# Cherokee

**Rank: 28**

## DEMOGRAPHICS

| | 2000 | | 2015 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total County Population | 23,909 | | 25,859 | |
| County Child Population | 5,850 | 24.5% | 5,703 | 22.1% |
| By Age: | NUMBER | PERCENT | NUMBER | PERCENT |
| Under Age 5 | 1,428 | 24.4% | 1,268 | 22.2% |
| Ages 5-9 | 1,513 | 25.9% | 1,412 | 24.8% |
| Ages 10-14 | 1,498 | 25.6% | 1,509 | 26.5% |
| Ages 15-19 | 1,411 | 24.1% | 1,514 | 26.5% |
| Pre-K Children | NUMBER | | NUMBER | |
| Age 3 | 268 | | 255 | |
| Age 4 | 293 | | 246 | |
| Diversity of Children | NUMBER | PERCENT | NUMBER | PERCENT |
| White | 5,291 | 90.2% | 4,951 | 86.8% |
| African-American | 395 | 6.7% | 343 | 6.0% |
| American Indian/Alaskan Native | 21 | 0.4% | 22 | 0.4% |
| Asian/Pacific Islander | 7 | 0.1% | 19 | 0.3% |
| More than One Race | 59 | 1.0% | 198 | 3.5% |
| Hispanic | 92 | 1.6% | 170 | 3.0% |

## HEALTH

**Ranking Years:** ● 2010-14

**Note:** ● Subsumed by African American/Other

| | BASE YEAR | BASE NUMBER | BASE RATE | CURRENT YEAR | CURRENT NUMBER | CURRENT RATE | RANKING 2014 | TREND 2003-14 | STATE NUMBER | STATE RATE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000) | 2003 | 2 | 8 | 2014 | 1 | 4.7 | 14 | - | 517 | 8.7 |
| White | 2003 | 2 | 8.4 | 2014 | 1 | 5.0 | | | 212 | 5.9 |
| African-American | 2003 | 0 | 0 | 2014 | 0 | 0.0 | | | 266 | 14.6 |
| All Other | Subsumed | Subsumed | Subsumed | 2014 | 0 | 0.0 | | | 10 | 7.8 |
| Hispanic | N/A | N/A | N/A | 2014 | 0 | 0.0 | | | 29 | 7.3 |
| Children without Health Insurance | N/A | N/A | N/A | 2010-2014 | 264 | 5.0% | 48 ● | | 51,606 | 4.6% |
| White | N/A | N/A | N/A | 2010-2014 | 216 | 4.5% | | | 30,178 | 4.3% |
| Black | N/A | N/A | N/A | 2010-2014 | 48 | 15.2% | | | 14,529 | 4.3% |
| All Other | N/A | N/A | N/A | 2010-2014 | 0 | 0.0% | | | 5,282 | 12.8% |
| Hispanic | N/A | N/A | N/A | 2010-2014 | 0 | 0.0% | | | 10,006 | 14.0% |
| Females Receiving Adequate/ Adequate Plus Prenatal Care | 2003 | 182 | 73.7% | 2014 | 132 | 63.5% | 61 | - | 43,319 | 75.0% |
| White | N/A | N/A | N/A | 2014 | 128 | 64.3% | | | 28,032 | 79.3% |
| Black | N/A | N/A | N/A | 2014 | 4 | 57.1% | | | 12,461 | 70.5% |
| All Other | N/A | N/A | N/A | 2014 | 0 | 0.0% | | | 935 | 76.0% |
| Hispanic | N/A | N/A | N/A | 2014 | 0 | 0.0% | | | 1,891 | 54.9% |
| Pre-Term Births to All Females | 2003 | 19 | 7.7% | 2014 | 11 | 5.2% | 1 | | 6,944 | 11.7% |
| White | N/A | N/A | N/A | 2014 | 11 | 5.5% | | | 3,724 | 10.3% |
| Black | N/A | N/A | N/A | 2014 | 0 | 0.0% | | | 2,771 | 15.2% |
| All Other | N/A | N/A | N/A | 2014 | 0 | 0.0% | | | 110 | 8.6% |
| Hispanic | N/A | N/A | N/A | 2014 | 0 | 0.0% | | | 339 | 8.6% |



