

**KERSHAW COUNTY COMMUTING PATTERNS
WORKFORCE RESOURCE FOR COLUMBIA METRO AREA**

The number of jobs in Kershaw County remained basically unchanged over the last ten years, but the County's workforce increased by over twenty percent (20%). While fifty-five percent (55%) of the county's workers were employed within the county's boundaries in 2000, the number of residents who crossed county lines for work increased dramatically.

Kershaw County's location (adjacent to the City of Columbia and on a major East/West Interstate) provides the County's resident workforce easy access to the large diversified job market of the South Carolina Capital City. 7,412 Kershaw residents or 30% of the county's entire workforce are employed in the Columbia Metropolitan Area (Richland & Lexington County). As Columbia continues to expand toward the Northeast and along the I-20 corridor, Kershaw County benefits not only from increased business development, but in residential growth as bedroom communities for the Midland's economic core.

The table below compares 1990 and 2000 Kershaw County commuting patterns.

	1990	2000	Nr. Change	% Change
Total Kershaw Co. Workforce	20,379	24,611	4,232	20.8%
Live/Work in Kershaw County	13,224	13,510	286	2.2%
Work outside Kershaw County	7,155	11,101	3,946	55.2%
Work in Columbia Metro Area	4,547	7,412	2,865	63.0%
Commute to Kershaw County for Work	4,559	4,446	-113	-2.5%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

The mean one-way travel time to work for Kershaw residents in 2000 was 27.9 minutes. This increase of over twenty percent since 1990 reflects the expanded out-migration of the Kershaw workforce over the last ten years. Even with faster travel afforded by I-20, this increased out-migration results in 10,200 Kershaw workers spending 30 minutes or more commuting each way for work.

The number of workers in migrating to Kershaw County has decreased slightly since 1990. Lee County, the rural county east of Kershaw on I-20, provides the largest number (1,178) of inbound workers. Two other counties (Richland & Sumter) have a substantial number of workers commuting to Kershaw for employment. But the 1,755 workers from these counties are still nine percent (9%) less than 10 years ago.

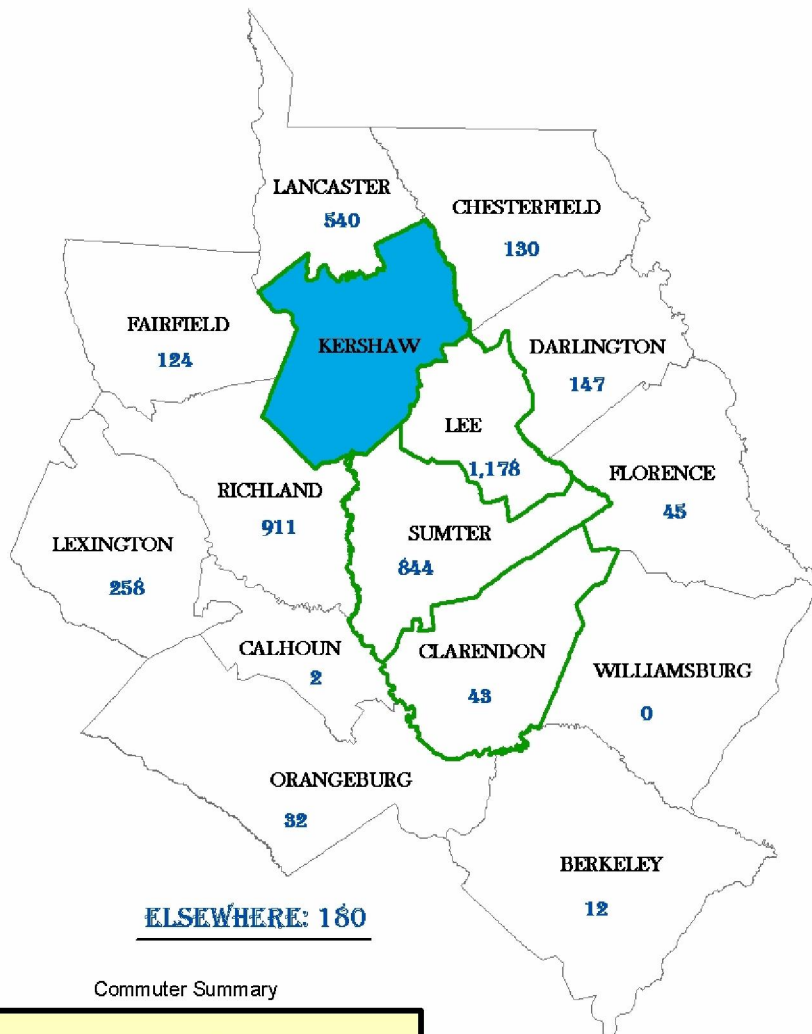
Since Kershaw County has a total of 24,611 resident workers and only 17,956 in-county jobs, the county is a net exporter of 6,655 workers to employers outside the county.

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

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Persons Commuting into Kershaw County to work in 2000



Commuter Summary

	NR	%
Live/Work in Kershaw	13,510	75.2%
Come from Region	2,085	11.5%
Come from rest of SC	2,313	12.9%
Come from out of SC	68	0.4%
Total Workers	17,956	100%

Source: US Census Bureau



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