

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, Delta, U.S. Airways

Nonstop Flights to: Atlanta, Charlotte, Chicago, Dallas, Detroit, Orlando, Tampa and Washington D.C.

Daily Flights: 48

Ports

Port of Chattanooga
Centre South Riverport
Savannah, GA
Mobile, AL
New Orleans, LA

Distance from Chattanooga

Within city limits
Within city limits
366 miles
404 miles
489 miles

Population

Total Population	1990	2000	2013
Chattanooga	152,826	155,554	173,366
Hamilton County	285,536	307,896	348,673
Chattanooga MSA*	433,194	476,531	541,744
Tennessee	4,877,187	5,689,283	6,495,978

Hamilton County Population by Age

	2000	2013	% Change
Under 5 years	18,444	21,104	6.0%
5-14	40,978	41,055	11.7%
15-19	20,667	22,289	6.4%
20-24	20,974	25,424	7.3%
25-34	41,730	45,744	13.1%
35-44	47,595	44,542	12.7%
45-54	45,447	50,028	14.3%
55-64	29,452	47,780	13.7%
65-74	22,652	27,878	8.0%
75-84	14,717	17,043	4.9%
85+	5,240	7,118	2.0%
Median Age	37.5	39.6	

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

Source: US Census Bureau

Government

Type of Government	City of Chattanooga Council/ Mayor	Hamilton Co. Commission/ Mayor
Law Enforcement	475	373
Firefighters	429	—
Volunteer Firemen	—	500
Fire Insurance Ratings	2	3-9

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

Climate

Annual Average Temperature	60.9°F
Average January Daily Temperature	40.5°F
Average July Daily Temperature	80.0°F
Average Annual Rainfall	52.5 inches
Average Annual Snowfall	3.9 inches
Average Elevation (Downtown)	675 feet

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

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Education

Public Schools (2012-2013)

Hamilton County School System

Number of Elementary Schools	47
Number of Middle/High Schools	12/20
Total Student Enrollment	43,691
Total Number of Teachers	3,088
Faculty with Advanced Degrees (includes Administration)	1,793

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

ACT Scores (2013 Average)

	Combined Score	% Tested
Hamilton County	18.7	100.0
Tennessee	19.1	100.0
United States	20.9	54.0

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

Private Schools (2013)

Total Number of Schools	35*
Total Student Enrollment	11,140*

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

Source: Private School Review LLC web site

Colleges and Universities (2013)

	Total Enrollment
The University of TN at Chattanooga	11,674
Chattanooga State Community College	9,910
Southern Adventist University	3,127
Covenant College	1,173
Tennessee Temple University	300

Source: Individual Schools

Retail Sales

Hamilton County Gross Retail Sales

2008	\$5,438,410,222
2009	\$4,754,562,263
2010	\$5,160,419,759
2011	\$5,539,994,960
2012	\$5,846,190,527

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
2012	83	\$319,612,000
2013	75	\$ 94,257,000

Chattanooga MSA Residential

Year	# Permits	Value
2012	1,184	\$253,430,000
2013	1,237	\$257,009,000

Cost of Living

ACCRA Cost of Living

	All Items	Food	Housing
Chattanooga, TN	93.0	91.6	88.3
Huntsville, AL	94.6	89.7	79.6
Lexington, KY	89.7	86.3	76.1
Jackson, MS	89.6	84.5	80.2
Atlanta, GA	95.3	91.4	87.7

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, Annual Average 2013

Housing - Chattanooga MSA

Median Home Sale Prices

2009	\$122,600
2010	\$121,400
2011	\$121,400
2012	\$129,100
2013	\$132,300

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: \$774

Source: ACCRA Cost of Living Index, Annual Average 2013

Medical

Hospitals/Beds	11/5,459
Nursing Homes/Beds	12/1,779
Medical Doctors	1,138
Dentists	247

