

Whitfield County, GA



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ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP



Whitfield County borders I-75 in Northwest Georgia. From this prime location, manufacturers and distributors alike are able to quickly reach customers and ports. Over 80,000 vehicles travel on I-75 through the county each day. Within a 350 mile radius you'll also find 79 of the Fortune 1000, as well as 13 major U.S. markets.

Dalton is currently served by two different rail mainlines, CSX and Norfolk Southern. Dalton is also home to one of the few dual served rail trans loading facilities in Georgia, operated by both Norfolk Southern and CSX Transportation. These facilities provide rail-to-truck and truck-to-rail transfer services. On-site personnel are available to meet customer needs. The local facility is equipped with appropriate telecommunications services, inventory management support, security-fenced and lighted, on-site truck scale, equipped with latest transfer machinery, as well as a truck wash.

General aviation services are available at the Dalton Municipal Airport, a full service fixed base operator, with a runway length of 5,500 feet.

The Chattanooga Metropolitan Airport, located within 30 miles of

Whitfield 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.

Carbondale Business Park is a shovel-ready industrial and commercial site located on I-75 in Dalton, ready for manufacturing, warehousing and distribution. Publicly owned, available lots range from 3 to 54 acres with all utilities available at the property line to serve industrial operations. Carbondale Business Park is just 30 minutes from Volkswagen in Chattanooga. In March 2012, Carbondale was designated a Georgia Ready for Accelerated Development (GRAD) site by Georgia Allies.

Whitfield County is home to Dalton State College with 5,044 students. As an institution of the University System of Georgia, the college offers targeted bachelor's degrees and a full range of associate's degrees and career certificate programs. The Whitfield Murray Campus of Georgia Northwestern Technical College (GNTC) located at the Northwest Georgia College and Career Academy is also located here. 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 and classes are offered day, evening, online and hybrid to meet the needs of currently employed students.

Target markets include Automotive, Plastics and Chemical Manufacturing.



MAJOR EMPLOYERS

COMPANY	EMPLOYEES
Shaw Industries	8,000
Mohawk Industries	5,000
Engineered Floors/J+J Flooring	3,000
Beaulieu of America	1,500
Shiroki North America	700

Source: Companies

POPULATION

Population 2018	105,099
Population 2023	112,988
Households 2018	35,910
Median Age	35.5
Median Household Income	\$44,757
Per Capita Income	\$21,496

Source: Gale Research

ANNOUNCED PROJECTS (2013-2017)

Number of Projects	3
New Jobs	290
Capital Investment	\$184,000,000

Source: GCEP

LABOR FORCE (2017 ANNUAL AVERAGE)

Labor Force	45,297
Unemployment Rate	5.5%

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

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Population 25+	67,181
High School Graduate (only)	27.9%
Some College	20.6%
Associate's Degree	5.0%
Bachelor's Degree	9.2%
Graduate or Professional	5.1%
ACT-County	20.7/19.6
ACT-State	21.4

Source: Gale Research, Georgia Department of Education

EDUCATION

Public Schools	31
Public School Enrollment	20,972
Private Schools	5
Private School Enrollment	506
School Districts	2
Colleges & Universities	2
College & University Enrollment	6,437

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

Taxable Retail Sales (2016)	\$1,600,000,000
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	\$30.317
Property Taxes-County Unincorporated	\$28.317
Property Taxes-County Seat	\$33.839

Source: Georgia Department of Revenue

INVENTORY TAX

Finished Goods	None
Raw Materials	None
Goods in Process	None
Materials Consumed in Manufacturing	None
Exceptions	Exempt applic. must be filed. Exception: City of Dalton 20% exemption

Source: Georgia Department of Revenue

EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES (2017 ANNUAL AVERAGE)

	% OF TOTAL	WEEKLY WAGES
Natural Resources & Mining	0.3%	\$758
Construction	2.1%	\$843
Manufacturing	37.8%	\$893
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	21.0%	\$766
Information	0.3%	\$644
Financial Activities	1.7%	\$907
Professional & Business Services	8.9%	\$1,204
Education & Health Services	10.3%	\$951
Leisure & Hospitality	6.5%	\$310
Other Services	1.5%	\$668
Government	9.5%	\$795

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

ACCESSIBILITY

Largest City or Town	Dalton
Population-2017	33,748
Miles to Chattanooga	33
Nearest Commercial Airport	Chattanooga Metropolitan Airport
Runway Length	7,400 and 5,575
Miles to Airport	30
Nearest Interstate	I-75
Foreign Trade Zone	No
Population within 50-mile radius	1,379,463

Source: GCEP, Gale Research

UTILITIES

Name of Electricity Provider	Dalton Utilities, Georgia Power, NG EMC (TVA reseller)
Is Natural Gas Available (Yes/No)	Yes
Name of Natural Gas Provider	Dalton Utilities
Name of Water Provider	Dalton Utilities
Excess System Capacity	Yes
Name of Wastewater Provider	Dalton Utilities
Excess System Capacity	Yes

Source: GCEP

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