



**County Profile:
Cherokee, North Carolina**

Includes incorporated communities of: Murphy, Andrews, Marble

Available Labor Force (2016)

Labor Force 11,185
Unemployment 635
Unemployment Rate 5.7%

Education

Three high schools (Andrews High School, Hiwassee Dam High, Murphy High)

Colleges serving Cherokee County
Tri-County Community College, Western Carolina University

Top Employers

Cherokee County Board of Education
Cherokee County Schools
Murphy Medical Center
County of Cherokee
Snap-On Power Tools Inc.

Utility Infrastructure

Local power provider: Murphy Electric Power Board, TVA, Duke Energy, Blue Ridge Mountain EMC, Georgia Power Co.
Natural Gas providers: Toccoa Natural Gas, Thompson Gas, Freeman Gas Co, Fort Hill Natural Gas Authority
Telecommunications provided by: Windstream Communications, AT&T, The Cable Company, TDS Telecom, American Tower Corporation, Frontier Communications, Charter Communications
Water provider: Clay County Water & Sewer

QUICK FACTS

County Seat: Murphy

Nearest MSA: Chattanooga, 92 miles

Population: 2015 Est. - 27,178

Access to major highway:
US-19, US-64, US-129

Airport Access:

General Aviation - Western Carolina Regional Airport 14 miles

International - Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, 127 miles

Other Information:

Cherokee County is situated at the confluence of the Hiwassee and Valley rivers.

