

## State &amp; County QuickFacts

**Cherokee County, North Carolina**

<b>People QuickFacts</b>	<b>Cherokee County</b>	<b>North Carolina</b>
Population, 2008 estimate	26,568	9,222,414
Population, percent change, April 1, 2000 to July 1, 2008	9.4%	14.6%
Population estimates base (April 1) 2000	24,296	8,046,500
Persons under 5 years old, percent, 2008	5.2%	7.1%
Persons under 18 years old, percent, 2008	19.7%	24.3%
Persons 65 years old and over, percent, 2008	21.6%	12.4%
Female persons, percent, 2008	51.9%	51.0%
White persons, percent, 2008 (a)	95.1%	73.9%
Black persons, percent, 2008 (a)	2.0%	21.6%
American Indian and Alaska Native persons, percent, 2008 (a)	1.5%	1.3%
Asian persons, percent, 2008 (a)	0.3%	1.9%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander, percent, 2008 (a)	Z	0.1%
Persons reporting two or more races, percent, 2008	1.2%	1.2%
Persons of Hispanic or Latino origin, percent, 2008 (b)	1.4%	7.4%
White persons not Hispanic, percent, 2008	93.8%	67.2%
Living in same house in 1995 and 2000, pct 5 yrs old & over	64.9%	53.0%
Foreign born persons, percent, 2000	1.2%	5.3%
Language other than English spoken at home, pct age 5+, 2000	3.0%	8.0%
High school graduates, percent of persons age 25+, 2000	73.3%	78.1%
Bachelor's degree or higher, pct of persons age 25+, 2000	11.0%	22.5%
Persons with a disability, age 5+, 2000	5,951	1,540,365
Mean travel time to work (minutes), workers age 16+, 2000	24.1	24.0
Housing units, 2007	16,281	4,125,308
Homeownership rate, 2000	82.2%	69.4%
Housing units in multi-unit structures, percent, 2000	3.7%	16.1%
Median value of owner-occupied housing units, 2000	\$86,000	\$108,300
Households, 2000	10,336	3,132,013
Persons per household, 2000	2.32	2.49
Median household income, 2007	\$35,221	\$44,772
Per capita money income, 1999	\$15,814	\$20,307
Persons below poverty, percent, 2007	17.4%	14.3%
<b>Business QuickFacts</b>	<b>Cherokee County</b>	<b>North Carolina</b>
Private nonfarm establishments with paid employees, 2006	710	222,431 <sup>1</sup>
Private nonfarm employment, 2006	7,368	3,524,814 <sup>1</sup>
Private nonfarm employment, percent change 2000-2006	-22.7%	4.1% <sup>1</sup>

Nonemployer establishments, 2006	2,557	604,618
Total number of firms, 2002	2,364	642,597
Black-owned firms, percent, 2002	F	8.1%
American Indian and Alaska Native owned firms, percent, 2002	F	0.9%
Asian-owned firms, percent, 2002	F	2.1%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander owned firms, percent, 2002	F	0.0%
Hispanic-owned firms, percent, 2002	F	1.4%
Women-owned firms, percent, 2002	S	27.1%
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Manufacturers shipments, 2002 (\$1000)	211,716	156,821,943
Wholesale trade sales, 2002 (\$1000)	50,506	104,331,152
Retail sales, 2002 (\$1000)	311,356	88,821,486
Retail sales per capita, 2002	\$12,595	\$10,686
Accommodation and foodservices sales, 2002 (\$1000)	23,723	11,237,386
Building permits, 2008	160	54,652
Federal spending, 2007 (\$1000)	213,426	65,862,884 <sup>1</sup>

Geography QuickFacts	Cherokee	
	County	North Carolina
Land area, 2000 (square miles)	455.19	48,710.88
Persons per square mile, 2000	53.4	165.2
FIPS Code	039	37
Metropolitan or Micropolitan Statistical Area	None	

1: Includes data not distributed by county.

(a) Includes persons reporting only one race.

(b) Hispanics may be of any race, so also are included in applicable race categories.

D: Suppressed to avoid disclosure of confidential information

F: Fewer than 100 firms

FN: Footnote on this item for this area in place of data

NA: Not available

S: Suppressed; does not meet publication standards

X: Not applicable

Z: Value greater than zero but less than half unit of measure shown

Source U.S. Census Bureau: State and County QuickFacts. Data derived from Population Estimates, Census of Population and Housing, Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates, State and County Housing Unit Estimates, County Business Patterns, Nonemployer Statistics, Economic Census, Survey of Business Owners, Building Permits, Consolidated Federal Funds Report  
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