

## Spotlight on Hampton . . .

Hampton County and its county seat were named for Confederate general and South Carolina Governor Wade Hampton (1818-1902). The county was formed from Beaufort County in 1878, shortly after Wade Hampton took office as governor. Parts of Hampton County later went to form Jasper (1912) and Allendale (1919) counties. During the Civil War, while the coastal areas of Beaufort County were occupied by federal troops, many planters fled to the area that became Hampton County. General Sherman's troops passed through the county in 1865, fighting several skirmishes with Confederate troops. This section of the state has remained primarily agricultural. Athlete Lucile Ellerbe Godbold (1900-1981), who won two gold medals in track and field at the 1922 Olympics, grew up in Hampton County, and writer Vertamae Grosvenor was also born there.

### Hampton Workforce Center

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### Location & Climate

- Located in the southern area of the state
- Surrounded by Allendale, Bamberg, Colleton, Beaufort, and Jasper counties
- This region has an average temperature of 65.8 degrees with an annual average rainfall of 48.1 inches.

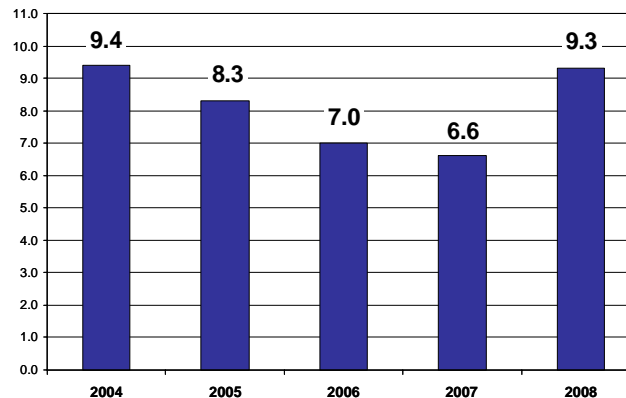
### Population

- Was 21,170 in 2007
- Estimated growth to 22,550 by 2015
- 2007 data was comprised of 43.5% White, 55.5% African-American, and 0.9% Other
- The Hispanic-Latino population has increased from 547 in 2000 to 650 in 2007, an 18.8% change.

### Labor Force

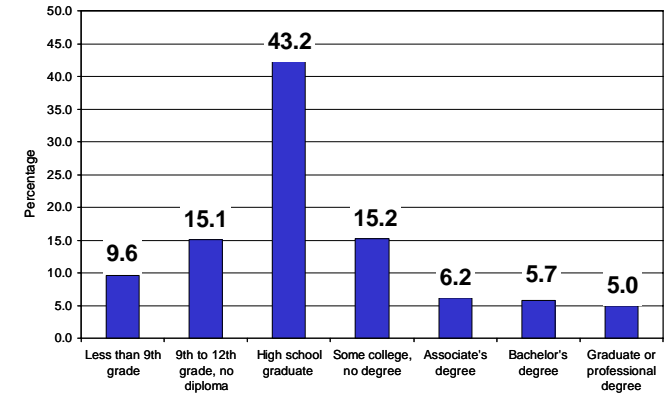
- Decreased from 7,880 in 2007 to 7,700 in 2008
- Employment declined from 7,360 in 2007 to 6,980 in 2008.
- Unemployment rate climbed from 6.6% in 2007 to 9.3% in 2008.

Unemployment Rates for Hampton County  
2004 - 2008



### Educational Attainment

Hampton County 2007



### Per Capita Income

- County per capita income was \$23,580 for 2007.
- This was 76% of the state's per capita income of \$31,100.
- This was 61% of the national per capita income of \$38,620.

### Unemployment Insurance Benefits

The Hampton Workforce Center paid \$2,209,974 in regular unemployment insurance benefits during 2008.



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