

KNOXVILLE AREA Facts & Figures 2021



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. Its corporate limits comprise 104 of the 526-square mile total for Knox County. Knoxville is the urban heart of the metropolitan area, which consists of eight counties – Anderson, Blount, Campbell, Knox, Loudon, Morgan, Roane, and Union. Knoxville is located in a valley between the Cumberland and Great Smoky Mountains. This location offers a moderate, four-season climate, with normal daytime temperatures of 88 degrees in July and 48 degrees in January. Downtown Knoxville is 936 feet above sea level.

LIVABILITY

Knoxville ranks among the nation's best places to live, raise a family, and own a business. It was ranked 14th "Least Expensive City" by Yahoo Finance in 2019, 2nd in Yahoo's "10 Coolest Cities with the Lowest Cost of Living" in 2021, and 7th in U-Haul's "Top 25 Growth Cities" for 2020.

COST OF LIVING (2021)

Metropolitan Area	83.7
U.S. Average	100

POPULATION AND HOUSING



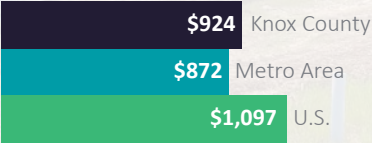
POPULATION (2020)



MEDIAN SINGLE-FAMILY HOME SALES PRICE (2021)



MEDIAN MONTHLY RENT (2019)



RESIDENTIAL UNITS (2020)

Knox County.....	211,738
New units added.....	3,637
Value of new construction (\$ million).....	\$676.5

ARTS AND CULTURE

ORGANIZATIONS: Knoxville Symphony, Knoxville Opera Company, Dogwood Arts, the Arts & Culture Alliance, and the Joy of Music School are a few of many located in the area.



VENUES: Tennessee and Bijou Theaters, Clayton Center for the Arts, Knoxville Civic Coliseum, Clarence Brown Theatre, the Mill & Mine, and WDVX radio station are among the most visited live entertainment venues in the City.

MUSEUMS AND CENTERS: Knoxville Museum of Art, Emporium Center for Arts and Culture, East Tennessee History Center, McClung Museum of Natural History and Culture, Museum of Appalachia, and Beck Cultural Exchange Center showcase art and regional heritage. Muse Knoxville is an experiential children’s science museum and outreach program in schools across the region. Neighboring Gatlinburg is home to the renowned Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts.

EVENTS: Hundreds of special events take place each year. Some of the most well-known and well-attended include Big Ears Music Festival, Mardi Growl, Dogwood Arts, Chalk Walk, Covenant Health Marathon, Kuumba Festival, Rossini Festival, HoLa Festival, Brewers Jam, PrideFest, Tour de Lights, Fantasy of Trees, and the Tennessee Valley Fair.



RADIO AND TELEVISION

Radio Stations.....	51
Television stations.....	16



THEATERS

Knox County	
Movie theaters/screens.....	10/85
Live performance theaters.....	14



NEWSPAPERS

Knox County:
 Knoxville News Sentinel,
 Farragut Press, Knoxville
 Focus, Shopper News,
 Compass (online only)

Region:
 Oak Ridger (Anderson
 County), Daily Times
 (Blount County), News-
 Herald (Loudon County),
 Mountain Press (Sevier
 County), Union News
 Leader (Union County)



RECREATION AND TOURISM

Knoxville has an international reputation as an outdoor adventure destination. Just three miles from downtown is Knoxville’s Urban Wilderness with 50 miles of multi-use trails. Baker Creek, the city’s first bike park, offers seven miles of unpaved hiking and biking trails and serves as an entrance to the 1,000-acre Urban Wilderness in South Knoxville. Concord, I.C. King, and Sharps Ridge Memorial parks provide 25 additional miles of trails.

Other adventures can be found at Ijams Nature Center, Outdoor Knoxville, Seven Islands State Birding Park, and House Mountain State Natural Area. Zoo Knoxville, a family favorite, opened a new 2.5-acre reptile and amphibian habitat in April 2021. The region is also home to the country’s most visited national park, the Great Smoky Mountains. Despite a 46-day closure in the spring, the park still had 12.1 million guests in 2020 and set new visitation records for each month from August to December.



PARKS AND RECREATION (2021)

Knoxville and Knox County

Parks (acres).....	6,418
Greenways/hiking/biking trails (miles).....	198
Recreation/community centers.....	20
Senior centers.....	4
Skate parks.....	4
Dog parks.....	9
Public golf courses.....	10
Bike parks.....	1

SPORTS: Residents are proud of The University of Tennessee’s NCAA Division 1 football, basketball, baseball, and other teams. Tennessee Smokies, the AA affiliate of the Chicago Cubs in neighboring Sevier County, Knoxville Ice Bears minor league hockey, and the Women’s Basketball Hall of Fame all have devoted fans.

TOURISM: A 500,000-square foot convention center, large civic coliseum and auditorium, and UT’s 22,000-seat Thompson Boling Arena draw national events and thousands of visitors to the area.

