

Catoosa County, GA



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ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP



Catoosa County is located along the Tennessee border in Northwest Georgia. With a population of over 65,000, the county consists of two major cities, Ringgold (county seat) and Fort Oglethorpe. Interstate 75, which enters the state in Catoosa County and is one of the country's major north/south transportation arteries runs through the middle of the county and has four major interchanges. Other major transportation routes in the county include U.S. Hwy. 27, 41 and 76.

The county is served by two rail lines: Norfolk Southern and CSX.

General aviation services are available in neighboring Whitfield County at the Dalton Municipal Airport (27 miles), a full service fixed base operator, with a runway length of 5,500 feet. The Chattanooga Metropolitan Airport (13 miles) offers non-stop service to nine locations throughout the U.S. Air cargo is also available. Airlines serving the Chattanooga airport include: Allegiant, American Airlines, American Eagle, Delta and United Airlines.

There are many industrial site options with all utilities.

A campus of Georgia Northwestern Technical College opened in Ringgold in 2016. Additionally, a wide selection of community, state and private colleges and universities are all within driving distance.

A portion of the Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park is located in the county as well as several pre-Civil War buildings. The 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.

Target Markets include Automotive, Textile and Big Box Retail.



MAJOR EMPLOYERS

COMPANY	EMPLOYEES
Shaw Industries	580
Catoosa County Government	515
Wal-Mart	440
Costco	190
Propex	155

Source: Companies

POPULATION

Population 2018	66,549
Population 2023	71,001
Households 2018	25,504
Median Age	40.5
Median Household Income	\$50,841
Per Capita Income	\$24,775

Source: Gale Research

ANNOUNCED PROJECTS (2013-2017)

Number of Projects	4
New Jobs	90
Capital Investment	\$26,000,000

Source: GCEP

LABOR FORCE (2017 ANNUAL AVERAGE)

Labor Force	33,123
Unemployment Rate	4.2%

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Population 25+	45,866
High School Graduate (only)	32.7%
Some College	24.5%
Associate's Degree	9.0%
Bachelor's Degree	13.3%
Graduate or Professional	5.8%
ACT-County	21.0
ACT-State	21.4

Source: Gale Research, Georgia Department of Education

EDUCATION

Public Schools	16
Public School Enrollment	10,790
Private Schools	3
Private School Enrollment	66
School Districts	1

Source: Georgia Department of Education, Individual Schools and GCEP

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

New Employers (Maximum)	2.7%
Experience Rate Range	.04% to 8.1%
Taxable Base	\$9,500

Source: Georgia Department of Education, Individual Schools and GCEP

SALES TAX - GENERAL AND SPECIAL PROVISIONS

Sales Tax Rate-State	4%
Sales Tax Rate-County	3%
Electricity (State/Local)	4%/3%
Piped Natural Gas (State/Local)	0%/3%
Mfg. Water (State/Local)	None
Mfg. Fuels (State/Local)	0%/1%
Mfg. Equipment (State/Local)	None
Telecommunications (State/Local)	4%/3%

Source: Georgia Department of Revenue

PROPERTY TAX (PER \$1,000 OF ASSESSED VALUE)

Property Taxes-County Incorporated	\$25.340
Property Taxes-County Unincorporated	\$25.340
Property Taxes-County Seat	\$32.093

Source: Georgia Department of Revenue

INVENTORY TAX

Finished Goods	None
Raw Materials	None
Goods in Process	None
Materials Consumed in Manufacturing	None
Exceptions	Exemption application must be filed Exception: City of Ft. Oglethorpe 40% exemption

Source: Georgia Department of Revenue

EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES (2017 ANNUAL AVERAGE)

	% OF TOTAL	WEEKLY WAGES
Natural Resources & Mining	0.2%	\$477
Construction	4.1%	\$775
Manufacturing	10.1%	\$928
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	28.0%	\$649
Information	0.9%	\$958
Financial Activities	4.1%	\$837
Professional & Business Services	2.5%	\$788
Education & Health Services	11.0%	\$739
Leisure & Hospitality	17.9%	\$280
Other Services	3.2%	\$539
Government	17.7%	\$702

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

ACCESSIBILITY

Largest City or Town	Fort Oglethorpe
Population-2017	9,831
Miles to Chattanooga	8
Nearest Commercial Airport	Chattanooga Metropolitan Airport
Runway Length	7,400 and 5,575
Miles to Airport	13
Nearest Interstate	I-75
Foreign Trade Zone	No
Population within 50-mile radius	1,251,339

Source: GCEP, Gale Research

UTILITIES

Name of Electricity Provider	Electric Power Board of Chattanooga, North Georgia EMC, Georgia Power
Is Natural Gas Available (Yes/No)	Yes
Name of Natural Gas Provider	Atlanta Gas Light
Name of Water Provider	Catoosa County Utility District, City of Fort Oglethorpe
Excess System Capacity	Yes
Name of Wastewater Provider	Catoosa County Utility District, City of Fort Oglethorpe
Excess System Capacity	Yes

Source: GCEP

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