

## Spotlight on Greenville . . .

The origins of the name Greenville County are uncertain, but the county was probably named for Revolutionary War General Nathanael Greene (1742-1786) or for an early resident, Isaac Green. This part of the state was the territory of the Cherokee Indians until 1777. Scotch-Irish and English settlers began moving into the area soon after it was ceded to the state. Because of its location in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, Greenville County became a popular summer retreat for lowcountry planters. Encouraged by abundant streams and rivers, textile manufacturers began operating in the area as early as the 1820s, and after the Civil War, Greenville County became a textile center. Greenville County produced baseball player "Shoeless Joe" Jackson (1887-1951), Nobel Prize winner Charles Townes, and civil rights leader Jesse Jackson.

### Greenville Workforce Center

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### Location & Climate

- Located in the northwestern area of the state
- Surrounded by Pickens, Anderson, Abbeville, Laurens, and Spartanburg counties, with North Carolina to the north
- This region has an average temperature of 60.3 degrees with an annual average rainfall of 77.3 inches.

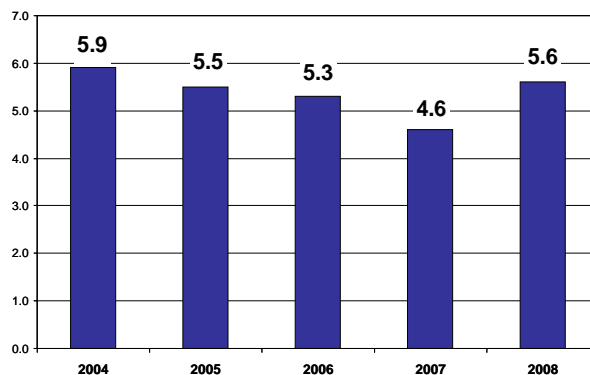
### Population

- Was 427,430 in 2007
- Estimated growth to 468,020 by 2015
- 2007 data was comprised of 78.0% White, 18.5% African-American, and 3.5% Other
- The Hispanic-Latino population has increased from 14,283 in 2000 to 29,069 in 2007, a 103.5% change.

### Labor Force

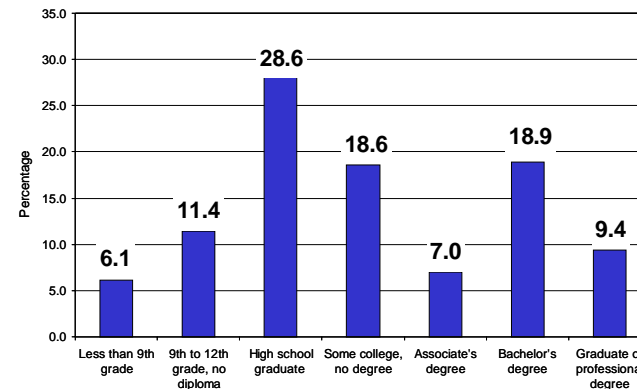
- Increased from 220,580 in 2007 to 225,120 in 2008
- Employment rose from 210,350 in 2007 to 212,530 in 2008.
- Unemployment rate climbed from 4.6% in 2007 to 5.6% in 2008.

Unemployment Rates for Greenville County  
 2004 - 2008



### Educational Attainment

Greenville County 2007



### Per Capita Income

- County per capita income was \$35,080 for 2007.
- This was 113% of the state's per capita income of \$31,100.
- This was 91% of the national per capita income of \$38,620.

### Unemployment Insurance Benefits

The Greenville Workforce Center paid \$45,677,703 in regular unemployment insurance benefits during 2008.



### SC Employment Security Commission Labor Market Information

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