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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.
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
Lights: 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; Airnav.com

Rail

Railroads serving county:

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

Location

Latitude/Longitude: 34.2325 / -85.7704
County: Cherokee
Other cities in the county: Cedar Bluff, Centre, Gaylesville, Leesburg

Population

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Population estimate</th>
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<td>2000</td>
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<td>1990</td>
<td>469</td>
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(2009) Age breakdown
- 0-20: 139
- 21-64: 283
- 65-over: 72
(2009) No. of households: 197
(2009) Income
- Avg. household: 55,977
- Median household: 46,953
- Per capita: 22,323
(2009) Population within 30 miles: 288,973

Source: Claritas
Note: County radius is from county seat.

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County Labor Analysis


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

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<th>(2008) County Wages by Industry</th>
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<td>Construction</td>
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<td>Other</td>
<td>227</td>
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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

(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

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<td>Wal-Marl Super Center</td>
<td>Retail</td>
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<td>Cherokee County Health &amp; Rehab</td>
<td>Nursing Home</td>
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<td>Preferred Health Services</td>
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<td>North American Air</td>
<td>Air Filters</td>
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## 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](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](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


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

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Utilities

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

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

Sewer
Provider to city:

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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Community Amenities

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<td>Number of beds:</td>
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<td>Number of retail establishments:</td>
<td>205</td>
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<td>Number of service establishments:</td>
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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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