

Spotlight on Allendale County...

Location & Climate

- Located in the southwestern area of the state
- Surrounded by Bamberg, Barnwell, Colleton, and Hampton counties and Georgia
- This climatic region has an average temperature of 52.0 degrees and experiences 46.75 inches of precipitation annually

Population

- 11,061 in 2004
- 27.4% white and 72.6% nonwhite (Census 2000)
- Median age was 35.1 years old (Census 2000)
- Estimated growth of 11,440 by 2015

Labor Force

- Decreased from 4,097 in 2003 to 3,381 in 2004
- Unemployment rate rose from 8.7% in 2003 to 9.8% in 2004

Employment

- Average monthly employment for the county was 3,051 in 2004, compared to 3,844 in 2003

Per Capita Income

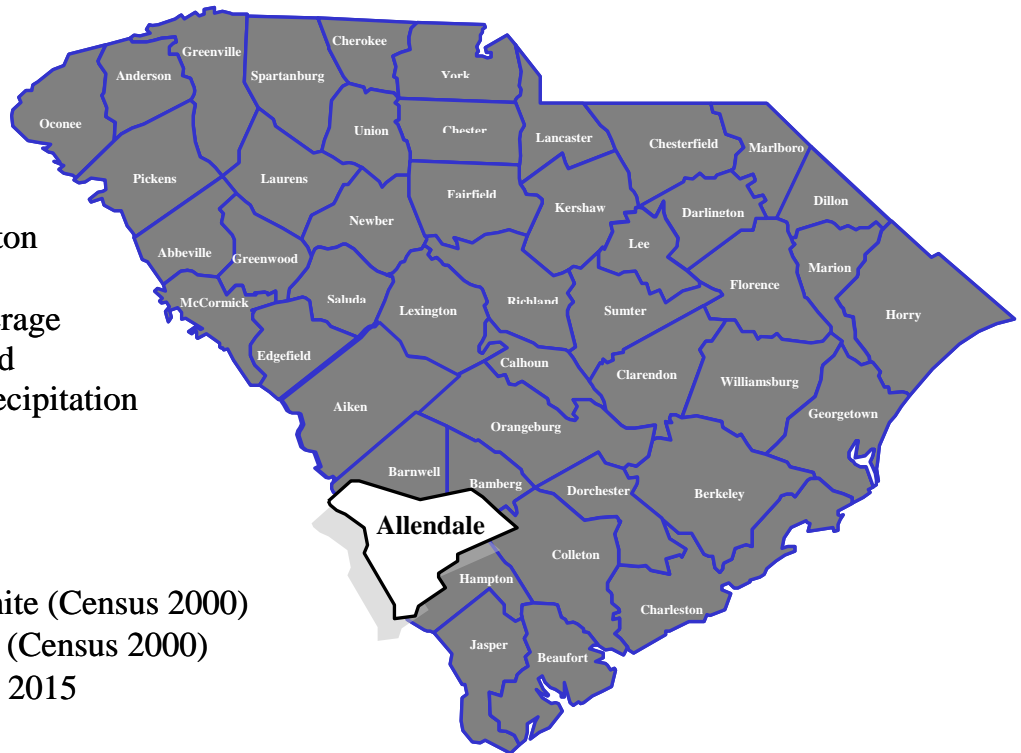
- Per capita income for the county was \$17,221 in 2003
- It was 66% of the state's PCI of \$26,144

Unemployment Insurance Benefits

The Barnwell Workforce Center, which serves Barnwell and Allendale counties, paid \$3,727,856 in regular U.I. benefits during calendar year 2004.

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