Chattooga County, GA
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County Facts: Chattooga County, GA
Population 25,000

The Local Economy

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Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students:
  - Dalton State College (public)†: 11.9%
  - Georgia 4-year-college average: 9.3%
  - U.S. 4-year-college average: 9.1%

- Low-income student success rate:
  - Dalton State College (public)†: 51.3%
  - Georgia 4-year-college average: 48.2%
  - U.S. 4-year-college average: 36.2%

2-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students:
  - Georgia Highlands College (public)†: 22.9%
  - Georgia 2-year-college average: 15.6%
  - U.S. 2-year-college average: 8.3%

- Low-income student success rate:
  - Georgia Highlands College (public)†: 49.1%
  - Georgia 2-year-college average: 32.9%
  - U.S. 2-year-college average: 23.5%

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

Local Demographics

- Percent Black: Chattooga County 5%, GA 14%, United States 17%
- Percent Hispanic: Chattooga County 3%, GA 9%, United States 14%
- Percent over age 65: Chattooga County 0.7%, GA 11%, United States 13%
- Percent college grad: Chattooga County 19%, GA 50%, United States 84%
- Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents): Chattooga County 76, GA 82, United States 80
- Life expectancy (years): Chattooga County 83.2, GA 80.3, United States 82.4
- Opioid deaths (deaths per 10K residents): Chattooga County 13, GA 10, United States 15

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- 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