

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	24,770
Population change 2010 to 2017	-4.8%

Age

Persons under 5 years, percent, 2016	5.4%
Persons under 18 years, percent, 2016	16.8%
Persons 65 years and over, percent, 2016	16.2%

Gender

Female persons, percent, 2016	48.0%
Male persons, percent, 2016	52.0%

Race

White alone, percent, 2016	86.7%
Black or African American alone, percent, 2016	10.7%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone, percent, 2016	0.1%
Asian alone, percent, 2016	0.6%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone, percent, 2016	0.1%
Two or More Races, percent, 2016	0.9%
Hispanic or Latino, percent, 2016	4.6%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino, percent, 2016	82.9%

Education

High school graduate or higher, percent of persons age 25+	72.5%
Bachelor's degree or higher, percent of persons age 25+	8.9%

Commuting

Mean travel time to work (minutes)	25.3
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Homeownership & Income

Homeownership rate, 2010-2016	66.7%
Households, 2010-2016	9,361
Per capita money income in past 12 months, 2010-2016	\$17,381
Median household income, 2010-2016	\$35,245
Median value of owner-occupied housing units, 2010-2016	\$67,300

Labor

Labor Force	10,632
Employed	10,200
Unemployed	432
Unemployment Rate	4.1%
Average Goods Producing Weekly Wage	\$679
Average Service Providing Weekly Wage	\$507

Source: USDOL Bureau of Labor Statistics August 2018 (not seasonally adjusted); Georgia Department of Labor Area Labor Profile 2017; U.S. Census Bureau