Sources: Tennessee Department of Health, 2013

Labor

Labor Force Draw Area*	15 counties
Population of Labor Force Area (2013)	998,427
Labor Force (2013)	457,188
Right-to-Work Law	Yes

Unemployment Rate (2013 Average Annual)	
Hamilton County	7.9%
Labor Force Draw Area*	8.0%
Tennessee	8.2%
United States	7.4%

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 Ind. Relations

*15-County Labor Draw Area: Bledsoe, Bradley, Hamilton, Marion, McMinn, Meigs, Polk, Rhea, Sequatchie, in TN; Catoosa, Dade, Walker & Whitfield Counties in GA; DeKalb and Jackson Counties in AL

Employment Assistance

For a complete list of area employment resources visit
www.careerlink.com, www.jobs4TN.gov and
www.jobs.timesfreepress.com

or

Tennessee Career Center - Chattanooga
 5600 Brainerd Road, Suite A-5
 Chattanooga, TN 37411
 (423) 894-5354
 Fax: (423) 894-2758
<http://www.tennessee.gov/labor-wfd/cc/>

Taxes

Property Tax Rates 2013

	City of Chattanooga	Hamilton County
Chattanooga City Rate	\$2.3090	—
Hamilton County Rate	\$2.7652	\$2.7652
County General Fund	\$1.3816	\$1.3816
County Road Fund	\$0.0110	\$0.0110
County School Fund	\$1.3726	\$1.3726
Total Tax Rate	\$5.0742	\$2.7652

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

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

Water Tax Rate	State (%)	Local (%)	Total (%)
Residential	7.0	2.25	9.25
Non-Manufacturer*	7.0	2.25	9.25
Manufacturer**	1.0	0.5	1.5

*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

Chattanooga MSA Largest Employers (with 500+ full-time employees)

Company	Full-Time	Part-Time	Company	Full-Time	Part-Time
•Hamilton County Dept. of Education	4,480	1,421	The University of TN at Chattanooga	1,205	32
•BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee	4,238	50	Parkridge Medical Center, Inc.	1,164	86
Tennessee Valley Authority	4,126	1	•U.S. Xpress Enterprises, Inc.	1,005	28
•Erlanger Health System	3,468	372	Convergys Corporation	800	
Memorial Health Care System	2,832	451	•Kenco Group	744	
•Unum	2,800		•Orange Grove Center, Inc.	710	129
•McKee Foods Corporation	2,750		Chattem Inc.	697	9
•City of Chattanooga	2,685	408	•Chattanooga State Community College	671	61
Volkswagen Chattanooga	2,107		Hutcheson Medical Center	638	281
Amazon.com.dcdc LLC	1,966	13	BI-LO, LLC	608	1,330
•Hamilton County Government	1,780	171	Koch Foods, LLC	598	
Roper Corporation	1,500		•Walden Security	556	125
CIGNA HealthCare	1,350	25	United States Postal Service	550	
•Astec Industries, Inc.	1,308		•EPB	542	2
Pilgrim's Pride Corporation	1,300	9			

*Locally owned and/or headquartered

Employers with 500+ employees in descending order by largest number of full-time employees as of 12/31/13.

Source: Company Personnel Departments

Recreation & Culture

Parks	75+ parks, approx. 4,000 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
 Enterprise South Nature Park
 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 Los Angeles Dodgers -
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

The telecommunications infrastructure available in Chattanooga is state-of-the-art. Both traditional and competitive local exchange carriers provide service. Chattanooga's communication advantages include digital switching centers with computerized switching technology and Common Channel Signaling technology that provides a wide variety of intelligent network services to improve business productivity and efficiency. In addition, SNET transport technology, Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN) and ADSL are available. Chattanooga has multiple points of presence for all major long distance and local carriers.

The fastest and most comprehensive Fiber-to-the-Home and Smart Grid in the United States is available in Chattanooga. The Gigabit Passive Optical Network (GPON) can be accessed by all homes and businesses throughout a 600 square-mile service area through a 100% fiber optic network that delivers 1 gigabit speeds.

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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