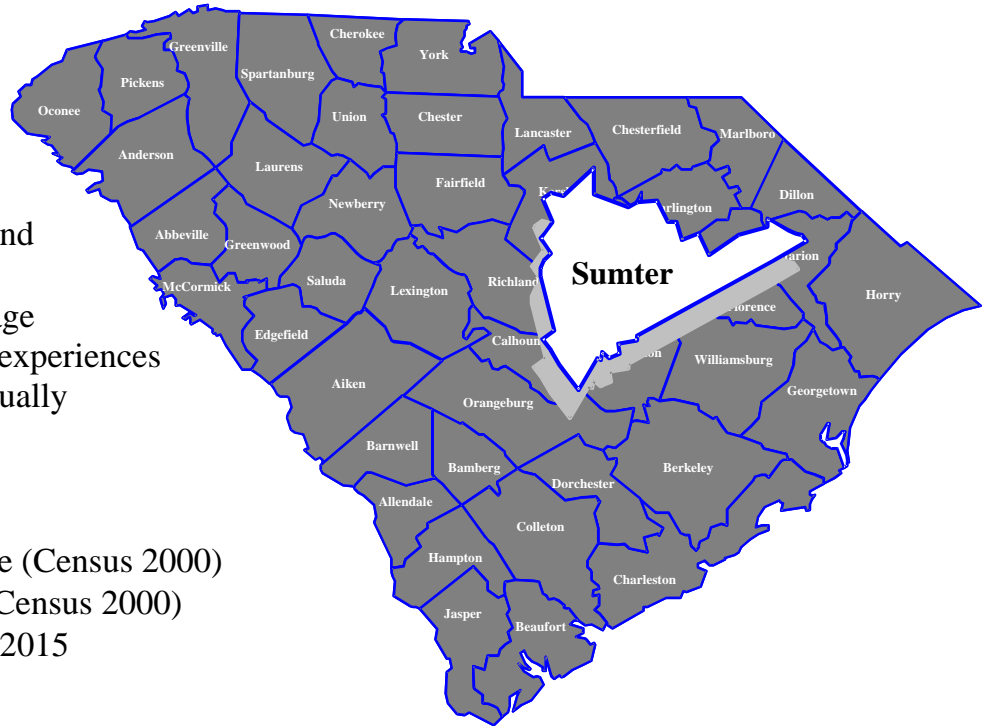


Spotlight on Sumter County...

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

- 105,943 in 2004
- 50.1% white and 49.9% nonwhite (Census 2000)
- Median age was 33.4 years old (Census 2000)
- Estimated growth of 116,740 by 2015

Labor Force

- Decreased from 46,235 in 2003 to 45,664 in 2004
- Unemployment rate rose from 7.7% in 2003 to 8.1% in 2004

Employment

- Average monthly employment for the county was 41,971 in 2004, compared to 42,594 in 2003

Per Capita Income

- Per capita income for the county was \$22,390 in 2003
- It was 86% of the state's PCI of \$26,144

Unemployment Insurance Benefits

The Sumter Workforce Center, serving Sumter and Clarendon counties, paid \$10,235,909 in regular U.I. benefits during calendar year 2004.

Sumter Workforce Center

29 E. Calhoun St., P.O. Drawer 1978,
Sumter, SC 29151
(803) 773-7359/FAX: 778-0390

South Carolina Employment Security Commission - Labor Market Information
P.O. Box 995 Columbia, S.C. 29202
(803) 737-2660/Fax 737-2838
(800) 205-9290 (outside of the Columbia area)
(<http://www.sces.org/lmi>)

