

# Murray County, GA



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**Murray County** is located in Northwest Georgia. Major highways in the county include U.S. Hwy. 76 and 411 and State Hwy. 2, 61 and 225.

Rail service in the county is provided by both CSX and Norfolk Southern. The Chattanooga Metropolitan Airport, located within 41 miles of Murray County 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.

The Appalachian Regional Port, due to open in 2018, is located in Chatsworth. Its service area will include North Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee and parts of Kentucky. The new inland port will sit on 42 acres and feature on-terminal rail. The site is adjacent to U.S.

411 and features easy access to I-75. The facility will handle import, export and domestic cargo. It will create and expand international markets for regional businesses. The port will have an annual capacity of 50,000 containers. A 10-year development plan will then double that capacity.

The Whitfield Murray Campus of Georgia Northwestern Technical College (GNTC) located at the Northwest Georgia College and Career Academy is also located in Whitfield County. The combination of the two schools brings a unique offering to both high school and college students. Serving both Whitfield and Murray counties with the opportunity to complete a certificate, diploma or associate degree. Programs include computer support, criminal justice, business management, electronics and industrial systems. General education classes such as math, English, psychology and reading are also offered. All these programs and classes are offered day, evening, online and hybrid to meet the needs of currently employed students. A wide selection of community and state colleges and universities are all within a short drive.

The 43-bed Murray Medical Center constantly strives to maintain and broaden the services offered by the medical staff which serve the community. The full-service laboratory has the most up-to-date technology and state of the art instrumentation. Lab services are available 24/7 for all diagnostic needs as well as emergency services staffed with highly trained and competent physicians and nurses.

Murray County is known as the Gateway to the Appalachians, a full one-third of the county is protected forest land. Lakes and streams crisscross the county, and together they create a wonderland of outdoor adventure including hiking, fishing, biking, camping and wildlife watching.



## MAJOR EMPLOYERS

COMPANY	EMPLOYEES
Mohawk Industries, Inc.	800
Patcraft Commercial Carpet	750
Beaulieu United	618
Ingles Market	200
Murray Medical Center	160

Source: Companies

## POPULATION

Population 2018	39,070
Population 2023	40,357
Households 2018	13,974
Median Age	38.2
Median Household Income	\$42,590
Per Capita Income	\$19,520

Source: Gale Research

## ANNOUNCED PROJECTS (2013-2017)

Number of Projects	4
New Jobs	2,359
Capital Investment	\$522,000,000

Source: GCEP

## LABOR FORCE (2017 ANNUAL AVERAGE)

Labor Force	15,815
Unemployment Rate	6.2%

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

## EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Population 25+	25,998
High School Graduate (only)	37.1%
Some College	17.7%
Associate's Degree	4.4%
Bachelor's Degree	5.1%
Graduate or Professional	3.8%
ACT-County	18.9
ACT-State	21.4

Source: Gale Research, Georgia Department of Education

## EDUCATION

Public Schools	11
Public School Enrollment	7,440
Private Schools	2
Private School Enrollment	82
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	\$22.873
Property Taxes-County Unincorporated	\$22.754
Property Taxes-County Seat	\$25.263

Source: Georgia Department of Revenue

## INVENTORY TAX

Finished Goods	Yes
Raw Materials	Yes
Goods in Process	Yes
Materials Consumed in Manufacturing	Yes
Millage Rate Range	\$22.8-\$26.9

Source: Georgia Department of Revenue

## EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES (2017 ANNUAL AVERAGE)

	% OF TOTAL	WEEKLY WAGES
Natural Resources & Mining	1.2%	\$931
Construction	1.1%	\$608
Manufacturing	39.4%	\$723
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	16.7%	\$666
Financial Activities	2.1%	\$885
Professional & Business Services	10.9%	\$633
Education & Health Services	5.5%	\$698
Leisure & Hospitality	7.0%	\$258
Other Services	1.2%	\$500
Government	14.6%	\$731

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

## ACCESSIBILITY

Largest City or Town	Chatsworth
Population-2017	4,300
Miles to Chattanooga	44
Nearest Commercial Airport	Chattanooga Metropolitan Airport
Runway Length	7,400 and 5,575
Miles to Airport	41
Nearest Interstate	I-75
Miles to Nearest Interstate	16
Foreign Trade Zone	No
Population within 50-mile radius	1,592,956

Source: GCEP, Gale Research

## UTILITIES

Name of Electricity Provider	Multiple municipal providers
Is Natural Gas Available (Yes/No)	Yes
Name of Natural Gas Provider	Dalton Utilities, Atlanta Gas Light Company, Infinite Energy, Colonial Pipeline Co.
Name of Water Provider	Chatsworth Water Works, Dalton Utilities
Excess System Capacity	Yes
Name of Wastewater Provider	Dalton Utilities, Chatsworth Water Works
Excess System Capacity	Yes

Source: GCEP

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