

CANNON COUNTY DISCUSSION

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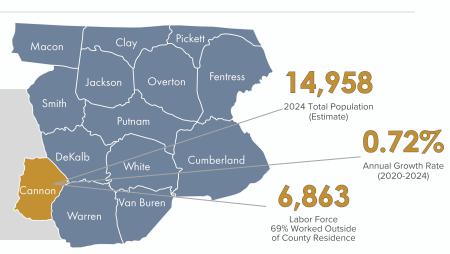
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AT A GLANCE

TOP THREE EMPLOYERS:

- 1 CRANE INTERIORS, INC.
- 2 CANNON CO. GOVERNMENT
- 3 CANNON CO. SCHOOL SYSTEM





6,625TOTAL HOUSING UNITS



APPROX. 21.3 PERCENT
HOMES BUILT BETWEEN 1990-1999



\$365K COUNTY

MEDIAN HOME SALE PRICE

Based on July 2024 Data for Cannon County



TOP THREE EMPLOYERS IN CANNON COUNTY

- **1** CRANE INTERIORS, INC.
 - Number of Employees: 183
- 2 CANNON CO. GOVERNMENT
 - Number of Employees: 134
- 3 CANNON CO. SCHOOL SYSTEM
 - Number of Employees: 115



Based on the average salary depicted above, these employees can afford a monthly apartment/mortgage payment of \$1,092 or less. (Based on the 30 percent rule.)

EXAMPLES OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN CANNON COUNTY, TN



WOODBURY HOUSING AUTHORITY

- Monthly Rent: \$50-\$1,179
- Total Units: 100 | Available Units: 0
- Program: Low-Income Housing Tax Credit



CANNON MANOR APARTMENTS

- Monthly Rent: 30% of applicant's income
- Total Units: 32 | Available Units: 0
- Program: Low-Income Housing Tax Credit



THE VIEW AT SOUTHRIDGE

- Monthly Rent: \$950
- Total Units: 32 | Available Units: 3
- Market Value

INCOME FOR HOUSING COST (30% RULE):

HOW MUCH CAN I AFFORD?

With a median income of **\$45,000** a household would be able to pay about \$1,125 a month. Factoring in a down payment of 20 percent, a mortgage payment would be \$1,943 a month for the median home price of \$365k for Cannon County. This is **\$818 over budget** (not including taxes and insurance).

YEARLY EARNINGS	MONTHLY PAYMENT
\$30,000	\$750
\$35,000	\$875
\$40,000	\$1,000
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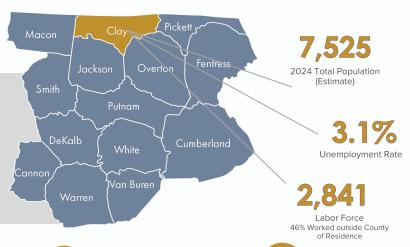
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CLAY COUNTY

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• CLAY COUNTY'S POPULATION GROWTH RATE: -0.17%

AVERAGE POPULATION
 GROWTH RATE ACROSS THE 14
 UC COUNTIES: 0.83%





TOTAL HOUSING UNITS

APPROX. 18.3 PERCENT
HOMES BUILT BETWEEN 1970-1979

SOLD

\$316K COUNTY
MEDIAN HOME SALE PRICE

Based on July 2024 Data for Clay County



TOP THREE EMPLOYERS IN CLAY COUNTY

- 1 CELINA HEALTH & REHAB
 - Number of CNAs: 26
- 2 CLAY CO. SCHOOL SYSTEM
 - Number of Teachers: 120
- 3 SHERRIFF'S DEPARTMENT
 - Number of Employees: 30



Based on the average salary depicted above, these employees can afford a monthly apartment/mortgage payment of \$912 or less. (Based on the 30 percent rule.)

INCOME FOR HOUSING COST (30% RULE):

HOW MUCH CAN I AFFORD?

With a median income of \$39,520 a household would be able to pay about \$912 a month. Factoring in a down payment of 20 percent (\$63,200), a mortgage payment would be \$1,682 a month for the median home price of \$316k for Clay County. This is \$770 over budget. (Not including taxes and insurance.)

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EXAMPLES OF RENTAL OPTIONS IN CLAY COUNTY, TN



SOUTHERN OAKS APARTMENTS

- Monthly Rent: 30% of Income
- Total Units: 42 | Available Units: 0
- Program: Low-Income Housing Tax Credit



HOMESTEAD ESTATES

- Monthly Rent: \$500-\$1,200
- Total Units: 20 | Available Units: 0
- Program: Market

EXAMPLES OF PURCHASE OPTIONS:



1000 E LAKE AVE.

3 Bed/2 Bath, 1,800 square ft., Built in 1951

- In March 2024, this home sold for \$135,000
- This home is now listed for \$288,000
- This is a 113% increase in price (\$153,000)



1412 RIVER RD.

1 Bed/1 Bath, 896 square ft., Built in 2013

- In 2013, this home sold for \$65,000
- This home is now listed \$249,429
- This is a 283.7% increase in price (\$184,429)

