

Cherokee County, SC

FACT SHEET



Total Population

	2010	2017	2022
Cherokee County	55,342	57,032	58,035
Upstate SC	1,362,073	1,460,785	1,533,257
South Carolina	4,625,364	5,037,131	5,348,199

Source: US Census Bureau, 2010 Census; Esri Business Analyst 2017 Estimates and 2022 Projections

Population by Age

	2010	2017	2022
Under 5	6.7%	6.2%	5.9%
5 to 9	6.7%	6.5%	6.2%
10 to 14	6.9%	6.3%	6.6%
15 to 19	7.2%	6.1%	6.4%
20 to 34	18.0%	18.8%	16.8%
35 to 44	13.9%	12.4%	12.4%
45 to 54	14.2%	13.7%	13.1%
55 to 64	12.8%	13.4%	13.6%
65+	13.4%	16.5%	19.1%
Median Age	38.3	40	41.6

Source: US Census Bureau, 2010 Census; Esri Business Analyst 2017 Estimates and 2022 Projections

Population by Sex

	2010	2017	2022
Male	26,860	27,820	28,423
Female	28,482	29,212	29,612

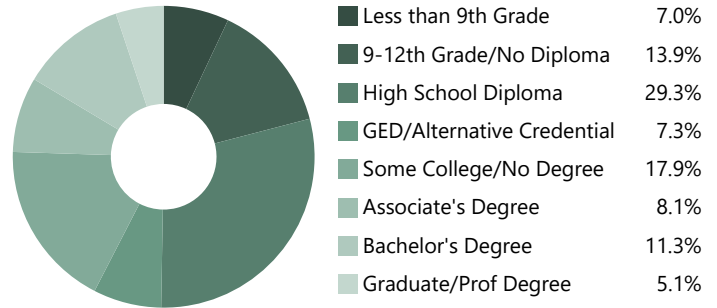
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Households & Families

	2010	2017	2022
Total Households	21,519	21,931	22,228
Average HH Size	2.54	2.56	2.57
Total Families	14,941	15,037	15,157
Owner-Occupied	14,833	15,029	15,223
Renter-Occupied	6,686	6,902	7,005

Source: US Census Bureau, 2010 Census; Esri Business Analyst 2017 Estimates and 2022 Projections

Educational Attainment, Age 25+

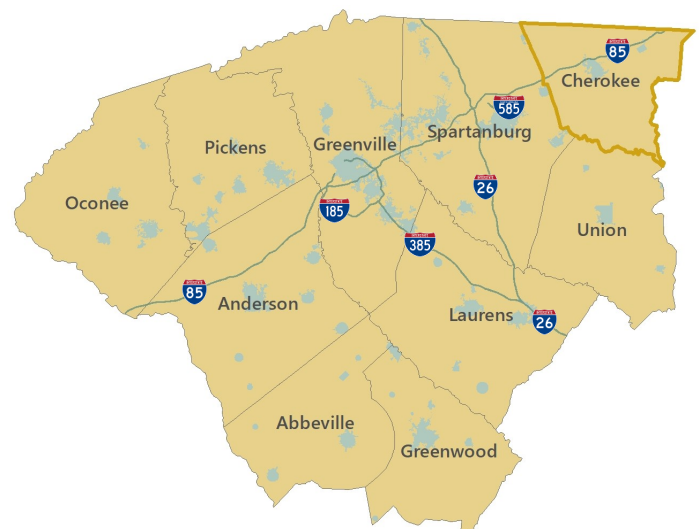


Source: Esri Business Analyst 2017 Estimates

Population by Race & Hispanic Origin

	2010	2017	2022
White	75.0%	74.2%	73.4%
Black	20.4%	20.2%	20.0%
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.4%	0.4%	0.5%
Asian	0.6%	0.7%	0.8%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Some Other Race	2.2%	2.6%	3.0%
Two or More Races	1.4%	1.8%	2.2%
Hispanic Origin (Any Race)	3.7%	4.3%	4.9%

Source: US Census Bureau, 2010 Census; Esri Business Analyst 2017 Estimates and 2022 Projections



Median Household Income

	2017	2022
Cherokee County	\$35,368	\$37,408
Upstate SC	\$46,793	\$53,239
South Carolina	\$48,678	\$54,740

