

KNOXVILLE AREA STATISTICS

*The Knoxville Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) refers to Anderson, Blount, Knox, Loudon, and Union counties.

Airlines8
 American Eagle, ComAir, Continental Express, Delta, Northwest/Northwest AirLink, United Express, USAirways Express
 Daily flights 120

Air Services
 Cargo services5
 Freight (tons) 2005 41,245

Air Passengers 1,846,794

Building Permits - 2005 (city/county)
 Total Number 4,133
 Total Value \$820,233,680

Bus Terminals
 Greyhound/Trailways1

Businesses - 2003 Census
 Knox County 11,066
 MSA* 16,011

Churches 430

Cost of Living
 (U.S. Average = 100)87.5

Dwelling Units (city/county)
 2000 Census171,439
 2005 estimate 188,897

Earnings - 2005 MSA*
 Average All Production Workers
 Per Hour \$15.55
 Per Week \$611
 Average Annual Pay \$32,344

Education
 College Graduates
 (percent of population) 29
 College/University Enrollment 2004-05
 University of Tennessee 26,000
 Pellissippi State Technical
 Community College 7,600
 Schools
 Public88
 Private/Parochial 46
 Business/Vocational 20

Employment - 2005 MSA*
 Annual Average 324,200
 Labor Force 339,020
 Unemployment 4.4%

Golf Courses
 Public - Knox County10
 (Weekday Fees = \$30; Weekend Fees = \$45)
 Country Clubs5

Government
 City of Knoxville:
 Mayor; 9 Council members (4-year terms)
 Knox County:
 County Mayor; Board of 19 Commissioners
 (4-year terms)

Historic Districts17

Hospital Systems (Knox County)
 General Use7
 Children's Hospital1
 Beds, approximate number 2,763

Hotel/Motel Rooms
 Number7,860
 Average Room Rate \$80.00
 Occupancy Rate 62.2%

Housing—2005 Median Sales Price
 Knox County \$148,000
 U.S. \$213,000
 Apartment Rent \$567

Industrial Properties - 2005
 Number of Buildings 606
 Total Square Feet (in millions) 33.2
 Vacancy Rate 13.0%

Libraries
 Knox County Public Library
 Size of Collection 1,043,750
 Branches 20

Manufacturing Establishments - 2003 Census
 Knox County 442
 MSA* 752

Newspapers - circulation
 The Knoxville News-Sentinel
 Daily 120,484
 Sunday 152,822
 Weeklies, Biweeklies, and Monthlies
 Total Number 12

Office Properties - 2005
 Buildings522
 Total sq. ft. (in millions) 19.7
 Vacancy Rate 12.3%
 Average Rent (sq ft) \$14.63

Park Area (approximate public acreage)
 Knox County 4,524

Population - (2000 Census)
 City of Knoxville 173,890
 (2004) 178,118
 Knox County (including city) 382,032
 (2005) 404,972
 MSA* 616,079
 (2005) 655,400
 Knox County Median Age 38

Radio and Television
 Radio Stations 26
 Television Stations 11

Railroad Lines
 CSX/Seaboard, Norfolk Southern 2
 Miles of Lines 170

Retail Establishments - 2003 Census
 Knox County 1,866
 MSA* 2,730

Retail Sales (thousands) - 2005
 Knox County \$9,806,955
 Sales Per Capita \$24,216
 MSA* \$13,441,472

Service Establishments - 2003 Census
 Knox County 5,365
 MSA* 7,687

Shopping Centers - 2004
 Number 154
 Total sq. ft. (in millions) 14.9
 Vacancy Rate 6.9%

Temperature
 (average yearly) 58°F

Theaters
 Movie Screens 94
 Performance Theaters 11
 Dinner Theaters 1

Water Transportation - 2005
 Port of Knoxville (tons) 467,616
 Barges Per Year 474

Wholesale Establishments - 2003 Census
 Knox County 854
 MSA* 1,066



2006 Knoxville Area Facts & Figures



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LOCATION AND CLIMATE

Founded in 1791 where the French Broad and Holston Rivers meet to form the Tennessee River, Knoxville is the largest city in East Tennessee, ranking third statewide with a metropolitan population of 655,400. It is located in a broad valley between the Cumberland Mountains to the northwest and the Great Smoky Mountains to the southeast. These two ranges afford an attractive natural setting and provide a moderate, four-season climate, with average monthly temperatures ranging from 38 degrees in January to 78 degrees in July. The City of Knoxville comprises 103.2 square miles of the 526-square mile total for Knox County. Downtown Knoxville is 936 feet above sea level.



