

# 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 CSX. 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, opened in 2018 and is located in Chatsworth. Its service area includes North Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee and parts of Kentucky. The new inland port sits on 42 acres and features on-terminal rail. The site is adjacent to U.S. 411

and features easy access to I-75. The facility handles import, export and domestic cargo. It creates and expands international markets for regional businesses. The port has an annual capacity of 50,000 containers. A 10-year development plan will 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 29-bed AdventHealth Murray 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 |
|-----------------------------|-----------|
| Huali Floors                | 315       |
| United Surface Solutions    | 225       |
| Polytech Fibers LLC         | 125       |
| GE Appliances (GEA)         | 100       |
| Container Maintenance Corp. | 30        |

Source: Companies

## POPULATION

|                         |          |
|-------------------------|----------|
| Population 2019         | 40,407   |
| Population 2024         | 40,578   |
| Households 2019         | 14,474   |
| Median Age              | 38.2     |
| Median Household Income | \$42,600 |
| Per Capita Income       | \$20,257 |

Source: Gale Research

## ANNOUNCED PROJECTS (2016-2020)

|                    |               |
|--------------------|---------------|
| Number of Projects | 7             |
| New Jobs           | 1,008         |
| Capital Investment | \$447,300,000 |

Source: GCEP

## LABOR FORCE (2020 ANNUAL AVERAGE)

|                   |        |
|-------------------|--------|
| Labor Force       | 15,350 |
| Unemployment Rate | 7.6%   |

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

## EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

|                             |        |
|-----------------------------|--------|
| Population 25+              | 26,955 |
| High School Graduate (only) | 36.8%  |
| Some College                | 18.0%  |
| Associate's Degree          | 4.8%   |
| Bachelor's Degree           | 5.3%   |
| Graduate or Professional    | 3.9%   |
| ACT-County                  | 19.4   |
| ACT-State                   | 21.7   |

Source: Gale Research, Georgia Department of Education

## EDUCATION

|                           |       |
|---------------------------|-------|
| Public Schools            | 11    |
| Public School Enrollment  | 6,886 |
| Private Schools           | 2     |
| Private School Enrollment | 49    |
| 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* (State/Local) | 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   | \$24.768 |
| Property Taxes-County Unincorporated | \$24.694 |
| Property Taxes-County Seat           | \$27.768 |

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 (2020 ANNUAL AVERAGE)

|                                   | % OF TOTAL | WEEKLY WAGES |
|-----------------------------------|------------|--------------|
| Natural Resources & Mining        | 1.1%       | \$918        |
| Construction                      | 2.0%       | \$729        |
| Manufacturing                     | 34.6%      | \$773        |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities | 20.2%      | \$685        |
| Financial Activities              | 2.9%       | \$1,167      |
| Professional & Business Services  | 5.3%       | \$865        |
| Education & Health Services       | 6.0%       | \$807        |
| Leisure & Hospitality             | 8.3%       | \$283        |
| Other Services                    | 1.3%       | \$633        |
| Government                        | 18.0%      | \$805        |

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

## ACCESSIBILITY

|                                  |                                  |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Largest City or Town             | Chatsworth                       |
| Population-2019                  | 4,290                            |
| 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 | 1,615,534                        |

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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