

Spotlight on Lee County...

Location & Climate

- Located in the East Central area of the state
- Surrounded by Kershaw, Darlington, Florence, and Sumter Counties
- This climatic region has an average temperature of 61.8 degrees and experiences 45.09 inches of precipitation annually



Population

- Equaled approximately 20,090 in 2001
- Comprised of 35% white and 65% nonwhite
- Median age was 35.7 years old
- Estimated to grow to 20,600 by 2005

Labor Force

- Increased from 8,490 in 2001 to 8,600 in 2002
- Unemployment rate fell from 8.2% in 2001 to 8.0% in 2002

Employment

- Average monthly employment for the County was 7,910 in 2002

Per Capita Income

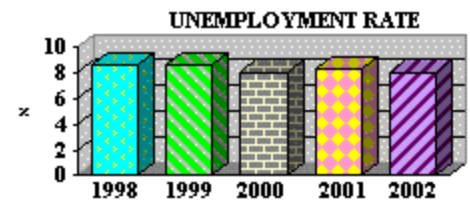
- Per capita income for the County was \$15,608 in 2001
- It was 63% of the state's PCI of \$24,840

Unemployment Insurance Benefits

The Camden Workforce Center, serving Lee and Kershaw Counties, paid \$7,779,146 in regular U.I. benefits during calendar year 2002.

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