LIVABILITY

Knoxville continually receives high honors for quality of life. The city recently earned a five-star rating from *Expansion Management* magazine based on a strong showing in public schools, affordable housing, low crime rates, access to air service, continuing education, and standard of living. It is the only city in Tennessee and one of 50 nationwide to receive the magazine's top rating. The Millenium edition of *Places Rated Almanac* awarded Knoxville the title of "best place to live in the United States and Canada" among cities with population under one million. Knoxville was also selected by *Pinnacle Living* magazine as an ideal locale for people seeking to relocate, retire, or establish a second home.

EDUCATION



Knox County operates 88 public schools, including 51 elementary, 14 middle, and 12 high schools, two vocational schools, and several special/adult education centers. Included in the total are five magnet schools offering enhanced arts and science curriculum. Total enrollment in 2005 was 49,999. The system employs 3,437 teachers, with an average classroom ratio of

one teacher for every 15 students. In addition to public education, there are 46 private and parochial schools offering elementary and secondary instruction in Knox County.

Post-secondary education is available at 10 public and private four-year institutions in Knox County and surrounding area. The University of Tennessee is the largest, with an average enrollment of 26,000 students at its main campus in Knoxville. Four community colleges offer two-year, associate degree programs, and several vocational and technical institutions also serve the area.

ARTS AND CULTURE

The Knoxville Symphony, the Knoxville Opera Company, and the Tennessee Children's Dance Ensemble are among the many exceptional

arts organizations in the city. Choral groups, dance companies, and 10 theatres, including the renovated Tennessee and Bijou Theaters, also promote the arts. Live entertainment includes touring Broadway productions, ice shows, concerts, and circuses. The Knoxville Museum of Art and the Emporium Center for Arts and Culture feature changing exhibits throughout the year, while the area's libraries, historic sites, and museums, such as the Museum of Appalachia and the Beck Cultural Center, celebrate Knoxville's heritage.



RECREATION AND TOURISM

Knox County has 4,500 acres of park and recreation space, including 27 recreation centers, six senior citizen centers, 94 playgrounds, 87 tennis courts, 10 public golf courses, and more than 60 miles of greenways and walking trails. Knoxville's Zoological Gardens and Ijams Nature Center attract visitors both young and old. Nearby is the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, the country's most visited, with over 9.3 million guests in 2005. Visitors enjoy the natural beauty and leisure activities that can be found there and at the numerous other state parks, lakes, and resorts which dot the area.

For sports fans, Knoxville has much to offer. Nationally-ranked University of Tennessee varsity teams draw thousands of enthusiasts to football, basketball, and many other NCAA events each year. The Tennessee Smokies provide class AA professional baseball, and the Knoxville Ice Bears bring minor league hockey to local fans. The city is also home to the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame.



Special seasonal events include the Dogwood Arts Festival in the spring, Sundown in the City during summer months, Boomsday in the fall, and December's celebration, Christmas in the City. Knoxville supports an active tourism and convention trade with a 500,000-square foot convention center located downtown at World's Fair Park. Other local facilities are a large civic coliseum/auditorium, two exhibition halls, and a 25,000-seat arena.

Knoxville ranked fourth nationally in Hotwire.com's *Travel Value Index* for offering local discounts, low hotel and airline rates, and affordable entertainment. In 2004, travelers spent more than \$637 million in Knox County, placing it fourth in the state for visitor expenditures. Almost 9,000 people are employed in travel-related jobs locally.

CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS

The Knoxville Area Chamber Partnership has over 2,100 members who participate in economic development, general commerce, and community affairs. About 150 civic groups and 270 neighborhood associations are active in the city and county. United Way and Community Shares support many youth, family, and social service programs, and organizations such as the Community Action Committee and Child and Family Tennessee also offer local assistance. More than 430 churches, serving many faiths and denominations, meet the religious needs of the community.

COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

Knoxville is recognized as one of the best cities in the U.S. for business and careers according to this year's rankings by *Forbes* magazine. The city placed fifth overall among 200 competitors, earning high marks in job growth, cost of living, income growth, and other community indicators. *Expansion Management* magazine's 2006 list of hottest cities for business expansions and relocations ranked Knoxville ninth in the nation, up five spots from a year ago. Knoxville's favorable business climate has fostered an economy driven by health and education services, retail trade,



local companies added 3,500 jobs and over \$340 million in new business investment. Across the metro area, new investment totaled \$698 million and netted almost 5,400 jobs.

Four regional malls and 160 shopping centers and factory outlets comprise the retail landscape of the Knoxville area. Total retail sales hit \$9.8 billion in Knox County in 2005, up 11% from last year. The Knoxville MSA grossed over \$13.4 billion, a 10% gain, and ranked 52nd nationwide, according to *Sales and Marketing Management*.

