

Our Communities - Chattooga County



Known for being the longtime home of folk artist and country philosopher Howard Finster

and for being the place where famed Cherokee Indian Sequoyah developed a written alphabet for the Cherokee language, Chattooga County, Georgia borders the state of Alabama.

Another notable resident is attorney Bobby Lee Cook, who served as a judge, a state senator from 1957-58, and a member of Georgia House of Representatives from 1949-50.

The county is home to the cities of Lyerly, Menlo, Summerville and Trion. Summerville is its county seat.

Mohawk floor coverings and Mount Vernon Mills apparel are represented in Chattooga County. In fact, Mount Vernon Mills is considered the "oldest continuously operating manufacturing plant in the Southeast," according to Jeff Mullis of Northwest Georgia Joint Development Authority (Site Selection magazine View from the Top May 2013).

People

Demographics	
Population	24,922
Population change 2010 to 2015	-4.2%
Age	
Persons under 5 years, percent, 2015	5.6%
Persons under 18 years, percent, 2015	22.7%
Persons 65 years and over, percent, 2015	16.6%
Gender	
Female persons, percent, 2015	48.8%
Male persons, percent, 2015	51.2%
Race	
White alone, percent, 2015 (a)	86.7%
Black or African American alone, percent, 2015 (a)	10.3%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone, percent, 2015 (a)	0.4%
Asian alone, percent, 2015 (a)	0.6%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone, percent, 2015 (a)	0.3%
Two or More Races, percent, 2015	1.7%
Hispanic or Latino, percent, 2015 (b)	5.0%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino, percent, 2015	82.6%
Education	
High school graduate or higher, percent of persons age 25+	70.7%
Bachelor's degree or higher, percent of persons age 25+	8.8%
Commuting	
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	24.3
Homeownership & Income	
Homeownership rate, 2010-2015	66.6%
Households, 2010-2015	10,863
Per capita money income in past 12 months, 2010-2015	\$16,333
Median household income, 2010-2015	\$32,913
Median value of owner-occupied housing units, 2010-2015	\$63,900

Labor

Labor Force	10,393
Employed	9,749
Unemployed	644
Unemployment Rate	6.2%
Average Goods Producing Weekly Wage	\$693
Average Service Providing Weekly Wage	\$502