

# 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 Connection, Northwest Airlinck, U.S. Airways Express

Nonstop Flights to: Atlanta, Charlotte, Chicago, Dallas, Ft. Lauderdale, Memphis, Orlando, Tampa/St. Pete and Washington D.C.

Daily Flights: 58

#### Ports

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

#### Distance from Chattanooga

Within city limits  
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366 miles  
404 miles  
489 miles

### Population

Total Population	1990	2000	2009 (Est.)
Chattanooga	152,826	155,554	178,767
Hamilton County	285,536	307,896	362,632
Chattanooga MSA*	433,194	476,531	550,922
Tennessee	4,877,187	5,689,283	6,392,551

### Hamilton County Population by Age

	2000	2009 (Est.)	% Change
Under 5 years	18,444	25,309	7.0%
5-14	40,978	43,396	12.0%
15-19	20,667	23,524	6.5%
20-24	20,974	24,965	6.9%
25-34	41,730	42,612	11.8%
35-44	47,595	47,869	13.2%
45-54	45,447	53,545	14.8%
55-64	29,452	46,284	12.8%
65-74	22,652	30,463	8.4%
75-84	14,717	18,617	5.1%
85+	5,240	6,081	1.7%
Median Age	37.5	39.7	

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

Source: US Census Bureau, DemographicsNow

### Government

	City of Chattanooga	Hamilton Co.
Type of Government	Council/ Mayor	Commission/ Mayor
Law Enforcement	460	304
Firefighters	400	—
Volunteer Firemen	—	500 (approx.)
Fire Insurance Ratings	2	3-9

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

### Climate

Annual Average Temperature	60.5°F
Average January Daily Temperature	39.3°F
Average July Daily Temperature	79.3°F
Average Annual Rainfall	53.3 inches
Average Annual Snowfall	2.8 inches
Average Elevation (Downtown)	675 feet

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

## Labor

Labor Force Draw Area*	18 counties
Population of Labor Force Area (2009 est.)	1,072,470
Labor Force (2009)	492,710
Right-to-Work Law	Yes

### Unemployment Rate (2009 Average Annual)

Hamilton County	9.1%
Labor Force Draw Area*	10.8%
Tennessee	10.5%
United States	9.3%

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

\*Eighteen-County Labor Draw Area: Bledsoe, Bradley, Franklin, Grundy, Hamilton, Marion, McMinn, Meigs, Rhea, Sequatchie, Van Buren and Warren Counties in TN; Catoosa, Dade, Walker and Whitfield Counties in GA; DeKalb and Jackson Counties in AL

## Employment Assistance

For a complete list of area employment resources visit  
[www.ChattanoogaHasJobs.com](http://www.ChattanoogaHasJobs.com)

or

Tennessee Career Center - Chattanooga

5600 Brainerd Road, Suite A-5

Chattanooga, TN 37411

(423) 894-5354

Fax: (423) 894-2758

[www.tennessee.gov/labor-wfd/cc/cccounty\\_files/hamilton.htm](http://www.tennessee.gov/labor-wfd/cc/cccounty_files/hamilton.htm)

## Taxes

### Property Tax Rates 2009

	City of Chattanooga	Hamilton County
Chattanooga City Rate	\$1.9390	—
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	\$4.7042	\$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
•BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee	4,458	56	The University of TN at Chattanooga	1,051	44
•Hamilton County Dept. of Education	4,297	1,508	Convergys Corporation	1,000	
Tennessee Valley Authority	3,715	8	•U.S. Xpress Enterprises, Inc.	932	18
•Erlanger Health System	3,359	436	•Hutcheson Medical Center	907	
•McKee Foods Corporation	3,060		T-Mobile	792	
•Unum	2,800		•Kenco Group	650	
Memorial Health Care System	2,796	633	Koch Foods, LLC	605	
•City of Chattanooga	2,266	164	•Chattanooga State Technical Community College	571	71
CIGNA HealthCare	1,953		United States Postal Service	557	71
•Hamilton County Government	1,867	202	•Chattem Inc.	553	
Pilgrim's Pride Corporation	1,850		•Covenant Transport Inc.	534	
Roper Corporation	1,500		SunTrust Bank, Chattanooga	523	31
•Astec Industries, Inc.	1,317		BI-LO, Inc.	511	668
Parkridge Medical Center, Inc.	1,058	93			

•Locally owned and/or headquartered

Employers with 500+ employees in descending order by largest number of full-time employees as of 12/31/09.

Source: Company Personnel Departments and Harris InfoSource

## Education

### Public Schools (2009-2010)

#### Hamilton County School System

Number of Elementary Schools	45
Number of Middle/High Schools	14/16
Number of Adult High Schools	1
Total Student Enrollment	39,247
Total Number of Teachers	2,811
Faculty with Advanced Degrees (includes Administration)	1,507

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

### ACT Scores (2009 Average)

	Combined Score	% Tested
Hamilton County	19.0	82.0
Tennessee	20.6	92.0
United States	21.1	45.0

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

### Private Schools (2009)

Total Number of Schools	34*
Total Student Enrollment	10,813*

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

Source: Hamilton County Comprehensive Annual Financial Report

### Colleges and Universities (2009)

	Total Enrollment
The University of TN at Chattanooga	10,526
Chattanooga State Tech. Comm. College	11,740
Southern Adventist University	2,891
Covenant College	1,006
Tennessee Temple University	505

Source: Individual Schools

## Retail Sales

### Hamilton County Gross Retail Sales

2005	\$4,942,891,984
2006	\$5,328,367,912
2007	\$5,468,539,905
2008	\$5,438,410,222
2009	\$4,754,562,263

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
2008	141	\$185,563,000
2009	120	\$339,625,000

### Chattanooga MSA Residential

Year	# Permits	Value
2008	1,293	\$250,430,000
2009	1,096	\$241,174,000

## Cost of Living

### ACCRA Cost of Living

	All Items	Food	Housing
Chattanooga, TN	89.3	95.4	82.8
Huntsville, AL	92.7	94.6	79.2
Lexington, KY	92.6	86.3	87.8
Jackson, MS	95.1	90.5	91.6
Atlanta, GA	95.4	99.8	90.8

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, Third Quarter 2009

## Housing - Chattanooga MSA

### Median Home Sale Prices

2004	\$125,400
2005	\$131,900
2006	\$136,000
2007	\$130,900
2008	\$129,100

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: \$703

Source: ACCRA Cost of Living Index, Third Quarter 2009

## Medical

Hospitals/Beds	11/4,940
Nursing Homes/Beds	12/1,842
Medical Doctors	891
Dentists	199

Sources: Tennessee Department of Health, 2008

## Recreation & Culture

Parks	98 parks, over 800 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  
 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

Primary Provider: AT&T	
10 Central Offices - all digital network	
ISDN	Internet
ASDL	SONET

### Communication Advantages

Multiple POPS for all major long distance and local carriers

6 Local Service Providers

Digital wireless service

Wireless telephone (digital & analog)

High-speed cable modems available through local cable provider

## 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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