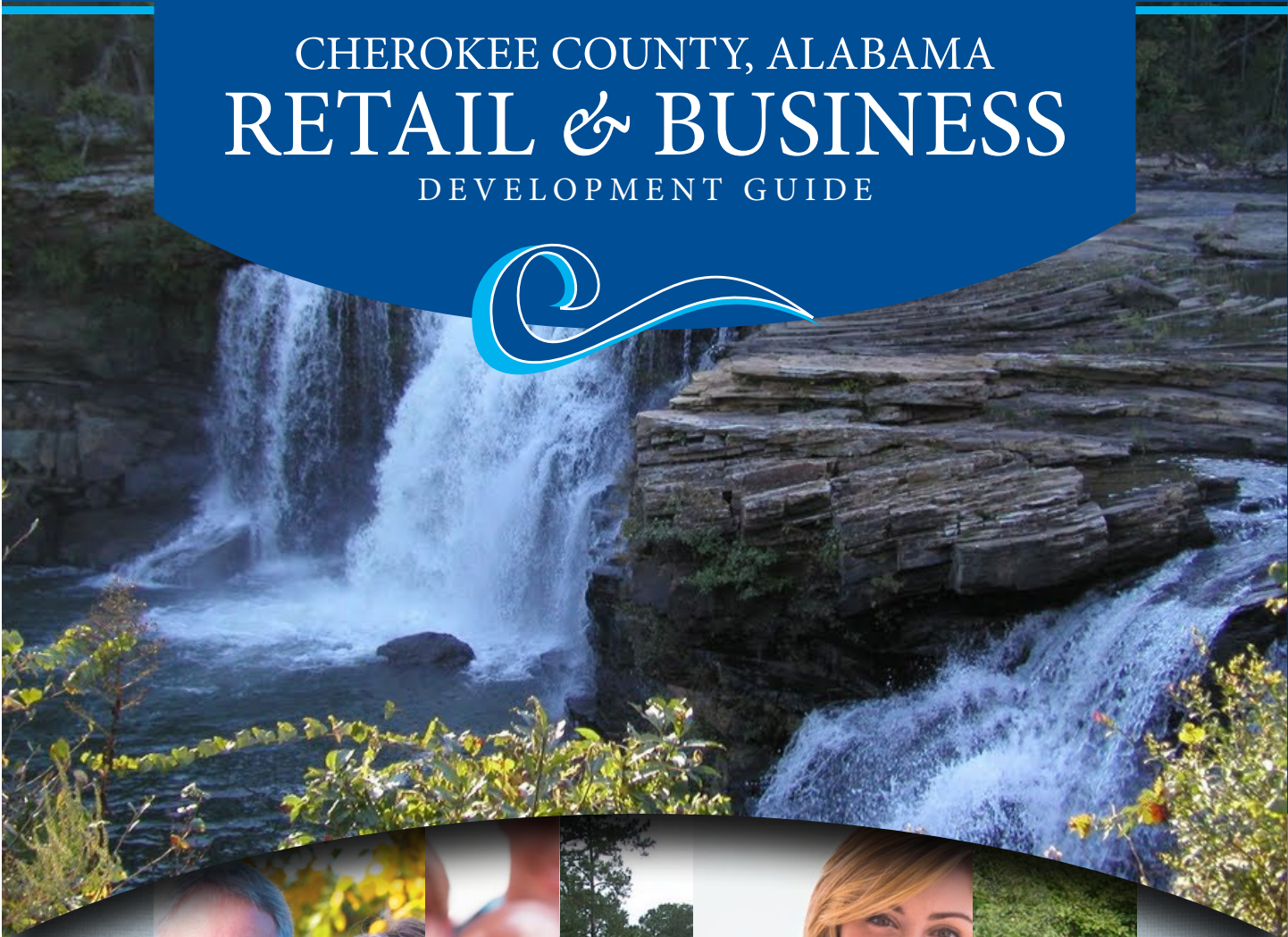


CHEROKEE COUNTY, ALABAMA
RETAIL & BUSINESS
DEVELOPMENT GUIDE



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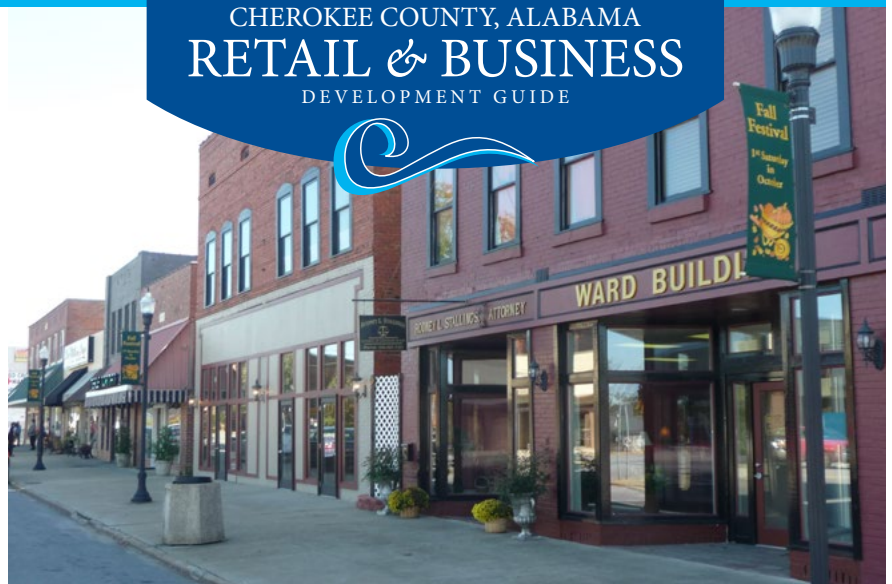
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A Natural Advantage

Thank you for your interest in Cherokee County, Alabama—home of beautiful Weiss Lake. We want to be number one on your list when considering a new location for your retail or commercial business. Nestled in the foothills of northeast Alabama and conveniently located almost equidistant from Atlanta, Birmingham and Chattanooga, Cherokee County offers abundant retail and development opportunities.

With pro-business elected leaders, professional staff and streamlined assistance, we are eager to please and look forward to the opportunity to partner with you to help you make a location decision that will help ensure your new business becomes profitable as quickly as possible.

