

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

- 18,870 in 2004
- 65.8% white and 34.2% nonwhite (Census 2000)
- Median age was 37.0 years old (Census 2000)
- Estimated growth of 20,550 by 2015

Labor Force

- Increased from 9,457 in 2003 to 9,566 in 2004
- Unemployment rate rose from 6.4% in 2003 to 7.5% in 2004

Employment

- Average monthly employment for the county was 8,849 in 2004, compared to 8,921 in 2003

Per Capita Income

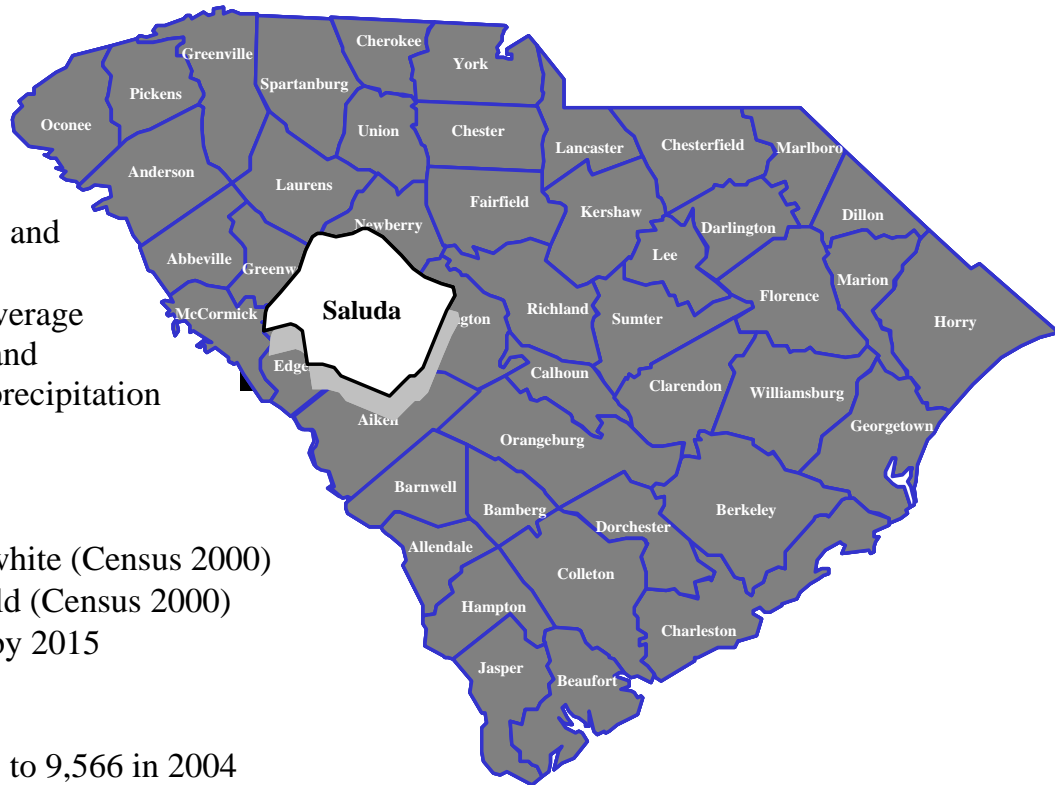
- Per capita income for the county was \$22,910 in 2003
- It was 88% of the state's PCI of \$26,144

Unemployment Insurance Benefits

The Newberry Workforce Center, serving Newberry and Saluda counties, paid \$4,431,668 in regular U.I. benefits during calendar year 2004.

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