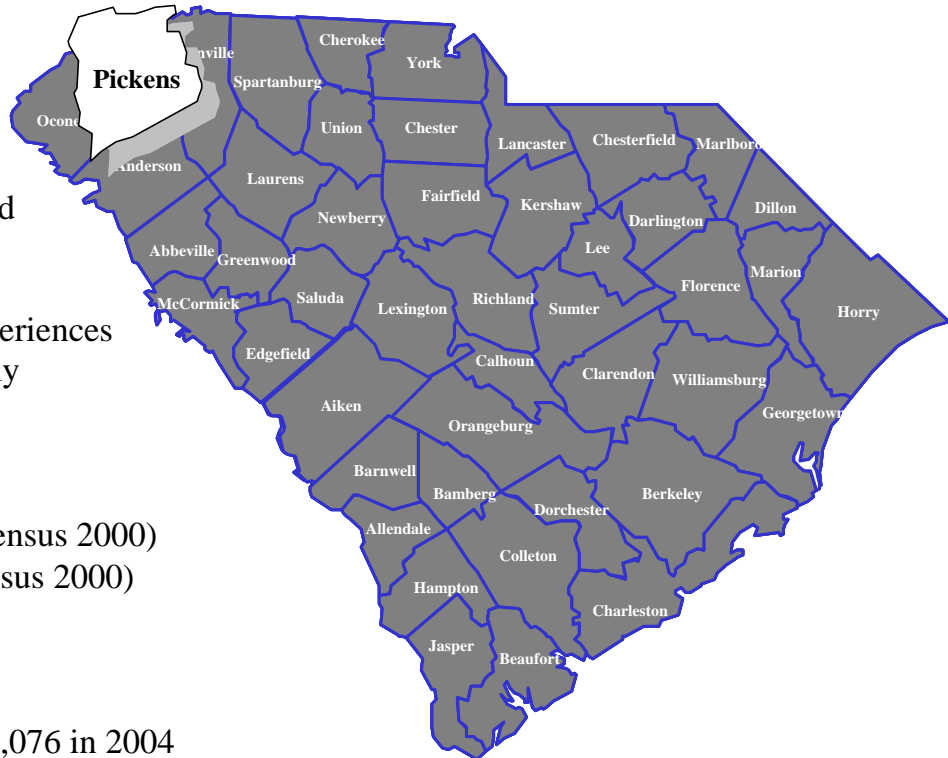


Spotlight on Pickens County...

Location & Climate

- Divided by the northwestern and mountain regions of the state
- Surrounded by Anderson, Greenville, and Oconee counties, and North Carolina
- This climatic region has an average temperature of 60.6 degrees and experiences 55.84 inches of precipitation annually



Population

- 112,475 in 2004
- 90.3% white and 9.7% nonwhite (Census 2000)
- Median age was 32.7 years old (Census 2000)
- Estimated growth 131,840 by 2015

Labor Force

- Increased from 56,568 in 2003 to 57,076 in 2004
- Unemployment rate rose from 6.6% in 2003 to 6.8% in 2004

Employment

- Average monthly employment for the county was 53,205 in 2004, compared to 52,957 in 2003

Per Capita Income

- Per capita income for the county was \$23,593 in 2003
- It was 90% of the state's PCI of \$26,144

Unemployment Insurance Benefits

The Liberty Workforce Center, which serves Pickens County, paid \$8,163,230 in regular U.I. benefits during calendar year 2004.

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