This guide serves as an outline to help you understand the many advantages of opening a business in Cherokee County, Alabama. Inside you will find an overview of the community including demographics, the impact of tourism, complete contact information, retail districts, trade region, traffic patterns and opportunity gaps.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this information package to you. Please contact us anytime with your business needs.

Sincerely,
Luanne Hayes
Director Economic Development
Gadsden State Cherokee
Cherokee County Industrial Development Authority

CHEROKEE
COUNTY

Until Weiss Lake was built in 1961, Cherokee County was rural with an agriculture-based economy. Now, the county has become an increasingly popular tourism destination and has attracted a growing number of residents, including many retirees.



WHY HERE

Four reasons to locate in Cherokee County

Steady increase in resident and tourist populations

Available land ready for development

The retail opportunity gap in the area is \$425,213,125

Per capita income increased by 31% from 2000 to 2009

Located in the ABC Triangle

Cherokee County is located almost equidistant between Atlanta, Birmingham, and Chattanooga, within a two-hour drive from all three cities. The close proximity to these cities makes the county a prime location for vacationers looking for an escape from city life.



LOCATION TOURISM

Magnet for outdoor enthusiasts

During the summer months, the population in Cherokee County can bring as many as 15,000 people to campgrounds, RV parks, resorts, and other lodging facilities.

Tourist draws

- » Fishing
- » Boating
- » Rock Climbing
- » Hiking
- » Camping
- » Sports Tournaments

DISTINCTION

Cedar Bluff

Growing retirement community with lakefront and mountain residential neighborhoods.

Centre

The county-seat and the largest city in the county. Contains most major retail development.

Leesburg

Industrial center of county and fishing tournament locale.

TRANSPORTATION & LOCATION

Highways

There are four major highways in the retail districts of Cherokee County.

411

U.S. Highway 411 runs east-west through the county and crosses through the southern parts of Leesburg and Centre.

68

AL Highway 68 joins U.S. Hwy 411 in Leesburg and runs east to Centre and then northeast through Cedar Bluff.

AL Highway 9 connects Centre

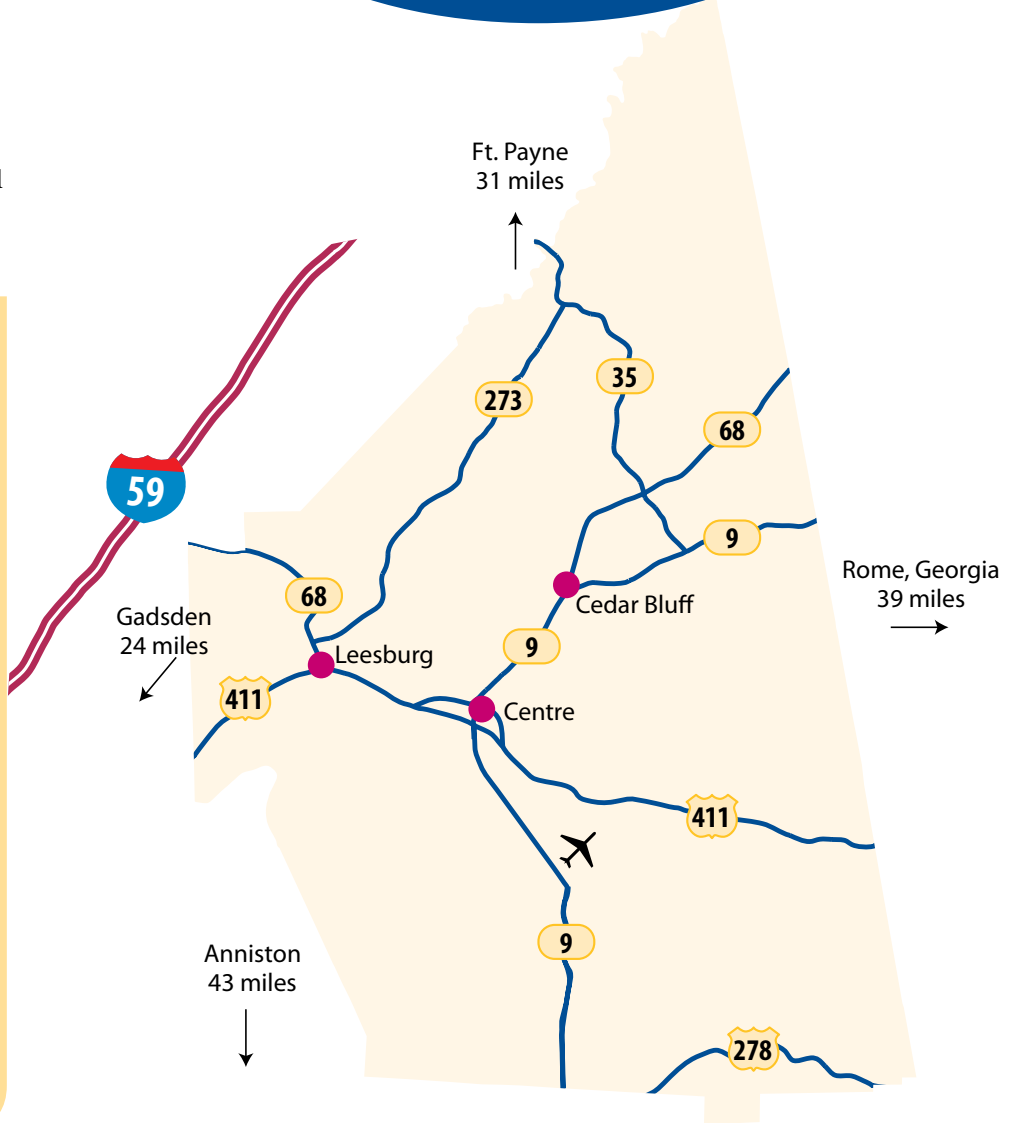
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and Cedar Bluff with Rome, Georgia and then south to Anniston.

Leesburg also has access to

273

AL Highway 273.



