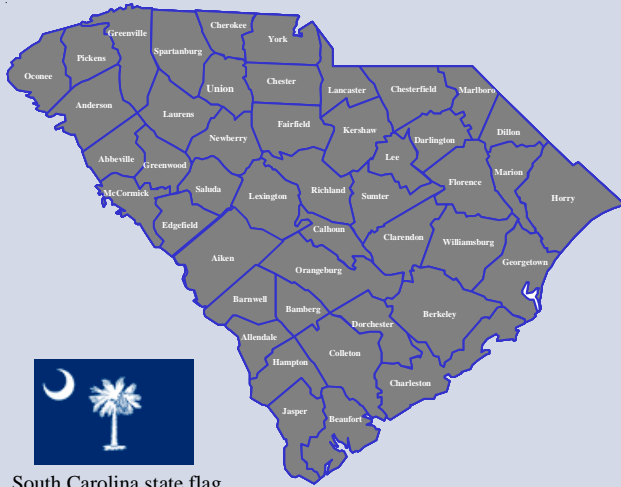


# South Carolina



South Carolina state flag

*Being the sites of the first permanent English settlement in the Carolinas and the site of the first shots fired in the Civil War, South Carolina claims a significant place in American History. Charles Towne Landing was the first permanent English settlement founded in the Colonial South Carolina. The food, music and culture of South Carolina embrace the blending of many heritages in large cities and small villages alike. More than 1200 historic sites in South Carolina are listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and distinctive architecture throughout the state reflects the pride and history of European, African and Carribean influences. From the War of Independence and the Civil War to the Civil Rights movement, South Carolina has been at the center of many conflicts throughout American history. Historic festivals, military sites and museums and historic churches and synagogues bring South Carolina history to life and reveal the fascinating stories you won't find in the history books.*

## Location & Climate

- Located in the southeastern region of the United States, South Carolina is bordered to the north by North Carolina; located across the Savannah River, to the south and west by Georgia; and to the east by the Atlantic Ocean.
- While the coastal climate is humid-subtropical, the inland regions experience a more moderate climate.

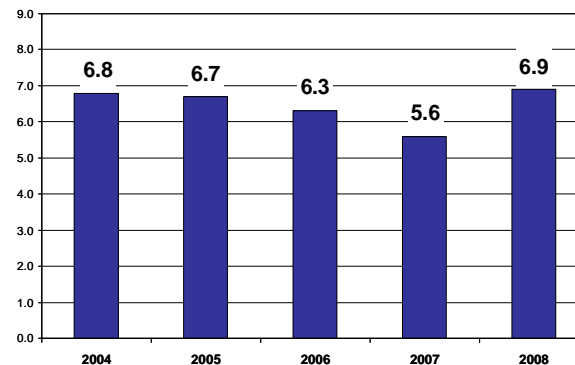
## Population

- Was 4,404,910 in 2007
- Estimated growth to 4,784,700 by 2015
- 2007 data was comprised of 68.6% White, 28.7% African-American, and 2.7% Other
- The Hispanic-Latino population has increased from 95,076 in 2000 to 170,766 in 2007, a 79.6% change.

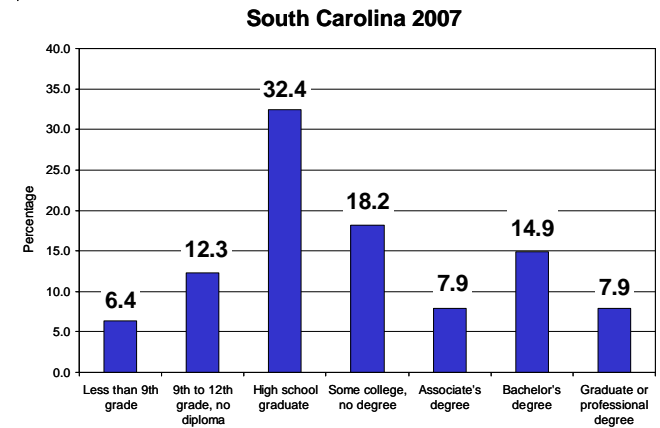
## Labor Force

- Increased from 2,125,070 in 2007 to 2,152,970 in 2008
- Employment fell from 2,006,180 in 2007 to 2,004,240 in 2008.
- Unemployment rate rose from 5.6% in 2007 to 6.9% in 2008.

Unemployment Rates for South Carolina 2004 - 2008



## Educational Attainment



## Per Capita Income

- The South Carolina per capita income was \$31,100 for 2007.
- This was 80.5% of the national per capita income of \$38,620.

## Unemployment Insurance Benefits

During 2008, South Carolina paid \$484,357,956 in regular unemployment insurance benefits.



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