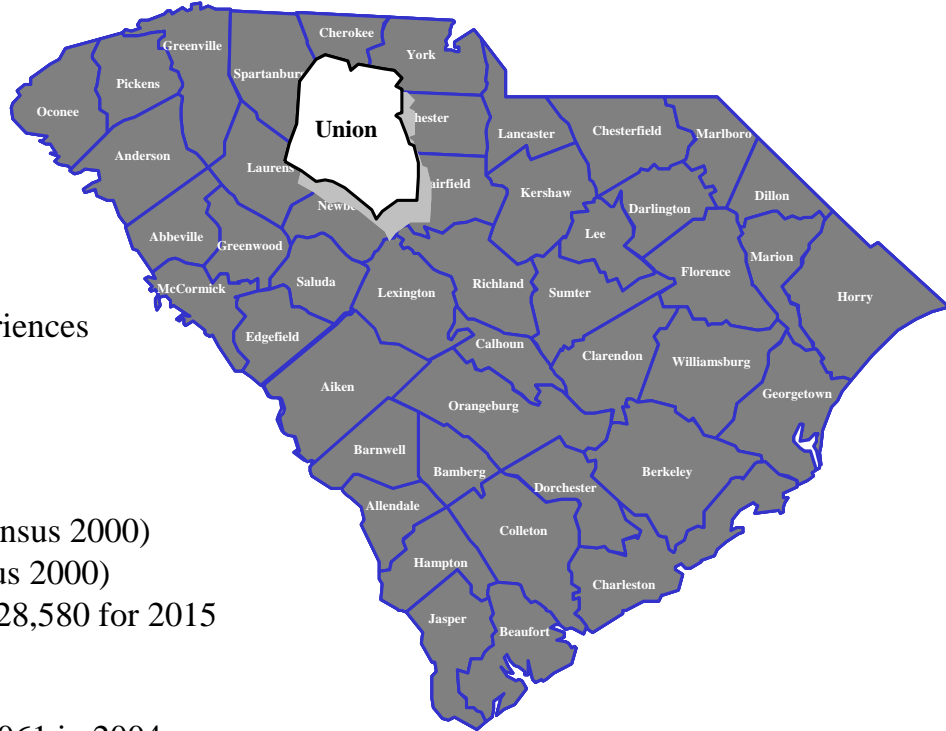


# Spotlight on Union County...

## Location & Climate

- Located in the northwestern area of the state
- Surrounded by Cherokee, Chester, Fairfield, Laurens, Spartanburg, and York counties
- This climatic region has an average temperature of 59.4 degrees and experiences 48.21 inches of precipitation annually



## Population

- 28,862 in 2004
- 67.8% white and 32.2% nonwhite (Census 2000)
- Median age was 38.6 years old (Census 2000)
- Has exceeded its projected growth of 28,580 for 2015

## Labor Force

- Decreased from 13,440 in 2003 to 13,061 in 2004
- Unemployment rate rose from 11.3% in 2003 to 12.4% in 2004

## Employment

- Average monthly employment for the county was 11,447 in 2004, compared to 11,607 in 2003

## Per Capita Income

- Per capita income for the county was \$22,644 in 2003
- It was 87% of the state's PCI of \$26,144

## Unemployment Insurance Benefits

The Union Workforce Center paid \$5,009,108 in regular U.I. benefits during calendar year 2004.

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