59

Distance to Interstate 59

Cedar Bluff:
22.7 miles / 36 minutes

Centre:
16.6 miles / 26 minutes

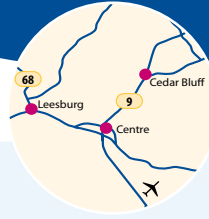
Leesburg:
11 miles / 15 minutes

Centre-Piedmont-Cherokee County Regional Airport

The Centre-Piedmont-Cherokee County Regional Airport was officially dedicated in October 2010. The airport has a 5,500 foot runway and can accommodate small corporate jets. The airport has available leasing space for hangar construction. Additional improvements for the airport are planned.



DEMOGRAPHICS



POPULATION



Center of radius is located in the middle of Centre.

Cedar Bluff	Centre	Leesburg		0-10 Miles	0-20 Miles	0-30 Miles
1,174	2,893	218	1990 Census	13,978	67,354	291,686
1,467	3,216	799	2000 Census	17,001	75,987	316,673
1,820	3,489	1,027	2010 Census	17,576	77,708	331,414
55.02%	20.60%	371.10%	% Growth 1990-2010	25.74%	15.37%	13.62%

BY GENDER



	Cedar Bluff	Centre	Leesburg
Male	880	1,614	522
Female	940	1,875	505

BY AGE



	Cedar Bluff	Centre	Leesburg
Median Age	45	45.9	40.4
0-14	324	564	470
15-24	223	425	134
25-44	364	711	258
45-64	563	934	302
65+	346	855	135

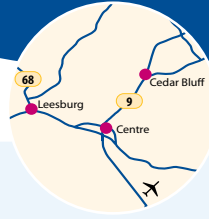
BY RACE



	Cedar Bluff	Centre	Leesburg
White	1,568	3,034	991
Black or African American	181	347	11
American Indian or Alaska Native	12	13	0
Asian	6	11	0
Hispanic or Latino	22	3,41	13
Some Other Race	10	11	5
Two or More Races	43	73	19

Source: 2010 Census

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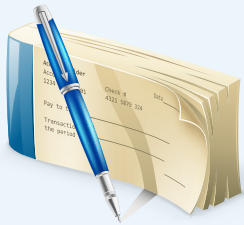


NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS (2010)

Center of radius is located in the middle of Centre.

	Cedar Bluff	Centre	Leesburg
Households	766	1,426	409
Family Households	521	880	298

Source: 2010 Census



HOUSEHOLD INCOME

Center of radius is located in the middle of Centre.

	Cedar Bluff	Centre	Leesburg
Average	\$29,321	\$33,102	\$42,500
Median	\$33,000	\$43,854	\$61,103
Per Capita	\$17,330	\$19,420	\$30,376

Source: US Census Bureau, 2005-2009 American Community Survey



BANK DEPOSITS

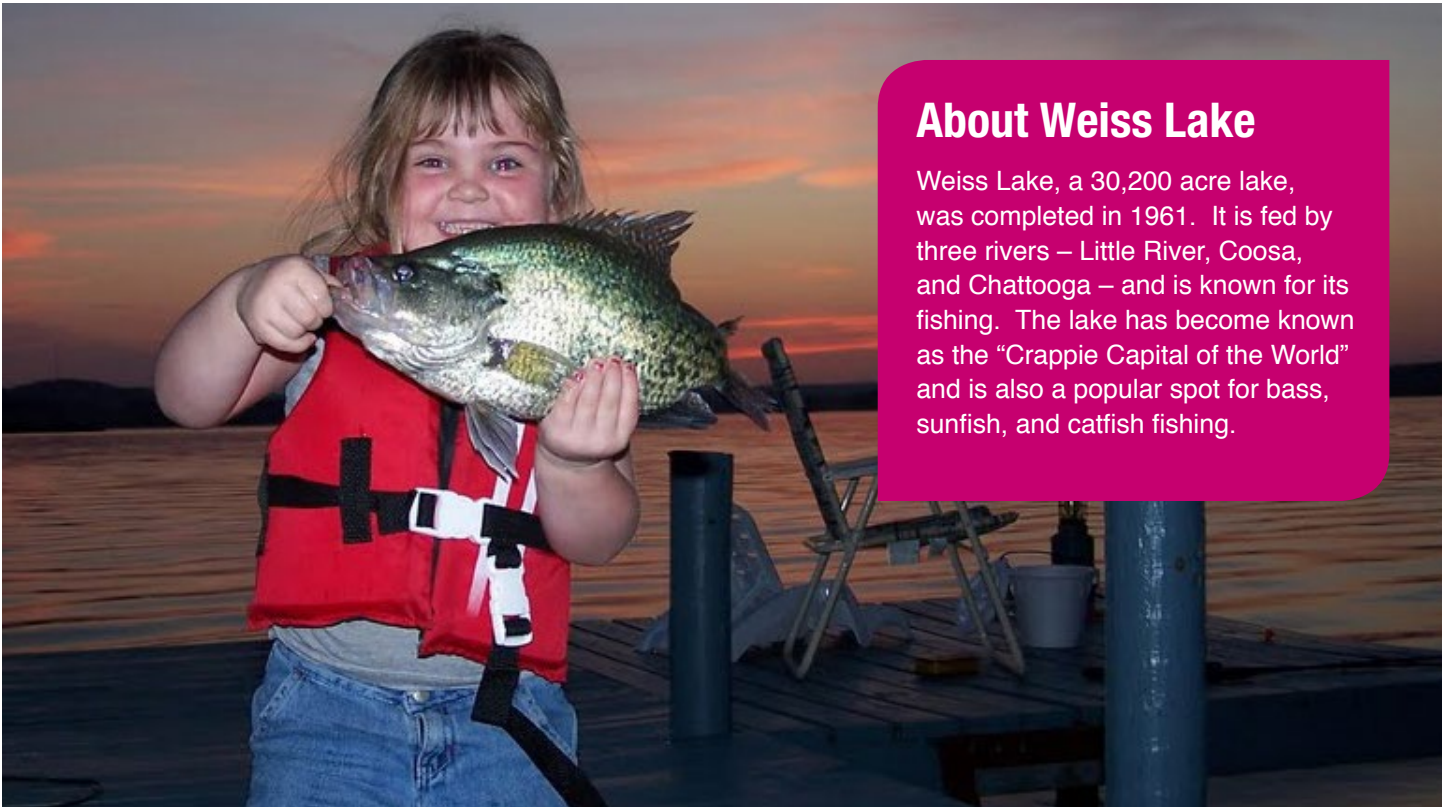
	# of Offices	Deposits	Market Share
Cherokee County	10	\$262 million	0.32%

