

Our Communities - Catoosa County



Referred to as the “Gateway to Georgia,” Catoosa County is rich in beautiful scenery, deep-rooted history, and logistical convenience.

Catoosa, whose border is contiguous with Tennessee, gets its “Gateway to Georgia” nickname because I-75 enters the state here.

Catoosa County, Georgia is home to the cities of Ringgold and Fort Oglethorpe and part of the town of Tunnel Hill. Ringgold is the county seat.

A portion of the Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park is located in this Northwest Georgia county as well as several pre-Civil War buildings and historic Fort Oglethorpe. The Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park “preserves, protects and interprets” the sites of the battles of Chickamauga and Chattanooga. In addition to the area’s Civil War history, Fort Oglethorpe served as a major military outpost during the Spanish-American War, World War I, and World War II.

The county is also home to Lake Winnepesaukah, a popular family-owned amusement and water park.

People

Demographics

Population 66,550

Population change 2010 to 2017 +4.0%

Age

Persons under 5 years, percent, 2016 5.5%

Persons under 18 years, percent, 2016 23.7%

Persons 65 years and over, percent, 2016 15.8%

Gender

Female persons, percent, 2016 51.5%

Male persons, percent, 2016 48.5%

Race

White alone, percent, 2016 93.2%

Black or African American alone, percent, 2016 2.6%

American Indian and Alaska Native alone, percent, 2016 0.2%

Asian alone, percent, 2016 1.5%

Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone, percent, 2016 0.0%

Two or More Races, percent, 2016 1.8%

Hispanic or Latino, percent, 2016 2.7%

White alone, not Hispanic or Latino, percent, 2016 91.7%

Education

High school graduate or higher, percent of persons age 25+ 85.6%

Bachelor’s degree or higher, percent of persons age 25+ 19.7%

Commuting

Mean travel time to work (minutes) 23.1

Homeownership & Income

Homeownership rate, 2010-2016 73.9%

Households, 2010-2016 24,099

Per capita money income in past 12 months, 2010-2016 \$23,834

Median household income, 2010-2016 \$52,265

Median value of owner-occupied housing units, 2010-2016 \$135,300

Labor

Labor Force 34,383

Employed 33,189

Unemployed 1,194

Unemployment Rate 3.5%

Average Goods Producing Weekly Wage \$850

Average Service Providing Weekly Wage \$565

Source: USDOL - Bureau of Labor Statistics August 2018 (not seasonally adjusted); Georgia DOL County Labor Profiles 2017; U.S. Census Bureau