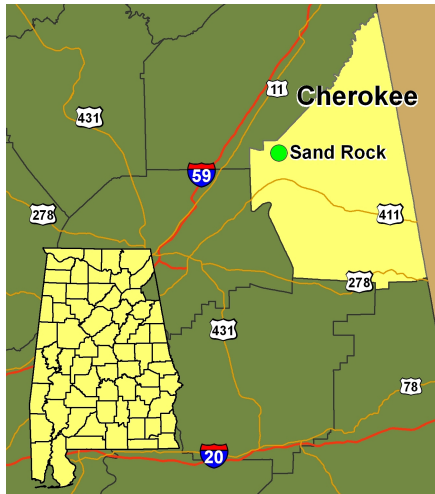


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Location

Latitude/Longitude: 34.2325 / -85.7704

County: Cherokee

Other cities in the county: Cedar Bluff, Centre, Gaylesville, Leesburg

Population

	City	County
(2009) Population estimate:	494	24,686
(2000) Population:	509	23,988
(1990) Population:	469	19,543
(2009) Age breakdown		
0-20:	139	5,987
21-64:	283	14,142
65-over:	72	4,557
(2009) Median Age:	38	42
(2009) No. of households:	197	10,417
(2009) Income		
Avg. household:	55,977	46,390
Median household:	46,953	37,780
Per capita:	22,323	19,659
(2009) Population within 30 miles:	288,973	329,070
(2008) Daytime Population:		6,832

Source: Claritas

Note: County radius is from county seat.

Transportation

Highways

Interstates in county: None

Federal highways in county: 278, 411

Distance from city to nearest interstate: 9 miles

Distance from city to:

Atlanta:	112 miles
Birmingham:	86 miles
Huntsville:	90 miles
Jacksonville:	456 miles
Memphis:	321 miles
Mobile:	342 miles
Montgomery:	175 miles
Nashville:	186 miles
New Orleans:	418 miles
Savannah:	360 miles

Source: MapQuest, Inc. MAPQUEST

Note: Distances reflect standard driving routes.

Aviation

Commercial Air Service

Nearest commercial air service: Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport

Location:	Birmingham, AL
Distance from city to:	25 miles
Runway length:	12,002 feet
Number of daily flights:	160
Carriers:	Continental Airlines, Southwest, American Airlines, United Express, Delta Air Lines, US Airways

General Aviation Service

Nearest general aviation facility: Centre Municipal Airport

Location:	Centre
Distance from city to:	14 miles
Runway length:	3,401 feet
Lighted:	Yes
Tiedowns:	Yes
Hangars:	No
ILS:	No
Repair Service:	No

Source: EDPA Survey of Commercial Airports; Alabama Department of Transportation Aeronautics Bureau; www.dot.state.al.us; Airmav.com

Rail

Railroads serving county:

Source: Alabama Department of Transportation Intermodal Division, www.dot.state.al.us

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County Labor Analysis

(2009) Labor Force Estimates

Civilian labor force number:	11,479
Annual employment number:	10,254
Annual unemployment number:	1,225
Annual unemployment rate:	10.7 %

Source: US Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Note: Numbers reflect 2009 annual averages

(2008) County Employment by Industry

Total:	5,195
Mining:	*
Construction:	150
Manufacturing:	1,215
Wholesale & Retail:	1,052
Transportation & Warehousing:	90
Utilities & Information:	122
Finance & Insurance:	113
Real Estate, Rental & Leasing:	69
Health Care & Social Assistance:	308
Accommodation & Food Services:	351
Prof, Tech & Business Services:	258
State & Local Government:	1,240
Other:	227

Source: Alabama Department of Industrial Relations; www.dir.state.al.us

Note: * Indicates non-disclosable data; included in "Other". (Figures may not add to total due to rounding.)

(2000) Workforce Commuting Patterns

County residents working in the county: 4645

County residents working outside the county: 5369

Top five counties receiving workers

1. Floyd GA
2. DeKalb
3. Calhoun
4. Etowah
5. Chattooga GA

Mean travel time to work: 30.0 mins.

