

# Facts & Figures

KNOXVILLE AREA | 2023



## 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 87 degrees in July and 48 degrees in January. Downtown Knoxville is 936 feet above sea level.

## COST OF LIVING (2023)

Metropolitan Area	85.5
U.S. Average	100

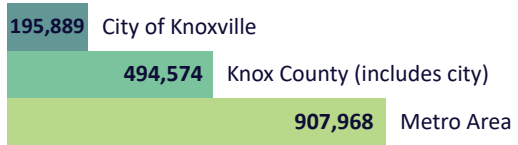
## LIVABILITY

Knoxville ranks among the nation's best places to live, raise a family, and own a business. In 2023, it was ranked 10th "Most Affordable Place to Live" in the nation and the #1 "Best Places to Live in Tennessee" by U.S. News. In addition, USA Today ranked Knoxville the 4th best arts district in the country in 2023, outshining several major cities like Chicago and Denver.

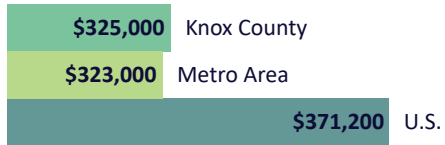
# POPULATION AND HOUSING



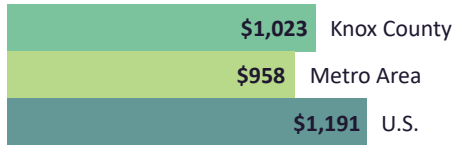
## POPULATION (2022)



## MEDIAN SINGLE-FAMILY HOME SALES PRICE (2023)



## MEDIAN MONTHLY RENT (2021)



## RESIDENTIAL UNITS (2022)

Knox County.....	214,080
New units added.....	4,191
Value of new construction.....	\$863.2 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, Brewfest, Knoxville Asian Festival, HoLa Festival, Open Streets, Pridefest, Tour de Lights, Fantasy of Trees, and the Tennessee Valley Fair.



**RADIO AND TELEVISION**

Radio stations.....52  
 Television stations.....16

**THEATERS**

Movie theaters.....6  
 Live performance theaters.....14



**NEWS OUTLETS**

**Knox County:**

Knoxville News Sentinel, Farragut Press, Knoxville Focus, Shopper News, Compass (online only), Knoxville Daily Sun (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 over 65 miles of multi-use trails and 1,000 acres of recreation space. The entrance to the Urban Wilderness is Baker Creek Preserve, offering more than seven miles of unpaved hiking and biking trails. In addition to exploring greenways and trails, Knoxville residents and visitors enjoy the area’s blueways – the Tennessee River and its tributaries are popular destinations for boaters, kayakers, and paddle-boarders.



The region is also home to the country’s most visited national park, the Great Smoky Mountains. The park had about 13 million visits in 2022 – more than twice as many visitors as the park was getting a decade ago. Other adventures can be found at Ijams Nature Center, Outdoor Knoxville, Seven Islands State Birding Park, and House Mountain State Natural Area.



<b>PARKS AND RECREATION (2023)</b>	
<b>Knoxville and Knox County</b>	
Park acreage.....	6,443
Greenways/hiking/biking trails (miles).....	212
Recreation/community centers.....	20
Senior centers.....	8
Skate parks.....	5
Dog parks.....	11
Public golf courses.....	8
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 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 visitors from across the country.

## KNOX COUNTY ELEMENTARY/HIGH SCHOOLS

### Demographics (2021-22)

Public schools.....	91
Enrollment.....	58,873
Teachers.....	4,352

### Metrics (2020-2021)

Per pupil expenditures.....	\$10,056
Graduation rate.....	90.0%
Average ACT (composite).....	20.4
Private schools.....	35

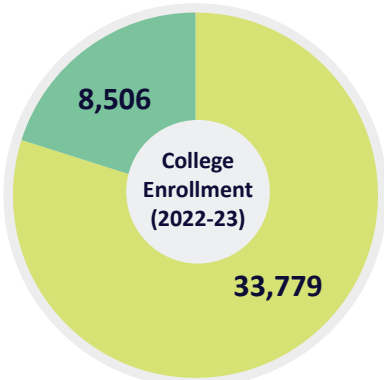


## EDUCATION

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 53rd among the nation's top public schools by U.S. News and World Report.



- The University of Tennessee
- Pellissippi State Community College

**40.5%**

Knox County population with bachelor's degree or higher

## 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 (2023)

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

## HOSPITALS

### Knox County (2023)

General.....	6	Beds.....	2,433
Children's.....	1	Beds.....	152

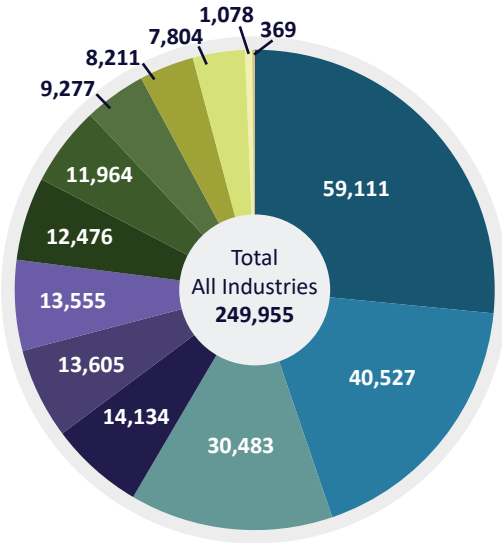


## COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

Denso Manufacturing, Discovery Communications, 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 site of the world's fastest supercomputer and the largest U.S. Department of Energy research facility, employing 5,700 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 1,400 investors.