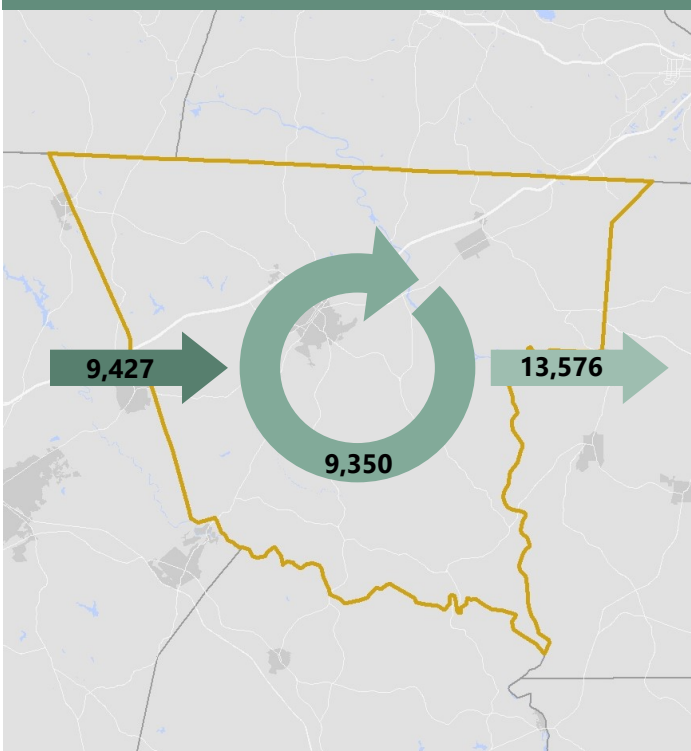
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Per Capita Income

	2017	2022
Cherokee County	\$19,021	\$20,269
Upstate SC	\$25,319	\$28,784
South Carolina	\$26,262	\$29,962

Source: Esri Business Analyst 2017 Estimates and 2022 Projections

Worker Inflow/Outflow



2014

Live and Work in Cherokee County	9,350
Commute Into Cherokee County	9,427
Commute Out of Cherokee County	13,576

Source: US Census Bureau, OnTheMap Application and LEHD Origin-Destination Employment Statistics (2002-2014)

Employment by Industry

NAICS	Industry Description	2017 Jobs
11, 21	Natural Resources & Mining	754
23	Construction	1,129
31	Manufacturing	6,152
22, 42, 44, 48	Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	4,849
51	Information	105
52, 53	Financial Activities	1,136
54, 55, 56	Professional & Business Services	1,624
61, 62	Education & Health Services	2,427
71, 72	Leisure & Hospitality	2,197
81	Other Svcs (except Government)	1,573
90	Government	2,544

Source: Emsi 2017.1

Gross Retail Sales (x\$1,000)

FY 2009-10	\$1,062,377
FY 2010-11	\$1,198,106
FY 2011-12	\$1,237,291
FY 2012-13	\$1,307,897
FY 2013-14	\$1,590,665
FY 2014-15	\$1,401,585
FY 2015-16	\$1,527,210

Source: SC Department of Revenue

Top 5 Manufacturing Employers

Company	Employees	Primary Product(s)
Nestlé USA - Prepared Foods Division	1,350	Frozen prepared foods
Milliken & Co. (Allen, Limestone & Magnolia Plants)	989	Broadwoven fabrics, fabric dyeing & finishing, chemicals
Freightliner Custom Chassis	909	Motor home chassis
The Timken Company	600	Ball & roller bearings
Hamrick Mills, Inc. (Hamrick & Musgrove Plants)	450	Print cloth, shade cloth & sheeting

Source: SC Appalachian Council of Governments and Cherokee County Development Board

Transportation

Interstate Access	I-85
Nearest Commercial Airports	Greenville-Spartanburg International (GSP) and Charlotte-Douglas International (CLT)
Airlines	Allegiant Air (GSP), Air Canada (CLT), American Airlines (both), Delta (both), Southwest Airlines (both), United Airlines (both), Frontier Airlines (CLT), Jet Blue (CLT), Lufthansa (CLT), ViaAir (CLT)
Nearest Civil Airports	Spartanburg Downtown Memorial Airport, Shelby-Cleveland County Regional Airport (Shelby, NC)
Inland Port Access	40 miles from the City of Gaffney to the SC Inland Port
Coastal Port Access	202 miles from the City of Gaffney to the Port of Charleston
Rail Providers	CSX, Norfolk-Southern

About Cherokee County

The county was named for the Cherokee Indians who once made it their home. It was formed in 1897, and the county seat is Gaffney. Iron mining was such an important activity in this region before the Civil War, it is sometimes called the Old Iron District. Today, Cherokee County enjoys a thriving and profitable local economy and an abundance of natural and manufactured resources. Cherokee County sits in a prime location just off I-85 between Charlotte, NC and Greenville/Spartanburg, SC. Charlotte's Douglas International Airport and the Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport are both within 45 miles and the mainline of Norfolk Southern Railroad runs through Cherokee County. The Port of Charleston is easily accessible via major highways. Cherokee County offers an unbeatable combination of such factors as an abundant and educated work force with customized training by South Carolina Special Schools, a diversified industrial base, a high standard of living and quality of life, pro-business local governments, and easy access to transportation routes.

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