# **Location & Climate**

## **Spotlight on Pendleton**

Chester

Lexington

Fairfield

Lancaster

Richland

Calhoun

Dorchester

Colleton

Orangeburg

Bamberg

Hampton

Chesterfield

Darlington

Berkeley

Charleston

Dillon

Marion

Georgetown

Williamsburg

Horry

Union

Newberry

Saluda

Aiken

Barnwell

Allendale

Laurens

Edgefield

McCormick

#### **Population**

Total area population 2001: 348,504

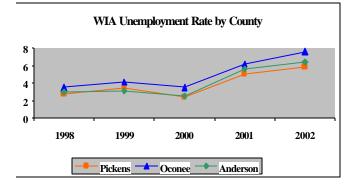
Male: 49.0% Female: 51.0%

White: 86.0% Nonwhite: 14.0%

Located in the Northwestern area of the state, the Pendleton WIA is comprised of three (3) counties: Anderson, Oconee, and Pickens. This region experiences average temperatures in the upper 50s to lower 60s and has between 45.89 and 60.79 inches of precipitation annually.

#### Labor Force

The labor force in the Pendleton area reached 167,020 in 2002. The 2002 unemployment rate spanned from 5.8% to 7.6%, showing an increase since 2001.



## Per Capita Income

Per Capita Income for Pendleton WIA counties in 2001 ranged from \$21,838 in Pickens County to \$26,169 in Oconee County; between 88% and 105% of the state's PCI of \$24.840.

### Employment

Average monthly employment for counties across the Pendleton WIA ranged from 26,300 in Oconee to 78,090 in Anderson.

#### **Unemployment Insurance Benefits**

In 2002, Unemployment insurance benefits paid by Workforce centers in the Pendleton WIA reached a total of \$38,129,005.