## KNOX COUNTY EMPLOYMENT (2022)



### INDUSTRIES

- Education and Health Services
- Professional and Business Services
- Leisure and Hospitality
- Manufacturing
- Construction
- Transportation and Utilities
- Financial Activities
- Wholesale Trade
- Retail 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 (2022)

Weekly (all industries average).....\$1,153

### MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME (2021)

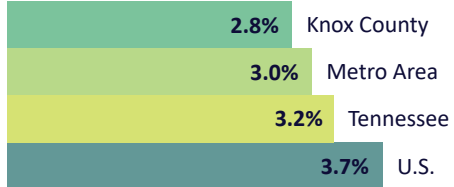


### EMPLOYMENT (2023)

#### Labor Force

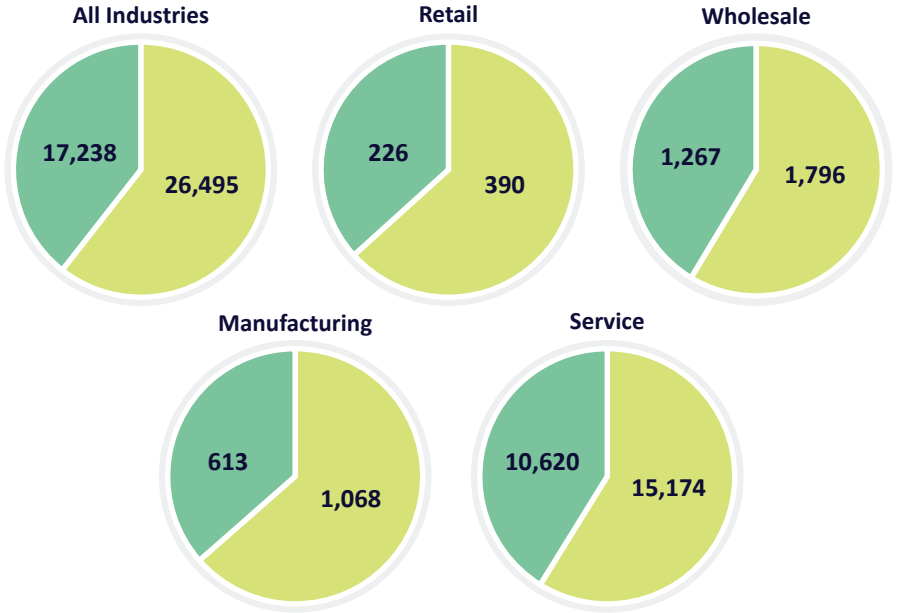


### UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (2023)



## ESTABLISHMENTS (2022)

Knox County Metro Area



## RETAIL SALES (2022) Knox County

Sales Per Capita: \$28,586 Total Sales: \$14,137,873,592



## 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

- \$1.55 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%



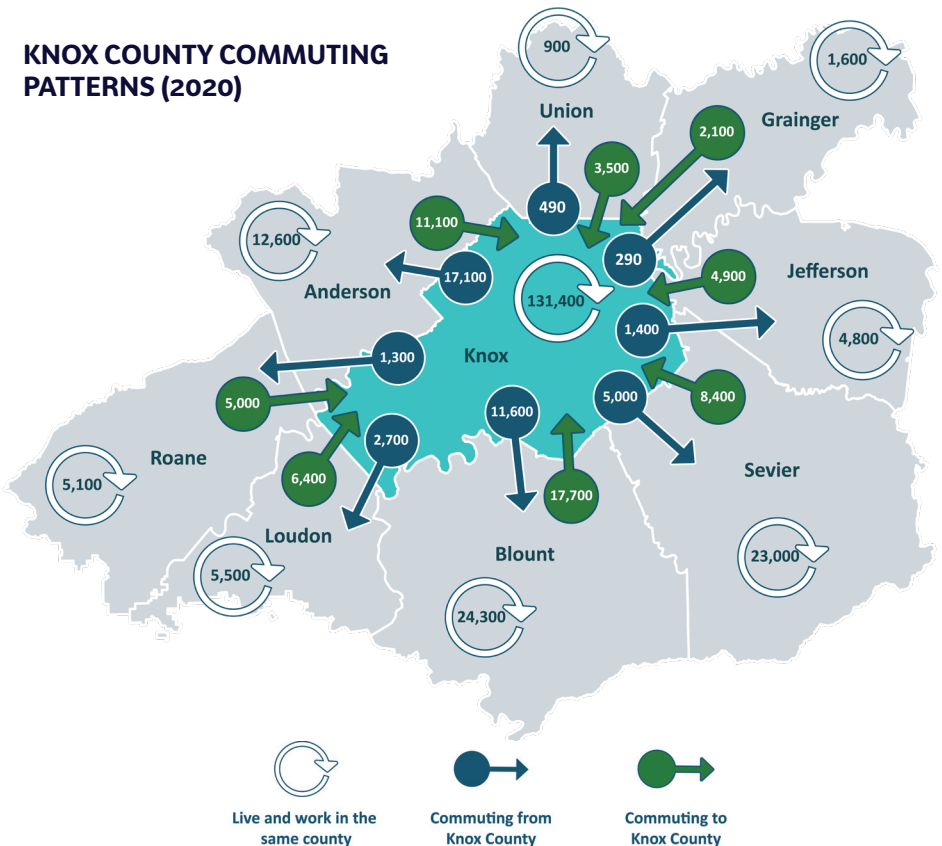
## TRANSPORTATION

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

