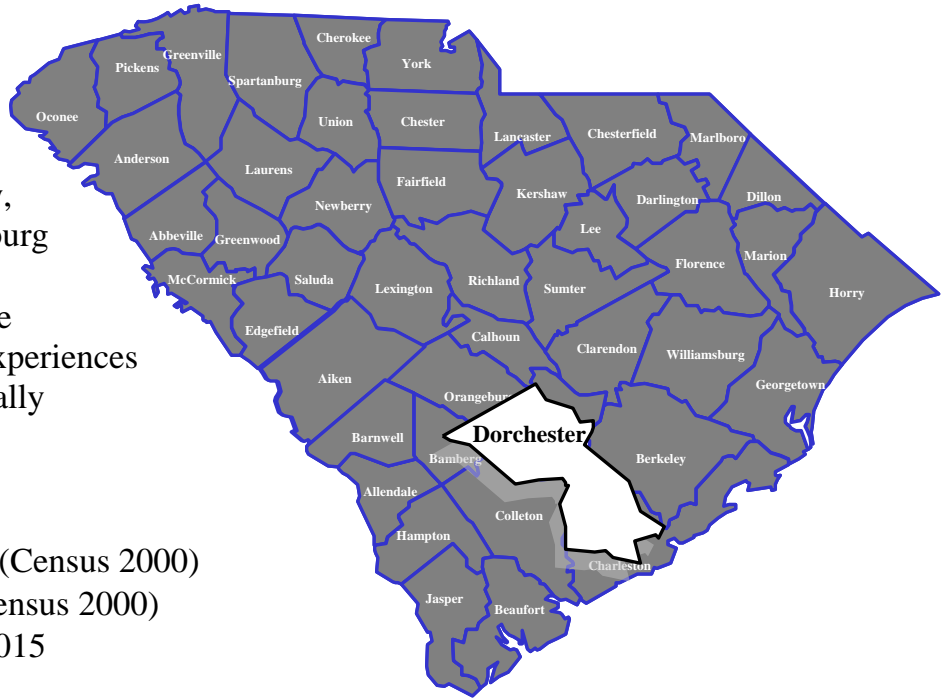


# Spotlight on Dorchester County...

## Location & Climate

- Located in the southeastern area
- of the state
- Surrounded by Bamberg, Berkeley, Charleston, Colleton, and Orangeburg counties
- This climatic region has an average temperature of 64.3 degrees and experiences 50.37 inches of precipitation annually



## Population

- 107,004 in 2004
- 71.0% white and 29.0% nonwhite (Census 2000)
- Median age was 34.7 years old (Census 2000)
- Estimated growth of 126,280 by 2015

## Labor Force

- Increased from 52,041 in 2003 to 53,278 in 2004
- Unemployment rate fell from 5.0% in 2003 to 4.9% in 2004

## Employment

- Average monthly employment for the county was 50,667 in 2004, compared to 49,745 in 2003

## Per Capita Income

- Per capita income for the county was \$24,226 in 2003
- It was 93% of the state's PCI of \$26,144

## Unemployment Insurance Benefits

The Summerville Workforce Center, which serves Dorchester County, paid \$6,691,815 in regular U.I. benefits during calendar year 2004.

## Summerville WFC

2885 West 5<sup>th</sup> North St., P.O. Box 1868  
Summerville, SC 29484  
(843) 821-0695/FAX: 871-1446

## Nearest Comprehensive One-Stop Office

176 Lockwood Blvd., P.O. Box 420  
Charleston, SC 29402  
(843) 792-7026/FAX: 792-4005

South Carolina Employment Security Commission - Labor Market Information  
P.O. Box 995 Columbia, S.C. 29202  
(803) 737-2660/Fax 737-2838  
(800) 205-9290 (outside of the Columbia area)  
(<http://www.sces.org/lmi>)

