County Facts: Cherokee County, SC
Population: 57,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: 4.9%
- Poverty rate: 4.4%
- Median family income (000s): $57
- Population growth 2000-2017: 21.9%
- Manufacturing share of workforce: 17.0%
- Farming share of workforce: 15.1%
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): $36
- Percent giving birth as a teen: 4.7%

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: 43%
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: 14%
- Percent achieving American Dream: 5%
- Percent giving birth as a teen: 20%
- Percent landing in jail: 1.5%
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): $5.4

Cherokee County
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United States
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

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- **Limestone College**: 8.2%, 25.9%
- **South Carolina 4-year-college average**: 9.3%, 19.3%
- **U.S. 4-year-college average**: 22.7%, 22.7%

- **Spartanburg CC (public)†**: 51.3%, 15.6%
- **South Carolina 2-year-college average**: 15.6%, 15%
- **U.S. 2-year-college average**: 19.6%, 15%

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

Local Demographics

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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