Outside residents working in county: 908

Top five counties sending workers

1. Etowah
2. DeKalb
3. Calhoun
4. Floyd GA
5. Chattooga GA

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

(2008) County Wages by Industry

Total:	\$150,533,000
Mining:	*
Construction:	\$4,491,900
Manufacturing:	\$39,053,000
Wholesale & Retail:	\$26,624,000
Transportation & Warehousing:	\$2,867,900
Utilities & Information:	\$6,837,600
Finance & Insurance:	\$4,277,300
Real Estate, Rental & Leasing:	\$1,662,000
Health Care & Social Assistance:	\$11,110,400
Accommodation & Food Services:	\$3,741,500
Prof, Tech & Business Services:	\$5,367,800
State & Local Government:	\$38,926,900
Other:	\$5,572,600

Source: Alabama Department of Industrial Relations; www.dir.state.al.us

Note: * Indicates non-disclosable data; included in "Other". (Figures may not add to total due to rounding.)

(2009) County Population 25 plus by Educational Attainment

Graduate/Professional degree:	4.2 %
Bachelors degree:	5.5 %
Associates degree:	4.2 %
Some college, no degree:	14.7 %
High school graduate/GED:	34.9 %
9-12th grade (no diploma):	22.7 %
Less than 9th grade:	13.8 %

Source: Claritas

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Major Employers in County

Company	Product	# Employees
Cherokee Co Bd of Education	Education	539
KTH (Leesburg Products)	Metal Framing	400
American Apparel	Military Outerwear	310
Leesburg Yarn Mills	Cotton Yarn	310
Wal-Mart Super Center	Retail	291
Cherokee County Health & Rehab	Nursing Home	284
Preferred Health Services	Health Services	265
Cherokee Medical Center	Hospital	150
PEMCO, Inc.	Porcelain & Enamel Frit	140
Sawyer Nursery	Wholesale Greenhouse	84

Source: Local economic development contacts

Major Manufacturing Employers in County

Company	Product	# Employees
KTH (Leesburg Products)	Metal Framing	400
American Apparel	Military Outerwear	310
Leesburg Yarn Mills	Cotton Yarn	310
PEMCO, Inc	Porcelain & Enamel Frits	140
Sawyer Nurseries	Wholesale Greenhouse	84
Dixie Green	Wholesale Greenhouse	65
Weiss Lake Egg Company	Egg Processing	28
Cherokee Milling Co	Grain Processing	27
Va-Do Fabrics	Mattress Binding	14
North American Air	Air Filters	10

Source: Local economic development contacts

Education:

(2007-2008) K-12 Information

School system serving city:	Cherokee County Schools
Number of elementary:	2
Number of middle:	0
Number of junior high:	5
Number of high:	6
System enrollment:	4,164
Spending per pupil:	\$8,300.74

Source: Alabama Department of Education <http://www.alsde.edu>
 Note: Detailed information on Alabama's public school systems and individual schools can be accessed on the Alabama Department of Education website. A school with multiple grade levels may be represented in more than one category. For example, a school with Grades K-12 contains elementary, junior high, and high school levels and would be counted in each school category. Therefore, the breakdown total of school categories may be greater than the total number of public schools within the county. (Note: Blanks indicate data not available)

Post Secondary Information

Institutions located in county and contiguous Alabama counties

Two-year colleges serving area:

Gadsden State Comm College, Gadsden State Comm College E. Broad Street Campus, Gadsden State Comm College Valley Street Campus, NE Alabama Community College

Four-year colleges serving area:

Source: Alabama Commission on Higher Education

<http://www.ache.state.al.us>

Note: Information on Alabama's two and four year colleges can be found on the Commission's website.

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Taxes

(2010) General Tax Structure

Ad Valorem Tax

Alabama has a state property tax rate of 6.5 mills (3 mills for education). Both county and city can levy property tax. All real and personal business property is assessed at 20% of fair market value.

