

# Marion County, TN



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**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 Nickajack Industrial Site and Port is located just off TN Hwy. 156, only 6 miles from I-24, and has direct access to the Tennessee River. The site has over 90 acres of land available for industrial development, all utilities are readily available, and has both river and rail access. Marion County is part of the 11-county Foreign Trade Zone 134.

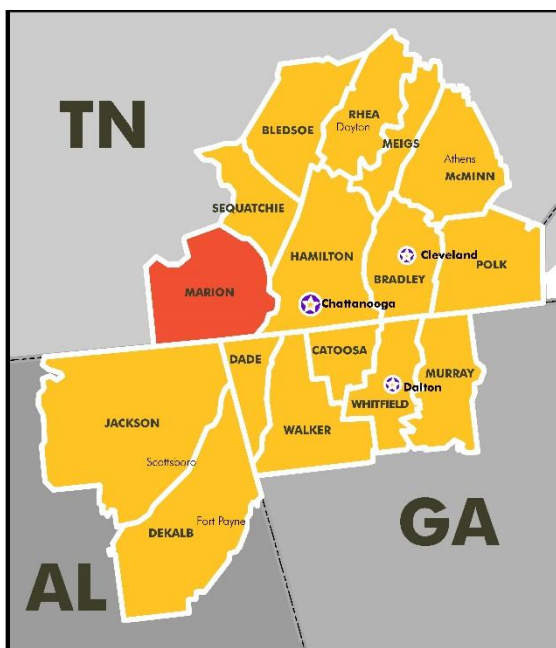
General aviation services are available at the Marion County Airport, also known as Brown Field with a runway length of 3,498 feet. The Chattanooga Metropolitan Airport, located within 35 miles of Marion County offers non-stop service to nine locations throughout the U.S. Air cargo is also available. 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. Marion County is home to the Marion County Regional Institute for Higher Education, Chattanooga State's satellite campus in Kimball which provides a wide range of courses that fit all lifestyles and budgets.

Marion County is served by Parkridge West Hospital, located just off Interstate 24 in Jasper. Services include 24-hour emergency medical services, outpatient diagnostic imaging, outpatient laboratory services and outpatient physical therapy. Family physicians and physicians of many specialties are conveniently located throughout the county as are facilities for nursing care.

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
Lodge Manufacturing Company	555
Marion County School District	476
Mueller Water Products	325
Shaw Industries	250
Valmont Industries	200

Source: Companies

## POPULATION

Population 2019	29,075
Population 2024	29,878
Households 2019	12,005
Median Age	43.6
Median Household Income	\$42,768
Per Capita Income	\$24,960

Source: Gale Research

## ANNOUNCED PROJECTS (2016-2020)

Number of Projects	2
New Jobs	417
Capital Investment	\$131,000,000

Source: GCEP

## LABOR FORCE (2020 ANNUAL AVERAGE)

Labor Force	12,344
Unemployment Rate	7.6%

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

## EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Population 25+	20,744
High School Graduate (only)	37.9%
Some College	21.3%
Associate's Degree	7.2%
Bachelor's Degree	8.4%
Graduate or Professional	4.9%
ACT-County	19.2
ACT-State	19.3

Source: Gale Research, Tennessee Department of Education

## EDUCATION

Public Schools	12
Public School Enrollment	4,318
Private Schools	2
Private School Enrollment	47
School Districts	2
Colleges & Universities	1
College & University Enrollment	325

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)	\$630,234,190
Sales Tax Rate-State	7%
Sales Tax Rate-County	2.75%
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%/2.75%

\*Residential  
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 (2020 ANNUAL AVERAGE)

	% OF TOTAL	WEEKLY WAGES
Natural Resources & Mining	0.5%	\$937
Construction	3.5%	\$1,061
Manufacturing	24.7%	\$1,084
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	23.1%	\$776
Information	0.3%	\$1,017
Financial Activities	2.0%	\$1,022
Professional & Business Services	2.4%	\$905
Education & Health Services	8.6%	\$687
Leisure & Hospitality	16.4%	\$286
Other Services	1.5%	\$683
Government	17.0%	\$776

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

## ACCESSIBILITY

Largest City or Town	Jasper
Population-2019	3,447
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	1,126,619

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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