

## Spotlight on McCormick . . .

McCormick County and its county seat were named for inventor Cyrus Hall McCormick (1809-1884). This area was settled in the mid-eighteenth century by Scotch-Irish, French Huguenot, and German farmers. Some of the early inhabitants were massacred by Cherokee Indians at Long Cane in 1760, and the British subsequently built Fort Charlotte to protect the region; this fort was one of the first seized by the Americans in the Revolutionary War. Around 1850, gold was discovered where the town of McCormick now stands. Several prominent South Carolinians have resided in the area that is now McCormick County, including South Carolina Governor and U.S. Senator George McDuffie (1790-1851) and Moses Waddel (1770-1840), who taught many of the future leaders of the state at his Willington Academy.

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### Location & Climate

- Located in the western area of the state
- Surrounded by Abbeville, Greenwood, and Edgefield counties, with Georgia to the west
- This region has an average temperature of 62.3 degrees with an annual average rainfall of 46.3 inches.

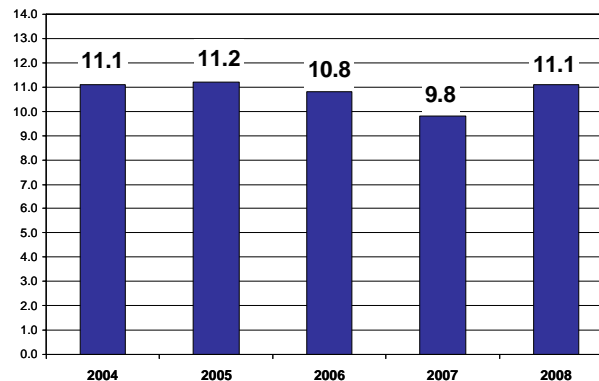
### Population

- Was 10,070 in 2007
- Estimated growth to 11,020 by 2015
- 2007 data was comprised of 50.7% White, 48.3% African-American, and 1.0% Other
- The Hispanic-Latino population has increased from 86 in 2000 to 91 in 2007, a 5.8% change.

### Labor Force

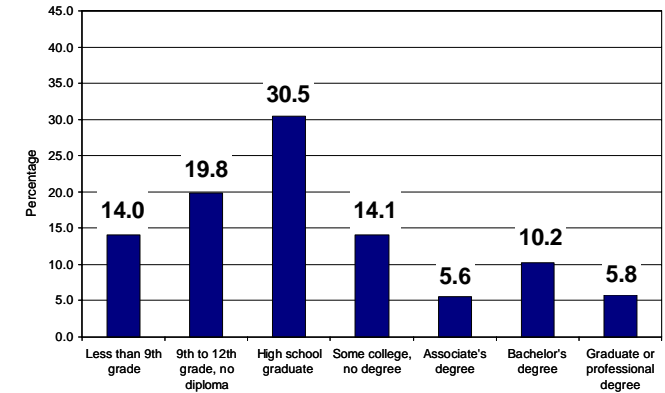
- Decreased from 3,500 in 2007 to 3,440 in 2008
- Employment fell from 3,160 in 2007 to 3,060 in 2008.
- Unemployment rate climbed from 9.8% in 2007 to 11.1% in 2008.

**Unemployment Rates for McCormick County  
2004 - 2008**



### Educational Attainment

**McCormick County 2007**



### Per Capita Income

- County per capita income was \$23,170 for 2007.
- This was 75% of the state's per capita income of \$31,100.
- This was 60% of the national per capita income of \$38,620.

### Unemployment Insurance Benefits

The Abbeville Workforce Center, serving McCormick and Abbeville counties, paid \$4,271,617 in regular unemployment insurance benefits during 2008.



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