**County Facts: Catoosa County, GA**

Population 67,000

### The Local Economy

- **Unemployment rate**: 4.2% (Catoosa County) vs. 4.7% (GA) vs. 5.7% (United States)
- **Poverty rate**: 17.8% (Catoosa County) vs. 17.0% (GA) vs. 16.0% (United States)
- **Median family income (000s)**: $43,000 (Catoosa County) vs. $53,000 (GA) vs. $57,000 (United States)
- **Population growth 2000-2017**: 4.4% (Catoosa County) vs. 5.1% (GA) vs. 5.5% (United States)
- **Manufacturing share of workforce**: 27% (Catoosa County) vs. 25% (GA) vs. 16% (United States)
- **Farming share of workforce**: 19% (Catoosa County) vs. 16% (GA) vs. 10% (United States)
- **Great Recession unemployment spike (pp)**: 1.0% (Catoosa County) vs. 1.3% (GA) vs. 1.7% (United States)

### How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

- **Percent graduating any college**: 35% (Catoosa County) vs. 43% (GA) vs. 46% (United States)
- **Percent reaching upper-middle class**: 14% (Catoosa County) vs. 16% (GA) vs. 16% (United States)
- **Percent achieving American Dream**: 6% (Catoosa County) vs. 7% (GA) vs. 8% (United States)
- **Percent giving birth as a teen**: 22% (Catoosa County) vs. 20% (GA) vs. 15% (United States)
- **Percent landing in jail**: 2.2% (Catoosa County) vs. 1.4% (GA) vs. 1.5% (United States)
- **Local school expenditure per student (000s)**: $4.6 (Catoosa County) vs. $5.9 (GA) vs. $6.4 (United States)
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: 8.7% (Southern Adventist Univ.), 4.8% (Georgia 4-year-college average), 4.8% (U.S. 4-year-college average)
- Low-income student success rate: 9.1% (Southern Adventist Univ.), 51.3% (Georgia 4-year-college average), 51.3% (U.S. 4-year-college average)

2-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: 16.0% (Chattanooga State CC (public)), 15.6% (Georgia 2-year-college average), 23.5% (U.S. 2-year-college average)
- Low-income student success rate: 28.2% (Chattanooga State CC (public)), 32.9% (Georgia 2-year-college average), 32.9% (U.S. 2-year-college average)

*: Data refers to the full college system, not just this campus. †: In nearby county

Local Demographics

- Percent Black: 5% (Catoosa County), 14% (GA), 15% (United States)
- Percent Hispanic: 3% (Catoosa County), 9% (GA), 11% (United States)
- Percent over age 65: 17% (Catoosa County), 13.5% (GA), 13% (United States)
- Percent college grad: 21% (Catoosa County), 19% (GA), 11% (United States)
- Crime rate (arrests per 10k residents): 84 (Catoosa County), 76 (GA), 32 (United States)
- Life expectancy (years): 82.8 (Catoosa County), 82.4 (GA), 83.2 (United States)
- Opioid deaths (deaths per 10k residents): 15 (Catoosa County), 10 (GA), 15 (United States)
Definitions and Sources

The Local Economy
- Unemployment rate (August 2018, BLS)
- Poverty rate (2012-2016 ACS)
- Median family income (2016 ACS)
- Manufacturing share of workforce (2012-2016 ACS)
- Farming share of workforce (2012-2016 ACS)
- Great Recession unemployment spike (BLS LAUS)

How Local Kids’ Lives Turn Out
- Percent graduating any college (2-yr or 4-yr, Tax Data 2, N/A for some counties)
- Percent reaching upper middle-class (top 20% of the U.S. income distribution, Tax Data 1, N/A for some counties)
- Percent achieving American Dream (share of local low-income kids—i.e. those with 25th-income-percentile parents—who reach the top 20% of the U.S. income distribution as adults, Tax Data 1, N/A for some counties)
- Percent (of local female kids) giving birth as a teen (Tax Data 1, N/A for some counties)
- Percent landing in jail (percent of local kids in jail on 1 April 2010, Tax Data 1 and 2010 Census, N/A for some counties)
- Local school expenditure per student (in public schools, NCES, N/A for some counties)

Local Colleges and Upward Mobility
- Low-income share of students (share of age-18-22 students with bottom-20% parents, Tax Data 2)
- Low-income student success rate (share of low-income age-18-22 students who reach the top 40% of the U.S. income distribution as adults, Tax Data 2)

Local Demographics
- Percent Black (2012-2016 ACS)
- Percent Hispanic (2012-2016 ACS)
- Percent over age 65 (2010 Census)
- Percent college grad (4-yr college, 2012-2016 ACS)
- Crime rate (serious violent and property arrests per 10,000 residents, FBI Uniform Crime Reports, N/A for some counties)
- Life expectancy (at age 40, Tax Data 3, N/A for some counties)
- Opioid deaths (per 10,000 residents in 2017, CDC, N/A for some counties and some counties report population weighted commuting zone average)

Sources Legend
- ACS: U.S. Census Bureau American Community Surveys, 2012-2016
- CDC: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. Multiple Cause of Death 1999-2017 on CDC WONDER Online Database.
- Census: U.S. Census Bureau