

Chattanooga

The Open Source City



Our story starts with a fading Southern industrial town daring to envision itself as the best mid-sized city in America. To us, being the best meant integrating our city with nature. It meant attracting tourists by creating a place we'd gladly call home. It meant balancing environmental sustainability with economic vitality. How did we do it? We got busy coding our future. We addressed air pollution and other environmental challenges. We transformed our downtown riverfront with green spaces and public art. We established America's only community-wide 25-Gig Internet, the backbone of our work with entrepreneurs to develop tomorrow's digital economy. Today we pride ourselves on innovation, top quality talent, affordability, natural beauty and, most of all, the collaborative spirit that makes us an open source city.



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Chattanooga, Tennessee, has turned itself into the “Gig City,” a destination where a tech ecosystem has become an attractive asset for luring and transitioning visitors into residents.”

- Skift

A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE, WORK AND PLAY

Surrounded by mountains and lakes, Chattanooga puts you within minutes of world-class adventure and the best outdoor recreation in the Southeast. Kayak whitewater rapids, climb sandstone crags and hike or bike more than 500 miles of trails. In Chattanooga, you can design a lifestyle you love in close proximity to the city at a cost of living well below the national average. See for yourself how far your dollar can go. Home can be an affordable downtown loft or a 10-acre farm less than 30 minutes from city center.

CHATTANOOGA UTILITY ANNOUNCES QUANTUM NETWORK CAPABILITIES

A new partnership between EPB and California-based Qubitekk will allow private companies, government and university researchers to test quantum equipment and applications in an established fiber-optic environment.



Software and IT wages are **10%** below the national average



Incentives to help you start up



No state income tax, property tax or tax on finished goods



51% of residents with some college or higher

EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES

Occupation	Employment	Salary
Customer Service Representatives	9,324	\$34,400
General and Operations Managers	8,195	\$108,300
Office Clerks, General	7,320	\$32,200
Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive	6,133	\$35,000
Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks	5,247	\$39,500
Business Operations Specialists, All Other	3,019	\$63,200
Accountants and Auditors	2,801	\$69,300
Software Developers	2,653	\$100,400
Sales Representatives of Services	2,021	\$57,000
Human Resources Specialists	1,900	\$55,000

TALENT PIPELINE

Chattanooga has become intensely focused on delivering talent prepared for the knowledge based, innovation economy.

From preparing high school students for careers to traditional university programs to advancing adult education, the talent pipeline in Chattanooga is ready to fill the technology jobs this Gig City is attracting.

Thousands of graduates call Chattanooga home and we continue drawing top talent from around the world, the country and the region. A short drive from Atlanta, Nashville and Knoxville, our location makes it easy to recruit from schools like Georgia Tech, Emory, Vanderbilt and the University of Tennessee.



CHATTANOOGA AIRPORT



10 Flights Daily to Atlanta



4 Airlines

Delta Air Lines
Allegiant Air
United Airlines
American Airlines



8 Non-Stop Flights

Atlanta
Chicago
Dallas
Tampa
Orlando
Charlotte
Detroit
Washington, D.C.

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This location will be a world-class facility to expand our partnerships with companies like Google and Samsung. Chattanooga is a strategic distribution location that will allow us to get products in the hands of our customers quickly. As the Right to Repair movement takes the world by storm, we expect the market will see a dramatically increased need for repair parts and tools.”

- Luke Soules
COO, iFixit



Population Growth: 6%



Residential Permits: 4,300



Median Age: 40



Labor Pool: 491,000+