Source: FDIC 2010 Deposit Market Share Report for Alabama



TOURISM & WEISS LAKE

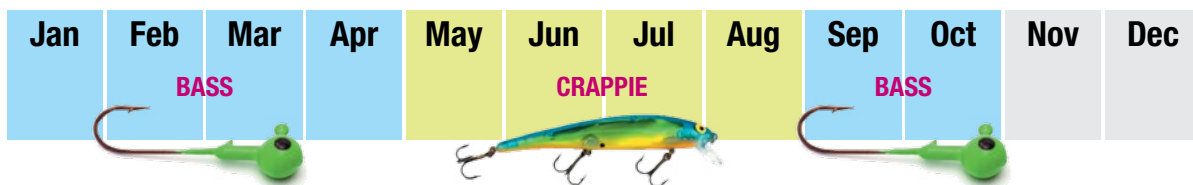
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About Weiss Lake

Weiss Lake, a 30,200 acre lake, was completed in 1961. It is fed by three rivers – Little River, Coosa, and Chattooga – and is known for its fishing. The lake has become known as the “Crappie Capital of the World” and is also a popular spot for bass, sunfish, and catfish fishing.

PRIME FISHING SEASONS



Major Fishing Tournaments

Crappie:

- Crappie USA
- Crappie Masters
- Super Slab Series
- Other Club Series and Trails

Bass:

- BFLW
- Bassmasters Weekend Series
- XTreme Bass Series
- Bama BFL
- Other Club Series and Trails

Out-of-State License Facts

Cherokee County sells more non-resident freshwater fishing licenses than any other Alabama county. In 2010, the county accounted for 22% of Alabama’s total sales. (Source: DCNR for 2009 fiscal year)

TOURISM & WEISS LAKE

Tourism Economic Impact:

Has shown a steady increase over the last several years.

Tourism Expenditures 2010:

\$18.2 million

Jobs: 242



Docking Information

There are four free public access areas and 37 privately run marina services around Weiss Lake.

Marinas

Bay Springs
Little River
Leesburg Landing
Yellow Creek
Cowan Creek/
Pruett's
Weiss Mart
Marina

Public Ramps

Hwy 9 Causeway
Cobia Bridge

Public Fishing Piers

Weiss Dam
Hwy 9 Causeway
Cobia Bridge

Rome Sailing Club

Each fall, the Rome Sailing Club hosts its Weiss Lake DIYRA Regatta. The 72-member sailing club hosted over 30 boats in the race in 2011.

Lodging Information

There are 15,000 campsites around Weiss Lake. Other lodging includes:

- » Days Inn (Centre)
- » Bay Springs Motel (Centre)
- » Chestnut Bay Resort (Leesburg)
- » The Lighthouse Restaurant and Motel (Cedar Bluff)
- » The Secret Bed and Breakfast (Leesburg)
- » Weiss Lake Lodge (Centre)

In addition to Weiss Lake, Cherokee County annually draws outdoor adventurers to its area parks and attractions.



Area attractions:

Canyon Mouth Recreation Area
Cherokee Rock Village
Cornwall Furnace Park
Jacksonville State University Field Schools
Little River Canyon National Preserve
Pratt Memorial Park
Yellow Creek Falls

Cherokee Rock Village

Cherokee Rock Village is undergoing major renovations. The park, atop Lookout Mountain, will feature new amenities including camping areas, picnic spots, and walking trails. The park is already a popular destination for rock climbers and hang gliders from around the United States and the improvements are expected to draw even more outdoor enthusiasts to the park. It was even the location for outdoor scenes in the 2006 film *Failure to Launch*.

Estimated Annual Festival Attendance

Cedar Bluff Liberty Day: 7,000
First weekend in July

Centre Fall Festival: 4,000
First weekend in October

Leesburg Day: 2,500
Second Saturday in September

Sand Rock Day: 1,000
Second Saturday in October



COLLEGE IMPACT

Fall semester enrollment at Gadsden State Cherokee has grown from 59 students (when the instructional site was implemented) to 254 students when the new facility was first opened to 363 students fall 2011.

% of In-County vs. Out-County Students

This percentage varies but the **typical mix is approximately 65-70% of students reside in Cherokee County** and 30-35% reside in surrounding counties including northwest Georgia.

Nursing Program

Gadsden State Cherokee's **nursing program includes a partnership with Cherokee Medical Center and Cherokee County Health and Rehabilitation Center**, which allows students to complete their LPN nursing degree in Cherokee County. The program is one of the main degree programs offered on the Cherokee campus.

Community Arena

Gadsden State Cherokee houses the Cherokee Center and Arena with a seating capacity of 2,500 as well as a hospitality community meeting room that accommodates groups of up to 275 people.

Total Investment

A total of **\$23 million was invested in the construction of Gadsden State Cherokee**. The project was funded in part by the state, as well as numerous community partners.



ENROLLMENT GROWTH

**INDUSTRIAL
IMPACT**

The Advantage

Cherokee County has a lot of advantages to offer businesses — advantages like more tax incentives, lower business costs, customized workforce training programs, and a readily available workforce. Cherokee County is also a designated Enterprise Zone in Alabama, which means new and expanding industries could qualify for additional tax incentives.



