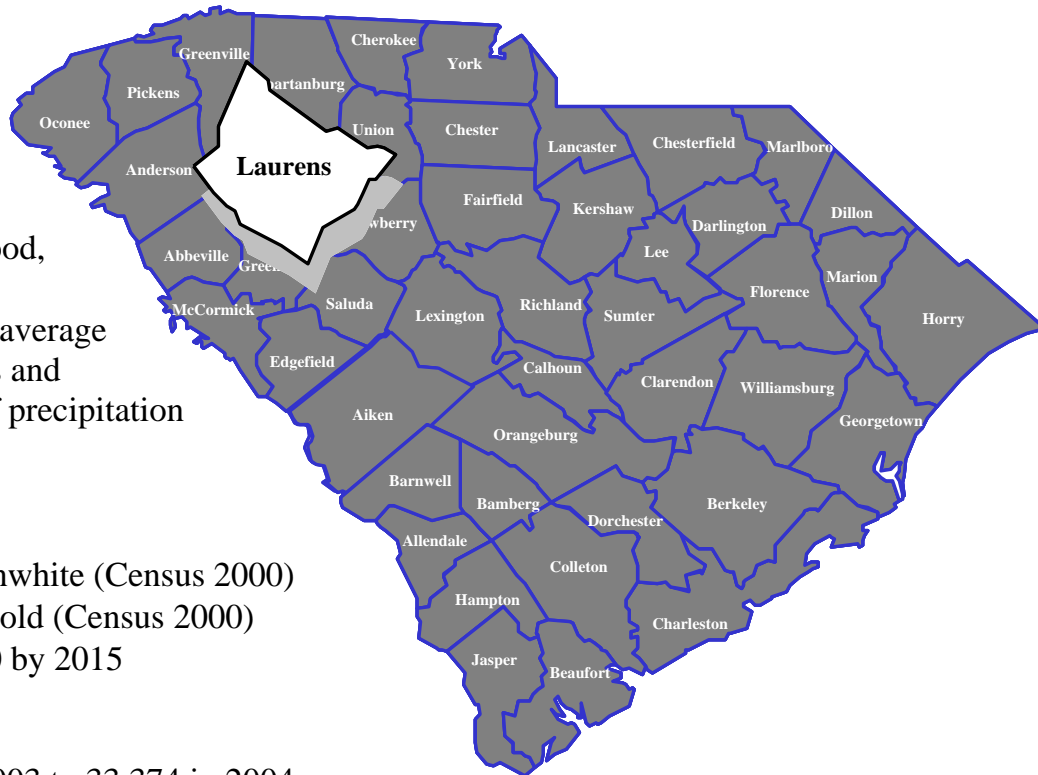


Spotlight on Laurens County...

Location & Climate

- Located in the northwest area of the state
- Surrounded by Anderson, Greenville, Spartanburg, Union, Newberry, Greenwood, and Abbeville counties
- This climatic region has an average temperature of 61.1 degrees and experiences 46.57 inches of precipitation



Population

- 70,218 in 2004
- 71.6% white and 28.4% nonwhite (Census 2000)
- Median age was 36.2 years old (Census 2000)
- Estimated growth of 80,160 by 2015

Labor Force

- Increased from 26,483 in 2003 to 33,374 in 2004
- Unemployment rate fell from 7.4% in 2003 to 7.1% in 2004

Employment

- Average monthly employment for the county was 30,992 in 2004, compared to 23,735 in 2003

Per Capita Income

- Per capita income for the county was \$21,422 in 2003
- It was 82% of the state's PCI of \$26,144

Unemployment Insurance Benefits

The Clinton Workforce Center, serving Laurens County, paid \$5,601,466 in regular U.I. benefits during calendar year 2004.

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