

County Fact Sheet

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Cherokee County, SC

Total Population, 2010, 2016, and 2021 Estimates

	2010	2016	2021
Cherokee	55,336	56,832	57,795
Upstate Region	1,362,073	1,409,634	1,462,858
South Carolina	4,625,364	4,831,451	5,075,686

Population by Age, 2010, 2016, and 2021 Estimate

	2010	2016	2021
Under Age 5	6.7%	6.4%	6.0%
Age 5 to 9	6.7%	6.5%	6.3%
Age 10 to 14	6.9%	6.5%	6.6%
Age 15 to 19	6.7%	12.4%	11.7%
Age 20 to 34	18.0%	12.6%	11.8%
Age 35 to 44	13.9%	12.6%	12.1%
Age 45 to 54	14.2%	13.8%	13.3%
Age 55 to 64	12.8%	13.3%	13.6%
Age 65+	13.4%	16.0%	18.4%

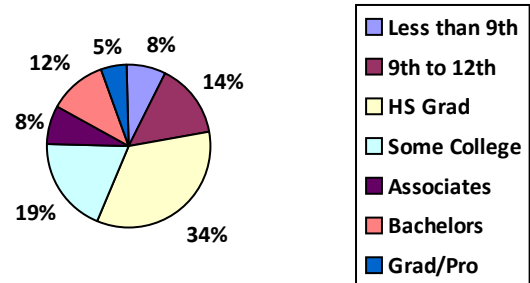
Source: US Census Bureau, 2010 Census Population and Housing. ESRI forecasts for 2016 and 2021 (unless otherwise stated).

Monthly Employment by Industry Group 2016 (2nd Quarter)

NAICS	INDUSTRY	AVE. EMP.
11, 21	Natural Resources and Mining	137
23	Construction	554
31	Manufacturing	5,356
22, 42, 44, 48	Trade, Transportation and Utilities	4,237
51	Information	56
52, 53	Financial Activities	532
54, 55, 56	Professional and Business Services	1,049
61, 62	Education and Health Services	2,262
71, 72	Leisure and Hospitality	1,880
81	Other Svcs (except Public Admin.)	347
90	Government	2,267

Source: QCEW Employees - EMSI 2016.2 Class of Worker

Educational Attainment, 25+, 2016 Forecasts



Population by Race, 2010, 2016, and 2021 Estimate

	2010	2016	2021
White	75.0%	74.3%	73.0%
Black	20.4%	20.4%	20.4%
Am. Indian/Alaska Native	0.4%	0.4%	0.5%
Asian	0.6%	0.7%	0.8%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Some Other Race	2.2%	2.5%	2.9%
Two or More Races	1.4%	1.9%	2.4%
Hispanic Origin (Any Race)	3.7%	4.3%	4.9%



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Top 5 Manufacturing

Company	No. of Employees	Major Product
NESTLE USA-Prepared Food Division	1300	Frozen prepared foods
Milliken & Co., Magnolia Finishing Plt.	809	Fabric dyeing & finishing
The Timken Company	712	Ball & Roller Bearings
Frightliner Custom Chassis	650	Motor Home Chassis
Hamrick Mills, Inc.	425	unfinished cotton (corporate headquarters)

Source: SC Appalachian Council of Governments and County Economic Development Office

Median Household Income, 2016 and 2021

	2016	2021
Cherokee	\$33,630	\$37,116
South Carolina	\$43,198	\$49,859

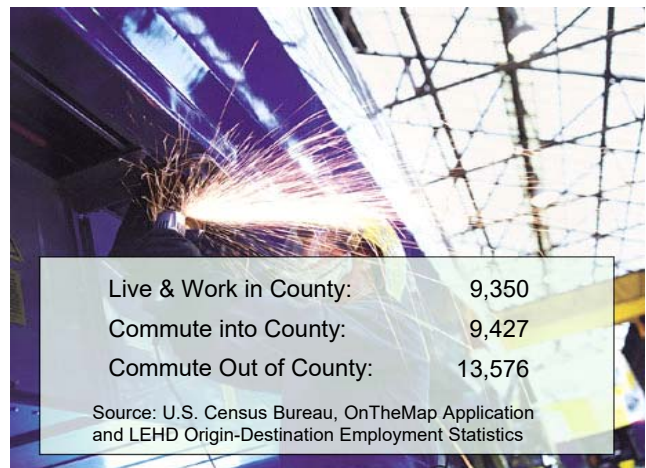
ESRI forecasts for 2016 and 2021

Per Capita Income, 2016 and 2021

	2016	2021
Cherokee	\$18,525	\$20,178
South Carolina	\$23,782	\$26,314

ESRI forecasts for 2016 and 2021

Worker Inflow/Outflow, 2014



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, OnTheMap Application and LEHD Origin-Destination Employment Statistics

Households & Families 2010, 2016, and 2021 Estimate

	2010	2016	2021
# of Households	21,519	21,874	22,155
# of Families	14,833	15,011	15,117
Ave HH Size:	2.54	2.56	2.57
Owner-Occupied:	14,833	14,690	14,865
Renter-Occupied:	6,686	7,186	7,271
Median Age:	38.2	39.7	41.2

Sources: U.S. Bureau of the Census, 2010 Census of Population and Housing. ESRI forecasts for 2016 and 2021 (unless otherwise stated)

Gross Retail Sales (Millions) by Fiscal Year

FY 2005-06	\$968,227
FY 2006-07	\$1,142,921
FY 2007-08	\$1,134,964
FY 2008-09	\$1,118,482
FY 2009-10	\$1,062,377
FY 2010-11	\$1,198,106
FY 2011-12	\$1,237,291
FY 2012-13	\$1,307,897
FY 2013-14	\$1,590,094
FY 2014-15	\$1,401,572

Source: SC Department of Revenue and Taxation

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Transportation

Interstate Access	I-85
Nearest Commercial Airline	Greenville-Spartanburg International, Charlotte-Douglas International
Airlines	Northwest, Southwest, Continental, United Express, Delta, US Airways, American Eagle
Nearest Civil Airport	Spartanburg Downtown Memorial Airport, Shelby-Cleveland County Regional Airport (Shelby, NC)
Port Access	Port of Charleston, 206 miles from City of Gaffney
Rail Providers	NSR

About Cherokee County

The county was named for the Cherokee Indians who once made it their home. It was formed in 1897, and the county seat is Gaffney. Iron mining was such an important activity in this region before the Civil War, it is sometimes called the Old Iron District. Today, Cherokee County enjoys a thriving and profitable local economy and an abundance of natural and manufactured resources. Cherokee County sits in a prime location just off I-85 between Charlotte, NC and Greenville/Spartanburg, SC. Charlotte's Douglas International Airport and the Greenville - Spartanburg International Airport are both within 45 miles and the mainline of Norfolk Southern Railroad runs through Cherokee County. The Port of Charleston is easily accessible via major highways. Cherokee County offers an unbeatable combination of such factors as an abundant and educated work force with customized training by South Carolina Special Schools, a diversified industrial base, a high standard of living and quality of life, pro-business local governments, and easy access to transportation routes.

Economic Development

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