



KNOXVILLE AREA

# Facts & Figures

2022

## 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. In 2021, it was ranked 10th "Most Affordable Major City" by Yahoo Finance and ranked 2nd in Yahoo's "10 Coolest Cities with the Lowest Cost of Living." U.S. News reports Knoxville as No. 35 among the best cities to live, No. 17 on their list of best places for young professionals, and a top 20 retirement destination.

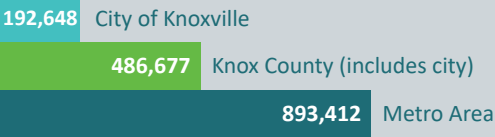
## COST OF LIVING (2021)

Metropolitan Area	83.6
U.S. Average	100

## POPULATION AND HOUSING



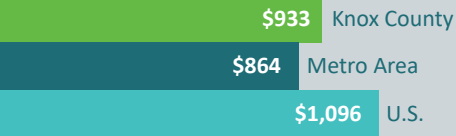
### POPULATION (2021)



### MEDIAN SINGLE-FAMILY HOME SALES PRICE (2022)



### MEDIAN MONTHLY RENT (2020)



### RESIDENTIAL UNITS (2021)

Knox County.....	214,053
New units added.....	3,810
Value of new construction.....	\$826.4 million

## 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, Children’s Festival of Reading, Dogwood Arts Festival, Chalk Walk, Covenant Health Marathon, Knoxville Brewfest, Knoxville Asian Festival, HoLa Festival, New Ground Music Festival, PrideFest, Tour de Lights, Fantasy of Trees, Dolly Fest, and the Tennessee Valley Fair.



**RADIO AND TELEVISION**

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

**THEATERS**

Movie theaters.....	9
Live performance theaters.....	14



**NEWS OUTLETS**

- Knox County:**  
Knoxville News Sentinel, Farragut Press, Knoxville Focus, Shopper News, Compass, Knoxville Daily Sun
- 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, especially for biking. Just three miles from downtown is Knoxville’s Urban Wilderness with over 65 miles of multi-use trails. Baker Creek, the city’s first bike park, offers more than seven miles of unpaved hiking and biking trails, pump tracks, and jump and skill lines. The William Hastie Natural Area gained two new mountain biking trails in May and six more biking trails are expected to open by the end of 2022. For the fifth year, Knoxville hosted the USA Cycling Professional Road National Championships in June 2022, attracting biking enthusiasts of all ages.



In addition to biking and hiking trails, the area is also home to the Knox County Water Trail, a project dedicated to clearing, cleaning, and caring for 44 miles of navigable water along Beaver Creek between Halls and Hardin Valley.

The city and county aim to make Knoxville the “Most Pet Friendly Community” in the country; the county’s 10 existing dog parks will be joined by nine more in the coming years, after which Knox County will have the most dog parks per capita in the United States.

The region is also home to the country’s most visited national park, the Great Smoky Mountains. The park had 14.1 million visits in 2021, breaking its previous record by 1.5 million. Other adventures can be found at Ijams Nature Center, Outdoor Knoxville, Seven Islands State Birding Park, and House Mountain State Natural Area.

PARKS AND RECREATION (2022)	
Knoxville and Knox County	
Park acreage.....	6,442
Greenways/hiking/biking trails (miles).....	207
Recreation/community centers.....	20
Senior centers.....	8
Skate parks.....	5
Dog parks.....	10
Public golf courses.....	8
Public disc golf courses.....	7
Bike parks.....	1



**SPORTS:** Residents are proud of The University of Tennessee’s NCAA Division 1 football, basketball, baseball, and other teams. Both the Tennessee Smokies, the AA affiliate of the Chicago Cubs in neighboring Sevier County, and Knoxville Ice Bears minor league hockey team have devoted fans. One Knoxville SC, Knoxville’s pre-professional soccer team, began its inaugural season in 2022 and gained a large following of local fans. Meanwhile, the Women’s Basketball Hall of Fame continues to draw hoops fans from across the country.

