

# Marion County, TN



**Marion County** is located in eastern Tennessee and home to a wide variety of industry including large nationally acclaimed companies and small family-owned industries. Products manufactured are sold in markets all over the United States and abroad. Lodge Manufacturing is the oldest and one of the largest manufacturers in Marion. Founded in 1896, Lodge is the only maker of cast iron cookware in the United States and is still owned and operated by the Lodge family.

The county has direct access to I-24 with access to I-59 just south of the county line. The Jasper Industrial Park is located adjacent to I-24 off exit 155 and on the Tennessee River below the Nickajack lock and dam. This site has over 200 acres of developable land, a half-mile of dual rail spurs, large natural gas pipeline, over a half-mile of river frontage with barge opportunities, existing offices and warehouses, truck and rail scales, over three million gallons of liquid storage and 2,000 tons of dry storage. In addition, a large TVA electrical substation is being constructed on site and wastewater treatment facilities and a landfill are within 100 yards. Marion County is part of the 11-county Foreign Trade Zone 134.

General aviation services are available at the Marion County Airport, also known as Brown Field with a runway length of 3,498 feet. The Chattanooga Metropolitan Airport, located within 35 miles of Marion County offers non-stop service to nine locations throughout the U.S. Air cargo is also available. Airlines serving the Chattanooga airport include: Allegiant, American Airlines, American Eagle, Delta and United Airlines.

A wide selection of community and state colleges and universities are all within a short drive. Chattanooga State has a site in Kimball and provides a wide range of courses that fit all lifestyles and budgets.

Marion County is served by Grandview Medical Center, a fully accredited, acute-care 70-bed regional hospital located in Jasper. Family physicians and physicians of many specialties are conveniently located throughout the county as are facilities for nursing care. Additional medical services are provided by Parkridge West Hospital including 24-hour emergency medical services, outpatient diagnostic imaging, outpatient laboratory services and outpatient physical therapy.

Public parks, forests, lakes, rivers and streams mean countless hours of outdoor activities. Opportunities for hiking, fishing, hunting, or just finding a picnic spot under that perfect tree are available in abundance.

Target Markets include Automotive, Healthcare and General Manufacturing.



## MAJOR EMPLOYERS

COMPANY	EMPLOYEES
Marion County School District	600
Lodge Manufacturing Company	250
Shaw Industries	225
Valmont Industries	200
Variform, Inc.	192

Source: Companies

## POPULATION

Population 2018	28,543
Population 2023	28,953
Households 2018	11,753
Median Age	43.5
Median Household Income	\$40,691
Per Capita Income	\$23,700

Source: Gale Research

## ANNOUNCED PROJECTS (2013-2017)

Number of Projects	3
New Jobs	142
Capital Investment	\$138,500,000

Source: GCEP

## LABOR FORCE (2017 ANNUAL AVERAGE)

Labor Force	12,176
Unemployment Rate	4.8%

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

## EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Population 25+	20,391
High School Graduate (only)	38.3%
Some College	21.6%
Associate's Degree	6.4%
Bachelor's Degree	7.4%
Graduate or Professional	4.9%
ACT-County	19.2
ACT-State	19.8

Source: Gale Research, Tennessee Department of Education

## EDUCATION

Public Schools	10
Public School Enrollment	4,140
Private Schools	2
Private School Enrollment	56
School Districts	1
Colleges & Universities	1
College & University Enrollment	328

Source: Tennessee Department of Education, Individual Schools and GCEP

## UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

New Employers (Maximum)	2.7%
Experience Rate Range	0.01% to 10.0%
Taxable Base	\$7,000

Source: Tennessee Department of Education, Individual Schools and GCEP

## SALES TAX - GENERAL AND SPECIAL PROVISIONS

Taxable Retail Sales (2017)	\$465,229,565
Sales Tax Rate-State	7%
Sales Tax Rate-County	2.75%
Electricity (State/Local)	7%/0%
Piped Natural Gas (State/Local)	7%/0%
Mfg. Water (State/Local)	1.0%/.33-.05%
Mfg. Fuels (State/Local)	1.5%/0%
Mfg. Equipment (State/Local)	None
Telecommunications (State/Local)	7%/2.5%

Source: Tennessee Department of Revenue

## PROPERTY TAX (PER \$100 OF ASSESSED VALUE)

Property Taxes-County Incorporated	\$2.1686
Property Taxes-County Unincorporated	\$2.1686
Property Taxes-County Seat	\$2.5839

Source: Tennessee Department of Revenue

## INVENTORY TAX

Finished Goods	None
Raw Materials	None
Goods in Process	None
Materials Consumed in Manufacturing	None

Source: Tennessee Department of Revenue

## EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES (2017 ANNUAL AVERAGE)

	% OF TOTAL	WEEKLY WAGES
Natural Resources & Mining	0.3%	\$789
Construction	2.7%	\$946
Manufacturing	27.5%	\$991
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	21.9%	\$722
Information	0.5%	\$724
Financial Activities	2.1%	\$867
Professional & Business Services	2.6%	\$718
Education & Health Services	8.8%	\$607
Leisure & Hospitality	16.5%	\$283
Other Services	2.1%	\$607
Government	15.1%	\$716

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

## ACCESSIBILITY

Largest City or Town	Jasper
Population-2017	3,316
Miles to Chattanooga	27
Nearest Commercial Airport	Chattanooga Metropolitan Airport
Runway Length	7,400 and 5,575
Miles to Airport	35
Nearest Interstate	I-24
Foreign Trade Zone	Yes
Population within 50-mile radius	1,115,772

Source: GCEP, Gale Research

## UTILITIES

Name of Electricity Provider	Sequachee Valley Electric Cooperative (SVEC)
Is Natural Gas Available (Yes/No)	Yes
Name of Natural Gas Provider	Marion Natural Gas
Name of Water Provider	Multiple municipal providers
Excess System Capacity	Yes
Name of Wastewater Provider	Multiple municipal providers
Excess System Capacity	Yes

Source: GCEP

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