

Murray County, GA



GREATER CHATTANOOGA
ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP



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	6,802
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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