INCOME

In 2004, Knox County's per capita personal income was sixth highest in the state at \$32,040, a 5.9% increase from 2003. State and national increases were 4.9%, or \$29,844, and 5.0%, or \$33,050, respectively, during the same period. The annual growth rate of per capita income in Knox County over the past 10 years averaged 3.9%.

LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT

The 2005 civilian labor force (full- and part-time, non-farm wage and salary employees, and self-employed persons) in the Knoxville MSA was 339,020, with an average unemployment rate of 4.4%. Knox County reported a total labor force of 214,780 and 4.1% unemployment. Local rates were lower than the statewide average of 5.6% and the national level of 5.1%.

A diversified economy is credited for the stability of local employment and wages. Employment by industry (excluding self-employed) for the Knoxville MSA in 2005:

INDUSTRY	NUMBER	PERCENTAGE
Natural Resources, Mining, Construction	16,800	5.1
Manufacturing	38,400	11.7
Durable goods	28,500	8.7
Nondurable goods	9,900	3.0
Wholesale Trade	16,100	4.9
Retail Trade	43,400	13.2
Transportation, Utilities	10,400	3.2
Information	5,900	1.8
Financial Activities	17,300	5.3
Professional, Business Services	39,200	12.0
Educational, Health Services	39,000	11.9
Leisure and Hospitality	34,800	10.6
Other Services	13,800	4.2
Government	52,500	16.0
TOTAL	327,600	

Source: Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development, January 2006



government, and manufacturing. Many local companies are recognized as national and global leaders, including Clayton Homes, Brunswick Corporation, Goody's Family Clothing, Bush Brothers, Pilot Corporation, and Ruby Tuesday.

Knox County has 11 business parks and a Technology Corridor to meet a wide range of corporate facility needs. In 2005,

TAXES

Under Tennessee Constitutional law, residential property is assessed at 25% of appraised value, and commercial/industrial property is assessed at 40%. The current property tax rate for Knox County residents is \$2.96 per \$100 assessed value. The assessment in the City of Knoxville is \$3.05 per \$100. City residents pay both property taxes.

The state sales tax is 6% on food and food ingredients and 7% on all other tangible personal property. The local rate, applicable countywide, is 2.25%, bringing the total sales tax in Knox County to 8.25-9.25%. About 72% of the local portion goes to the Knox County School system, the remainder dedicated to the general funds of the city and county.



There is no personal income tax in Tennessee, but the state does levy a tax of 6% on stock dividends and bond interest over \$1,250 for single-filers. Called the Hall Income Tax, it applies to both individuals and partnerships.

All businesses in Knox County must have an operating license. Establishments within the City of Knoxville must have both a city and county license. Business taxes are calculated on gross receipts and are assessed within one of four classes. Assessments range from 1/40 of 1% to 3/16 of 1%, depending on type of business. Many professional services and manufacturers are exempt from local business taxes but are responsible for the state's Professional Privilege Tax or Franchise and Excise Taxes. More information can be obtained from the business tax offices of the city at 865-215-2083 and the county at 865-215-2392. State tax information is available from the Department of Revenue, 615-253-0600.

TRANSPORTATION

An extensive transportation network connects Knoxville to the U.S. marketplace. Forty percent of the nation's population is within 600 miles of Knoxville via I-40, I-75, and I-81 which meet in the metro area. The city is directly linked to the Great Lakes by the Interconnected Inland Water System and to the Gulf of Mexico by the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway. Barge shipping is facilitated by three local river terminals. Also serving the area are 125 truck lines, two railroads, and eight airlines. Knoxville Area Transit (KAT) provides 28 public bus routes, operating 80 vehicles and carrying 3.2 million passengers a year in the city. In 2004, KAT garnered the prestigious American Public Transportation Association's *Outstanding Achievement Award*. KAT is scheduled to break ground on its new downtown Knoxville Station Transit Center, with state-of-the-art customer amenities and serving as the major transportation hub for metropolitan Knoxville.

COMMUNICATIONS

Knoxville businesses and residents have access to leading-edge communications technology. Downtown and other local sites are served by BellSouth's high capacity fiber optic network. Comcast, Knology, and Charter offer digital cable and high speed Internet access. Knoxville is 52nd in the country on Intel's list of cities with greatest wireless accessibility, offering over 25 wi-fi locations. The advanced communications network has attracted the telemarketing divisions of several large corporations to Knoxville.

UTILITIES

In much of Knox County, the Knoxville Utilities Board (KUB) provides natural gas, water, and wastewater services and distributes electric power generated by the Tennessee Valley Authority. Beyond KUB's service area, residents receive electricity from two local power companies, and water is supplied by six utility districts, five of which also provide wastewater treatment service.