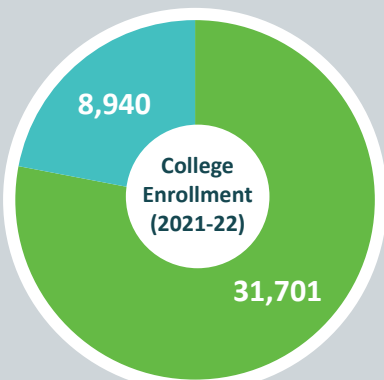
# KNOX COUNTY ELEMENTARY/HIGH SCHOOLS

## Demographics (2020-21)

Public schools.....	91
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

**38.8%**

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 46th among the nation's top public schools by U.S. News and World Report.



# CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS

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**

**Knox County Public Library System (2022)**

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

**HOSPITALS**

**Knox County (2022)**

General.....6 Beds.....2,347  
Children’s.....1 Beds.....152

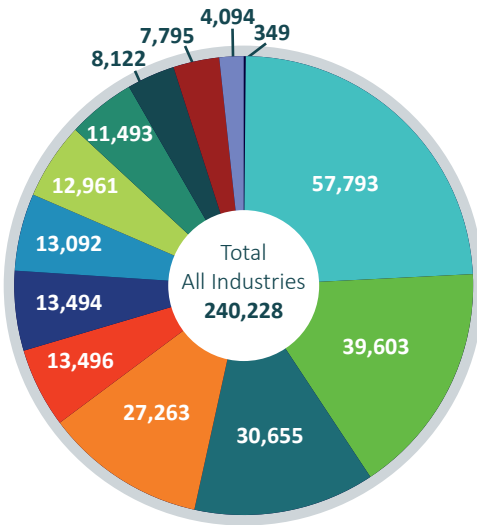


**COMMERCE  
AND INDUSTRY**

Denso Manufacturing, Jewelry Television, Regal Entertainment Group, The Dollywood Company, Pilot Flying J, Clayton Homes, Ruby Tuesday, Brunswick Boat Group, 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, which has more than 1,500 investors.

## KNOX COUNTY EMPLOYMENT (2021)



### INDUSTRIES

- Education and Health Services
- Professional and Business Services
- Retail Trade
- Leisure and Hospitality
- Financial Activities
- Manufacturing
- Transportation and Utilities
- Construction
- 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

### Knox County (2021)

Weekly (all industries average).....\$1,100

### MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME (2020)

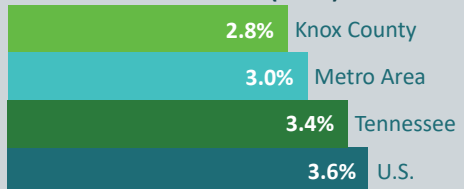


### EMPLOYMENT (2022)

#### Labor Force



### UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (2022)

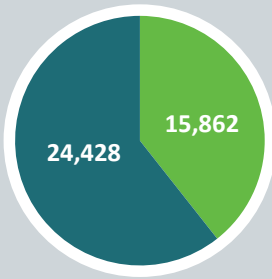




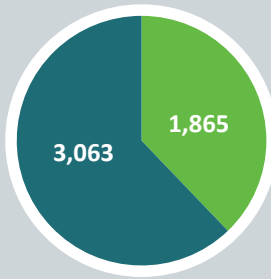
# ESTABLISHMENTS (2021)

■ Metro Area ■ Knox County

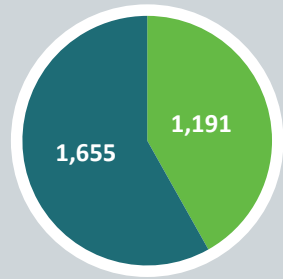
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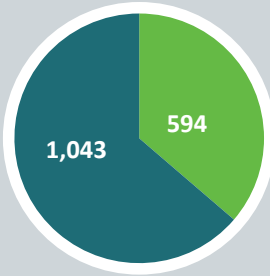
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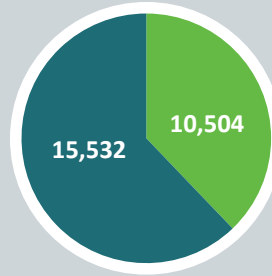
Wholesale



