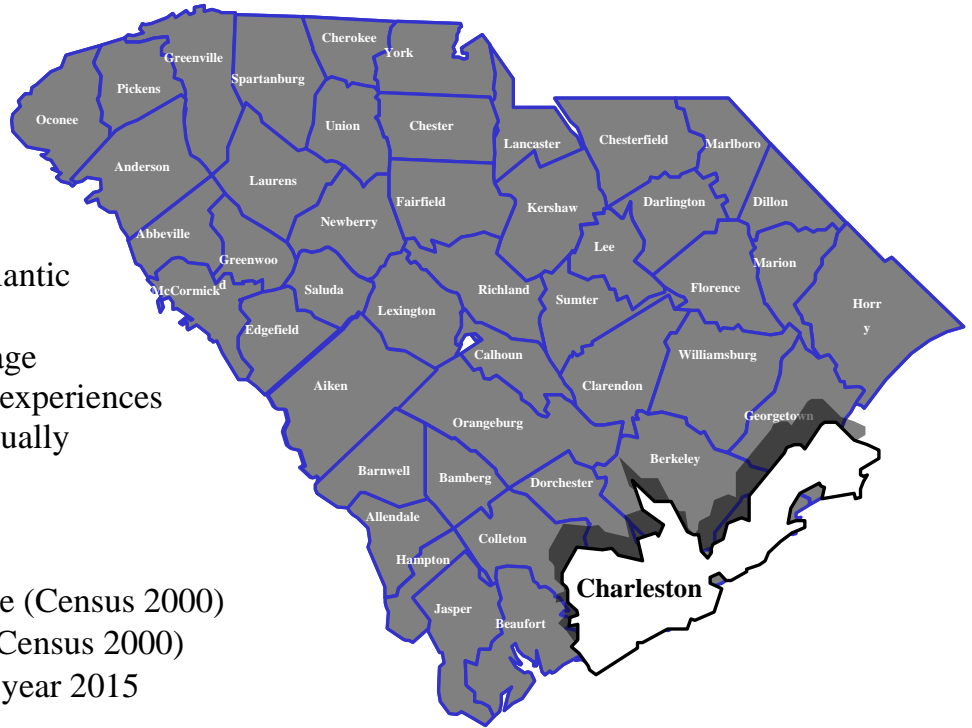


Spotlight on Charleston County...

Location & Climate

- Located in the southeastern area of the state
- Surrounded by Berkeley, Colleton, Dorchester, and Georgetown counties and the Atlantic Ocean
- This climatic region has an average temperature of 65.6 degrees and experiences 50.70 inches of precipitation annually



Population

- 326,762 in 2004
- 61.9% white and 38.1% nonwhite (Census 2000)
- Median age was 34.5 years old (Census 2000)
- Estimated growth of 342,370 by year 2015

Labor Force

- Decreased from 168,790 in 2003 to 166,024 in 2004
- Unemployment rate rose from 5.3% in 2003 to 5.4% in 2004

Employment

- Average monthly employment for the county was 157,051 in 2004, compared to 160,986 in 2003

Per Capita Income

- Per capita income for the county was \$30,951 in 2003
- It was 118% of the state's PCI of \$26,144

Unemployment Insurance Benefits

The Charleston Workforce Center paid \$18,358,984 in regular U.I. benefits during calendar year 2004.

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