



Spotlight on Jasper . . .

Jasper County was named for Revolutionary War hero, Sergeant William Jasper (ca.1750-1779). The county was formed in 1912, from parts of Beaufort and Hampton counties. This area of the state was the home of the Yemassee and Coosaw Indians until colonial times. Settlers built extensive rice plantations, some of which now form the Savannah River National Wildlife Refuge. Two towns in the county, Coosawhatchie and Pocotaligo, have served as the seat of government for the Beaufort District. During the Civil War, the Confederate army defeated federal troops at the battle of Honey Hill, in November 1864. Jasper County was home to Thomas Heyward, Jr. (1746-1809), a signer of the Declaration of Independence, and Henry Martyn Robert (1837-1923), author of Robert's Rules of Order.

Beaufort Workforce Center

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Location & Climate

- Located in the southern area of the state
- Surrounded by Beaufort and Hampton counties, with Georgia to the west
- This region has an average temperature of 65.5 degrees with an annual average rainfall of 51.1 inches.

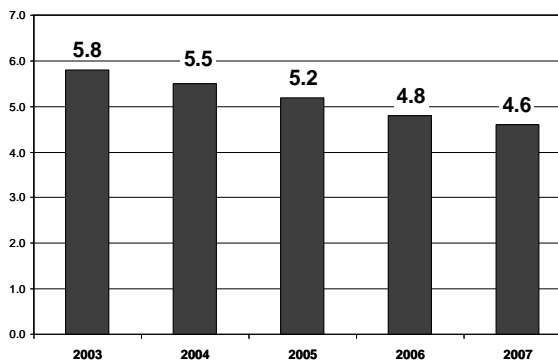
Population

- Was 21,190 in 2005
- Estimated growth to 22,880 by 2010
- 2005 data was comprised of 48.2% White, 50.6% African-American, and 1.2% Other
- The Hispanic-Latino population has increased from 1,190 in 2000 to 2,136 in 2005, a 79.5% change.

Labor Force

- Increased from 10,250 in 2006 to 10,550 in 2007
- Employment rose from 9,760 in 2006 to 10,070 in 2007.
- Unemployment rate fell from 4.8% in 2006 to 4.6% in 2007.

Unemployment Rates for Jasper County
2003 - 2007



Top Employers

- Malphrus Construction Company, Inc.
- Jasper County School District
- County of Jasper
- PHC - Jasper, Inc. d/b/a Coastal Carolina Medical Center
- SC Department of Corrections
- Carecore National, LLC
- Cleland Site Prep, Inc.
- Beaufort Jasper Comprehensive Health Services
- Bairds Truck & Auto Sales, Inc.
- Palmetto Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Per Capita Income

- County per capita income was \$26,250 for 2006.
- This was 88% of the state's per capita income of \$29,770.
- This was 72% of the national per capita income of \$36,710.

Unemployment Insurance Benefits

The Beaufort Workforce Center, which serves Jasper and Beaufort counties, paid \$5,896,464 in regular unemployment insurance benefits during 2007.



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