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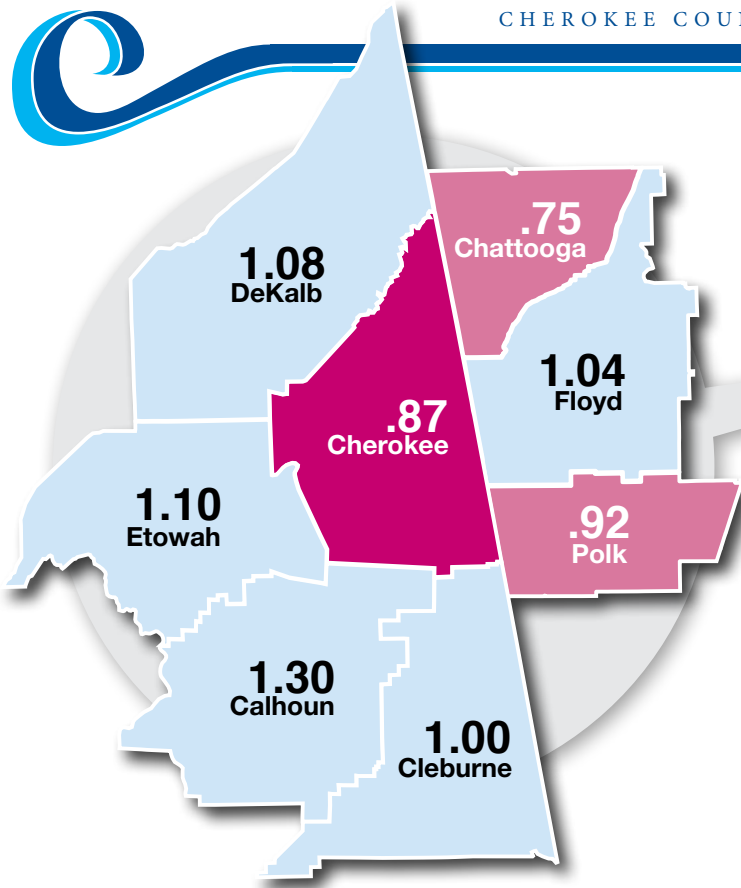
MAJOR EMPLOYERS

Name	# of Employees	Town
Cherokee County Board of Education	539	Centre
KTH (Leesburg Products)	400	Leesburg
American Apparel	310	Centre
Leesburg Yarn Mills	310	Leesburg
Wal-Mart	291	Centre
Cherokee County Health & Rehabilitation	284	Centre
Preferred Health Services	265	Centre
Cherokee Medical Center	150	Centre
PEMCO, Inc.	140	Leesburg
Sawyer Nursery	84	Leesburg

NEW AND EXPANDING INDUSTRIES

Year	Name	Investment	City
2010	KTH Leesburg Products	\$16,000,000	Leesburg
2009	American Apparel	\$520,307	Centre
2009	KTH Leesburg Products	\$8,900,000	Leesburg
2007	KTH Leesburg Products	\$6,800,000	Leesburg

**RETAIL
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Cherokee County has room to gain retail trade. As compared to Alabama, the county had a loss of \$52,424 in retail sales according to the latest information from the Census and Bureau of Economic Analysis. The county’s tourism growth should continue to increase the retail sales demand in upcoming years.

OUTSHOPPING

	Total Personal Income (\$1,000)	Retail Sales (\$1,000)	Sales to Income Ratio	Estimated Gain or Loss of Retail Trade (\$1,000)
United States	11,912,300,000	3,917,663,456	32.9%	Comparison Area
Cherokee (AL)	632,266	186,321	29.5%	(21,616)
Calhoun (AL)	3,515,455	1,542,981	43.9%	386,834
Cleburne (AL)	395,725	133,407	33.7%	3,263
DeKalb (AL)	1,742,953	635,185	36.4%	61,971
Etowah (AL)	2,992,715	1,114,841	37.2%	130,610
Chattooga (GA)	582,018	147,194	25.3%	(44,217)
Floyd (GA)	2,948,924	1,039,780	35.2%	69,951
Polk (GA)	1,010,395	314,659	31.1%	(17,635)

Source: Comparison area is the United States. Based on Bureau of Economic Analysis 2007 Personal Income Summary and U.S. Census 2007 Economic Census.

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RMP OPPORTUNITY GAP

0-20 Miles

Retail Stores	2010 Demand	2010 Supply	Opportunity Gap /Surplus
Motor Vehicle & Parts Dealers	172,398,979	88,601,539	83,797,440
Furniture & Home Furnishings Stores	19,050,023	9,236,143	9,813,880
Electronics & Appliance Stores	20,453,407	9,237,627	11,215,780
Bldg Materials, Garden Equip. Stores	98,801,708	54,067,556	44,734,152
Food and Beverage Stores	147,364,982	75,865,204	71,499,778
Health and Personal Care Stores	69,041,825	42,064,437	26,977,388
Gasoline Stations	101,098,565	144,737,383	(43,638,818)
Clothing and Clothing Accessories Stores	42,127,617	13,693,195	28,434,422
Sporting, Goods, Hobby, Book & Music Stores	16,920,011	10,432,885	6,487,126
General Merchandise Store	138,673,005	99,183,498	39,489,507
Misc. Store Retailers	29,073,947	6,300,794	22,773,153
Non-Store Retailers	70,418,361	8,833,026	61,585,335
Food Service & Drinking Places	102,932,544	40,888,565	62,043,979
Total Retail Sales	1,028,354,977	603,141,852	425,213,125

Source: Center of radius is located in the middle of Centre. 2011 The Nielsen Company

Major Existing Retailers/Lodging

National Retailers

- Cato
- CVS Pharmacy
- Dollar General
- Dollar Tree
- Fred's
- Goody's
- Hibbett Sports
- Kmart
- Wal-Mart

National Hotel Chain

- Days Inn

National Grocers

- Ingles
- Piggly Wiggly
- Wal-Mart

Retail Centers

- Cherokee Corners
- Cherokee Plaza
- Chesnut Centre
- Johnson Center
- Lakeside Plaza
- Sunflower Court
- Weiss Lake Plaza

National Food Establishments

- Burger King
- Captain D's
- KFC/Taco Bell
- Jack's
- McDonald's
- Sonic
- Subway
- Waffle House
- Wendy's

Recent Announcements

Regional restaurant opened, January 2011

Financial institution opened, March 2011

Goody's opened, April 2012

Hibbett Sports opened, August 2013

RETAIL DISTRICTS

The major retail districts in Cherokee County are primarily found in the towns of Cedar Bluff, Centre, and Leesburg.



Cedar Bluff

Growing retirement community with lakefront and mountain residential neighborhoods.



