

Spotlight on Upper Savannah

Location & Climate

Located in the Northwest and West Central areas of the state, the Upper Savannah WIA is comprised of seven (7) counties: Abbeville, Edgefield, Greenwood, Laurens, McCormick, Newberry, and Saluda. This area experiences average temperatures from the low 60s to mid 70s, and between 45.89 and 49.07 inches of precipitation.

Labor Force

The labor force in the Upper Savannah area reached 113,820 in 2002. The 2002 unemployment rate spanned from 4.1% to 12.1%, showing an increase since 2001.

Population

Total area population 2001: 253,247
Male: 48.7% **Female:** 51.3%
White: 65.6% **Nonwhite:** 34.4

Employment

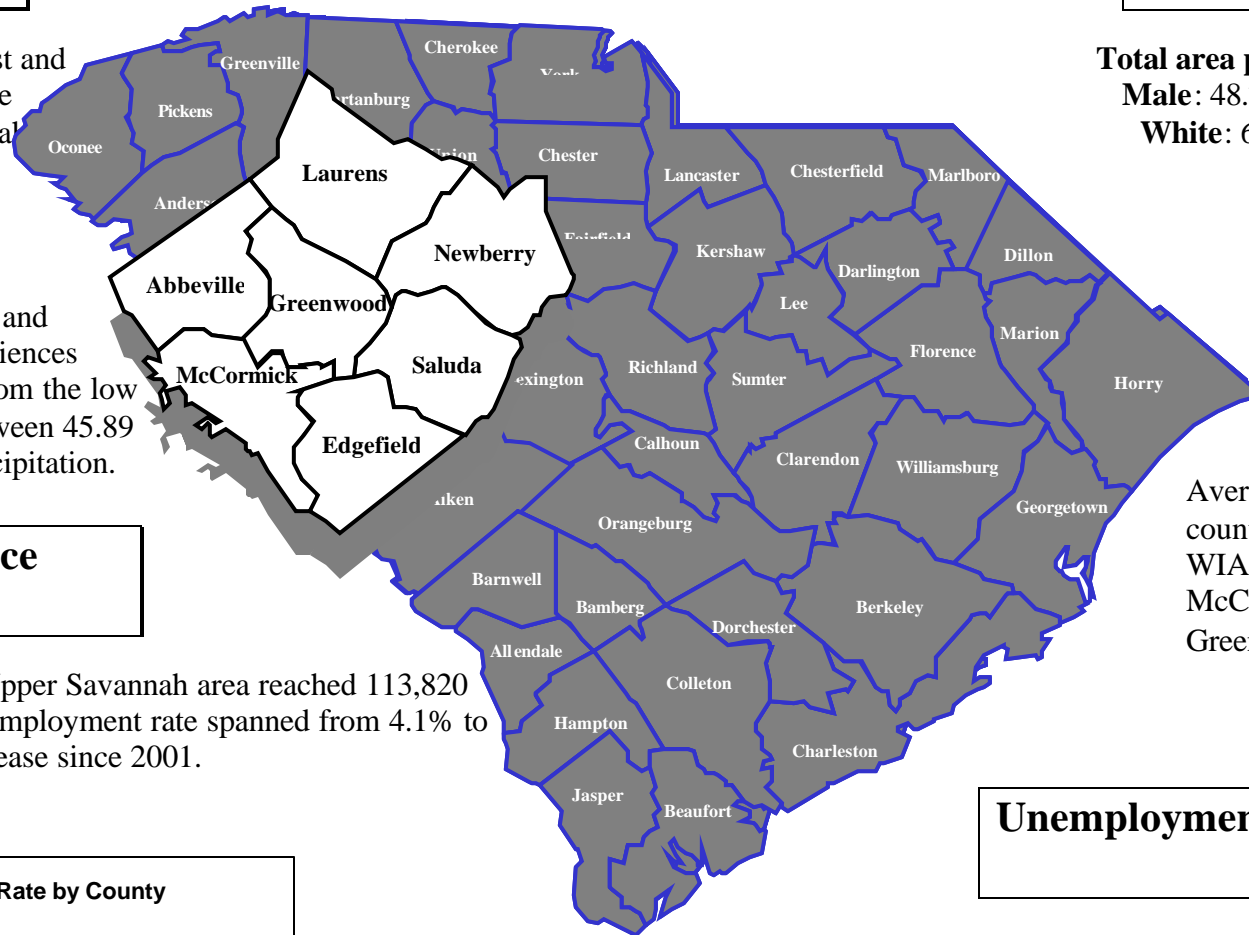
Average monthly employment for counties across the Upper Savannah WIA ranged from 3,400 in McCormick County to 28,660 in Greenwood County.

Unemployment Insurance Benefits

In 2002, Unemployment insurance benefits paid by Workforce centers in the Upper Savannah WIA reached a total of \$34,218,940.

Per Capita Income

Per Capita Income for Upper Savannah WIA counties in 2001 ranged from \$16,949 in Edgefield County to \$23,788 in Greenwood County; between 68% and 96% of the state's PCI of \$24,840.



WIA Unemployment Rate by County