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# HEALTH

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**Ranking Years:** ● 2010-14

**Note:** ● Subsumed by African American/Other

| | BASE YEAR | BASE NUMBER | BASE RATE | CURRENT YEAR | CURRENT NUMBER | CURRENT RATE | RANKING 2014 | TREND 2003-14 | STATE NUMBER | STATE RATE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Low-Weight Births | 2003 | 24 | 9.6% | 2014 | 15 | 7.1% | 6 | - | 6,025 | 10.1% |
| White | 2003 | 22 | 9.2% | 2014 | 11 | 5.5% | | | 2,875 | 8.0% |
| Black | 2003 | 2 | 18.2% | 2014 | 2 | 28.6% | | | 2,756 | 15.1% |
| All Other | Subsumed | Subsumed | Subsumed | 2014 | 0 | 0.0% | | | 110 | 8.6% |
| Hispanic | N/A | N/A | N/A | 2014 | 2 | 100.0% | | | 284 | 7.2% |
| Births to Unmarried Teens | 2003 | 28 | 11.2% | 2014 | 17 | 8.1% | 39 | - | 4,259 | 7.2% |
| White | 2003 | 27 | 11.3% | 2014 | 16 | 8.0% | | | 2,099 | 5.8% |
| Black | 2003 | 1 | 9.1% | 2014 | 1 | 14.3% | | | 1,889 | 10.4% |
| All Other | Subsumed | Subsumed | Subsumed | 2014 | 0 | 0.0% | | | 29 | 2.3% |
| Hispanic | N/A | N/A | N/A | 2014 | 0 | 0.0% | | | 242 | 6.1% |
| Births to Teens Aged 15-17 (per 1,000) | 2003 | 11 | 26.6 | 2014 | 6 | 13.6 | 27 | - | 1,359 | 14.6 |
| White | N/A | N/A | N/A | 2014 | 6 | 15.9 | | | 681 | 12.1 |
| Black | N/A | N/A | N/A | 2014 | 0 | 0.0 | | | 553 | 18.7 |
| All Other | N/A | N/A | N/A | 2014 | 0 | 0.0 | | | 9 | 5.2 |
| Hispanic | N/A | N/A | N/A | 2014 | 0 | 0.0 | | | 116 | 27.6 |
| Mothers who Breastfed | N/A | N/A | N/A | 2014 | 151 | 71.9% | 7 | | 36,697 | 62.8% |
| White | N/A | N/A | N/A | 2014 | 143 | 71.5% | | | 24,881 | 70.3% |
| Black | N/A | N/A | N/A | 2014 | 6 | 85.7% | | | 8,218 | 45.9% |
| All Other | N/A | N/A | N/A | 2014 | 1 | 100.0% | | | 950 | 76.1% |
| Hispanic | N/A | N/A | N/A | 2014 | 1 | 50.0% | | | 2,648 | 68.2% |

