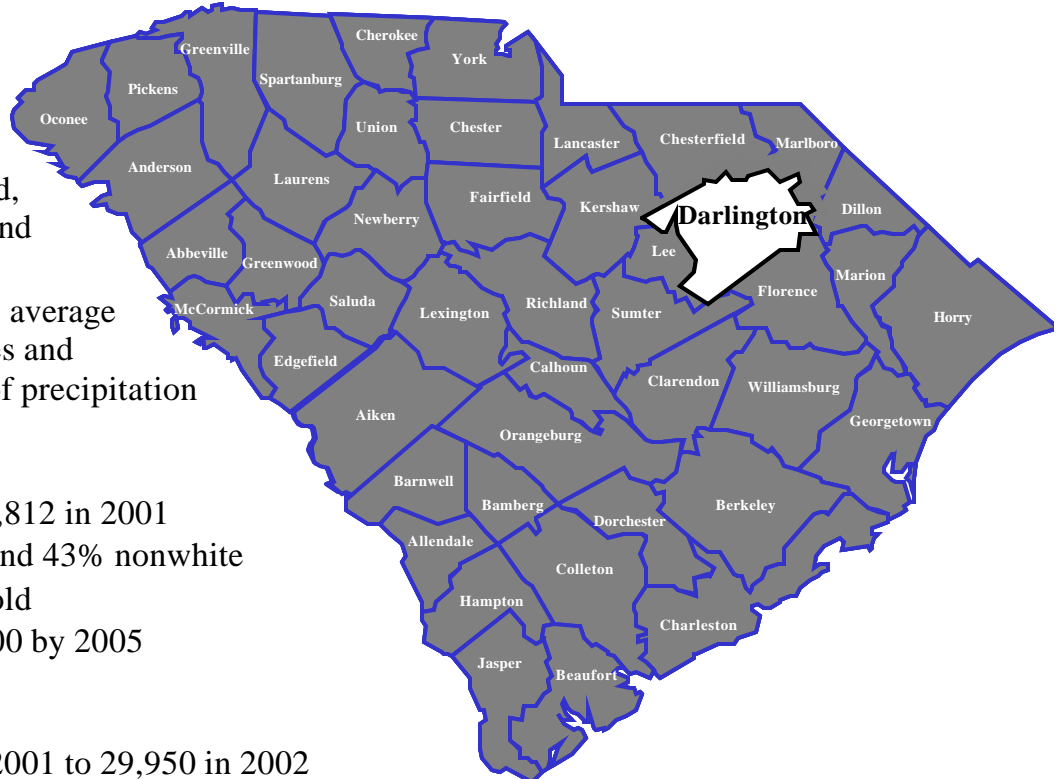


Spotlight on Darlington County...

Location & Climate

- Located in the Northeast area of the state
- Surrounded by Chesterfield, Marlboro, Florence, Lee, and Kershaw Counties
- This climatic region has an average temperature of 63.3 degrees and experiences 46.31 inches of precipitation



Population

- Equaled approximately 67,812 in 2001
- Comprised of 57% white and 43% nonwhite
- Median age was 36 years old
- Estimated to grow to 67,900 by 2005

Labor Force

- Increased from 29,620 in 2001 to 29,950 in 2002
- Unemployment rate rose from 7.4% in 2001 to 7.7% in 2002

Employment

- Average monthly employment for the County was 27,650 in 2002

Per Capita Income

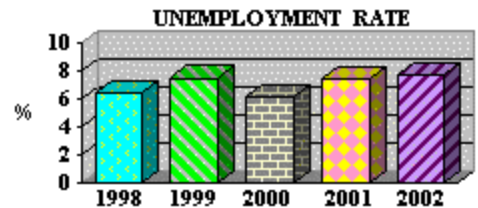
- Per capita income for the County was \$21,880 in 2001
- It was 88% of the state's PCI of \$24,840

Unemployment Insurance Benefits

The Hartsville Workforce Center, which serves Darlington County, paid \$7,078,039 in regular U.I. benefits during calendar year 2002.

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