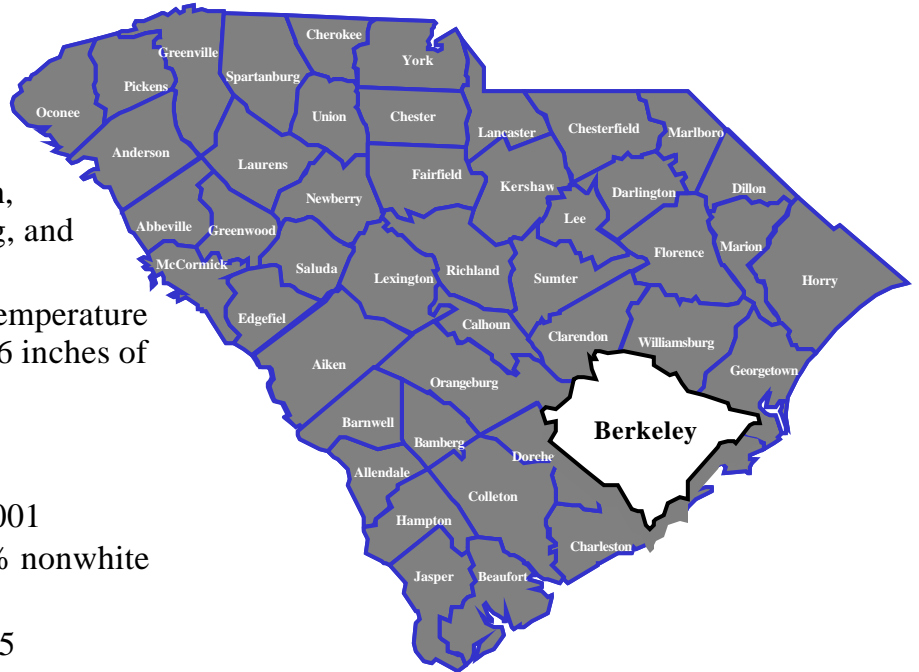


Spotlight on Berkeley County...

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

- Equaled approximately 144,078 in 2001
- Comprised of 68.0% white and 32.0% nonwhite
- Median age was 32.0 years old
- Estimated to grow to 171,900 by 2005

Labor Force

- Increased from 65,390 in 2001 to 67,810 in 2002
- Unemployment rate increased from 3.7% in 2001 to 4.0% in 2002

Employment

- Average monthly employment for the County was 65,270 in 2002

Per Capita Income

- Per capita income for the County was \$19,159 in 2001
- It was 77% of the state's PCI of \$24,840

Unemployment Insurance Benefits

The Moncks Corner Workforce Center, which serves Berkeley County, paid \$6,265,602 in regular U.I. benefits during calendar year 2002.



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