

Spotlight on Colleton . . .

Colleton County was named for one of the Lords Proprietors, Sir John Colleton (1608-1666). The county was first created in 1682. In 1769, it became part of the Charleston District, where it remained until Colleton District was formed in 1800. The county seat is Walterboro. Several Revolutionary War skirmishes took place in Colleton County. In 1828, the first nullification meeting in the state was held in Walterboro. This part of the lowcountry was known for its extensive rice and cotton plantations. Many of the old plantations were bought by Northerners after the Civil War for use as hunting preserves; some of those lands are now being incorporated into the ACE Basin, a nature preserve bounded by the Ashepoo, Combahee, and Edisto rivers.

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Location & Climate

- Located in the southern area of the state
- Surrounded by Orangeburg, Dorchester, Charleston, Beaufort, Hampton, and Bamberg counties, with the Atlantic Ocean to the east.
- This region has an average temperature of 65.0 degrees with an annual average rainfall of 50.8 inches.

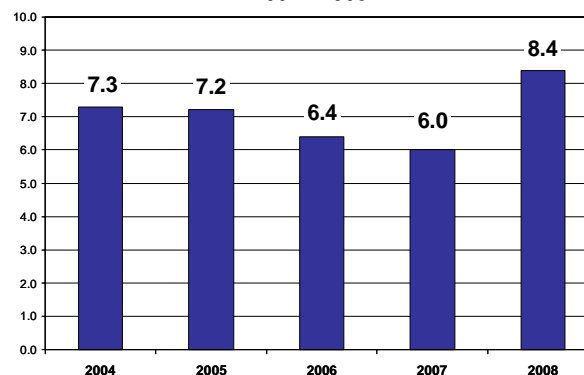
Population

- Was 38,920 in 2007
- Estimated growth to 41,470 by 2015
- 2007 data was comprised of 57.5% White, 40.8% African-American, and 1.7% Other
- The Hispanic-Latino population increased from 551 in 2000 to 807 in 2007, a 46.5% change.

Labor Force

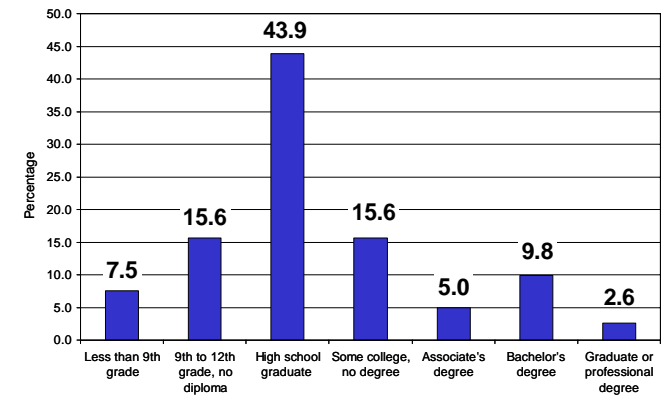
- Increased from 16,500 in 2007 to 16,700 in 2008
- Employment dropped from 15,510 in 2007 to 15,290 in 2008.
- Unemployment rate rose from 6.0% in 2007 to 8.4% in 2008.

Unemployment Rates for Colleton County
2004 - 2008



Educational Attainment

Colleton County 2007



Per Capita Income

- County per capita income was \$25,400 for 2007.
- This was 82% of the state's per capita income of \$31,100.
- This was 66% of the national per capita income of \$38,620.

Unemployment Insurance Benefits

The Walterboro Workforce Center, which serves Colleton County, paid \$5,313,286 in regular unemployment insurance benefits during 2008.



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