HIGHWAY (2022) Interstates	Average Daily Trips (I-40/75 in Knox County)	Trucking Companies
40, 75, 81, 140, 275, and 640	211,587	250



### KNOX COUNTY COMMUTING PATTERNS (2020)



## **AIR (2021-22)**

### **Airlines**

Allegiant, American, Delta,  
Frontier, United

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

100 flights/30 destinations

### **Passengers (annual)**

2,343,910

### **Cargo Services and Freight**

2 services/85,823,544 pounds



Five airlines fly to 30 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 (2023)**

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

CSX, Norfolk Southern,  
KXHR-Gulf & Ohio

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

270

## **WATER (2022)**

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

637,230 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**  
1.7 million passengers/94 vehicles

**Long-distance**  
Greyhound, Trailways



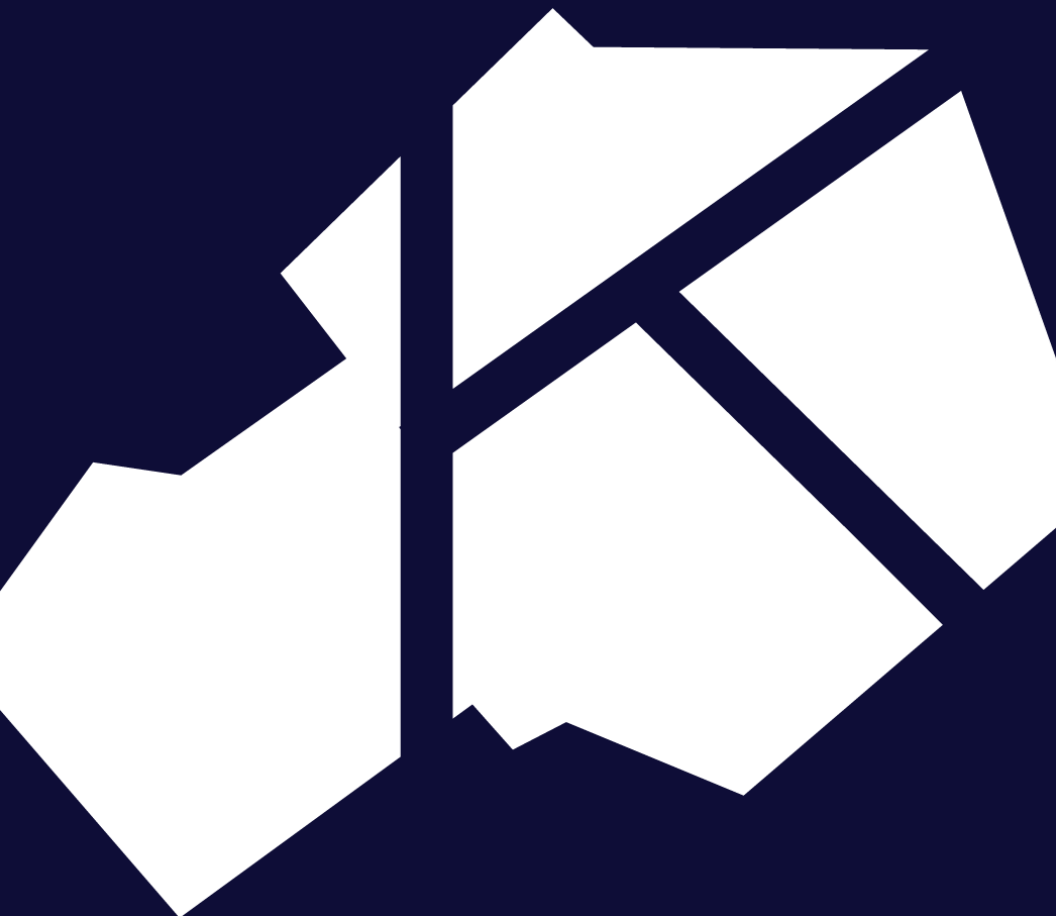
## COMMUNICATIONS

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.





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