

Hamilton County, TN



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Hamilton County is located in eastern Tennessee and is the fourth most populated county in the state. Three interstates – I-24, I-59 and I-75 intersect in the county. U.S. Highway 27 and state Highway 153 are also major arteries. Rail service in the county is provided by CSX and Norfolk Southern, with switching facilities available throughout the area. The Chattanooga Metropolitan Airport offers non-stop service to nine locations throughout the U.S. Air cargo is available. Airlines serving the Chattanooga airport include: Allegiant, American Airlines, American Eagle, Delta and United Airlines. The county is part of the 11-county Foreign Trade Zone 134.

There are eight industrial parks in the area. Enterprise South is a joint project of the City of Chattanooga and Hamilton County. The site, located on the I-75 corridor, offers a turn-key solution for new manufacturing operations. Currently, 42 acres are available in small parcels. The Centre South Riverport/Industrial Park is located on Amnicola Highway on the Tennessee River. The park, owned and

developed by Hamilton County Government, is zoned M-1 and offers sites with both rail and barge access. Currently, 66 acres are available.

Post-secondary educational choices within the county include the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, Chattanooga State Community College and Southern Adventist University. Nearly 24,000 students are enrolled at these institutions. Additionally, a wide selection of community, state, and private colleges and universities are all within driving distance.

The county is home to some of the top hospitals in the U.S., offering healthcare services to residents of Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama, and beyond. Full-service hospitals, with a combined 1,800 beds, include Erlanger Health System, CHI Memorial and Parkridge Medical Center. Erlanger is one of only six Level I Trauma Centers in the State of Tennessee.

Chattanooga won Outside magazine’s “Best Town Ever” competition in both 2011 and 2015. The area provides hundreds of miles of outdoor activities, including hiking, mountain biking, climbing, bouldering, whitewater rafting, kayaking, stand up paddle boarding and more. The downtown district is a great place to start because it’s compact, vibrant and animated. One can easily navigate the city on foot, on the free electric shuttle or by using the public bicycle transit system, which is available 24/7. The city is filled with world-class attractions, riverside parks, live music and entertainment, amazing restaurants, exciting sporting events, outdoor adventures, rich history, a thriving arts scene, shopping and many diverse annual events.



MAJOR EMPLOYERS

COMPANY	EMPLOYEES
Erlanger Health System	6,058
Hamilton County Schools	5,766
BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee	4,878
CHI Memorial	4,474
Amazon.com Services LLC	3,836

Source: Companies

POPULATION

Population 2019	366,546
Population 2024	382,608
Households 2019	149,527
Median Age	39.6
Median Household Income	\$50,871
Per Capita Income	\$31,118

Source: Gale Research

ANNOUNCED PROJECTS (2016-2020)

Number of Projects	59
New Jobs	6,210
Capital Investments	\$2,204,792,557

Source: GCEP

LABOR FORCE (2020 ANNUAL AVERAGE)

Labor Force	182,352
Unemployment Rate	7.1%

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

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Population 25+	257,737
High School Graduate (only)	28.5%
Some College	21.8%
Associate's Degree	8.1%
Bachelor's Degree	19.5%
Graduate or Professional	10.3%
ACT-County	19.7
ACT-State	19.3

Source: Gale Research, Tennessee Department of Education

EDUCATION

Public Schools	78
Public School Enrollment	45,342
Private Schools	42
Private School Enrollment	12,015
School Districts	1
Colleges & Universities	5
College & University Enrollment	24,007

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: ADP

SALES TAX - GENERAL AND SPECIAL PROVISIONS

Taxable Retail Sales (2020)	\$7,446,394,370
Sales Tax Rate-State	7%
Sales Tax Rate-County	2.25%
Electricity* (State/Local)	None
Piped Natural Gas* (State/Local)	None
Mfg. Water (State/Local)	1.0%/.33-.05%
Mfg. Fuels (State/Local)	1.5%/0%
Mfg. Equipment (State/Local)	None
Telecommunications (State/Local)	7%/2.25%

*Residential

Source: Tennessee Department of Revenue

PROPERTY TAX (PER \$100 OF ASSESSED VALUE)

Property Taxes-County Incorporated	\$2.7652
Property Taxes-County Unincorporated	\$2.7652
Property Taxes-County Seat	\$5.0422

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 (2020 ANNUAL AVERAGE)

	% OF TOTAL	WEEKLY WAGES
Natural Resources & Mining	0.1%	\$979
Construction	4.7%	\$1,276
Manufacturing	11.9%	\$1,261
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	21.4%	\$899
Information	1.0%	\$1,168
Financial Activities	7.9%	\$1,576
Professional & Business Services	12.4%	\$1,074
Education & Health Services	13.6%	\$1,061
Leisure & Hospitality	9.9%	\$394
Other Services	3.0%	\$783
Government	13.9%	\$1,305

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

ACCESSIBILITY

Largest City or Town	Chattanooga
Population-2019	182,799
Nearest Commercial Airport	Chattanooga Metropolitan Airport
Runway Length	7,400 and 5,575
Nearest Interstate	I-24; I-59; I-75
Miles to Nearest Interstate	0; 2; 0
Foreign Trade Zone	Yes
Population within 50-mile radius	1,135,446

Source: GCEP, Gale Research

UTILITIES

Name of Electricity Provider	EPB
Is Natural Gas Available (Yes/No)	Yes
Name of Natural Gas Provider	Chattanooga Gas Company
Name of Water Provider	Tennessee-American Water Co.
Excess System Capacity	Yes
Name of Wastewater Provider	Moccasin Bend Treatment Plant
Excess System Capacity	Yes

Source: GCEP

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