

CLARENDON COUNTY COMMUTING PATTERNS Strong Employment Relationship with Sumter County

Unlike many rural counties in South Carolina, Clarendon has not experienced a decrease in its employment base since 1990. Although the county's job total remained static, almost 650 fewer residents worked inside the county's borders in 2000. While fifty-six percent of the county's workforce is still employed within Clarendon, the number of workers who cross the county line for work has increased dramatically.

For those workers who commute to employment outside Clarendon, Sumter County is by far the destination of choice. 2,768 or roughly one-quarter of the entire Clarendon workforce travel to Sumter County for employment. Another ten percent of Clarendon workers take advantage of the easy access of Interstate 95 (I-95) to work in either Florence or Orangeburg Counties. The 1,175 workers who were employed in these two counties in 2000 is a 46% increase since 1990.

A comparison of Clarendon County commuting patterns between 1990 and 2000 shows some of the changes that have affected the counties workforce.

	1990	2000	Nr. Change	% Change
Total Clarendon Co. Workforce	10,959	11,679	720	6.6%
Live/Work in Clarendon Co.	7,148	6,500	-648	-9.1%
Work outside Clarendon Co.	3,811	5,179	1,368	35.9%
Work in Sumter County	2,201	2,766	565	25.7%
Commute to Clarendon Co. for Work	1,591	2,242	651	40.9%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

The increase in Clarendon's workforce out-migration is also reflected in the mean one-way travel time of 26.1 minutes in 2000. This is a twenty percent (20%) increase in mean travel from 1990 and results in over 4,300 Clarendon's workers spending 30 minutes or more traveling to work.

With fewer Clarendon County residents working in the County, there was a corresponding increase of workers in-migrating to Clarendon for employment. The special work relationship with Sumter County is again evident, as 1,238 Sumter residents commute to Clarendon for work each day. Sumter provides fifty-five percent (55%) of all out of county workers employed in Clarendon County. Another twenty-nine percent (29%) of workers coming to Clarendon for employment are either from Williamsburg or Florence Counties.

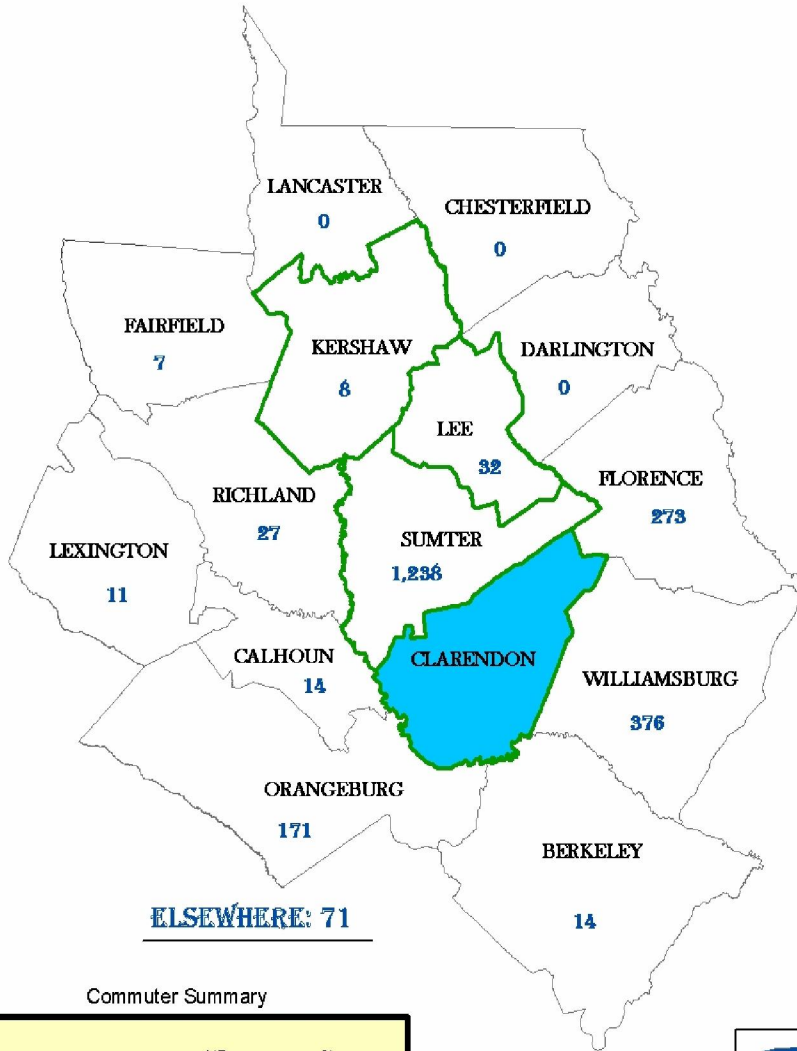
Since Clarendon has a total of 11,679 resident workers and 8,742 in-county jobs, the county is a net exporter of 2,937 workers to employers outside the county.

The attached maps depict the workforce flow from and to Clarendon County for the year 2000.

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Persons Commuting into Clarendon County to Work in 2000



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Commuter Summary

	NR	%
Live/Work in Clarendon	6,500	74.4%
Come from Region	1,278	14.6%
Come from rest of SC	918	10.5%
Come from out of SC	46	0.5%
Total Workers	8,742	100%

Source: US Census Bureau



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