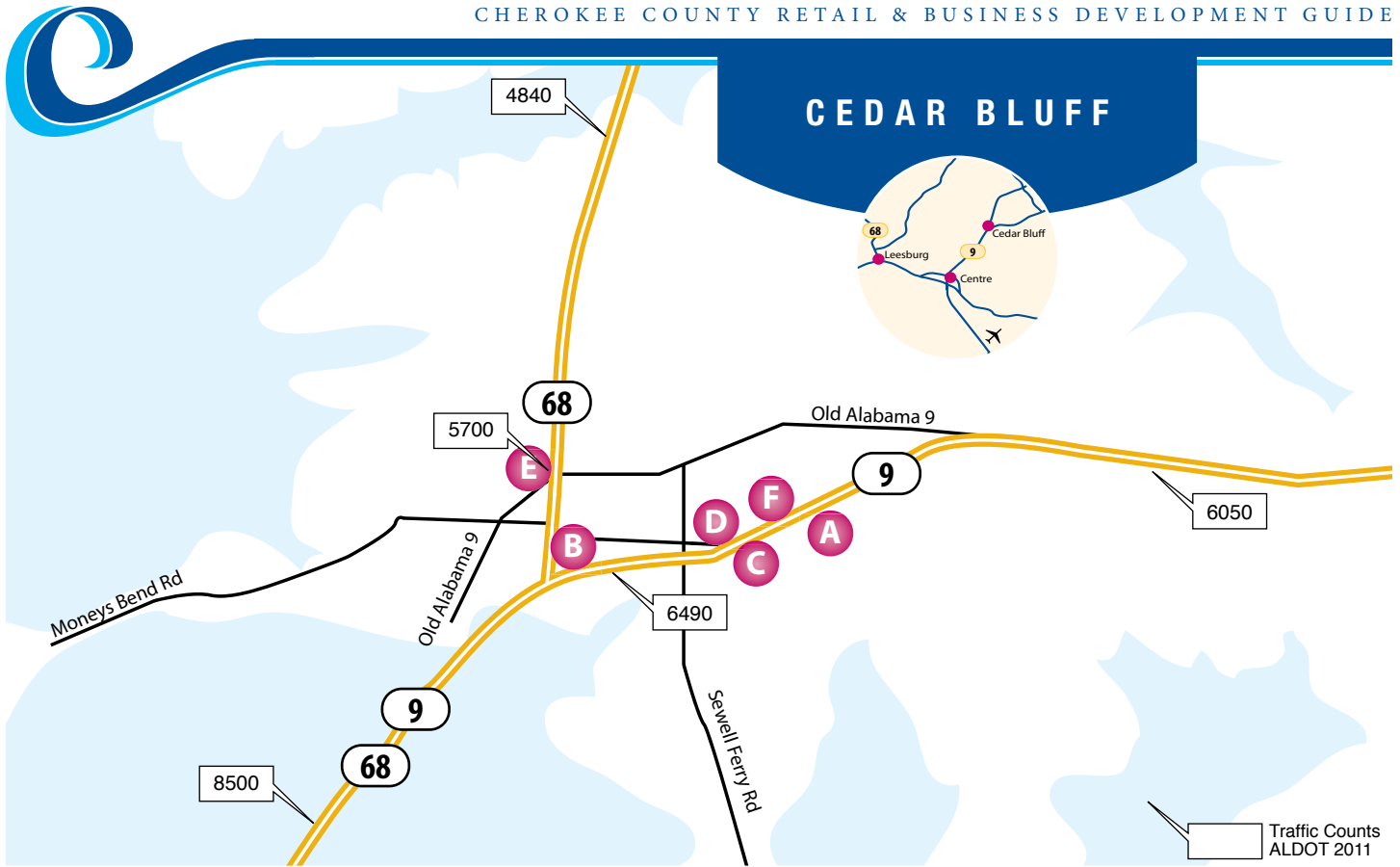
Centre

County-seat and largest city in the county. Includes most major retail development.



Leesburg

Industrial center of county and fishing tournament locale.



Major Retailers

- A Dollar General
- B Generations Bank
- C Piggly Wiggly
- D Subway
- E Union State Bank

Retail Centers

- F Johnson Center
- G Lakeside Plaza

2010 Demographics

Population: 1,820
Households: 766
Average Household Income:
 \$29,321

Source: 2010 Census
 2005-2009 American Community Survey

Cedar Bluff's location directly on Weiss Lake has made it a popular place for retirees looking for

the relaxed pace of lakefront living. The community is still small and rural in nature, but has a growing number of new neighborhoods and businesses.

Retirees in Cedar Bluff can choose from lakefront or mountain living. New residential developments like The Bluffs are located in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains and offer spectacular views of the lake. On the lake, retirees can live in luxury condos such as Sunset Shores.

In addition to retirees, Cedar Bluff is popular among fisherman and families on vacation. The town has several campgrounds and marinas.

