

Looking for Greener Pastures? You've Come to the Right Place.

IN THE FOOTHILLS OF THE GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS, you'll discover green pastures rich for agriculture, rolling landscapes, pristine lakes and rivers, and deep-rooted Appalachian history. Clinch Mountain separates the northern and southern portions of Grainger County, which is home to Cherokee and Norris Lakes as well as the Clinch and Holston Rivers, providing incredible opportunities for outdoor recreation. The area is famous for its home-grown tomatoes, boasting of the Grainger County Tomato Festival, attracting visitors from all over the world.

Grainger County is also home to variety of industries including manufacturing and retail trades. Local manufactured products include furniture, housing, heating and air systems, metalized film and truck chassis to name a few.

Looking for greener pastures? Grainger County is ripe with opportunity.

East Tennessee - Moving. Mountains.



Grainger County at a Glance



STRATEGIC LOCATION: Located in the Knoxville MSA, positioned between Knoxville and Morristown, Grainger County is within a day's drive of 70% of major US markets.



ROBUST INFRASTRUCTURE: Direct access to U.S. Highway 11W, State Routes 92 and 131, with convenient proximity to I-40 and I-81. McGhee Tyson Airport is an hour away and Morristown Regional Airport is accessible for general aviation needs.



RELIABLE ENERGY: TVA is the nation's most dependable power source and one of the largest electric power systems in the country, providing safe, reliable, affordable, and clean energy.



SKILLED WORKFORCE: Strong workforce pipeline is supported by Walters State Community College, TCAT Morristown, nearby Carson-Newman University, and the University of Tennessee in Knoxville.



OUTDOOR PARADISE: Hiking, canoeing, fishing, hunting, sailing, and water skiing are all available to outdoor enthusiasts—plus access to nearby state parks and wildlife management areas.



LAKESIDE LIVING: Home to Cherokee and Norris Lakes, the county offers multiple marinas, and year-round opportunities for boating, fishing, and waterfront living.



HISTORY & CULTURE: Grainger County celebrates its heritage with events like the annual Grainger County Tomato Festival. The county also boasts historic landmarks offering a glimpse into Tennessee's rich past.

PER CAPITA INCOME

	2024	2029
Grainger County	\$27,052	\$32,270
Tennessee	\$38,807	\$45,727
United States	\$43,829	\$51,203

MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME

	2024	2029
Grainger County	\$50,419	\$57,581
Tennessee	\$69,015	\$81,637
United States	\$79,068	\$91,442

DEMOGRAPHICS

TOTAL POPULATION

	2020	2024	2029	Annual Growth Rate
Grainger County	23,569	25,128	26,993	1.5%
15-County Region	1,115,069	1,260,699	1,333,202	1.2%
Tennessee	6,355,518	7,214,084	7,493,617	0.8%

POPULATION BY AGE

	2020	2024	2029
Under 5	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%
5 to 9	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%
10 to 14	6.0%	5.0%	5.0%
15 to 24	11.0%	11.0%	10.0%
25 to 34	11.0%	12.0%	12.0%
35 to 44	11.0%	11.0%	11.0%
45 to 54	15.0%	13.0%	13.0%
55 to 64	15.0%	16.0%	16.0%
65+	21.0%	22.0%	23.0%
Median Age	45.6	46.64	46.80

36% of the 2024 population is prime working age (25-54)

POPULATION BY RACE & ETHNICITY

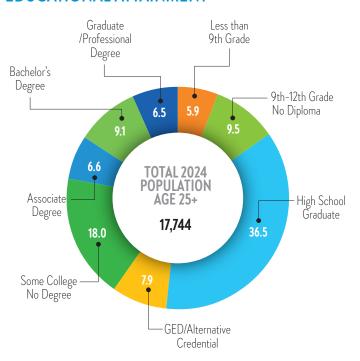
	2020	2024	2029
White	93.2%	92.7%	92.1%
Black	0.5%	0.6%	0.6%
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%
Asian	0.2%	0.3%	3.0%
Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Two or more races	4.0%	4.3%	4.6%
Hispanic Origin (Any race)	3.3%	3.6%	3.9%

HOUSEHOLDS & FAMILIES

	2020	2024	2029
Total Households	9,663	10,102	10,509
Total Families	6,643	6,864	7,110
Average Household Size	2.42	2.39	2.36
Owner Occupied	66.1%	66.5%	68.9%
Renter Occupied	16.9%	16.2%	14.0%
Vacant	17.0%	17.3%	17.0%

EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE

2024 POPULATION 25+ BY **EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT**

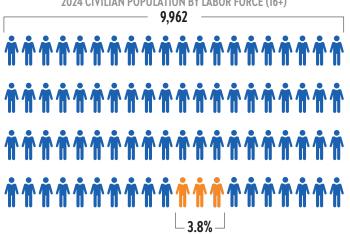






CIVILIAN POPULATION BY LABOR FORCE (16+)

2024 CIVILIAN POPULATION BY LABOR FORCE (16+)



UNEMPLOYED

COMMUTING **PATTERNS**

WORKER INFLOW & OUTFLOW (2022)



WHERE WORKERS LIVE

	Count	Share
All Counties	4,255	100.00%
Grainger County, TN	1,660	39.00%
Hamblen County, TN	449	10.60%
Knox County, TN	340	8.00%
Hawkins County, TN	290	6.80%
Claiborne County, TN	222	5.20%
Jefferson County, TN	220	5.20%
Cocke County, TN	114	2.70%
Hancock County, TN	98	2.30%
Union County, TN	88	2.10%
Anderson County, TN	87	2.00%
All Other Locations	687	16.10%

TRAVEL DISTANCE TO WORK

Less than 10 miles	38.60%
10 - 24 miles	35.30%
25 - 50 miles	15.90%
50 miles or more	10.30%



73.9% of workers commute less than 25 miles

BUSINESS & INDUSTRY

2024 EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

	%	Employees
Agricultural, Natural Resources & Mining	2.34%	124
Business & Professional Services	8.19%	434
Construciton	11.11%	588
Education & Health Services	4.92%	260
Financial Activities	1.45%	77
Government	17.98%	952
Information	0.64%	34
Leisure & Hospitality	5.06%	268
Manufacturing	24.14%	1,278
Other Services	6.55%	347
Retail	9.25%	490
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	8.36%	443
Total	100.00%	5,295

2024 BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS BY INDUSTRY

58 Retail

42

48

Business & Professional Services

20

47

Trade, Transportation & Utilities

26

Education & Health Services

Leisure & Hospitality

TOP 10 MAJOR EMPLOYERS

Company	Industry	Employee Range
Grainger County School District	School	251-500
Clayton Homes, Inc.	Manufacturer	251-500
Progressive Solutions	Manufacturer	251-500
Grainger County Government	Government	under 250
Sexton Furniture Manufacturing LLC	Manufacturer	under 250
Clinch River Hardwoods	Manufacturer	under 250
Food City	Retail	under 250
Holts IGA Market	Retail	under 250
FILMtech	Manufacturer	under 250
C.R. Daniels, Inc.	Manufacturer	under 250

GROSS RETAIL SALES

2020	\$119,939,492
2021	\$131,244,125
2022	\$139,503,759
2023	\$143,009,602
2024	\$155,485,418

TRANSPORTATION



Airport

McGhee Tyson Airport 30+ non-stop destinations Over 3 million passengers 2023-2024 Moore-Murrell Field (Morristown) 5,717' Runway



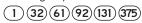
Highways

Interstate:



U.S. Highways: (11) (25)

State Highways:





Railroads Norfolk Southern

TAXES

PROPERTY TAX	
Property Tax Rate (County)	\$2.35
State Property Tax	None
Assessment Ratio: Residential Property	25%
Assessment Ratio: Farm Property	25%
Assessment Ratio: Commercial/ Industrial Property	40%
Assessment Ratio: Public Utility Property	55%
Assessment Ratio: Business Personal Property	30%

SALES TAX	
State sales tax rate	7%
County sales tax rate	2.75%
STATE TAX	
State Income Tax on Wages	None
State Income Tax: Interest from Bonds and Notes and Dividends from Stock	None (Hall Income tax was fully repealed January 1, 2021)
Excise Tax (State)	6.5% of Tennessee taxable income
Franchise Tax (state)	0.25% of the greater of net worth or real and tangible property in Tennessee. The minimum tax is \$100.
Unemployment Insurance Tax (state)	2.7% of the first \$7,000 in wages for new employers

HOUSING

Median rent

\$1,775

Median listing home price

\$405.3K

Median listing home price/sq ft

Median sold home price

\$354K

SOURCES:

ESRI Demographic & Income Profile Lightcast

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