

# Catoosa County, GA



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**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	550
Wal-Mart	450
Food City	220
Costco	200
Propex	190

Source: Companies

## POPULATION

Population 2019	67,188
Population 2024	68,622
Households 2019	25,898
Median Age	40.7
Median Household Income	\$56,382
Per Capita Income	\$26,945

Source: Gale Research

## ANNOUNCED PROJECTS (2016-2020)

Number of Projects	5
New Jobs	270
Capital Investment	\$77,500,000

Source: GCEP

## LABOR FORCE (2020 ANNUAL AVERAGE)

Labor Force	32,611
Unemployment Rate	4.3%

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

## EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Population 25+	46,460
High School Graduate (only)	32.8%
Some College	24.6%
Associate's Degree	9.0%
Bachelor's Degree	13.3%
Graduate or Professional	6.1%
ACT-County	20.5
ACT-State	21.7

Source: Gale Research, Georgia Department of Education

## EDUCATION

Public Schools	16
Public School Enrollment	10,537
Private Schools	3
Private School Enrollment	45
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: ADP

## SALES TAX - GENERAL AND SPECIAL PROVISIONS

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

\*Residential

Source: Georgia Department of Revenue

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

Property Taxes-County Incorporated	\$23.389
Property Taxes-County Unincorporated	\$23.389
Property Taxes-County Seat	\$26.499

Source: Georgia Department of Revenue

## INVENTORY TAX

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

Source: Georgia Department of Revenue

## EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES (2020 ANNUAL AVERAGE)

	% OF TOTAL	WEEKLY WAGES
Natural Resources & Mining	1.1%	\$598
Construction	4.5%	\$841
Manufacturing	10.7%	\$973
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	29.1%	\$674
Information	0.5%	\$901
Financial Activities	4.8%	\$1,409
Professional & Business Services	3.0%	\$854
Education & Health Services	10.7%	\$816
Leisure & Hospitality	14.2%	\$320
Other Services	3.6%	\$752
Government	17.8%	\$774

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

## ACCESSIBILITY

Largest City or Town	Fort Oglethorpe
Population-2019	9,994
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	1,265,544

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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