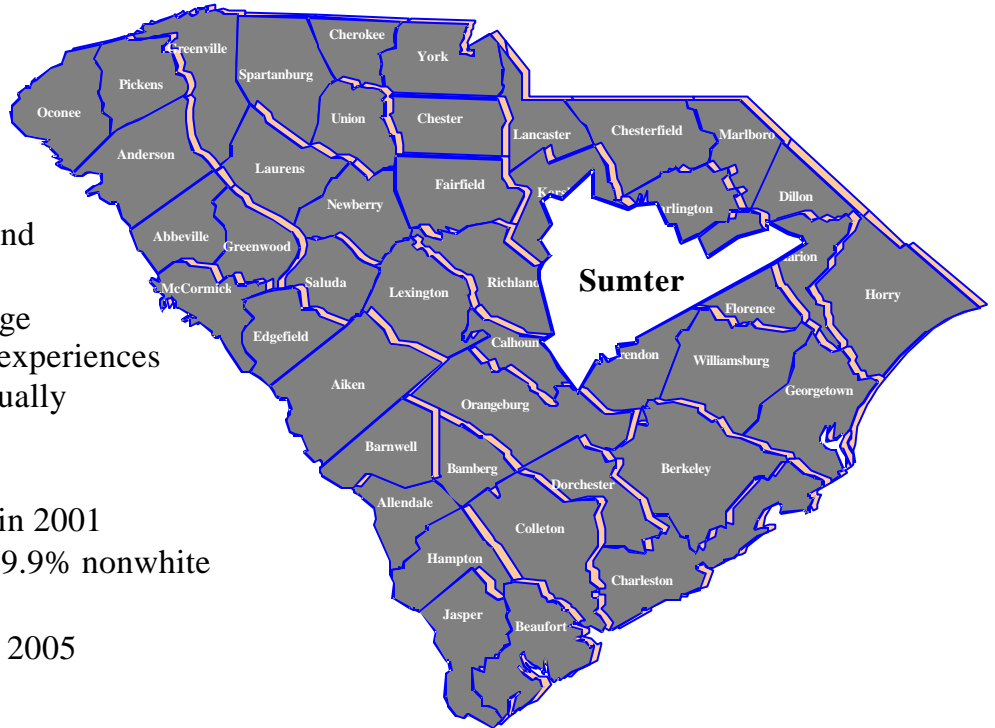


Spotlight on Sumter County...

Location & Climate

- Located in the Central area of the state
- Surrounded by Calhoun, Lee, Clarendon, Kershaw, Florence, and Richland Counties
- This climatic region has an average temperature of 63.2 degrees and experiences 47.86 inches of precipitation annually



Population

- Equaled approximately 104,237 in 2001
- Comprised of 50.1% white and 49.9% nonwhite
- Median age was 33.4 years old
- Estimated to grow to 116,200 by 2005

Labor Force

- Decreased from 46,790 in 2001 to 45,580 in 2002
- Unemployment rate rose from 7.2% in 2001 to 7.6% in 2002

Employment

- Average monthly employment for the County was 42,100 in 2002

Per Capita Income

- Per capita income for the County was \$21,009 in 2001
- It was 85% of the state's PCI of \$24,840

Unemployment Insurance Benefits

The Sumter Workforce Center, serving Sumter and Clarendon Counties, paid \$10,849,452 in regular U.I. benefits during calendar year 2002.

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