

# Spotlight on Santee-Lynches...



## Location & Climate

Located in the central/north central area of the state, the Santee-Lynches WIA is comprised of four counties: Clarendon, Kershaw, Lee, and Sumter. This area experiences average temperatures in the low 60s and has between 45.09 and 47.86 inches of precipitation annually.

## Population

**Total Area Population 2004:** 215,091  
**Male:** 48.6%      **Female:** 51.4%  
**White:** 53.3%      **Nonwhite:** 46.7%

## Employment

Average monthly employment in 2004 for counties across the Santee-Lynches WIA ranged from 7,727 in Lee County to 41,971 in Sumter County.

## Labor Force

The labor force in the Santee-Lynches area reached 95,242 in 2004. The 2004 unemployment rate spanned from 6.2% to 8.8%, showing an increase since 2003.

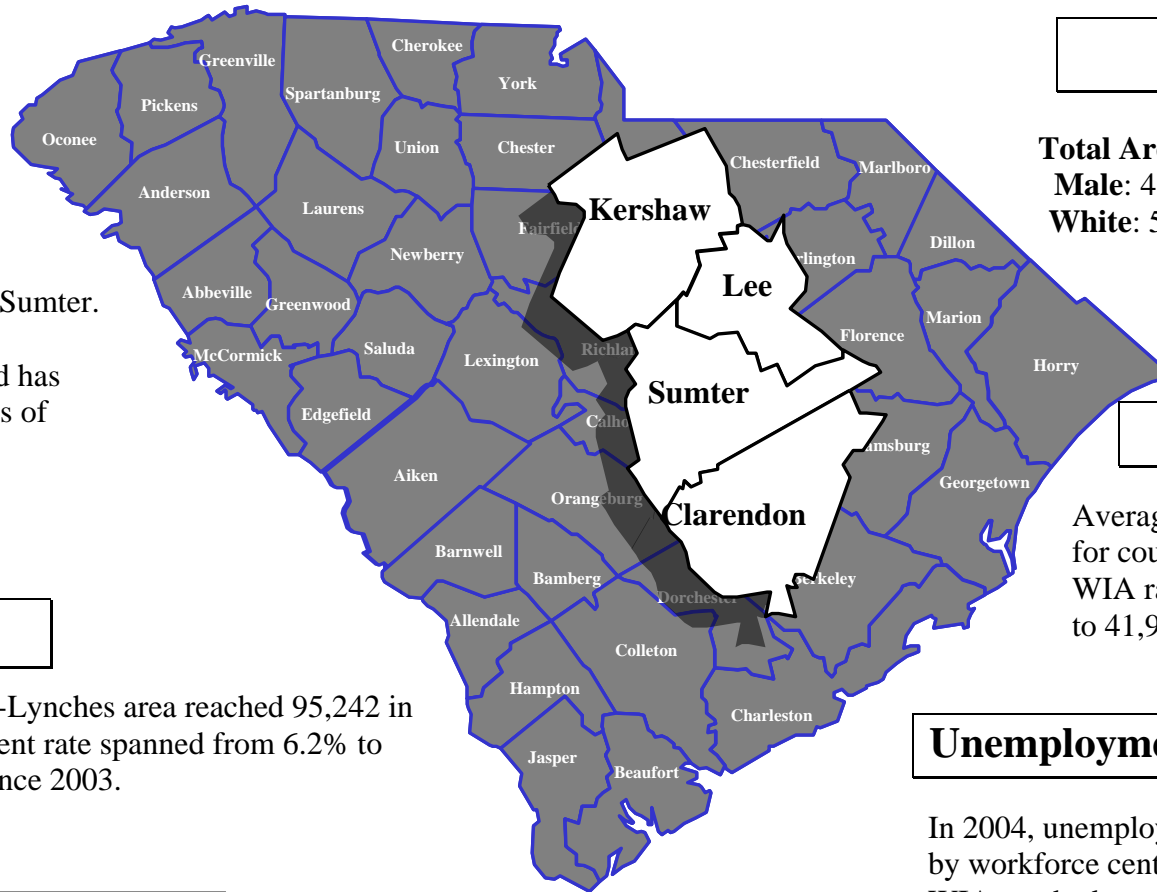
## Unemployment Insurance Benefits

In 2004, unemployment insurance benefits paid by workforce centers in the Santee-Lynches WIA reached a total of \$ 15,457,191.

## Per Capita Income

Per capita income for Santee-Lynches WIA counties in 2003 ranged from \$18,643 in Lee County to \$26,159 in Sumter County, between 71% and 100% of the state's PCI of \$26,144.

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**Unemployment Rate by County**

