



Spotlight on Orangeburg...

Orangeburg County and its county seat were named for William IV (1711-1751), Prince of Orange, the son-in-law of King George II. The Orangeburg District was established in 1769. Swiss and German farmers moved into this region around 1735, and English settlers from the lowcountry followed. The battle of Eutaw Springs was fought here during the Revolutionary War on September 8, 1781; it was the last major battle of the war in South Carolina. Large plantations were established in Orangeburg in the nineteenth century, and the county became a major producer of cotton. When railroads arrived in the area, Branchville became the first railroad junction in the world in 1840. Union troops under General Sherman passed through Orangeburg in February 1865. Orangeburg County was the birthplace of historian Alexander S. Salley (1871-1961) and singer Eartha Kitt (b. 1927).

Orangeburg Workforce Center

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Location & Climate

- Located in the central area of the state
- Surrounded by Barnwell, Aiken, Lexington, Calhoun, Clarendon, Berkeley, Dorchester, Colleton, and Bamberg counties
- This region has an average temperature of 63.8 degrees with an annual average rainfall of 51.1 inches.

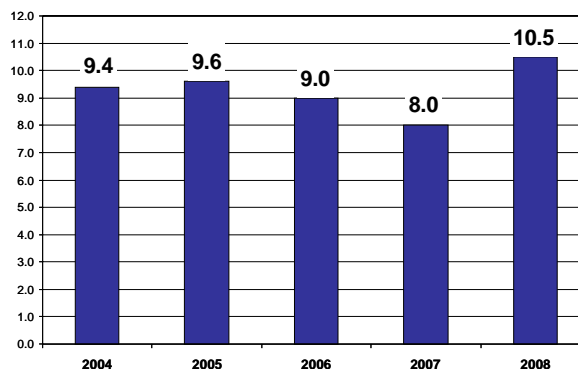
Population

- Was 90,360 in 2007
- Estimated growth to 93,920 by 2015
- 2007 data was comprised of 36.2% White, 62.0% African-American, and 1.7% Other
- The Hispanic-Latino population has increased from 875 in 2000 to 1,236 in 2007, a 41.3% change.

Labor Force

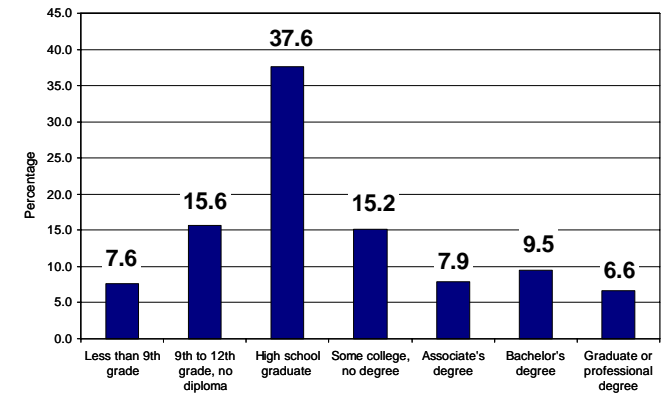
- Increased from 40,410 in 2007 to 40,910 in 2008
- Employment fell from 37,160 in 2007 to 36,630 in 2008.
- Unemployment rate climbed from 8.0% in 2007 to 10.5% in 2008.

Unemployment Rates for Orangeburg County
2004 - 2008



Educational Attainment

Orangeburg County 2007



Per Capita Income

- County per capita income was \$26,420 for 2007.
- This was 85% of the state's per capita income of \$31,100.
- This was 68% of the national per capita income of \$38,620.

Unemployment Insurance Benefits

The Orangeburg Workforce Center, which serves Bamberg, Calhoun and Orangeburg counties, paid \$18,132,527 in regular unemployment insurance benefits during 2008.



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