Manufacturing



Service



## RETAIL SALES (2021) Knox County

Sales Per Capita: \$27,046    Total Sales: \$13,162,440,884



## 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.)

- \$2.16 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%



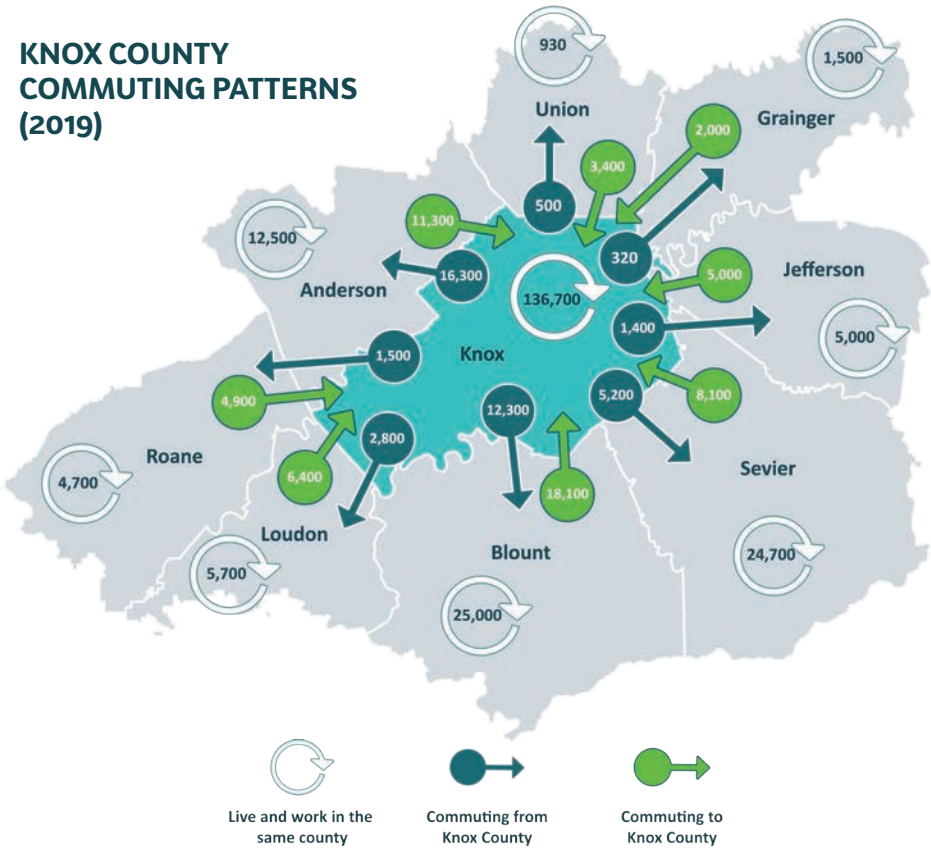
# TRANSPORTATION

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

HIGHWAY (2020) Interstates	Average Daily Trips (I-40/75 in Knox County)	Trucking Companies
40, 75, 81, 140, 275, and 640	170,026	250



## KNOX COUNTY COMMUTING PATTERNS (2019)



## **AIR (2020-21)**

### **Airlines**

Allegiant, American, Delta,  
Frontier, United

### **Daily Flights and Non-stop Destinations**

100 flights/28 destinations

### **Passengers (annual)**

1,391,469

### **Cargo Services and Freight**

2 services/44,206 tons



Five airlines fly to 28 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.



## **RAIL (2022)**

### **Systems (Knox County)**

CSX, Norfolk Southern,  
KXHR-Gulf & Ohio

### **Miles of Lines (Knox County)**

270

## **WATER (2021)**

### **Cargo through Fort Loudoun Lock**

283,330 tons

## 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 (2021)

#### Knoxville Area Transit

23 routes/1,129 stops

#### KAT Passengers and Vehicles

2.0 million passengers/94 vehicles

#### Long-distance

Greyhound, Trailways



## COMMUNICATIONS

AT&T, Charter/Spectrum, Comcast/Xfinity, Mediacom, TDS, and WOW offer cable television, 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.





# Planning

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