

Chattanooga, TN

Community Profile

Location



Distance from Chattanooga	Miles
Knoxville, TN	112
Atlanta, GA	118
Nashville, TN	135
Birmingham, AL	147
Greenville/Spartanburg, SC	251
Memphis, TN	345
Charlotte, NC	350
St. Louis, MO	439
Chicago, IL	603
New York, NY	816

Transportation

Major Highways
I-24, I-59, I-75

Railroad
CSX Transportation, Norfolk Southern

Motor Freight Carriers
More than 70 motor freight lines are certified to transport interstate shipments in the Hamilton County area. Home to two of the top ten publicly traded trucking companies.

Air
Chattanooga Metropolitan Airport

Major Airlines: Allegiant Air, American Eagle, Continental Airlines, Delta Connection, Northwest AirlinK, U.S. Airways Express

Nonstop Flights to: Atlanta, Charlotte, Chicago, Cincinnati, Dallas, Houston, Memphis, Orlando, Tampa/St. Pete and Washington D.C.

Ports	Distance from Chattanooga
Port of Chattanooga	Within city limits
Centre South Riverport	Within city limits
Savannah, GA	366 miles
Mobile, AL	404 miles
New Orleans, LA	489 miles

Population

Total Population	1990	2000	2007 (Est.)
Chattanooga	152,826	155,553	169,884
Hamilton County	285,536	307,896	330,168
Chattanooga MSA*	433,194	476,531	514,568
Tennessee	4,877,187	5,689,283	6,156,719

Hamilton County Population by Age

	2000	2007 (Est.)	% Change
Under 5 years	18,444	19,678	6.7%
5-14	40,978	37,030	-9.6%
15-19	20,667	20,460	-1.0%
20-24	20,974	21,844	4.1%
25-34	41,730	39,607	-5.1%
35-44	47,595	42,528	-10.6%
45-54	45,447	46,948	3.2%
55-64	29,452	39,467	34.0%
65-74	22,652	24,201	6.8%
75-84	14,717	15,254	3.6%
85+	5,240	6,265	19.6%
Median Age	37.5	39.4	

*Metropolitan Statistical Area includes Hamilton, Marion and Sequatchie counties in Tennessee and Catoosa, Dade and Walker counties in Georgia.

Source: US Census Bureau, DemographicsNow

Government

	City of Chattanooga	Hamilton Co.
Type of Government	Council/ Mayor	Commission/ Mayor
Law Enforcement	460	304
Firefighters	400	—
Volunteer Firemen	—	500 (approx.)
Fire Insurance Ratings	2	3-9

Sources: City of Chattanooga & Hamilton County Fire, Police and Sheriff's Departments

Climate

Annual Average Temperature	60.5°F
Average January Daily Temperature	39.3°F
Average July Daily Temperature	79.3°F
Average Annual Rainfall	53.3 inches
Average Annual Snowfall	2.8 inches
Average Elevation (Downtown)	675 feet

Sources: NOAA, National Climatic Data Center, Local Climatological Data

Labor

Labor Force Draw Area*	18 counties
Population of Labor Force Area (2007 est.)	1,032,235
Labor Force (2007)	509,684
Right-to-Work Law	Yes

Unemployment Rate (2007 Average Annual)

Hamilton County	4.0%
Labor Force Draw Area*	4.4%
Tennessee	4.7%
United States	4.6%

*See bottom of page for counties

Note: The Labor Force Draw Area is defined by commuting patterns and geographic proximity to Hamilton County.

Source: TN Dept. of Labor & Workforce Development, GA Dept. of Labor, Workforce Information & Analysis, AL Dept. of Industrial Relations

Employment Assistance

For a complete list of area employment resources visit

www.ChattanoogaHasJobs.com

or

Tennessee Department of Labor

& Workforce Development

311 M. L. King Blvd.

Chattanooga, TN 37403

(423) 634-3046

Fax: (423) 634-6316

www.state.tn.us/labor-wfd/

Major Manufacturers

Companies in the 18-County Labor Draw Area*

<u>Employer</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Employment</u>
McKee Foods Corporation	Hamilton	3,200
Maytag Cleveland Cooking Prdts	Bradley	2,500
Pilgrim's Pride Corporation	Hamilton	1,790
Roper Corporation	Walker	1,700
Astec Industries	Hamilton	1,212
Maples Industries Inc.	Jackson	1,000
Yorozu Automotive Tennessee	Warren	1,000
Cagle's Inc.	DeKalb	925
Cooper Hosiery Mills Inc.	DeKalb	905
Calhoun Newsprint Co.	McMinn	900
Shaw Industries Group	Whitfield	900
Gillette Co.	Bradley	800
Beaulieu Group LLC	Jackson	700
Johnson Controls	McMinn	700
Fort Payne Newspaper Inc.	DeKalb	687
Southern Newspapers of Alabama	Jackson	687
Mars Snackfood US LLC	Bradley	678
Sunbeam Products Inc.	Warren	670
Denso Manufacturing	McMinn	630
Charleston Hosiery Inc.	Bradley	600

