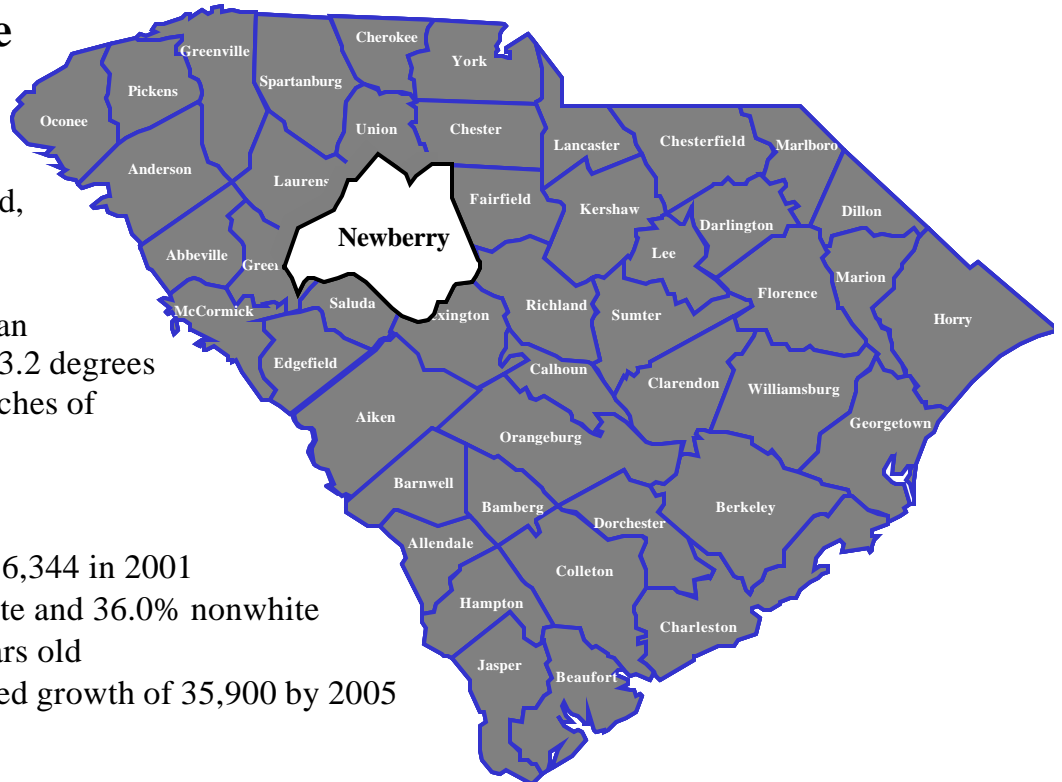


Spotlight on Newberry County...

Location & Climate

- Located in the Central area of the state
- Surrounded by Laurens, Union, Fairfield, Richland, Lexington, Saluda, and Greenwood Counties
- This climatic region has an average temperature of 63.2 degrees and experiences 46.17 inches of precipitation annually



Population

- Equaled approximately 36,344 in 2001
- Comprised of 64.0% white and 36.0% nonwhite
- Median age was 37.1 years old
- Has exceeded its estimated growth of 35,900 by 2005

Labor Force

- Increased from 17,970 in 2001 to 17,980 in 2002
- Unemployment rate rose from 6.8% in 2001 to 7.6% in 2002

Employment

- Average monthly employment for the County was 16,620 in 2002

Per Capita Income

- Per capita income for the County was \$21,189 in 2001
- It was 85% of the state's PCI of \$24,840

Unemployment Insurance Benefits

The Newberry Workforce Center, serving Newberry and Saluda Counties, paid \$5,358,096 in regular U.I. benefits during calendar year 2002.

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