

## CHEROKEE COUNTY

<b>Date Formed:</b>	1897
<b>Land Area (square miles):</b>	393
<b>Form of Government:</b>	Council-Administrator
<b>Council Members:</b>	7
<b>Method of Election:</b>	Single Member
<b>Term Length:</b>	4 yrs.
<b>Council of Government:</b>	Appalachian
<b>County Seat:</b>	Gaffney
<b>Other Cities and Towns:</b>	Blacksburg



### Population Trends

<b>2020 Census</b>	56,216	<b>2023 Pop. Estimate</b>	56,714
<b>2010 Census</b>	55,342	<b>2020 Pop. Estimate</b>	56,179
<b>2000 Census</b>	52,537	<b>Numeric Change 2020-2023</b>	535
<b>Numeric Change 2000-2020</b>	874	<b>Percent Change 2020-2023</b>	0.95%
<b>Persons Per Square Mile</b>	143.0		

### Economic Data

<b>2023 Jobs</b>	18,948	<b>Avg. Wage Per Job, 2023</b>	\$44,898
<b>2020 Jobs</b>	19,510	<b>Avg. Wage, % of U.S., 2023</b>	62.1%
<b>2010 Jobs</b>	18,902	<b>Per Capita Personal Income, 2022</b>	\$38,740
<b>Percent Change 2020-2023</b>	-3.0%	<b>Per Capita Personal Income % of U.S., 2022</b>	59.2
<b>Avg. Ann. Growth Rate, 2010-2020</b>	0.3%	<b>Per Capita Personal Income % of S.C., 2022</b>	723
<b>Avg. Annual % Unemployed, 2023</b>	5.1		

### Tax Data

<b>Total Assessed Property, 2022</b>	\$250,116,590	<b>Local Sales Tax Rate, if applicable:</b>	
<b>Per Capita Assessed Property, 2022</b>	\$4,449	<b>Local Option</b>	1.0%
<b>County Millage Rate, 2023</b>	0.0987	<b>Capital Projects</b>	*
<b>Value of a County Mil, 2023</b>	\$214,724	<b>School District</b>	*
<b>State Accommodations Tax, FY 2022</b>	\$203,104	<b>Transportation</b>	*
<b>State Admissions Tax, FY 2022</b>	\$144,753	<b>Edu. Capital Improvement</b>	1.0%
		<b>County Green Space</b>	*

### County Finance & Employment Data

<b>Total Revenues FY 2022</b>	\$59,285,672	<b>Per Capita Revenues</b>	\$1,055
<b>Total Expenditures FY 2022</b>	\$41,333,898	<b>Per Capita Expenditures</b>	\$735
<b>General Fund Budget FY 2024</b>	\$11,518,873	<b>Per Capita General Fund Budget</b>	\$205
<b>Total Debt Outstanding FY 2023</b>	\$10,975,000	<b>Per Capita Total Debt FY 2023</b>	\$189
<b>Payroll FY 2024</b>	\$15,107,208	<b>County Credit Ratings:</b>	
<b>Full-Time Employment FY 2024</b>	316	<b>Fitch FY 2023</b>	*
<b>Full-Time Employment Per 1,000 Residents</b>	6	<b>Moody's FY 2023</b>	Aa3
<b>Part-Time Employment FY 2024</b>	27	<b>S&amp;P FY 2023</b>	*

### County History

Cherokee County was named for the Cherokee Indians who once made it their home. It was formed in 1897 from parts of Spartanburg, Union, and York counties, and the county seat is Gaffney. During the Revolutionary War at the battle of Cowpens, an important victory for the revolutionary forces took place there on January 17, 1781. Iron mining was an important activity in this region up to the time of the Civil War, and it is sometimes called the Old Iron District. In the mid-nineteenth century, the resort at Limestone Springs was a popular retreat for lowcountry planters. Writer Wilbur Joseph Cash (1901-1941) was a native of Cherokee County, as is actress Andie MacDowell.