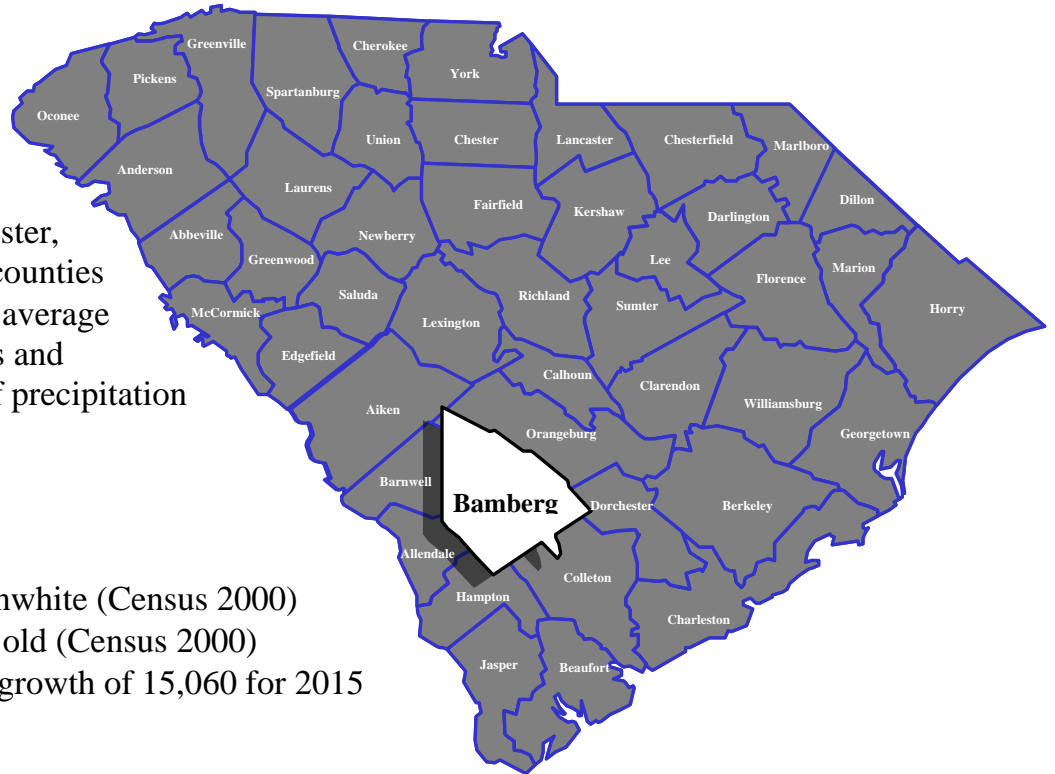


# Spotlight on Bamberg County...

## Location & Climate

- Located in the south-western area of the state
- Surrounded by Allendale, Barnwell, Colleton, Dorchester, Hampton and Orangeburg counties
- This climatic region has an average temperature of 64.3 degrees and experiences 47.44 inches of precipitation annually



## Population

- 15,952 in 2004
- 36.5% white and 63.5% nonwhite (Census 2000)
- Median age was 35.2 years old (Census 2000)
- Has exceeded its projected growth of 15,060 for 2015

## Labor Force

- Decreased from 8,325 in 2003 to 6,492 in 2004
- Unemployment rate fell from 7.6% in 2003 to 7.3% in 2004

## Employment

- Average monthly employment for the county was 6,016 in 2004, compared to 7,852 in 2003

## Per Capita Income

- Per capita income for the county was \$19,051 in 2003
- It was 73% of the state's PCI of \$26,144

## Unemployment Insurance Benefits

The Orangeburg Workforce Center, which also serves Bamberg and Calhoun counties, paid \$9,736,930 in regular U.I. benefits during calendar year 2004.

## Orangeburg Workforce Center

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