



## Spotlight on Edgefield . . .

The origin of the name Edgefield is not clear, although it is usually described as “fanciful.” The county was formed in 1785 as part of the Ninety Six District; parts of Edgefield later went to form Aiken (1871), Saluda (1895), Greenwood (1897), and McCormick (1916) counties. The county seat is the town of Edgefield. This part of the upcountry, settled in the late eighteenth century, was the site of several Revolutionary War skirmishes. Although primarily agricultural, Edgefield County developed a thriving pottery industry in the nineteenth century; the old alkaline-glazed Edgefield pottery is highly sought after today. The larger Edgefield County was the home of ten South Carolina governors, including Francis W. Pickens (1805-1869), Benjamin R. Tillman (1847-1918), and Strom Thurmond (1902 - 2003).

### Greenwood Workforce Center

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### Location & Climate

- Located in the west central area of the state
- Surrounded by McCormick, Greenwood, Saluda, and Aiken counties, with Georgia to the west
- This region has an average temperature of 61.6 degrees with an annual average rainfall of 48.8 inches.

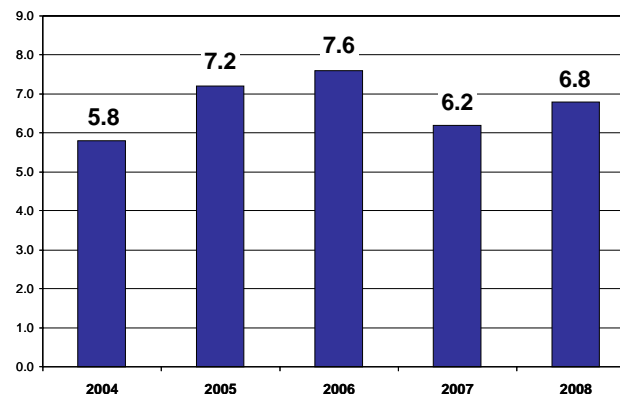
### Population

- Was 25,360 in 2007
- Estimated growth to 28,420 by 2015
- 2007 data was comprised of 58.3% White, 40.1% African-American, and 1.5% Other
- The Hispanic-Latino population has increased from 503 in 2000 to 708 in 2007, a 40.8% change.

### Labor Force

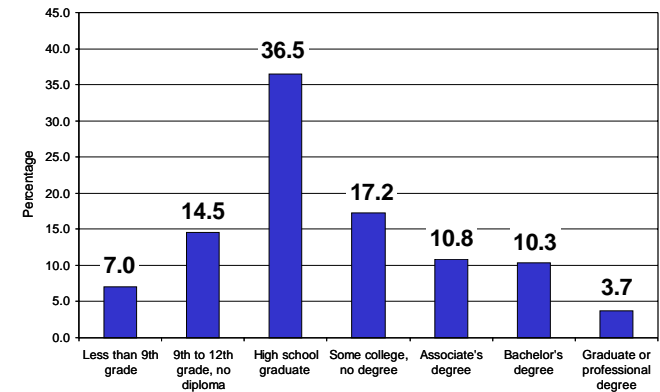
- Increased from 10,960 in 2007 to 11,040 in 2008
- Employment rose from 10,280 in 2007 to 10,290 in 2008.
- Unemployment rate climbed from 6.2% in 2007 to 6.8% in 2008.

Unemployment Rates for Edgefield County  
2004 - 2008



### Educational Attainment

Edgefield County 2007



### Per Capita Income

- County per capita income was \$26,740 for 2007.
- This was 86% of the state's per capita income of \$31,100.
- This was 69% of the national per capita income of \$38,620.

### Unemployment Insurance Benefits

The Greenwood Workforce Center, serving Edgefield and Greenwood counties, paid \$9,027,761 in regular unemployment insurance benefits during 2008.



### SC Employment Security Commission Labor Market Information

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