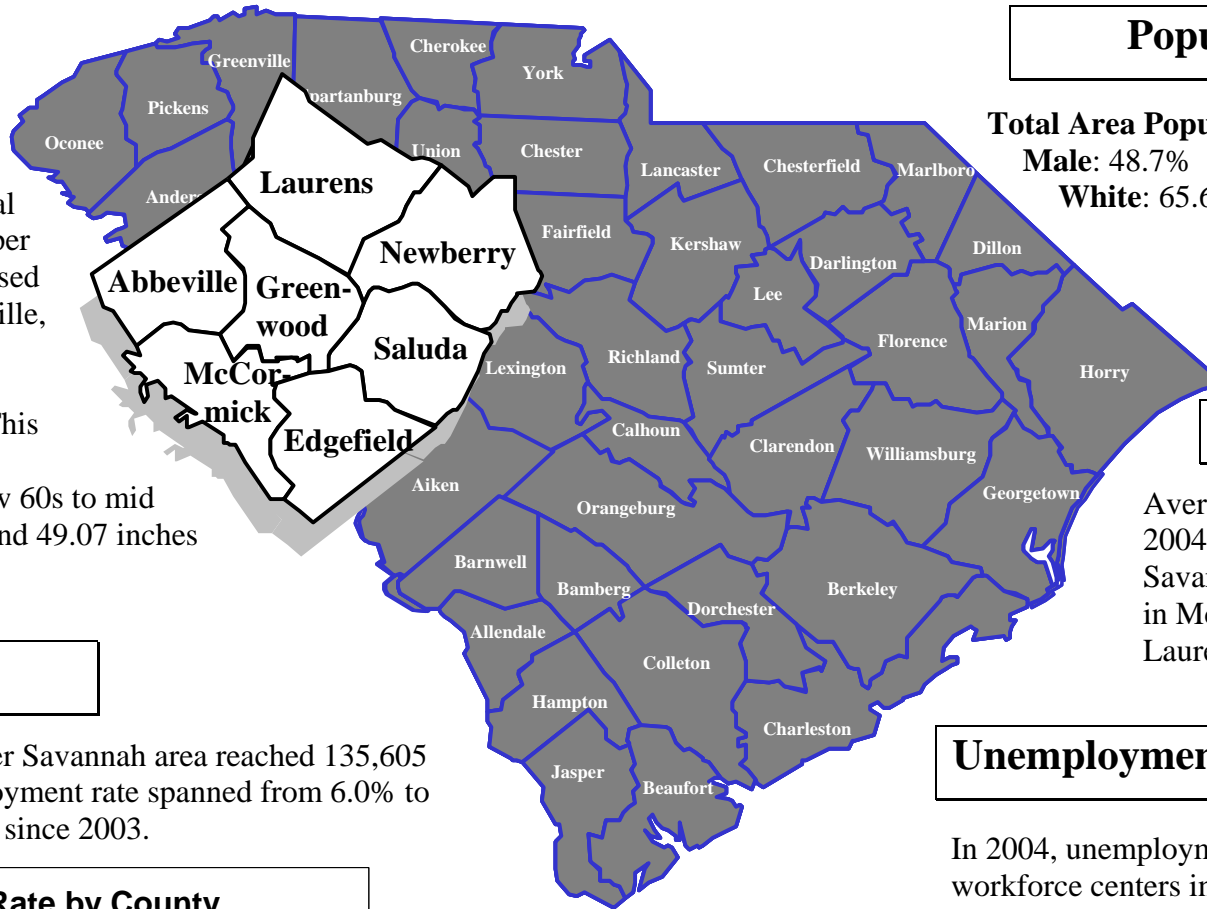


Spotlight on Upper Savannah...



Location & Climate

Located in the northwest and west central areas of the state, the Upper Savannah WIA is comprised of seven counties: Abbeville, Edgefield, Greenwood, Laurens, McCormick, Newberry, and Saluda. This area experiences average temperatures from the low 60s to mid 70s, and between 45.89 and 49.07 inches of precipitation.



Population

Total Area Population 2004: 255,051
Male: 48.7% **Female:** 51.3%
White: 65.6% **Nonwhite:** 34.4%

Employment

Average monthly employment in 2004 for counties across the Upper Savannah WIA ranged from 3,143 in McCormick County to 30,992 in Laurens County.

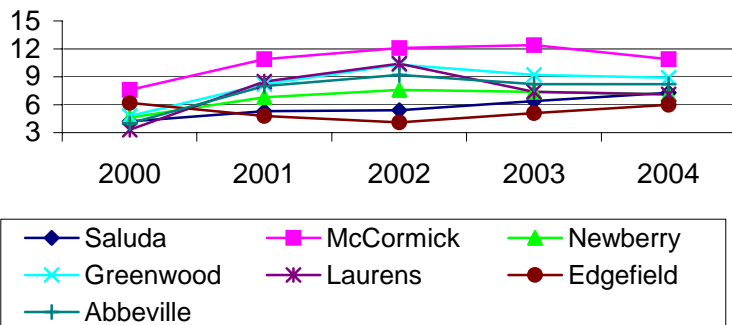
Labor Force

The labor force in the Upper Savannah area reached 135,605 in 2004. The 2004 unemployment rate spanned from 6.0% to 10.9%, showing a decrease since 2003.

Unemployment Insurance Benefits

In 2004, unemployment insurance benefits paid by workforce centers in the Upper Savannah WIA reached a total of \$21,201,267.

Unemployment Rate by County



Per Capita Income

Per capita income for Upper Savannah WIA counties in 2003 ranged from \$18,338 in McCormick County to \$23,922 in Greenwood County, between 70% and 92% of the state's PCI of \$26,144

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