

Rhea County, TN



GREATER CHATTANOOGA
ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP



Rhea County is located in eastern Tennessee between the metropolitan areas of Chattanooga and Knoxville with access to major interstates, I-75, I-24, and I-40, through four-lane U.S. Hwy. 27. Tennessee Department of Transportation records indicate that over 33,000 vehicles a day travel into Rhea County. The strategic location provides an ideal opportunity for companies looking to locate or expand.

Norfolk Southern's Crescent Corridor runs through the heart of Rhea County which offers a unique opportunity for projects with rail access requirements. One of the fastest, most direct routes from the Southeast to the Northeast with convenient connections to Mexico and Los Angeles, the Crescent Corridor makes green shipping a reality.

Mark Anton Airport, located in Dayton, provides general aviation services with a runway length of 5,000 feet. The Chattanooga Metropolitan Airport, located within 40 miles of Rhea County

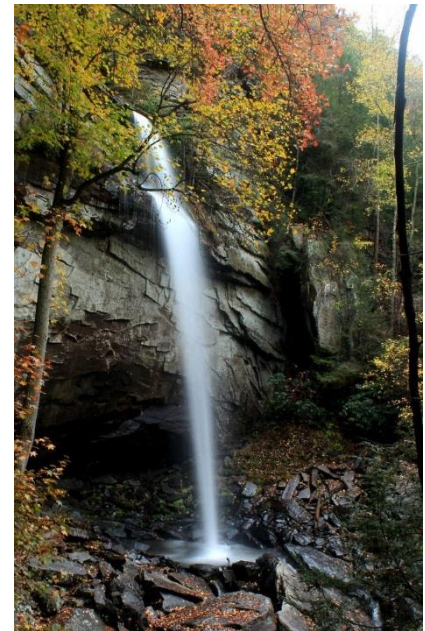
offers non-stop service to nine locations throughout the U.S. Air cargo is also available. Airlines serving the Chattanooga airport include: Allegiant, American Airlines, American Eagle, Delta and United Airlines.

Rhea County has a variety of properties available for manufacturing, warehousing and office. The county is part of the 11-county Foreign Trade Zone 134.

Post-secondary educational choices include a satellite community college campus operated by Chattanooga State in Dayton offering a general education core for most majors as well as selected career courses. Bryan College, a four-year institution with 1,475 students, is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award the associate, baccalaureate, and master degrees.

General medical and surgical hospital care is available at Rhea Medical Center with 25 licensed beds. Erlanger Bledsoe Hospital is located within 20 miles in neighboring Bledsoe County.

Rhea County offers a wealth of outdoor opportunities and natural attractions. With 700 miles of lake shorelines, one can enjoy a relaxing fishing trip on Chickamauga Lake or attend the annual Strawberry Festival in Dayton.



MAJOR EMPLOYERS

COMPANY	EMPLOYEES
LA-Z-Boy Furniture Galleries	1,400
International Automotive	705
Suburban Manufacturing Co.	450
Kayser-Roth Corp.	325
Walmart Supercenter	284

Source: Companies

POPULATION

Population 2018	32,404
Population 2023	33,797
Households 2018	12,719
Median Age	41.1
Median Household Income	\$42,906
Per Capita Income	\$21,792

Source: Gale Research

ANNOUNCED PROJECTS (2013-2017)

Number of Projects	5
New Jobs	662
Capital Investment	\$477,100,000

Source: GCEP

LABOR FORCE (2017 ANNUAL AVERAGE)

Labor Force	13,275
Unemployment Rate	6.4%

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

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Population 25+	22,134
High School Graduate (only)	38.3%
Some College	22.9%
Associate's Degree	5.5%
Bachelor's Degree	7.8%
Graduate or Professional	4.1%
ACT-County	18.6
ACT-State	19.8

Source: Gale Research, Tennessee Department of Education

EDUCATION

Public Schools	8
Public School Enrollment	5,290
Private Schools	3
Private School Enrollment	85
School Districts	2
Colleges & Universities	2
College & University Enrollment	1,857

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 (2016)	\$321,865,029
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	\$2.1966
Property Taxes-County Unincorporated	\$2.1966
Property Taxes-County Seat	\$2.7366

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	1.2%	\$481
Construction	2.3%	\$1,023
Manufacturing	32.7%	\$851
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	11.8%	\$490
Information	0.4%	\$1,355
Financial Activities	2.2%	\$784
Professional & Business Services	4.2%	\$598
Education & Health Services	10.3%	\$561
Leisure & Hospitality	9.0%	\$245
Other Services	1.0%	\$466
Government	24.8%	\$1,369

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

ACCESSIBILITY

Largest City or Town	Dayton
Population-2017	7,354
Miles to Chattanooga	38
Nearest Commercial Airport	Chattanooga Metropolitan Airport
Runway Length	7,400 and 5,575
Miles to Airport	40
Nearest Interstate	I-24; I-40; I-75
Miles to Nearest Interstate	22
Foreign Trade Zone	Yes
Population within 50-mile radius	1,146,621

Source: GCEP, Gale Research

UTILITIES

Name of Electricity Provider	Dayton City Utilities
Is Natural Gas Available (Yes/No)	Yes
Name of Natural Gas Provider	Middle TN Natural Gas
Name of Water Provider	Dayton City Utilities
Excess System Capacity	Yes
Name of Wastewater Provider	City of Dayton
Excess System Capacity	Yes

Source: GCEP

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