

Spotlight on Hampton County...

Location & Climate

- Located in the Southern area of the state
- Surrounded by Allendale, Bamberg, Beaufort, Colleton, and Jasper Counties and Georgia
- This climatic region has an average temperature of 65.5 degrees and experiences 48.34 inches of precipitation

Population

- Equaled approximately 21,411 in 2001
- Comprised of 42.9% white and 57.1% nonwhite
- Median age was 34.8 years old
- Has exceeded its estimated growth of 20,300 by 2005

Labor Force

- Increased from 8,140 in 2001 to 8,250 in 2002
- Unemployment rate rose from 6.8% in 2001 to 8.2% in 2002

Employment

- Average monthly employment for the County was 7,580 in 2002

Per Capita Income

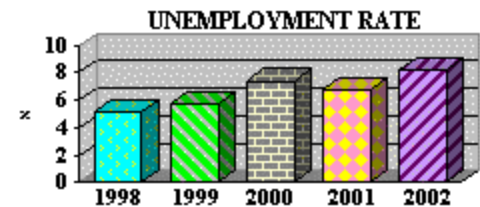
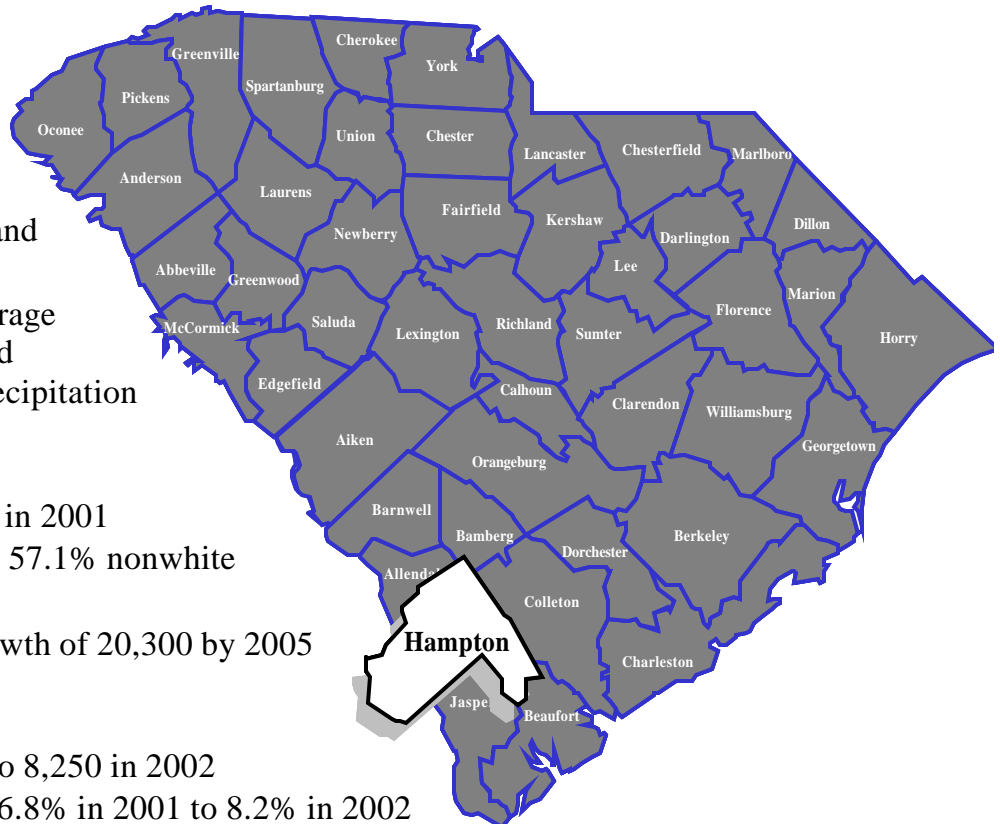
- Per capita income for the County was \$19,784 in 2001
- It was 80% of the state's PCI of \$24,840

Unemployment Insurance Benefits

The Hampton Workforce Center paid \$1,800,933 in regular U.I. benefits during calendar year 2002.

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