

 **Our Communities** - Walker County



**It's not difficult to "discover your true nature" in Walker County, Georgia, nestled beneath historic Lookout Mountain.**

The county is home to the Scenic Hometown Highway (U.S. Highway 27) and two of Georgia's top 25 tourist destinations, Rock City Gardens and part of the Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park.

A variety of national and international manufacturers have operations in Walker County, Georgia including one of the world's largest carpet manufacturers, Shaw Industries. Other manufacturers having a presence in Walker include General Electric's Roper Division and Nissin Brake.

This Northwest Georgia county, which borders Tennessee, is home to the cities of Chickamauga, LaFayette, Lookout Mountain, and Rossville. In addition to manufacturing and automotive suppliers, agriculture is a top industry in Walker County, Georgia with farms occupying 30 percent of the county's land. The county is home to more than 600 farms whose leading products are beef cattle, dairy cattle, poultry, and row crops.

**People**

Demographics	
Population	68,939
Population change 2010 to 2017	+0.26%
Age	
Persons under 5 years, percent, 2016	5.6%
Persons under 18 years, percent, 2016	22.7%
Persons 65 years and over, percent, 2016	16.6%
Gender	
Female persons, percent, 2016	50.3%
Male persons, percent, 2016	49.7%
Race	
White alone, percent, 2016	92.5%
Black or African American alone, percent, 2016	4.3%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone, percent, 2016	0.3%
Asian alone, percent, 2016	0.4%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone, percent, 2016	0.0%
Two or More Races, percent, 2016	1.7%
Hispanic or Latino, percent, 2016	1.9%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino, percent, 2016	91.5%
Education	
High school graduate or higher, percent of persons age 25+	79.7%
Bachelor's degree or higher, percent of persons age 25+	15.0%
Commuting	
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	27.7
Homeownership & Income	
Homeownership rate, 2010-2016	71.5%
Households, 2010-2016	25,581
Per capita money income in past 12 months, 2010-2016	\$21,588
Median household income, 2010-2016	\$41,539
Median value of owner-occupied housing units, 2010-2016	\$107,500

**Labor**

Labor Force	31,924
Employed	30,643
Unemployed	1,281
Unemployment Rate	4.0%
Average Goods Producing Weekly Wage	\$777
Average Service Providing Weekly Wage	\$536

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