# EDUCATION

**Ranking Years:** ● 2014-15 ● 2015-16

| | BASE YEAR | BASE NUMBER | BASE RATE | CURRENT YEAR | CURRENT NUMBER | CURRENT RATE | RANKING 2014 | | STATE NUMBER | STATE RATE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Births to Females with Less Than 12 Years of Education | 2003 | 82 | 33.2% | 2014 | 46 | 21.8% | 57 | | 9,661 | 16.3% |
| Aged 0-3 Receiving Early Intervention Services | 2005 | 12 | | 2015 | 26 | | | | 6,268 | |
| First Grade Retention | 2008-2009 | | 6.3% | 2015-2016 | | 8.7% | | | | 3.7% |
| English Language Learners, All | 2008-2009 | | 0.5% | 2015-2016 | | 0.4% | | | | 3.2% |
| Aspire-Fourth Grade Reading | 2013-2014 | | 44.1% | 2014-2015 | | 45.3% | 4 | ● | | 37.9% |
| Aspire-Fourth Grade Math | 2013-2014 | | 48.8% | 2014-2015 | | 50.5% | 15 | ● | | 47.9% |
| Aspire-Eighth Grade Reading | 2013-2014 | | 42.8% | 2014-2015 | | 38.1% | 43 | ● | | 44.0% |
| Aspire-Eighth Grade Math | 2013-2014 | | 28.2% | 2014-2015 | | 28.8% | 15 | ● | | 27.2% |
| Ninth Grade Retention | 2008-2009 | | 6.5% | 2014-2015 | | 3.6% | 42 | ● | | 4.5% |
| High School Dropout Rate | 2007-2008 | | 1.9% | 2014-2015 | | 0.4% | 8 | ● | | 0.8% |
| Graduation Rate | ***Note:*** *Because reliable graduation rates were deemed not available from the Alabama State Department of Education for the 2016 edition of the Data Book, graduation rates have been omitted.* | | | | | | | | | |

**Children Receiving Child Care Subsidies, All Facilities: July 2016**

| Total Number | Total Dollars |
|---|---|
| 51 | $10,850 |

**Children Participating in First Class Pre-K: 2016-2017**

| Classrooms | Number | Percent |
|---|---|---|
| 4 | 72 | 29.3% |

**Direct Certification**

| 2015-2016 |
|---|
| 17.7% |

**Chronic Absenteeism**

| 2015-2016 |
|---|
| 45.8% |

**Per Pupil Expenditures (Adjusted for Inflation)**

| | Base Year FY2009 | Current Year FY2015 |
|---|---|---|
| Dollars | $9,921 | $9,199 |
| Ranking (FY2015) | | 29 |

**Number of Early Head Start/ Head Start Classrooms**

| 2016 |
|---|
| 5 |



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| Child Care Facilities by Type | July 2016 |
|---|---|
| Family Child Care Homes | 2 |
| Group Child Care Homes | 2 |
| Licensed Providers | 8 |
| Exempt Centers | 1 |
| Total Child Care Centers | 13 |

| Average 11th Grade: ACT Scores | 2014-2015 |
|---|---|
| English | 17 |
| Math | 18 |
| Reading | 19 |
| Science | 18 |
| Composite | 18 |

