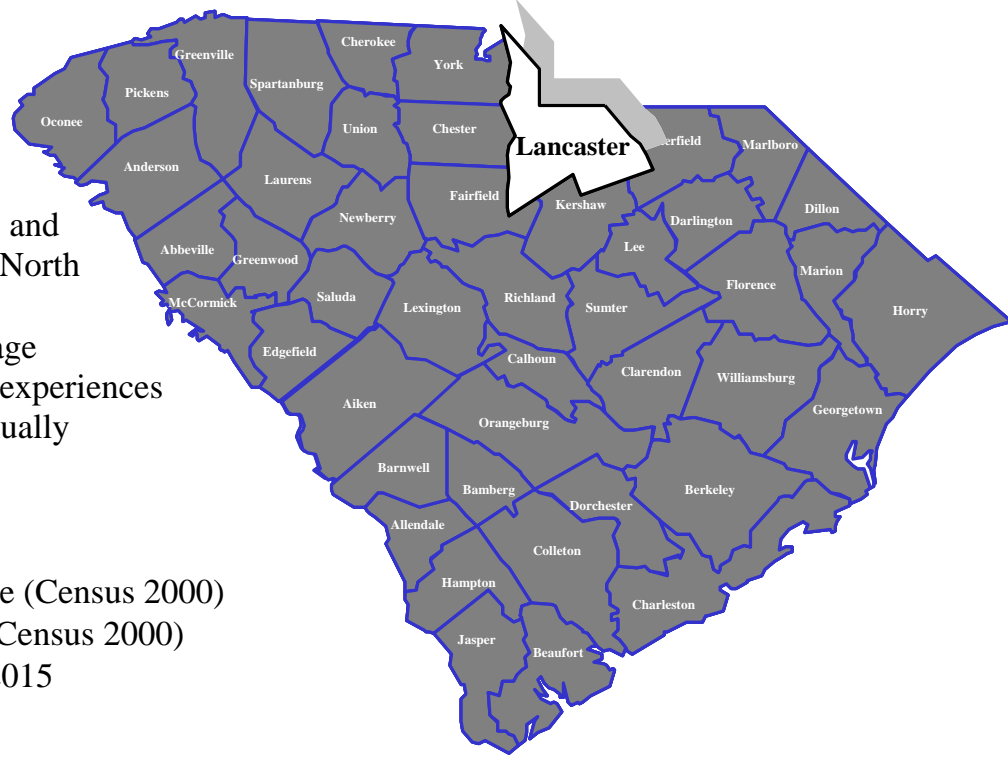


Spotlight on Lancaster County...

Location & Climate

- Located in the north central area of the state
- Surrounded by Chester, Chesterfield, Kershaw, Fairfield, and York counties and is adjacent to North Carolina
- This climatic region has an average temperature of 61.0 degrees and experiences 46.11 inches of precipitation annually



Population

- 63,135 in 2004
- 71.0% white and 29.0% nonwhite (Census 2000)
- Median age was 35.9 years old (Census 2000)
- Estimated growth of 66,830 by 2015

Labor Force

- Increased from 27,776 in 2003 to 29,888 in 2004
- Unemployment rate fell from 9.0% in 2003 to 8.9% in 2004

Employment

- Average monthly employment for the county was 27,217 in 2004, compared to 24,673 in 2003

Per Capita Income

- Per capita income for the county was \$21,269 in 2003
- It was 81% of the state's PCI of \$26,144

Unemployment Insurance Benefits

The Lancaster Workforce Center paid \$8,038,767 in regular U.I. benefits during calendar year 2004.

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