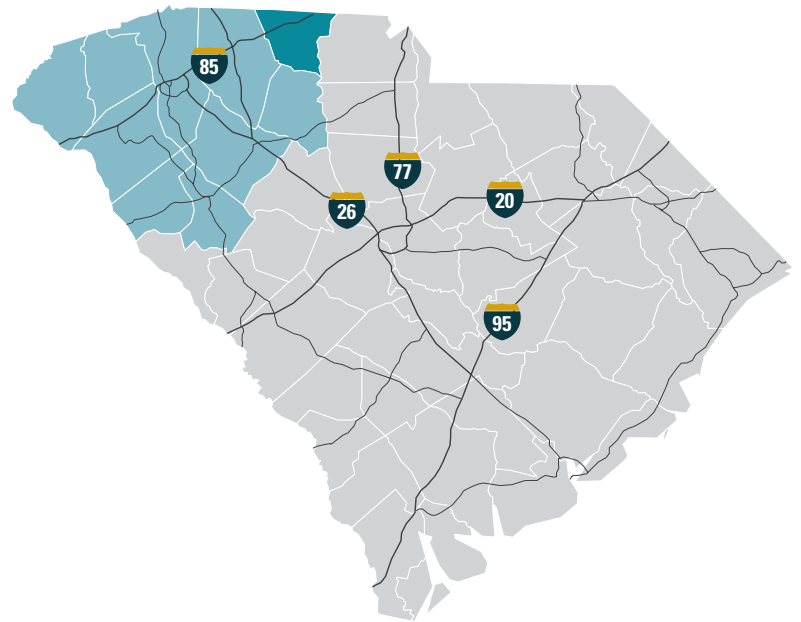


Cherokee COUNTY



DISCOVER YOUR POTENTIAL

The county was named for the Cherokees 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 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. The Port of Charleston is easily accessible via major highways. Cherokee 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.



TOTAL POPULATION

	2010	2023	2028	Growth Rate*
Cherokee County	55,342	56,536	56,475	-0.02%
Upstate SC	1,362,073	1,568,057	1,615,810	0.60%
South Carolina	4,625,364	5,311,184	5,473,930	0.61%

*Projected annual growth rate 2023-2028

POPULATION BY AGE

	2010	2023	2028
Under 5	6.7%	5.6%	5.5%
5 to 9	6.7%	6.2%	5.8%
10 to 14	6.9%	6.3%	6.5%
15 to 24	13.8%	11.7%	11.8%
25 to 34	11.5%	13.2%	10.6%
35 to 44	13.9%	12.4%	13.4%
45 to 54	14.2%	12.8%	12.6%
55 to 64	12.8%	13.1%	12.9%
65+	13.5%	18.8%	21.0%
MEDIAN AGE	38.2	40.6	42.1

38.4% of the 2023 population is prime working age

HOUSEHOLDS & FAMILIES

	2010	2023	2028
Total Households	21,519	22,535	22,597
Total Families	14,941	15,112	15,101
Average Household Size	2.54	2.46	2.45
Owner Occupied	61.8%	64.2%	65.2%
Renter Occupied	27.9%	26.0%	25.1%
Vacant	10.3%	9.9%	9.7%

MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME

	2023	2028
Cherokee County	\$49,409	\$52,550
South Carolina	\$60,025	\$67,198
United States	\$72,603	\$82,410

POPULATION by Race & Ethnicity

	2010	2023	2028
White	75.0%	71.4%	71.4%
Black	20.4%	19.8%	19.8%
American Indian / Alaska Native	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%
Asian	0.6%	0.7%	0.7%
Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Some Other Race	2.2%	3.0%	3.0%
Two or More Races	1.4%	4.7%	4.7%
Hispanic Origin (Any Race)	3.7%	5.4%	5.4%

PER CAPITA INCOME

	2023	2028
Cherokee County	\$26,043	\$29,126
South Carolina	\$35,757	\$40,747
United States	\$41,310	\$47,525

2023 EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT, AGE 25+

- 7.0% Graduate / Professional Degree
- 9.4% Bachelor's Degree
- 12.2% Associate Degree
- 18.3% Some College, No Degree
- 31.1% High School Diploma
- 7.8% GED / Alternative Credential
- 10.3% 9th-12th Grade, No Diploma
- 4.0% Less than 9th Grade




85.8%
 high school diploma or higher


16.3%
 bachelor's degree or higher

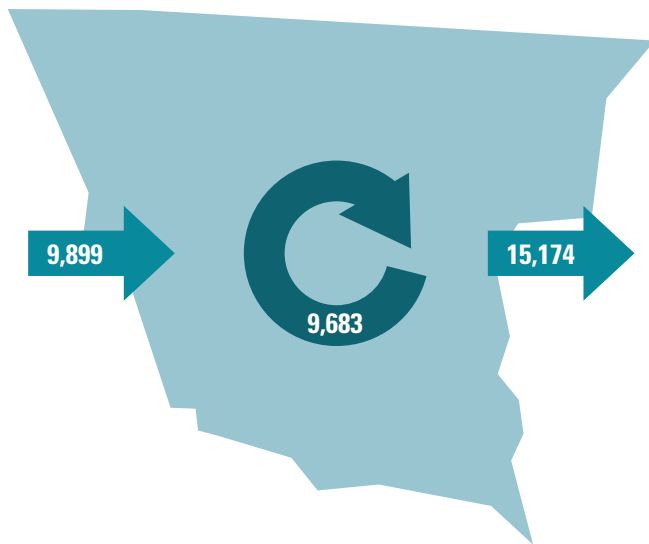
2020 COMMUTING PATTERNS

TRAVEL DISTANCE TO WORK

Less than 10 miles	46.4%
10-24 miles	26.7%
25-50 miles	13.2%
50 miles or more	13.8%