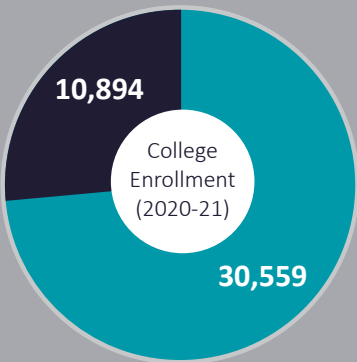
KNOX COUNTY ELEMENTARY/HIGH SCHOOLS

Demographics (2020-21)

Public schools.....	88
Enrollment.....	61,526
Teachers.....	4,391

Metrics (2019-2020)

Per pupil expenditures.....	\$9,342
Graduation rate.....	91.2%
Average ACT (composite).....	21.1
Private schools.....	31



- The University of Tennessee
- Pellissippi State Community College

37.7%

Knox County population with bachelor's degree or higher

EDUCATION

Included in Knox County's public schools are several magnet, STEM, and International Baccalaureate programs. Knox County is also home to Tennessee School for the Deaf, serving toddlers through age 22 in both residential and day programs.

POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION:

Four two-year colleges and 10 four-year universities are located in Knox County and surrounding area. The University of Tennessee is ranked 52nd among the nation's top public schools by U.S. News and World Report.



CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS

The Knoxville Chamber has more than 2,200 members. United Way, Community Shares, and Community Action Committee support many youth, family, and social service programs. More than 250 neighborhood associations and many civic groups are active throughout the city and county.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

City of Knoxville

Mayor and 9 council members
(4-year terms)

Knox County

Mayor and 11 commissioners
(4-year terms)



LIBRARIES (2021)

Knox County Public Library System

Main library and branches.....18
Special Collections: Knox County Archives &
Calvin M. McClung Historical Collection

HOSPITALS (2021)

Knox County

General.....6
Children’s.....1



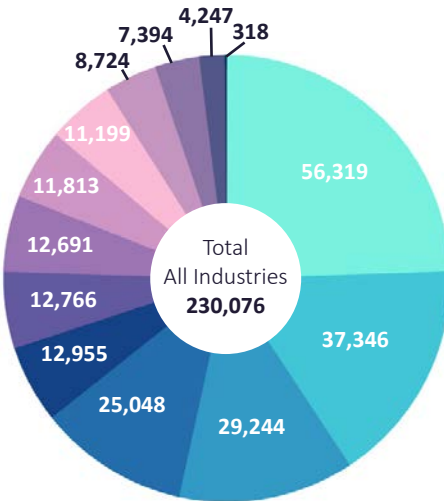
**COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY**

Denso Manufacturing, Discovery Communications, Jewelry Television, Regal Entertainment Group, The Dollywood Company, Pilot Flying J, Clayton Homes, Ruby Tuesday, and Bush Brothers call the Knoxville area home. The area also hosts Oak Ridge National Laboratory, the largest U.S. Department of Energy research facility and site of the world’s fastest supercomputer, employing 5,500 with an annual operating budget of \$2.4 billion.

Knox County has eight business parks and a Technology Corridor, and the area is marketed by the Knoxville Chamber.



KNOX COUNTY EMPLOYMENT (2020)



INDUSTRIES

- Education and Health Services
- Professional and Business Services
- Retail Trade
- Leisure and Hospitality
- Manufacturing
- Financial Activities
- Construction
- Transportation and Utilities
- Wholesale Trade
- Public Administration
- Other Services
- Information
- Natural Resources and Mining

Note: Due to disclosure requirements, the sum of the individual category counts will not match the All Industries total.

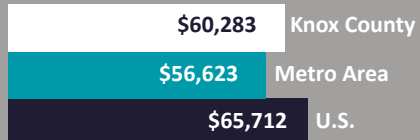


EARNINGS (2020)

Knox County

Weekly (all industries average) ..\$1,001

MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME (2019)

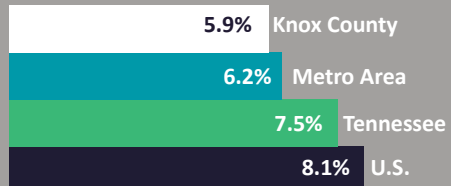


EMPLOYMENT (2020)

Labor Force



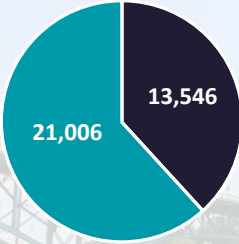
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (2020)



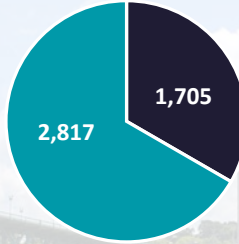
ESTABLISHMENTS (2020)

