

Spotlight on Saluda County...

Location & Climate

- Located in the West Central area of the state
- Surrounded by Greenwood, Newberry, Lexington, Aiken, and Edgefield Counties
- This climatic region has an average temperature of 61.8 degrees and experiences 47.66 inches of precipitation

Population

- Equaled approximately 19,114 in 2001
- Comprised of 65.8% white and 34.2% nonwhite
- Median age was 37.0 years old
- Has exceeded its estimated growth of 18,400 by 2005

Labor Force

- Increased from 9,160 in 2001 to 9,760 in 2002
- Unemployment rate rose from 5.3% in 2001 to 5.4% in 2002

Employment

- Average monthly employment for the County was 9,240 in 2002

Per Capita Income

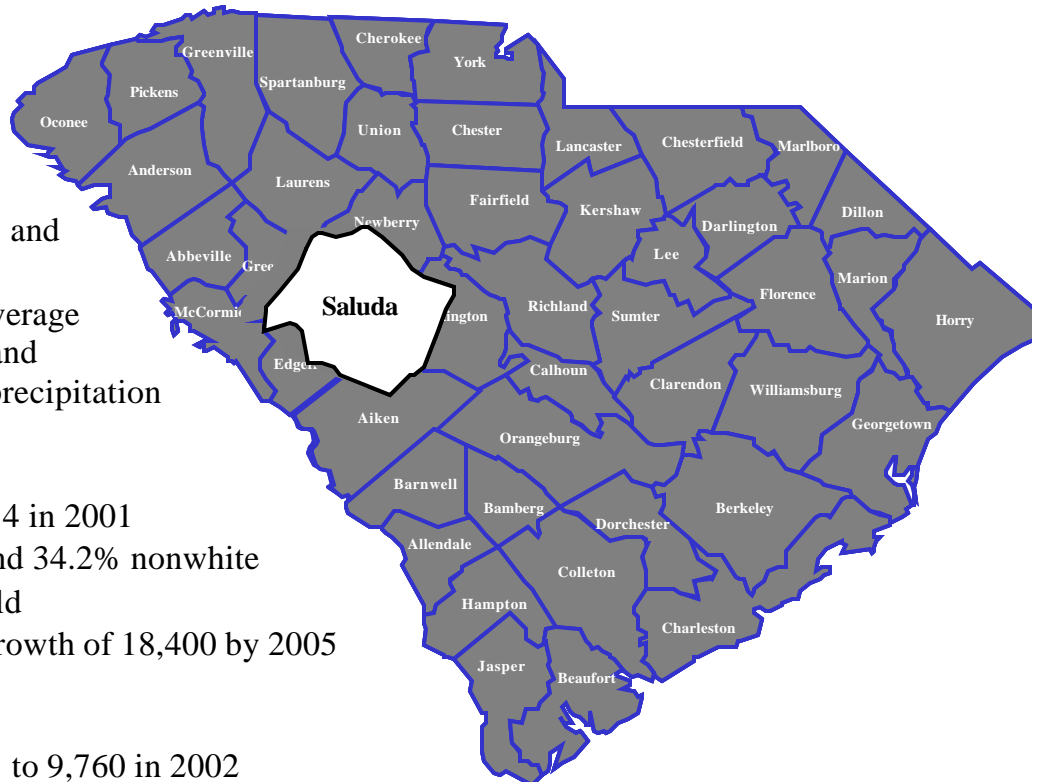
- Per capita income for the County was \$18,075 in 2001
- It was 73% of the state's PCI of \$24,840

Unemployment Insurance Benefits

The Newberry Workforce Center, serving Newberry and Saluda Counties, paid \$5,358,096 in regular U.I. benefits during calendar year 2002.

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