*Eighteen-County Labor Draw Area: Bledsoe, Bradley, Franklin, Grundy, Hamilton, Marion, McMinn, Meigs, Rhea, Sequatchie, Van Buren and Warren Counties in TN; Catoosa, Dade, Walker and Whitfield Counties in GA; DeKalb and Jackson Counties in AL

Taxes

Property Tax Rates 2007

	<u>City of Chattanooga</u>	<u>Hamilton County</u>
Chattanooga City Rate	\$2.2020	—
Hamilton County Rate	\$3.1540	\$3.1540
County General Fund	\$1.5759	\$1.5759
County Road Fund	\$0.0126	\$0.0126
County School Fund	<u>\$1.5655</u>	<u>\$1.5655</u>
Total Tax Rate	\$5.3560	\$3.1540

Note: Industrial and commercial real property is assessed at 40% of value. Rates are calculated per \$100 of assessed value.

Tennessee Income Tax

Personal	None
Excise	6.5% of Tennessee taxable income
Franchise	\$0.25 per \$100 on the book value of all real and tangible goods owned or used by the corporation in Tennessee.

Utility Taxes

<u>Gas and Electric Rate</u>	<u>State (%)</u>	<u>Local (%)</u>	<u>Total (%)</u>
Residential	None	None	None
Non-Manufacturer*	7.0	None	7.0
Manufacturer**	1.5	None	1.5

<u>Water Tax Rate</u>	<u>State (%)</u>	<u>Local (%)</u>	<u>Total (%)</u>
Residential	7.0	2.25	9.25
Non-Manufacturer*	7.0	2.25	9.25
Manufacturer**	1.5	0.5	2.0

*Non-Manufacturers may be exempt (churches, non-profit organizations, etc.).

**Manufacturers can be granted a full exemption if the energy fuel or water comes in direct contact with the product being manufactured.

An Industrial Machinery Authorization must be on file with the utility company to support the exemption or reduced rate.

Major Employers - Non Mfg.

All Hamilton County

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Full-time Employment</u>
BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee	4,801
Hamilton County Department of Education	4,296
Erlanger Health System	3,621
Tennessee Valley Authority	3,500
Unum Group	2,800
Memorial Health Care System	2,609
City of Chattanooga	2,317
CIGNA HealthCare	1,850
Hamilton County Government	1,781
U.S. Xpress Enterprises Inc.	1,659
Convergys Corporation	1,500
Parkridge Medical Center	1,075
The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga	1,027
T-Mobile	792
Orange Grove Center Inc.	727
United States Postal Service	719
Kenco Group, Inc.	638
Chattanooga State Technical Community College	549
Covenant Transport Inc.	534
Olan Mills Inc.	498

Education

Public Schools (2006-2007)

Hamilton County School System

Number of Elementary Schools	45
Number of Middle/High Schools	14/16
Number of Special School Programs	2
Total Student Enrollment	43,173
Total Number of Teachers	2,810
Faculty with Advanced Degrees (includes Administration)	1,659

Source: TN Dept. of Education, Hamilton County Dept. of Education

ACT Scores (2007 Average)

	Combined Score	% Tested
Hamilton County	19.7	83.0
Tennessee	20.7	93.0
United States	21.2	40.0

Source: TN Dept. of Education, Hamilton County Dept. of Education

Private Schools (2007)

Total Number of Schools	39*
Total Student Enrollment	11,351*

*Number does not include Special School or Home School data.