# SAFETY

**Trending Years:**
● 2005-15

| | BASE YEAR | BASE NUMBER | BASE RATE | CURRENT YEAR | CURRENT NUMBER | CURRENT RATE | RANKING YEARS | RANKING | TREND 2003-14 | STATE NUMBER | STATE RATE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Child Death Rate | 2003 | 1 | 23.1 | 2014 | 0 | 0.0 | 2014 | 1 | - | 202 | 22.0 |
| White | N/A | N/A | N/A | 2014 | 0 | 0.0 | | | | 118 | 23.7 |
| Black or African American | N/A | N/A | N/A | 2014 | 0 | 0.0 | | | | 73 | 28.9 |
| All Other | N/A | N/A | N/A | 2014 | 0 | 0.0 | | | | 2 | 12.4 |
| Ethnicity: Hispanic or Latino | N/A | N/A | N/A | 2014 | 0 | 0.0 | | | | 9 | 14.4 |
| Children with Indication of Abuse or Neglect | 2004 | 149 | 26.6 | 2015 | 82 | 15.7 | 2015 | 62 | | 8,656 | 7.8 |
| Juvenile Violent Crime Court Petition Rate | 2005 | 12 | 4.9 | 2015 | 29 | 11.1 | 2015 | 59 | - ● | 3,050 | 6.0 |
| Preventable Teen Death Rate | 2003 | 0 | 0.0 | 2014 | 1 | 59.9 | 2014 | 50 | - ● | 142 | 41.3 |
| Teens Not Attending School/ Not Working | 2000 | 192 | 16.9% | 2010-2014 | 161 | 14.6% | 2010-2014 | 54 | | 24,972 | 9.5% |
| Children in Foster Care | 2010 | 23 | | 2016 | 34 | | | | | 5,459 | |
| White | N/A | N/A | | 2016 | 34 | | | | | 3,357 | |
| Black or African American | N/A | N/A | | 2016 | 0 | | | | | 2,037 | |
| Asian | N/A | N/A | | 2016 | 0 | | | | | 10 | |
| American Indian/Alaskan Native | N/A | N/A | | 2016 | 0 | | | | | 8 | |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | N/A | N/A | | 2016 | 0 | | | | | 4 | |
| Undefined | N/A | N/A | | 2016 | 0 | | | | | 43 | |
| Ethnicity: Hispanic or Latino | N/A | N/A | | 2016 | 0 | | | | | 6 | |
| ILP Ages 14 and Older | N/A | N/A | | 2016 | 9 | | | | | 1,728 | |
| White | N/A | N/A | | 2016 | 9 | | | | | 918 | |
| Black or African American | N/A | N/A | | 2016 | 0 | | | | | 793 | |
| Asian | N/A | N/A | | 2016 | 0 | | | | | 3 | |
| American Indian/Alaskan Native | N/A | N/A | | 2016 | 0 | | | | | 5 | |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | N/A | N/A | | 2016 | 0 | | | | | 2 | |
| Undefined | N/A | N/A | | 2016 | 0 | | | | | 7 | |
| Ethnicity: Hispanic or Latino | N/A | N/A | | 2016 | 0 | | | | | 58 | |
| Children Adopted | 2010 | 4 | | 2016 | 4 | | | | | 503 | |
| White | N/A | N/A | N/A | 2016 | 4 | | | | | 393 | |
| Black or African American | N/A | N/A | N/A | 2016 | 0 | | | | | 145 | |
| Asian | N/A | N/A | N/A | 2016 | 0 | | | | | 7 | |
| American Indian/Alaskan Native | N/A | N/A | N/A | 2016 | 0 | | | | | 4 | |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | N/A | N/A | N/A | 2016 | 0 | | | | | 2 | |
| Undefined | N/A | N/A | N/A | | | | | | | | |
| Ethnicity: Hispanic or Latino | N/A | N/A | N/A | 2016 | 0 | | | | | 41 | N/A |



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# ECONOMIC SECURITY — Cherokee