Source: Alabama Department of Revenue; www.ador.state.al.us

Note: Detailed Information by county is available at www.edpa.org or on the Alabama Department of Revenue website at www.ador.state.al.us.

Construction materials are taxed at the general rate. Inventories and goods-in-process are not taxed.

Other Business Related Taxes

	City	County (Inside City Limits)	County (Outside Incorporated Areas)	State
Sales Tax General Rate:	2.00 %	2.50 %	2.50 %	4.00 %
Use Tax General Rate:	2.00 %	2.50 %	2.50 %	4.00 %
Sales Tax on Machinery:	1.00 %	1.00 %	1.00 %	1.50 %
Use Tax on Machinery:	1.00 %		1.00 %	4.00 %
Occupational Tax:				

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Utilities

Electricity

Supplier(s) to city: Tennessee Valley Authority
Distributor(s) to city: Cherokee Electric Co-op

Sewer

Provider to city:

Natural Gas

Supplier(s) to city: United Gas Pipeline
Distributor(s) to city: Huntsville Utilities

Telecommunications

Provider(s) to city: Peoples Telephone Co

Water

Provider to city: Centre Water Works/Sewer Board
Source type: Surface Water

Source: Alabama Department of Environmental Management <http://www.adem.state.al.us>; EDPA survey of utilities.

Note: Capacities vary from station to station.

Governance

Type Government

City: Mayor-Council
County: County Commission

Source: Alabama League of Municipalities <http://www.alalm.org>

Note: Additional information can be found on the Alabama League of Municipalities' website.

Climate

Temperature

Annual average: 60 °F
January average: 40 °F
July average: 79 °F

Altitude above sea level: 930 feet

Precipitation

Annual Average Rainfall: 56 inches

Source: National Climatic Data Center; US Geological Survey; US Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service

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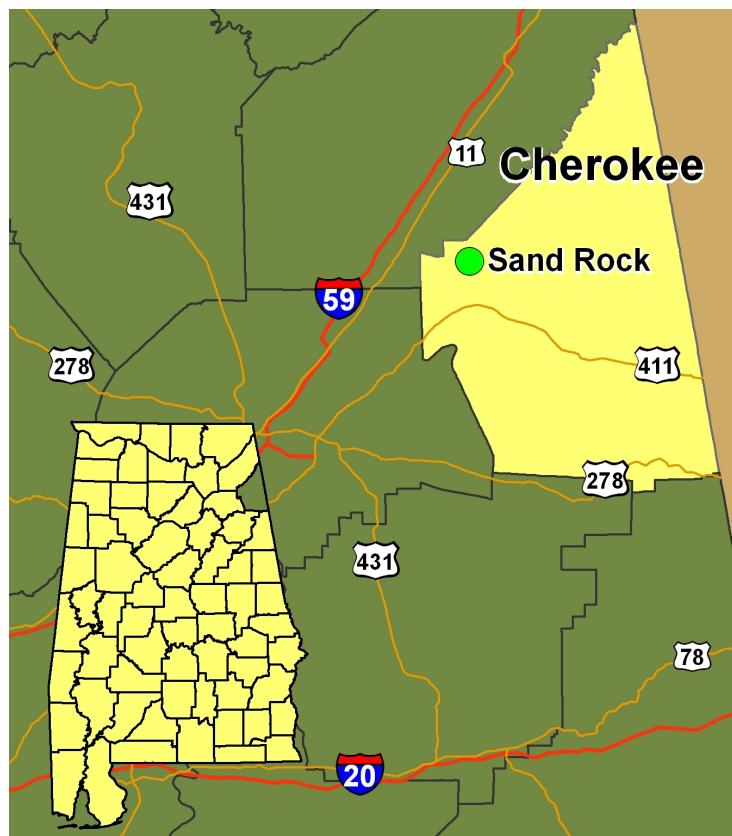
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Community Amenities

