

## 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	24,880
Population change 2010 to 2017	-4.8%
Age	
Persons under 5 years, percent, 2017	5.5%
Persons under 18 years, percent, 2017	22.7%
Persons 65 years and over, percent, 2017	16.6%
Gender	
Female persons, percent, 2017	48.8%
Male persons, percent, 2017	51.2%
Race	
White, percent, 2017	87.0%
Black or African American, percent, 2017	10.3%
American Indian and Alaska Native, percent, 2017	0.1%
Asian, percent, 2017	0.4%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander, percent, 2017	0.0%
Two or More Races, percent, 2017	1.4%
Hispanic or Latino, percent, 2017	4.7%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino, percent, 2017	83.1%
Education	
High school graduate or higher, percent of persons age 25+	73.0%
Bachelor's degree or higher, percent of persons age 25+	10.1%
Commuting	
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	25.2
Homeownership & Income	
Homeownership rate, 2017	65.7%
Households, 2017	9,253
Per capita money income in past 12 months, 2017	\$17,716
Median household income, 2017	\$35,718
Median value of owner-occupied housing units, 2017	\$68,500

### Labor

Labor Force	10,615
Employed	10,160
Unemployed	455
Unemployment Rate	4.3%
Average Goods Producing Weekly Wage	\$679
Average Service Providing Weekly Wage	\$507