| | BASE YEAR | BASE NUMBER | BASE RATE | CURRENT YEAR | CURRENT NUMBER | CURRENT RATE | RANKING YEARS | RANKING | TREND 2003-14 | STATE NUMBER | STATE RATE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Persons Living in Poverty | 2000 | 3,672 | 15.6% | 2010-2014 | 5,370 | 21.0% | 2010-2014 | 36 | | 889,710 | 18.9% |
| White | 2000 | 3,302 | 15.0% | 2010-2014 | 4,817 | 20.3% | | | | 448,600 | 13.8% |
| Black | 2000 | 243 | 19.5% | 2010-2014 | 341 | 27.5% | | | | 386,183 | 31.6% |
| All Other Races | 2000 | 127 | 37.8% | 2010-2014 | 84 | 37.2% | | | | 34,570 | 24.6% |
| Hispanic | 2000 | 74 | 33.3% | 2010-2014 | 166 | 44.3% | | | | 63,543 | 33.9% |
| Children in Poverty | 2000 | 1,120 | 21.3% | 2010-2014 | 1,782 | 34.3% | 2010-2014 | 46 | | 303,301 | 27.5% |
| White | 2000 | 988 | 20.4% | 2010-2014 | 1,606 | 33.9% | | | | 127,231 | 18.3% |
| Black | 2000 | 81 | 26.9% | 2010-2014 | 132 | 41.8% | | | | 149,996 | 45.3% |
| All Other Races | 2000 | 51 | 41.1% | 2010-2014 | 84 | 37.2% | | | | 34,570 | 24.6% |
| Hispanic | 2000 | 32 | 29.9% | 2010-2014 | 13 | 23.6% | | | | 32,072 | 45.4% |
| Children Under Age 5 in Poverty | 2000 | 284 | 20.0% | 2010-2014 | 525 | 39.4% | | | | 92,965 | 31.5% |
| Children Aged 5-11 in Poverty | 2000 | 504 | 24.8% | 2010-2014 | 556 | 28.7% | | | | 86,498 | 20.3% |
| Children Aged 12-17 in Poverty | 2000 | 332 | 18.3% | 2010-2014 | 485 | 25.2% | | | | 87,945 | 22.7% |
| Children in Extreme Poverty | 2000 | 511 | 9.7% | 2010-2014 | 488 | 9.4% | 2010-2014 | 12 | | 143,482 | 13.0% |
| Homeless Students | 2013-2014 | | 14.6% | 2015-2016 | | 9.3% | | | | | 3.2% |
| Vulnerable Families | 2003 | 15 | 13.4% | 2014 | 8 | 6.6% | 2014 | 19 | - | 1,763 | 7.3% |
| Children Under 18 in Single-Parent Families | 2000 | 971 | 20.5% | 2010 | 1,335 | 28.7% | 2010 | 17 | | 327,504 | 34.0% |
| White | 2000 | 815 | 18.7% | 2010 | 1,093 | 26.0% | | | | 132,381 | 21.5% |
| Black | 2000 | 123 | 45.9% | 2010 | 151 | 60.2% | | | | 172,073 | 63.2% |
| All Other Races | 2000 | 33 | 34.4% | 2010 | 91 | 45.7% | | | | 23,050 | 30.3% |
| Hispanic | 2000 | 30 | 44.8% | 2010 | 45 | 40.2% | | | | 15,889 | 27.8% |
| Employed Mothers with Young Children | 2000 | 786 | 64.2% | 2010-2014 | 929 | 70.4% | 2010-2014 | 66 | | 132,809 | 58.8% |
| Unemployment Rate | 2004 | 580 | 4.8% | 2016 | 573 | 5.1% | 2016 | 7 | | 125,919 | 5.9% |
| Median Household Income *Adjusted for Inflation | 2003 | $42,059 | N/A | 2014 | $35,560 | | 2014 | 44 | | $44,229 | N/A |
| Medicaid Paid Births | 2003 | 124 | 56.6% | 2014 | 136 | 64.8% | 2014 | 44 | | 31,234 | 52.5% |
| WIC Case Load, Average Monthly | 2014 | 750 | N/A | 2015 | 696 | N/A | 2015 | 22 | | 132,134 | |
| SNAP Eligible, All Ages | 2011 | 5,267 | N/A | 2016 | 4,346 | N/A | 2016 | 20 | | 878,848 | N/A |
| Children Under 20 | 2011 | 2,398 | | 2016 | 1,966 | | 2016 | 19 | | 411,139 | N/A |
| SNAP Recipients, All Ages | 2011 | 5,273 | | 2016 | 4,321 | | 2016 | 20 | | 864,645 | N/A |
| Food Insecurity, All Ages | 2010 | 3,750 | 14.6% | 2014 | 3,810 | 14.6% | 2014 | 14 | | 911,440 | 18.8% |
| Children Under 18 | 2010 | 1,470 | 27.7% | 2014 | 1,510 | 28.6% | 2014 | 45 | | 292,330 | 26.4% |
| Adult Diabetes | 2004 | 1,797 | 8.6% | 2013 | 2,685 | 10.7% | 2013 | 5 | | 492,691 | 12.5% |
| Adult Obesity | 2011 | 6,053 | 30.5% | 2013 | 6,771 | 33.9% | 2013 | 23 | | 1,223,286 | 32.4% |
| Diet-Related Deaths (per 100,000) | 2013 | 104 | 398.2 | 2014 | 116 | 445.5 | 2014 | 49 | | 16,689 | 344.1 |

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