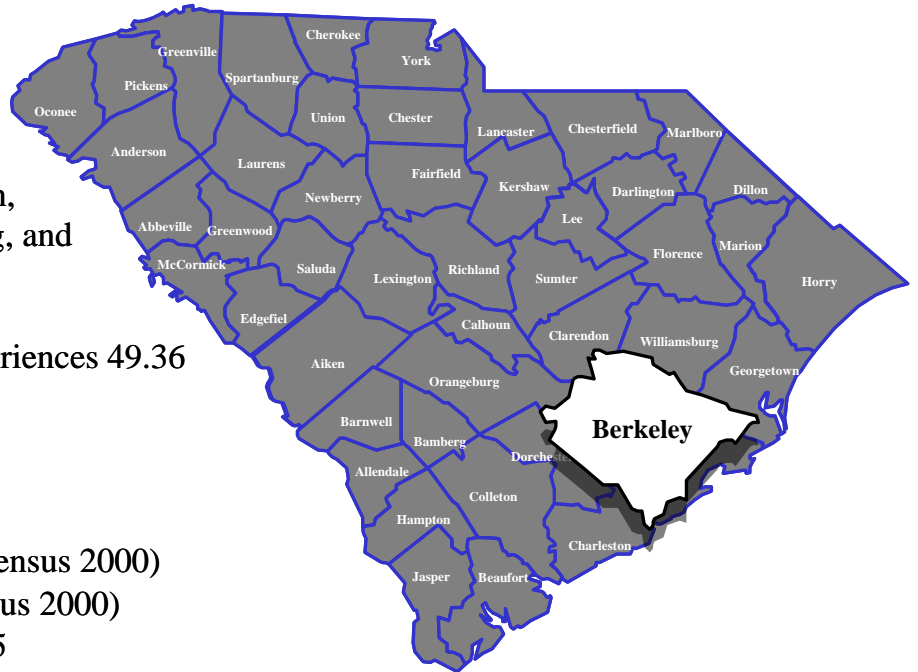


Spotlight on Berkeley County...

Location & Climate

- Located in the southeastern area of the state
- Surrounded by Charleston, Clarendon, Dorchester, Georgetown, Orangeburg, and Williamsburg counties
- This climatic region has an average temperature of 63.8 degrees and experiences 49.36 inches of precipitation annually



Population

- 149,668 in 2004
- 68.0% white and 32.0% nonwhite (Census 2000)
- Median age was 32.0 years old (Census 2000)
- Estimated growth of 173,010 by 2015

Labor Force

- Increased from 69,979 in 2003 to 70,823 in 2004
- Unemployment rate was unchanged in 2004 at 5.5%

Employment

- Average monthly employment for the county was 66,893 in 2004, compared to 66,717 in 2003

Per Capita Income

- Per capita income for the county was \$23,441 in 2003
- It was 90% of the state's PCI of \$26,144

Unemployment Insurance Benefits

The Moncks Corner Workforce Center, which serves Berkeley County, paid \$5,668,940 in regular U.I. benefits during calendar year 2004.

Moncks Corner ESC Office

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Moncks Corner, SC 29461
(843) 761-4400/FAX: 761-1768

Nearest Comprehensive One-Stop Office

Charleston ESC 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>)

