

# Cherokee County, SC *Facts* at a glance



- Cherokee County has a population of 55,206.
- There are 10,191 individuals living at or below the poverty level. This represents 18.5% of the population.
- There are 1,510 individuals 65 years and older living at or below the poverty level. This represents 16% of the older adult population.
- There are 3,677 children living at or below the poverty level. This represents 28.8% of the child population.

## Cherokee County Distribution

In 2024-2025, the Food Bank distributed over 88 million pounds of food and household items throughout our 24 county service region.

In the past year, the Food Bank distributed over 1.6 million pounds to agencies in Cherokee County.

## Cherokee County Partners

The Food Bank supports 17 programs in Cherokee County including Iron City Ministries, Peach Center Ministries, Salvation Army, Cherokee County Meals on Wheels, and Senior Centers of Cherokee.

## Child Hunger Programs

The Food Bank supports 6 Backpack Program in Cherokee County in conjunction with Midway Baptist Church. This includes BD Lee Elementary School, Ewing Middle School, Cherokee Academy, Gaffney High School, Ola Copeland Learning Center, and Gaffney Middle School.

## Spartanburg Branch

Cherokee County agencies are in close proximity to the Spartanburg Branch. This greatly reduces time and transportation expenses for Cherokee agencies to acquire food. This branch is now open 5 days per week.