Number of hospitals:	1
Number of beds:	60
Number of daily newspapers:	
Number of non-daily newspapers:	1
Number of libraries:	1
Number of hotels & other lodging:	15
Number of financial institutions:	22
Number of retail establishments:	205
Number of service establishments:	308

Source: State Health Planning and Development Agency; Alabama Board of Medical Examiners; Alabama Board of Nursing; Board of Dental Examiners of Alabama



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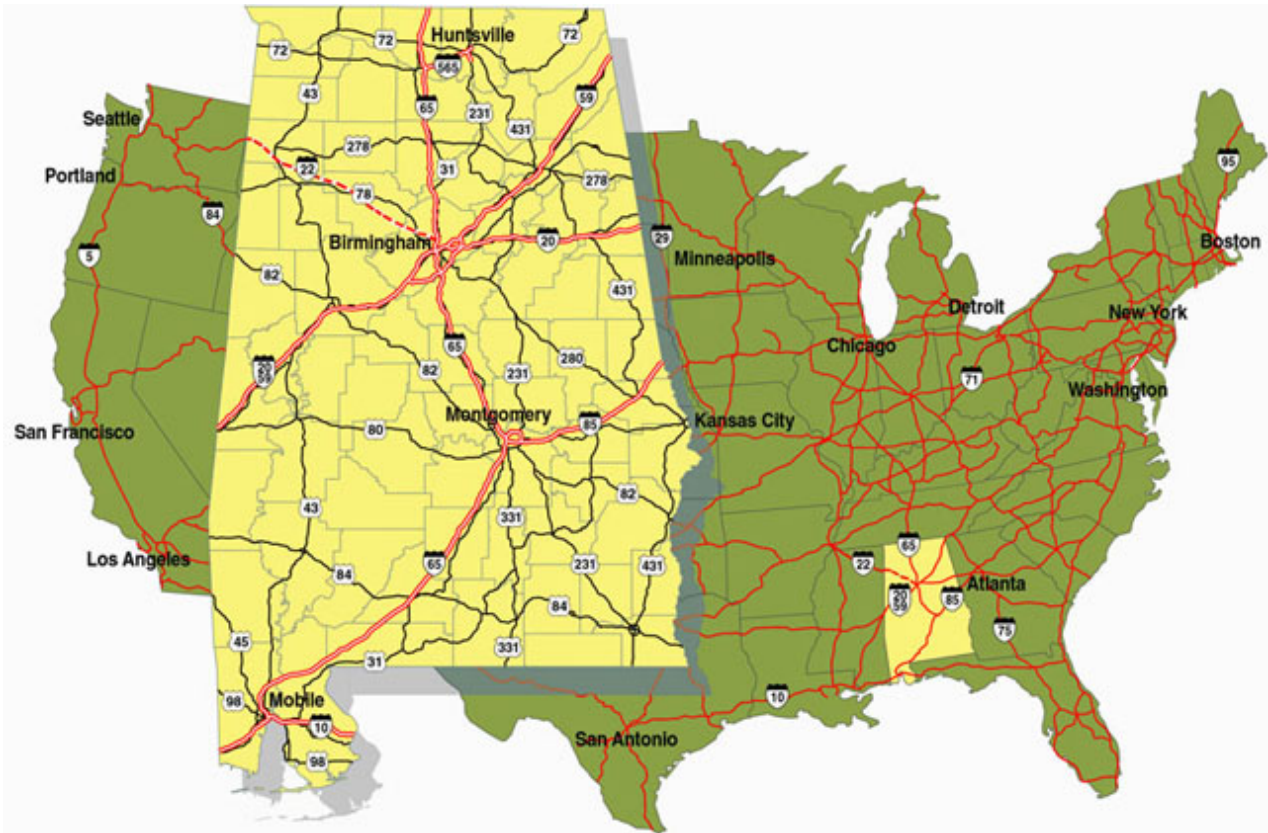
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