Source: Hamilton County Comprehensive Annual Financial Report

Colleges and Universities (2007)

	Total Enrollment
The University of TN at Chattanooga	9,558
Chattanooga State Tech. Comm. College	8,540
Southern Adventist University	2,640
Covenant College	1,343
Tennessee Temple University	619

Source: Individual Schools

Retail Sales

Hamilton County Gross Retail Sales

2003	\$4,315,852,244
2004	\$4,649,304,570
2005	\$4,942,891,984
2006	\$5,328,367,912
2007	\$5,468,539,905

Source: TN Dept. of Revenue: State Sales and Use Tax Statistics

Communications

Daily, weekly and online newspapers	8
Radio stations (AM & FM)	25
Cable television	Yes
Television cable channels	65
Local television broadcast stations	6
Telephone service (primary provider)	AT&T
Post offices	27

Sources: Yellow Pages, TVGuide.com

Construction Activity

Chattanooga MSA Non-Residential

Year	# Permits	Value
2006	294	\$552,208,000
2007	267	\$337,102,000

Chattanooga MSA Residential

Year	# Permits	Value
2006	2,985	\$554,024,000
2007	2,213	\$441,963,000

Cost of Living

ACCRA Cost of Living

	All Items	Food	Housing
Chattanooga, TN	90.9	99.5	80.2
Indianapolis, IN	95.5	93.4	99.0
Atlanta, GA	95.3	97.0	94.8
Cleveland, OH	98.1	108.3	88.4
Boston, MA	132.8	119.6	168.1

The ACCRA Cost of Living Index measures relative price levels for consumer goods and services in participating areas. The national average is 100. *The index does not measure inflation.*

Source: ACCRA Cost of Living Index, First Quarter 2007

Housing - Chattanooga MSA

Median Home Sale Prices

2003	\$116,700
2004	\$125,400
2005	\$131,900
2006	\$136,000
2007	\$130,900

Source: National Association of Realtors

Average Monthly Rent

Average rental for a two bedroom, 1 1/2 bath mid-management household, stove and refrigerator included: \$625

Medical

Hospitals/Beds	10/1,905
Nursing Homes/Beds	12/1,821
Doctors	1,134
Dentists	209

Sources: Tennessee Department of Health, 2006

Recreation & Culture

Parks	50 parks, over 600 total acres
Golf	9 private/14 public golf courses
White Water Rafting	3 area rivers
Mountain Climbing	Lookout Mountain, Signal Mountain and Smoky Mountains

More than 40 area attractions including:

African-American Museum
 Chattanooga Choo Choo
 Chattanooga Regional History Museum
 Chattanooga Symphony and Opera
 Chattanooga Zoo
 Chester Frost Park
 Chickamauga & Chattanooga National Military Park
 Creative Discovery Museum
 Hunter Museum of American Art
 IMAX 3D Theater
 International Towing and Recovery Museum
 Lookout Mountain Incline Railway
 Rock City Gardens
 Ruby Falls
 Tennessee Aquarium
 Tennessee River Park
 Tennessee Valley Railroad
 Class AA farm team of the Cincinnati Reds -
Chattanooga Lookouts at AT&T Field

Community Facilities

Religious

Over 1,000 churches representing all Protestant faiths and 8 Catholic parishes; 3 synagogues; 2 Greek Orthodox churches; 1 mosque.

Hamilton County has a variety of conference and banquet facilities including:

The Chattanooga Convention Center, a 312,000 square foot facility with 21 meeting rooms and 6 ballrooms

The Chattanooga Conference Center, a 25,000 square foot facility with 20 meeting rooms

The Chattanooga Choo-Choo which has over 30,000 square feet of convention space and 12 meeting rooms.

Commercial

Hotels & Motels/Rooms (approx.)	140/9,000
Bed & Breakfasts	14
Regional Malls	5
Libraries/Branches	7/4

Sources: Chattanooga Area Convention & Visitors Bureau, individual facilities

Telecommunications

Primary Provider: AT&T	
10 Central Offices - all digital network	
ISDN	Internet
ASDL	SONET

Communication Advantages

Multiple POPS for all major long distance and local carriers

6 Local Service Providers

Digital wireless service

Wireless telephone (digital & analog)

High-speed cable modems available through local cable provider

Utilities

Electricity

EPB

Natural Gas

Chattanooga Gas Company
 Pipeline Supplier: Southern Natural Gas and
 East Tennessee Natural Gas

Water

Tennessee-American Water Company	
Rated Capacity	65 MGD
Average Daily Demand	39.233 MGD
Peak Demand	56.000 MGD

Eastside Utility	
Rated Capacity	16 MGD
Average Daily Demand	6.89 MGD
Peak Demand	9.28 MGD

Hixson Utility	
Rated Capacity	20 MGD
Average Daily Demand	6.86 MGD
Peak Demand	10.67 MGD

Sewer/Waste Management

Moccasin Bend Treatment Plant	
Capacity	140 MGD
Peak Hydraulic Capacity	220 MGD
City Recycling Programs	Yes

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