



**County Profile:**  
**Clay, North Carolina**

Includes incorporated communities of: Hayesville

**Available Labor Force** (2016)

Labor Force 4,040  
Unemployment 220  
Unemployment Rate 5.4%

**Education**

One high school (Hayesville)

Colleges serving Clay County

Southwest Community College, Toccoa Falls College, Tri-County Community College, Western Carolina University, Young-Harris College, Macon Early College

**Top Employers**

Clay County School District  
County of Clay  
Phoenix Supported Living Inc.  
Advanced Digital Cable, Inc.  
John C Campbell Folk School

**Utility Infrastructure**

Local power provider: Blue Ridge Mountain EMC, TVA, Duke Energy, Georgia Power

Natural Gas providers: Toccoa Natural Gas, Freeman Gas Co, Blue Ridge Mountain EMC, Duke Energy, Fort Hill Natural Gas Authority, Georgia Power, Thompson Gas, Volunteer Energy Natural Gas  
Telecommunications provided by: Windstream Communications, Coleman Cable Inc, TDS Telecom, American Tower Corporation, AT&T, Northland Communications

Water provider: Clay County Water & Sewer



**QUICK FACTS**

**County Seat:** Hayesville

**Nearest MSA:** Chattanooga, 105 miles

**Population:** 2015 Est. - 10,703

**Access to major highway:**  
US-64

**Airport Access:**

General Aviation - Western Carolina Regional Airport 23 miles

International - Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, 126 miles

**Other Information:**

Clay County is “the best kept secret in North Carolina.” It’s home to Lake Chatuge and great mountain views!

