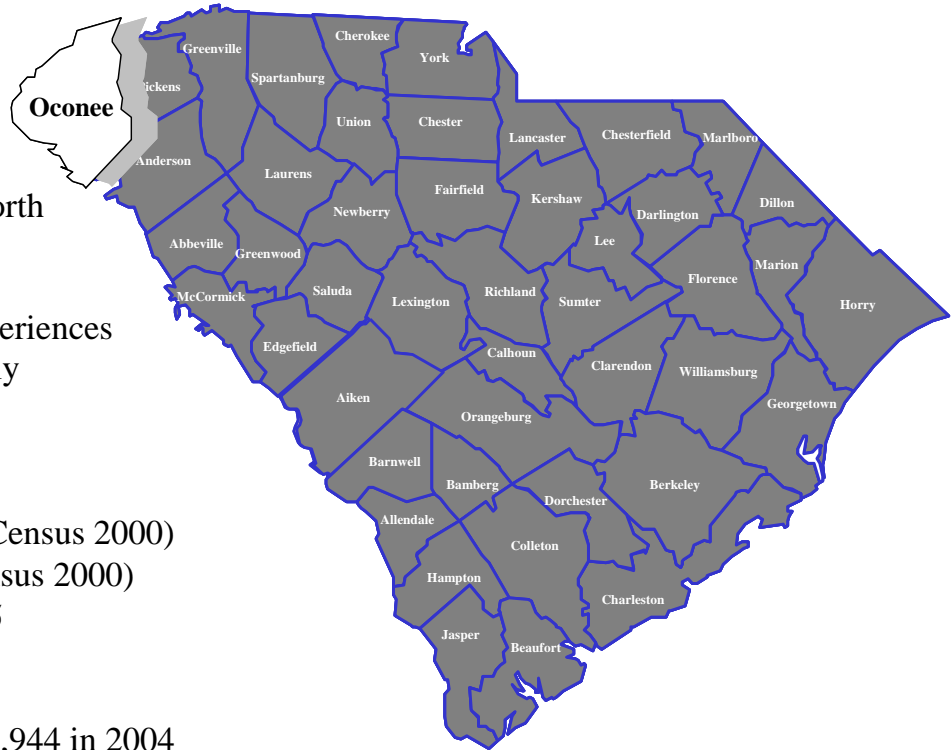


Spotlight on Oconee County...

Location & Climate

- Divided by the northwestern and mountain regions of the state
- Surrounded by Anderson and Pickens counties, and adjacent to North Carolina and Georgia
- This climatic region has an average temperature of 59.4 degrees and experiences 60.79 inches of precipitation annually



Population

- 69,057 in 2004
- 89.1% white and 10.9% nonwhite (Census 2000)
- Median age was 39.5 years old (Census 2000)
- Estimated growth of 79,450 by 2015

Labor Force

- Increased from 27,496 in 2003 to 31,944 in 2004
- Unemployment rate fell from 7.5% in 2003 to 7.4% in 2004

Employment

- Average monthly employment for the county was 29,586 in 2004, compared to 25,062 in 2003

Per Capita Income

- Per capita income for the county was \$26,201 in 2003
- It was 100% of the state's PCI of \$26,144

Unemployment Insurance Benefits

The Seneca Workforce Center, which serves Oconee County, paid \$7,088,084 in regular U.I. benefits during calendar year 2004.

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