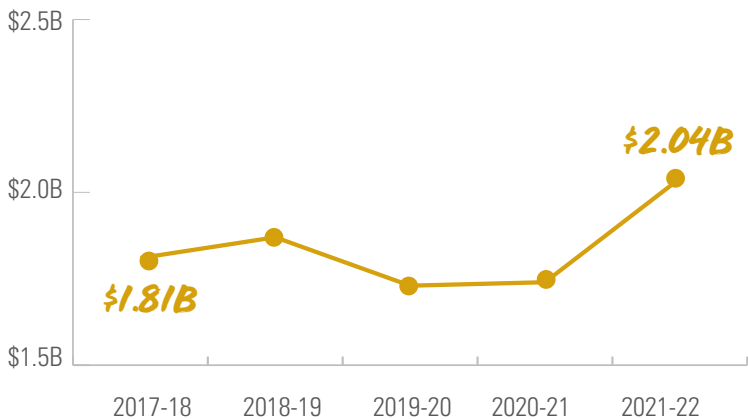


WORKER INFLOW & OUTFLOW



Live and work in Cherokee County	9,683
Commute into Cherokee County	9,899
Commute out of Cherokee County	15,174

GROSS RETAIL SALES by Fiscal Year



Cherokee County WHERE DO WORKERS LIVE?

Cherokee County	49.4%
Spartanburg County	15.7%
Cleveland County, NC	5.8%
Greenville County	3.1%
Rutherford County, NC	2.9%
York County	2.8%
Union County	1.9%
Gaston County, NC	1.7%
Anderson County	1.1%
Richland County	1.0%

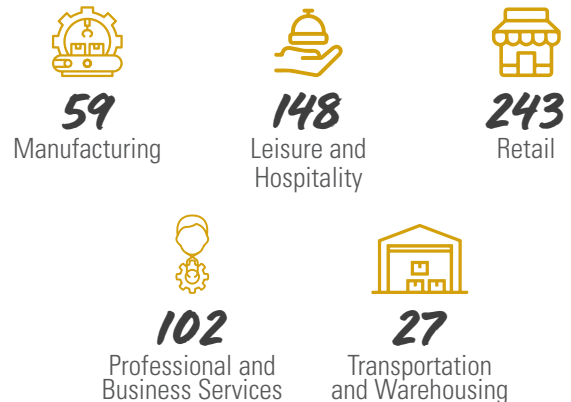
2023 EMPLOYMENT by Industry

Agriculture / Mining	1.0%	216
Construction	7.3%	1,617
Manufacturing	24.5%	5,427
Wholesale Trade	2.0%	435
Retail Trade	10.6%	2,354
Transportation / Utilities	7.7%	1,697
Information	0.5%	118
Finance / Insurance / Real Estate	3.9%	861
Services	38.0%	8,406
Public Administration	4.5%	994
TOTAL		22,125

2023 CIVILIAN POPULATION by Labor Force (16+)

Labor Force	23,381
Unemployed	5.4%

2023 BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS by Industry



TOP 5 MANUFACTURING EMPLOYERS

COMPANY	PRIMARY PRODUCT(S) / INDUSTRY	EMPLOYEES
Nestle USA	Frozen Prepared Food	1,001-2,500
Milliken & Company	Broadwoven Fabrics, Fabric Dyeing & Finishing	501-1,000
Freightliner Custom Chassis Corp.	Motor Home Chassis	501-1,000
Hamrick Mills	Print Cloth, Shade Cloth & Sheeting	251-500
Suminoe	Ball and Roller Bearings	251-500

TOP 5 NON-MANUFACTURING EMPLOYERS

COMPANY	PRIMARY PRODUCT(S) / INDUSTRY	EMPLOYEES
Cherokee County School District	Public Education, K-12	1,001-2,500
Dollar Tree Distribution	Logistics	501-1,000
Limestone University	Higher Education	251-500
Cherokee County	County Government	251-500
Cherokee Medical Center	Healthcare	251-500

AIRPORT



GREENVILLE-SPARTANBURG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

- 50 non-stop daily departures
- 17 major cities & 20 airports
- 2.3 million passengers flown in FY2023
- 79,139 tons of air cargo moved in FY2023



SPARTANBURG DOWNTOWN MEMORIAL AIRPORT

PORT



INLAND PORT GREER

- 40 miles from the City of Gaffney
- 151,261 rail lifts in FY2022

PORT OF CHARLESTON

- 202 miles from the City of Gaffney
- 2.6 million TEUs handled in FY2023

HIGHWAY



INTERSTATES



HIGHWAYS



RAIL



MAJOR PROVIDERS



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



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