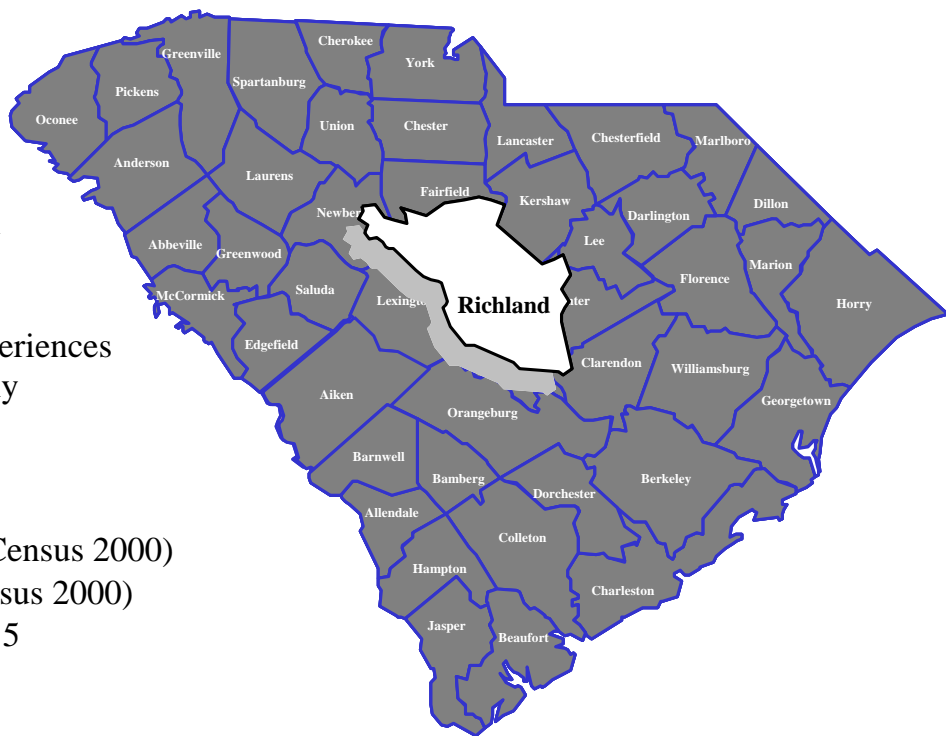


# *Spotlight on Richland County...*

## **Location & Climate**

- Located in the central area of the state
- Surrounded by Calhoun, Fairfield, Kershaw, Lexington, Newberry, and Sumter counties
- This climatic region has an average temperature of 64.8 degrees and experiences 45.29 inches of precipitation annually



## **Population**

- 334,609 in 2004
- 50.3% white and 49.7% nonwhite (Census 2000)
- Median age was 34.8 years old (Census 2000)
- Estimated growth of 364,730 by 2015

## **Labor Force**

- Increased from 164,911 in 2003 to 169,131 in 2004
- Unemployment rate rose from 5.6% in 2003 to 6.0% in 2004

## **Employment**

- Average monthly employment for the county was 159,014 in 2004, compared to 157,306 in 2003

## **Per Capita Income**

- Per capita income for the county was \$28,966 in 2003
- It was 111% of the state's PCI of \$26,144

## **Unemployment Insurance Benefits**

The Columbia Workforce Center, serving Richland County, paid \$26,465,221 in regular U.I. benefits during calendar year 2004.

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