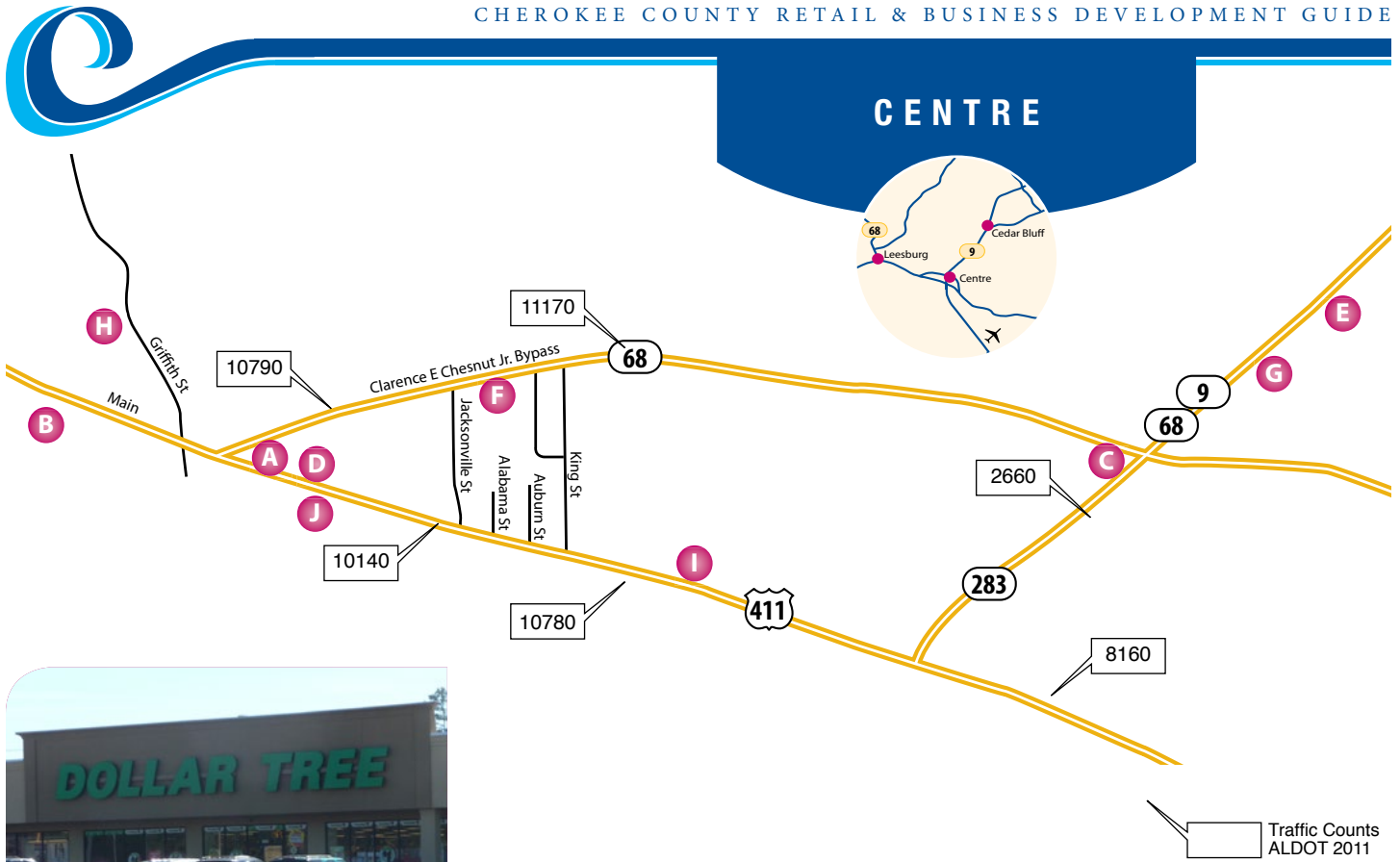


Retail District

Cedar Bluff's current retail stores are primarily located on Highways 68 and 9 and in the downtown area. The two highways are well-traveled and merge in Cedar Bluff.

Festival Draw

Cedar Bluff's annual Liberty Day draws an estimated 15,000 people to the town's center. The festival is held in July at the height of the town's summer tourist season.



Major Retailers

- A** Burger King
- B** Captain D's
- C** CVS Pharmacy
- D** Kmart
- E** Dollar General
- F** Jack's
- G** McDonald's
- H** Wal-Mart
- I** Ingles
- J** Fred's
- K** Dollar Tree
- L** Goody's
- M** Waffle House
- N** Wendy's

Retail Centers

- B** Cherokee Corners
- E** Cherokee Plaza
- J** Sunflower Court
- I** Weiss Lake Plaza

2010 Demographics

Population: 3,489
Households: 1,426
Average Household Income: \$33,102

Source: 2010 Census
 2005-2009 American Community Survey

Centre is the county seat and is the largest town in Cherokee County. The town has experienced the

most growth in retail development of the three major towns in the county and has experienced a steady growth in population since 1990. The town was selected as the location of the Cherokee Campus of Gadsden State Community College, which has brought an influx into the area. Centre also plays host to several state-level sporting tournaments each year.



Retail Districts

Retail, food, lodging establishments are located in three main areas throughout the town – Highway 411, Chestnut Bypass, and historic downtown.

Highway 411:

Much of the new retail development, including the Wal-Mart, is located on Highway 411 where it meets the Chestnut Bypass.

Chestnut Bypass:

The Chestnut Bypass has been primarily developed with small retail stores, fast food restaurants, and banks. The Bypass is a main route to the Gadsden State Cherokee campus.

Historic Downtown:

The historic downtown area has underground utilities and has been streetscaped. The historic buildings are located within a two-block area and feature specialty shops and restaurants, the county museum and courthouse.



Major Retailers

- A Subway
- Dollar General

Retail Centers

Tenant space available

2010 Demographics

Population: 1,027

Households: 409

Average Household Income: \$42,500

Source: 2010 Census
2005-2009 American Community Survey

Leesburg has experienced tremendous population growth since 1990, increasing by 371.1% from 1990

to 2010. The town has become an industrial center for the county, as well as an increasingly popular vacation destination. Leesburg has developed a city landing on Weiss Lake and annually plays host to regional and state fishing tournaments.



Retail Districts

Highway 68: Highway 68 brings in traffic from Interstate 59 and commuters from DeKalb County. Most of the town's manufacturing companies are located along this route.

Highway 411: Highway 411 connects Leesburg with Centre. It is a major route through the city, leading to Gadsden, Alabama and Rome, Georgia.

Industrial Concentration

There are three major manufacturing employers in Leesburg – KTH (Leesburg Products), Leesburg Yarn Mills, and PEMCO. Many workers commute to the area from the surrounding region, creating a higher daytime population.

Fishing Tournaments

Leesburg is known as a prime spot for fisherman, and the town annually hosts regional FLW Outdoors and Bassmaster Weekend Series tournaments.

DOING BUSINESS

Doing business in Cherokee County is simple. The processes are often streamlined and representatives from each town are ready to help you.



Finding a Location

There are many available sites in Cherokee County that are suitable for retail development. Some available buildings are also available. To find a property or building space that is perfect for your business, contact an area commercial broker or the Cherokee County Industrial Development Authority at 256.927.1805.

Obtaining a County Business License

Administered by the county probate judge.

■ 256.927.3363.

Paying Workers' and Unemployment Compensation

Alabama Department of Industrial Relations

■ www.dir.alabama.gov

■ 334.242.2868.

Getting Help from Other Retailers

You can find area networking opportunities from the Cherokee County Chamber of Commerce

■ www.cherokee-chamber.org

Find state-level support from the Alabama Retail Association

■ www.alabamaretail.org

Registering for Taxes

Tax rates vary in each town. For information, visit

Specific sales and use tax for the county or each town

■ www.revenue.alabama.gov/salestax/sales/index.cfm

County property (ad valorem) taxes

■ www.revenue.alabama.gov/advalorem/index.html

City Taxes

Register with the city clerk at the town hall of the town your business will be located.

