

# Spotlight on Lowcountry...



## Location & Climate

Located in the southern area of the state, the Lowcountry WIA is comprised of four 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 93,134 in 2004. The 2004 unemployment rate spanned from 4.7% to 9.3%, showing an increase since 2003.

## Population

**Total Area Population 2004:** 217,814  
**Male:** 50.3%      **Female:** 49.7%  
**White:** 61.9%      **Nonwhite:** 38.10%

## Employment

Average monthly employment in 2004 for counties across the Lowcountry WIA ranged from 7,346 in Hampton County to 55,817 in Beaufort County.

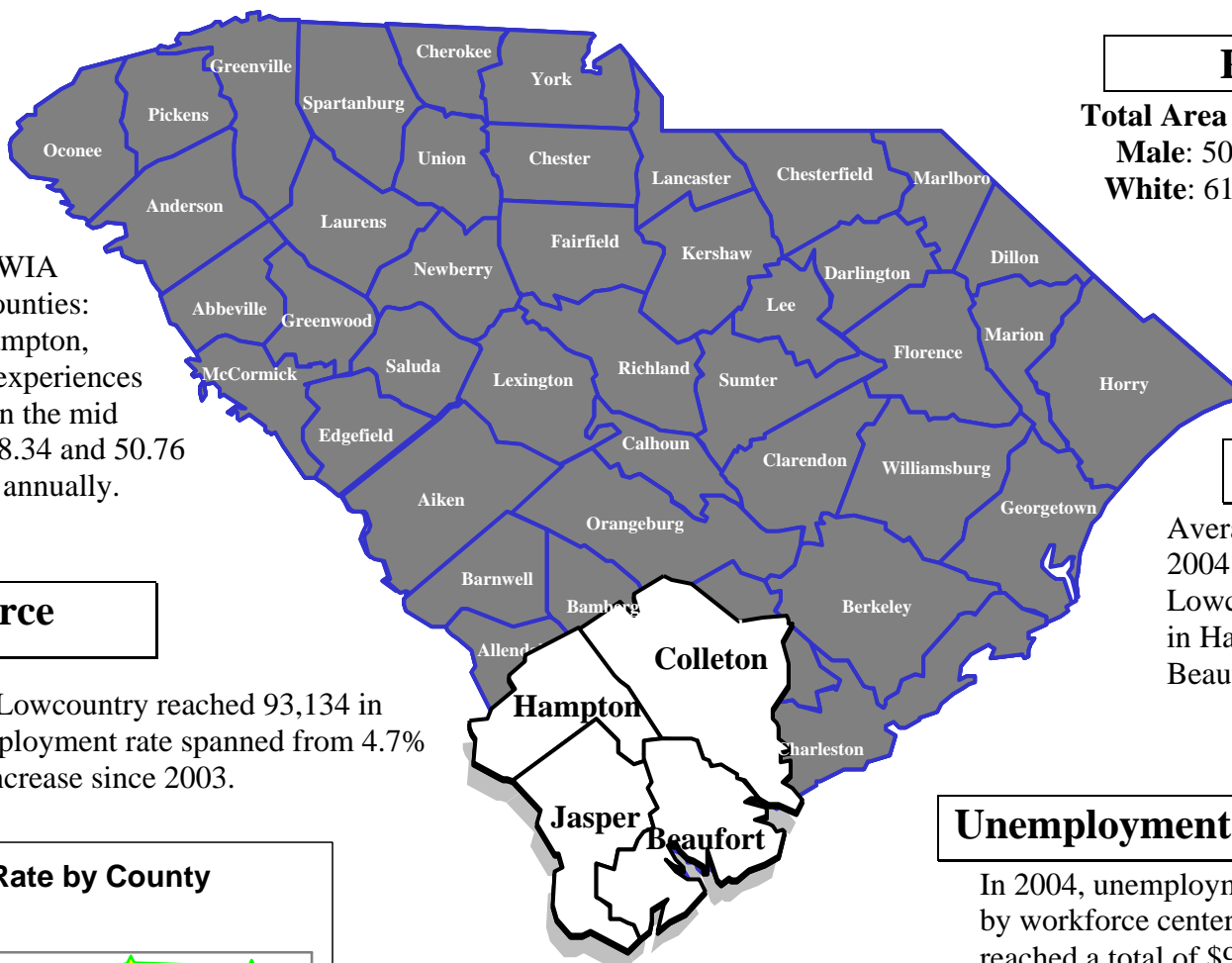
## Unemployment Insurance Benefits

In 2004, unemployment insurance benefits paid by workforce centers in the Lowcountry WIA reached a total of \$9,263,527.

## Per Capita Income

Per capita income for the Lowcountry WIA counties in 2003 ranged from \$19,338 in Jasper County to \$34,814 in Beaufort County, between 74% and 133% of the state's PCI of \$26,144.

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**Unemployment Rate by County**

