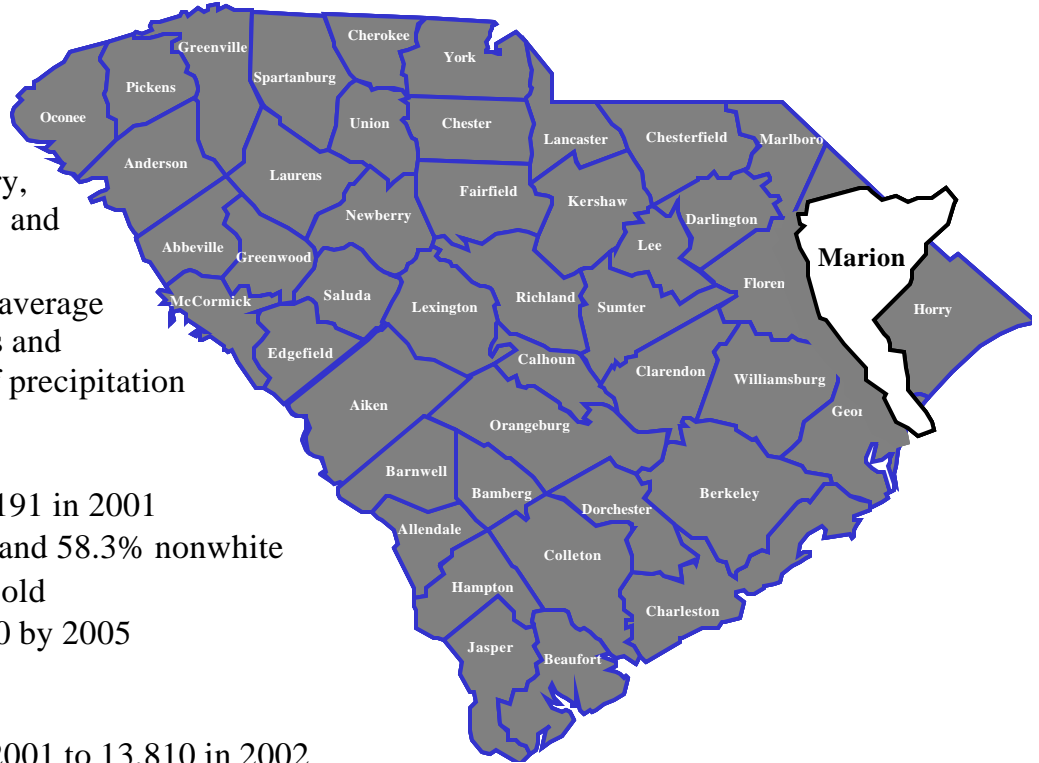


Spotlight on Marion County...

Location & Climate

- Located in the Northeast area of the state
- Surrounded by Dillon, Horry, Georgetown, Williamsburg, and Florence Counties
- This climatic region has an average temperature of 63.4 degrees and experiences 47.53 inches of precipitation



Population

- Equaled approximately 35,191 in 2001
- Comprised of 41.7% white and 58.3% nonwhite
- Median age was 35.1 years old
- Estimated to grow to 36,700 by 2005

Labor Force

- Decreased from 14,770 in 2001 to 13,810 in 2002
- Unemployment rate fell from 17.3% in 2001 to 13.9% in 2002

Employment

- Average monthly employment for the County was 11,890 in 2002

Per Capita Income

- Per capita income for the County was \$18,287 in 2001
- It was 74% of the state's PCI of \$24,840

Unemployment Insurance Benefits

The Marion Workforce Center, serving Dillon and Marion Counties, paid \$7,059,411 in regular U.I. benefits during calendar year 2002.

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UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

