

Spotlight on Marion . . .

Marion County and its county seat were named for Revolutionary War General Francis Marion (1732-1795), known as the "Swamp Fox." In 1785, Liberty County was created as a part of the Georgetown District; renamed Marion, it became a separate district in 1800. Parts of Marion later went to form Florence (1888) and Dillon (1910) counties. English settlers moved up the Great Pee Dee River into this area in the eighteenth century. During the Revolutionary War, General Marion's men fought several skirmishes with the British here, before retreating to their camp at Snows Island. In the twentieth century, Marion County became a major tobacco-growing region. Writers Virginia Durant Young (1842-1906) and Gwen Bristow (1903-1980) were natives of Marion County.

Marion Workforce Center

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Location & Climate

- Located in the northeastern area of the state
- Surrounded by Dillon, Florence, Williamsburg, Georgetown, and Horry counties
- This region has an average temperature of 63.6 degrees with an annual average rainfall of 53.6 inches.

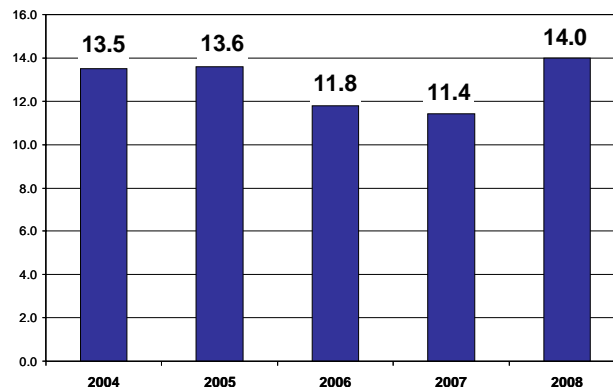
Population

- Was 33,880 in 2007
- Estimated growth to 34,580 by 2015
- 2007 data was comprised of 43.5% White, 55.2% African-American, and 1.2% Other
- The Hispanic-Latino population has increased from 634 in 2000 to 986 in 2007, a 55.5% change.

Labor Force

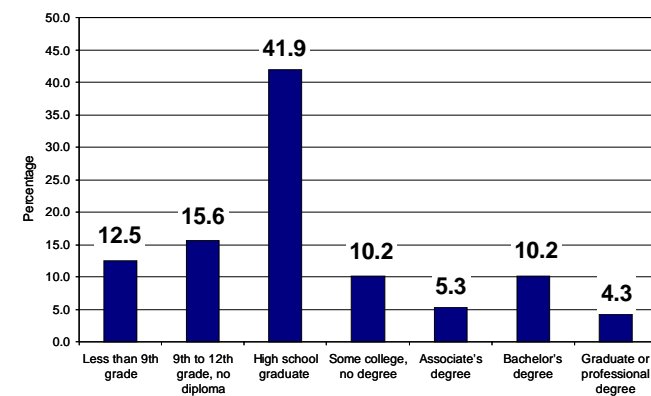
- Increased from 12,860 in 2007 to 12,940 in 2008
- Employment dropped from 11,400 in 2007 to 11,130 in 2008.
- Unemployment rate rose from 11.4% in 2007 to 14.0% in 2008.

Unemployment Rates for Marion County
2004 - 2008



Educational Attainment

Marion County 2007



Per Capita Income

- County per capita income was \$22,150 for 2007.
- This was 71% of the state's per capita income of \$31,100.
- This was 57% of the national per capita income of \$38,620.

Unemployment Insurance Benefits

The Marion Workforce Center, serving Marion and Dillon counties, paid \$10,617,861 in regular unemployment insurance benefits during 2008.



SC Employment Security Commission Labor Market Information

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