

Spotlight on the Lowcountry

Location & Climate

Located in the Southern area of the state, the Lowcountry WIA is comprised of four (4) counties: Beaufort, Colleton, Hampton, and Jasper. This area experiences average temperatures in the mid 60s and has between 48.34 and 50.76 inches of precipitation annually.

Labor Force

The labor force in the Lowcountry reached 88,710 in 2002. The 2002 unemployment rate spanned from 2.8% to 8.2%, showing an increase since 2001.

Population

Total area population 2001: 205,987
Male: 50.3% **Female:** 49.7%
White: 61.9% **Nonwhite:** 38.10%

Employment

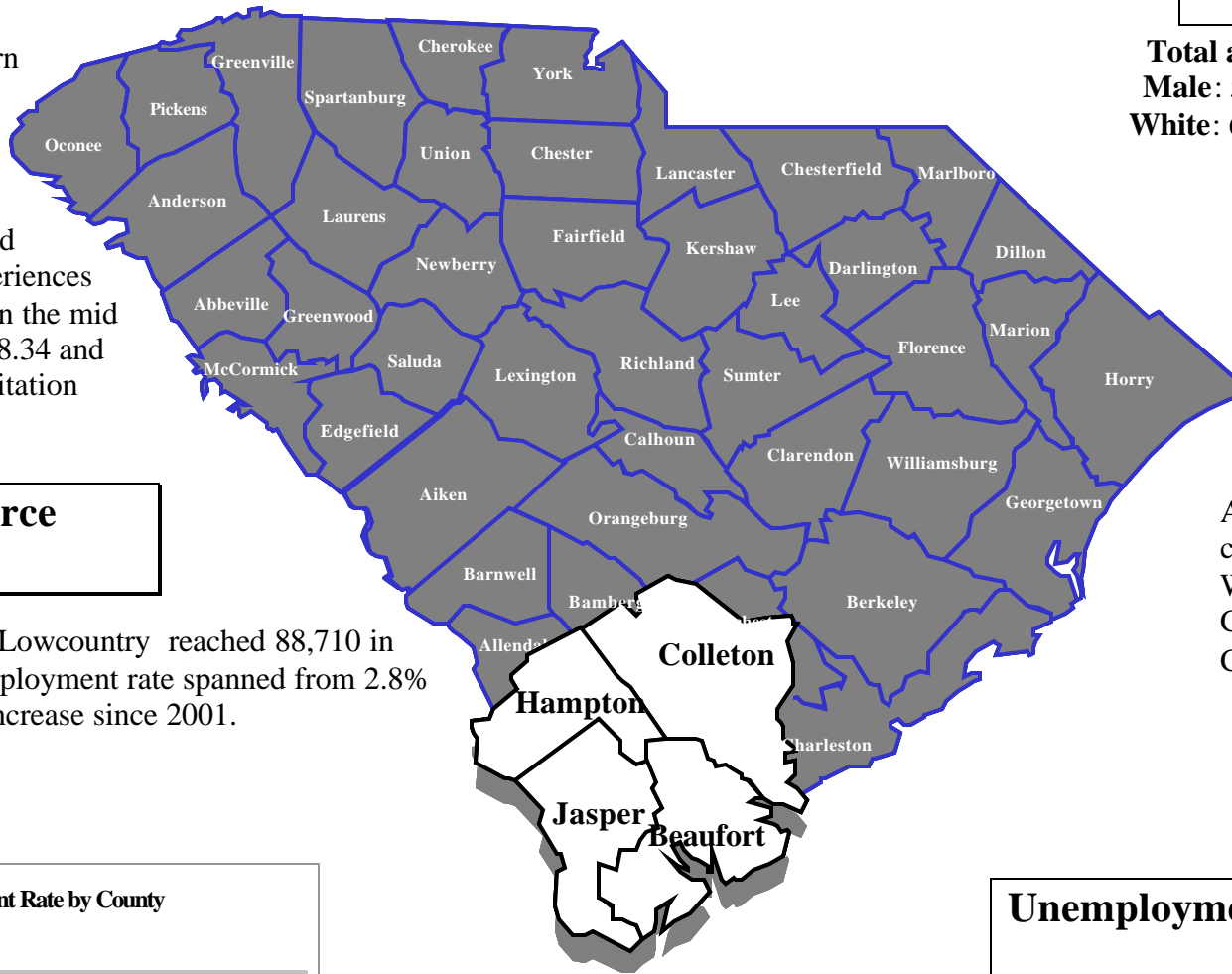
Average monthly employment for counties across the Lowcountry WIA ranged from 9,560 in Jasper County to 55,580 in Beaufort County

Unemployment Insurance Benefits

In 2002, Unemployment insurance benefits paid by Workforce centers in the Lowcountry WIA reached a total of \$10,744,089.

Per Capita Income

Per Capita Income for the Lowcountry WIA counties in 2001 ranged from \$17,356 in Jasper County to \$33,943 in Beaufort County; between 70% and 137% of the state's PCI of \$24,840.



WIA Unemployment Rate by County

