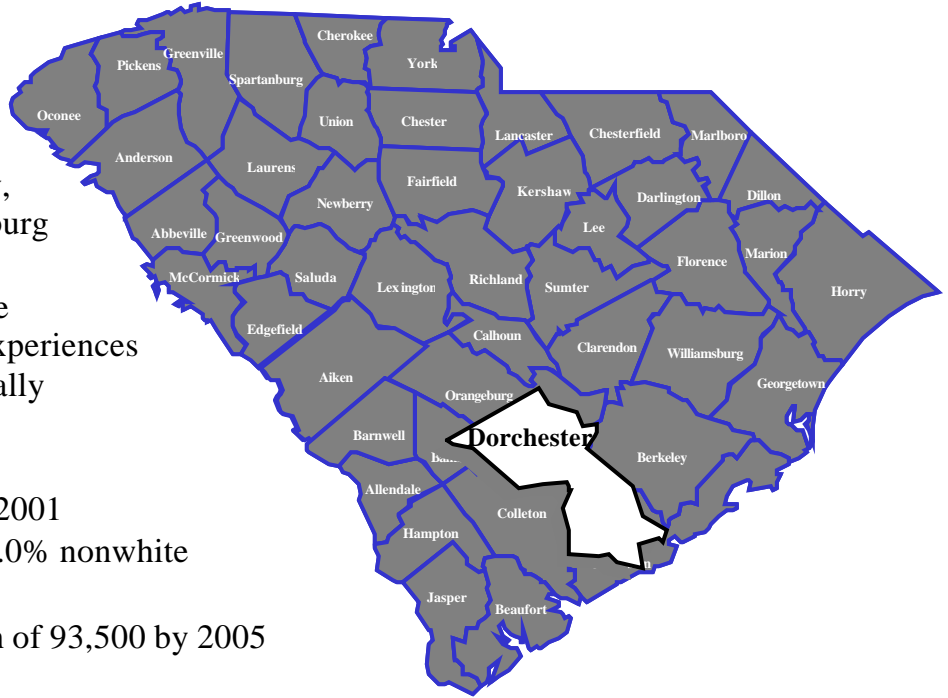


Spotlight on Dorchester County...

Location & Climate

- Located in the Southeastern area of the state
- Surrounded by Bamberg, Berkeley, Charleston, Colleton, and Orangeburg Counties
- This climatic region has an average temperature of 64.3 degrees and experiences 50.37 inches of precipitation annually



Population

- Equaled approximately 98,746 in 2001
- Comprised of 71.0% white and 29.0% nonwhite
- Median age was 34.7 years old
- Has exceeded its estimated growth of 93,500 by 2005

Labor Force

- Increased from 44,770 in 2001 to 49,910 in 2002
- Unemployment rate fell from 4.1% in 2001 to 3.7% in 2002

Employment

- Average monthly employment for the County was 48,050 in 2002

Per Capita Income

- Per capita income for the County was \$21,711 in 2001
- It was 87% of the state's PCI of \$24,840

Unemployment Insurance Benefits

The Summerville Workforce Center, which serves Dorchester County, paid \$7,569,988 in regular U.I. benefits during calendar year 2002.



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