County Taxes

Register with the Cherokee County revenue commissioner at the Cherokee County Administration Building.

State of Alabama

■ www.revenue.alabama.gov

■ 334.242.1170

Federal Taxes

■ www.eftps.com

Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control Board

■ www.abc.alabama.gov



CONTACT INFORMATION

County Information

Cherokee County Commission

www.cherokeeconomy-al.gov
260 Cedar Bluff Road
Centre, AL 35960
Phone: 256.927.3668
Fax: 256.927.3669
RESPONSIBILITIES: Creates and administers legislation on the county level.

Cherokee County Revenue Commissioner

www.cherokeetagandtax.com
260 Cedar Bluff Road
Suite 102
Centre, AL 35960
Phone: 256.927.5527
Fax: 256.927.5528
RESPONSIBILITIES: Collects property taxes.

Cherokee County Judge of Probate Court

www.cherokeetagandtax.com
260 Cedar Bluff Road
Suite 101
Centre, AL 35960
Phone: 256.927.3363
RESPONSIBILITIES: Oversees business licenses.

Cherokee County Health Department

www.adph.org
833 Cedar Bluff Road
Centre, AL 35960-1005
Phone: 256.927.3132
RESPONSIBILITIES: Provides special permits (food, septic tank, etc.).

Town Information

Cedar Bluff Town Hall

www.cedarbluff-al.org
3420 Spring Street
Cedar Bluff, AL 35959
Phone: 256.779.6121
RESPONSIBILITIES: Business licensing and town tax information for Cedar Bluff.

Centre Town Hall

www.cityofcentre.org
401 E. Main Street
Centre, AL 35960-1522
Phone: 256.927.5222
RESPONSIBILITIES: Business licensing and town tax information for Centre.

Leesburg Town Hall

www.leesburgal.org
215 Industrial Boulevard
Leesburg, AL 35983
Phone: 256.526.8890
RESPONSIBILITIES: Business licensing and town tax information for Leesburg.

State Information

Alabama Department of Revenue Taxpayer Service Center

www.ador.state.al.us
235 College Street
Gasden, AL 35901
Phone: 256.547.0554
RESPONSIBILITIES: Sales and use taxes, Alabama state tax license and number, and Alabama estimated quarterly business tax return.

Alabama Department of Industrial Relations

www.dir.alabama.gov
649 Monroe Street
Montgomery, AL 36131
Phone: 334.242.8055
RESPONSIBILITIES: Workers' compensation, unemployment compensation, employment service, labor marketing information.

Alabama Development Office

www.ado.state.al.us
401 Adams Avenue
Montgomery, AL 36130
Phone: 334.242.0400
RESPONSIBILITIES: State economic development recruiting.

Tennessee Valley Authority

www.tva.com
Corporate Headquarters
400 W. Summit Hill Dr.
Knoxville, TN 37902-1499
865.632.2101
RESPONSIBILITIES: Energy sales and power generation.

Alabama Beverage Control Board

www.abc.alabama.gov
210-A Exchange Place
Huntsville, AL 35806
Phone: 256.726.0401
RESPONSIBILITIES: Liquor licensing.

**CONTACT
INFORMATION****Utilities and Telecommunications****TVA / Cherokee County
Electric Cooperative**

www.cherokee-electric.org
P.O. Drawer O
1550 Clarence Chestnut
Bypass
Centre, AL 35960
Toll Free: 800.952.2667
Phone: 256.927.5524

RESPONSIBILITIES: Electricity for the entire county.

**DeKalb Cherokee Natural
Gas Company**

www.dcgas.org
1111 West Main Street
Centre, AL 35960
Toll Free: 800.239.5606
Phone: 256.927.5925
RESPONSIBILITIES: Natural gas for the entire county.

**Town of Cedar Bluff
Utility Board**

3360 Old Highway 9
Cedar Bluff, AL 35959
Phone: 256.779.7285
RESPONSIBILITIES: Water and sewer for Cedar Bluff.

**Cherokee County Water
& Sewer Authority**

161 East Main Street
Centre, AL 35960
Phone: 256.927.8348
RESPONSIBILITIES: Water and sewer for parts of the county.

**Water Works & Sewer Board
Town of Centre**

130 S. River Street
Centre, AL 35960
Phone: 256.927.3281
RESPONSIBILITIES: Water and sewer for Centre.

NE Alabama Water

www.neawater.com
2416 Beck Industrial Blvd. W
Fort Payne, AL 35968
Phone: 256.845.6186
RESPONSIBILITIES: Water for parts of the county.

TDS Telecom

www.tdstelecom.com
1460 W Main Street
Suite J – Weiss Lake Plaza
Centre, AL 35960
Phone: 256.927.4444
RESPONSIBILITIES: Phone and high speed internet services for the entire county.

Business Planning Assistance**Cherokee County Industrial
Development Authority**

www.cherokeecountyida.org
801 Cedar Bluff Road
Centre, AL 35960
Phone: 256.927.1805
Fax: 256.927.1811
RESPONSIBILITIES: Economic development recruitment and retention.

**Cherokee County Chamber of
Commerce**

www.cherokee-chamber.org
801 Cedar Bluff Road
Building A
Centre, AL 35960
Phone: 256.927.8455
Fax: 256.927.2768
RESPONSIBILITIES: Business and tourism support.

**Jacksonville State University Small
Business Development Center**

www.jsusbdc.com
SBDC Counseling at
Cherokee Chamber of Commerce
First Tuesday from 9-11 a.m.
Reservations: 256.927.8455

**College of Commerce and Business
Administration**

Jacksonville State University
700 Pelham Road North
Room 114 Merrill Hall
Jacksonville, AL 36265
Phone: 256.782.5271
RESPONSIBILITIES: Business mentoring and market research resources.

SBA Birmingham District Office

www.sba.gov
801 Tom Martin Drive Suite #201
Birmingham, AL 35211
United States
Phone: 205.290.7101
Fax: 205.290.7404
RESPONSIBILITIES: Provides loans, loan guarantees, contracts, counseling sessions and other forms of assistance to small businesses.

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