■ Metro Area ■ Knox County

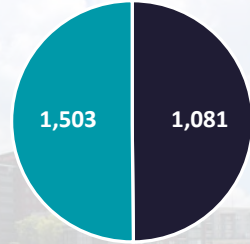
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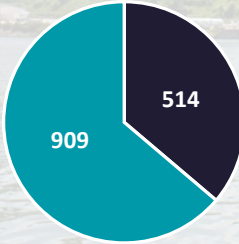
Retail



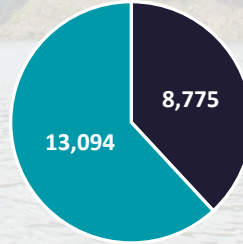
Wholesale



Manufacturing



Service



RETAIL SALES (2020)
Knox County

Sales Per Capita: \$22,740

Total Sales: \$10,815,509,989

TAXES

Residential Property

- 25% of appraised value
- Taxes are levied on each \$100 of assessed value

Commercial/Industrial Property

- 40% of appraised value

Knox County Tax Rate

- \$2.12 per \$100 assessment

Knoxville Tax Rate

(Knoxville property owners pay both city and county taxes.)

- \$2.4638 per \$100 assessment

State Sales Tax Rate

- 4% on food
- 7% on all other tangible personal property

Local Sales Tax Rate

(applicable countywide)

- 2.25%

Total Sales Tax Rate in Knox County

- 9.25%



TRANSPORTATION

Nearly half of the nation’s population is within a day’s drive of Knoxville via six Interstate Highways which transect the area.



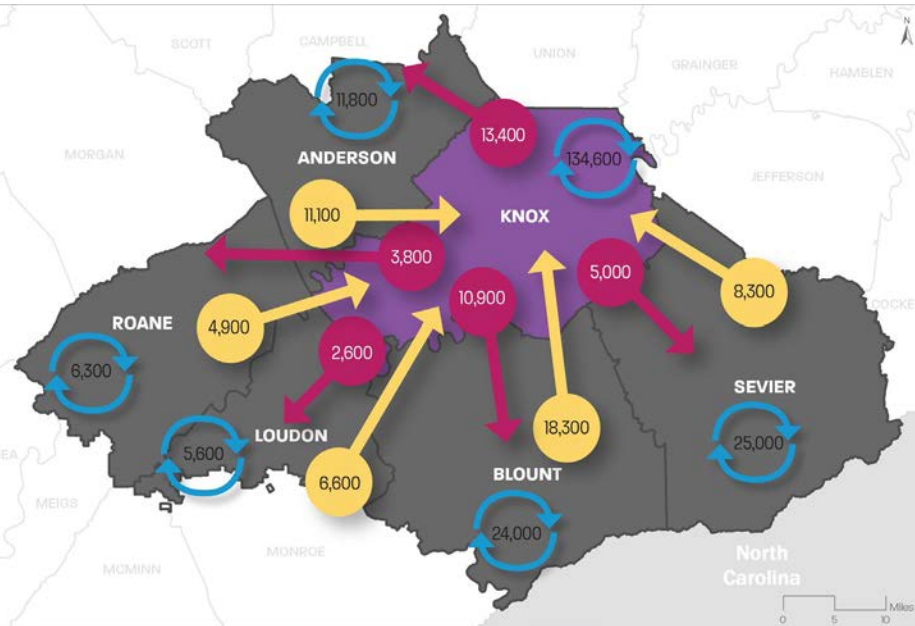
HIGHWAY (2019)

Interstates
40, 75, 81,
140, 275,
and 640

**Average
Daily Trips**
(I-40/75
in Knox
County)
215,220

**Trucking
Companies**
250

KNOX COUNTY COMMUTING PATTERNS





AIR (2019-20)

Airlines

Allegiant, American, Delta, Frontier, United

Daily Flights and Non-stop Destinations

130 flights/27 destinations

Passengers (annual)

1,952,143

Cargo Services and Freight

2 services/83,936,760 tons

RAIL (2019)

Systems (Knox County)

CSX, Norfolk Southern, KXHR-Gulf & Ohio

Miles of Lines (Knox County)

270

WATER (2020)

Cargo through Fort Loudoun Lock

387,890 tons

Five airlines fly to 27 non-stop destinations out of Knoxville's McGhee Tyson Airport (TYS), located 12 miles from downtown.

Also serving the area are three rail systems and a barge shipping network, the latter directly linked to the Great Lakes and Gulf of Mexico.



TRANSIT

Knoxville Area Transit (KAT) operates the city’s public transit system with a fleet of full-sized buses, neighborhood service buses, trolleys, and paratransit vans.



BUS (2020)

**Knoxville Area Transit (KAT)
Routes and Stops**

23 routes/1,150 stops

KAT Passengers and Vehicles

2.2 million passengers/94 vehicles

Long-distance

Greyhound, Trailways





COMMUNICATIONS

AT&T, Charter/Spectrum, Comcast/Xfinity, Mediacom, TDS, and WOW offer cable, high-speed Internet, and telephone service.

UTILITIES

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



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