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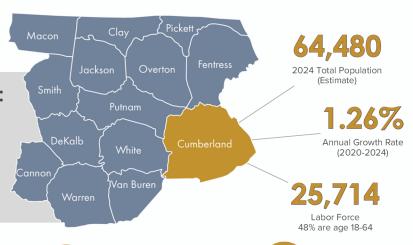
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TOP THREE MANUFACTURERS:

- 1 COLINX
- 2 AVIAGEN, INC.
- 3 FLOWERS BAKERY OF CROSSVILLE, LLC





TOTAL HOUSING UNITS

APPROX. 40 PERCENT
HOMES BUILT BETWEEN 1990-2009

\$305K COUNTY | \$345K CITY

MEDIAN HOME SALE PRICE

Based on July 2024 Data for Cumberland County



TOP THREE MANUFACTURERS IN CUMBERLAND COUNTY

- 1 COLINX
 - Number of Employees: 1,106
- 2 AVIAGEN, INC.
 - Number of Employees: 500
- 3 FLOWERS BAKERY OF CROSSVILLE, LLC
 - Number of Employees: 465



Based on the average salary depicted above, these manufacturing employees can afford a monthly apartment/mortgage payment of \$990.50 or less. (Based on the 30 percent rule.)

EXAMPLES OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN CUMBERLAND COUNTY, TN



GREEN MEADOWS TOWNHOMES

- Monthly Rent: \$738-\$843
- Total Units: 28 | Available Units: 0
- Program: Low-Income Housing Tax Credit



LAKEVIEW APARTMENTS

- Monthly Rent: \$855-\$1,100
- Total Units: 48 | Available Units: 1
- Market Value



CHARLESTON PLANTATION

- Monthly Rent: \$1,025-\$1,350
- Total Units: 207 | Available Units: 3
- Market Value

INCOME FOR HOUSING COST (30% RULE):

HOW MUCH CAN I AFFORD?

With a median income of **\$53,000**, a household would be able to pay about \$1,334 each month. Factoring in a down payment of 20 percent, this same household would pay \$1,882 a month to afford this median house price. This is **\$547** over budget.

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DEKALB COUNTY DISCUSSION

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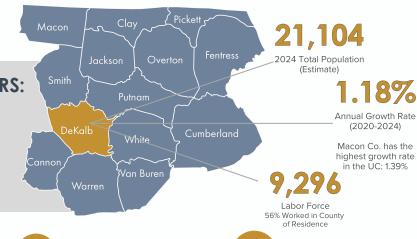
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AT A GLANCE

TOP 3 MANUFACTURING EMPLOYERS:

- 1 TENNECO, INC.
- 2 SHIROKI NORTH AMERICA, INC.
- 3 STAR MANUFACTURING INTL., INC.





TOTAL HOUSING UNITS

APPROX. 19.3 PERCENT
HOMES BUILT BETWEEN 1970-1979

SOLE

\$325K COUNTY
MEDIAN HOME SALE PRICE

Based on July 2024 Data for Dekalb County



TOP THREE MANUFACTURING EMPLOYERS IN DEKALB COUNTY

- 1 TENNECO, INC. (INCLUDING FEDERAL-MOGUL FRICTION)
 - Number of Employees: 925
- 2 SHIROKI NORTH AMERICA, INC.
 - Number of Employees: 460
- 3 STAR MANUFACTURING INTL., INC.
 - Number of Employees: 261



Based on the average salary depicted above, these employees can afford a monthly apartment/mortgage payment of \$936 or less. (Based on the 30 percent rule.)

EXAMPLES OF HOUSING IN DEKALB COUNTY, TN



SMITHVILLE HOUSING AUTHORITY

- Monthly Rent: \$568-\$1,197 or 30% of income
- Total Units: 182 | Available Units: 0
- Program: Low-Income Housing Tax Credit



CITY WALK APARTMENTS

- Monthly Rent: \$850 (includes water)
- Total Units: 16 | Available Units: 0
- Market Value



DIANE KIRBY RENTAL HOMES

- Monthly Rent: \$150-\$1,800
- Total Units: 25 | Available Units: 0
- Market Value

INCOME FOR HOUSING COST (30% RULE):

HOW MUCH CAN I AFFORD?

With a median income of **\$37,440** a household would be able to pay about \$936 a month. Factoring in a down payment of 20 percent (\$65,000), a mortgage payment would be **\$1,730** a month for the median home price of \$325k for Dekalb County. This is **\$794** over budget (not including taxes and insurance).





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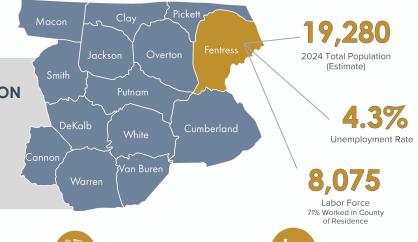
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FENTRESS COUNTY

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 FENTRESS COUNTY'S POPULATION **GROWTH RATE: 0.99%**

 AVERAGE POPULATION **GROWTH RATE ACROSS THE 14** UC COUNTIES: 0.83%





TOTAL HOUSING UNITS

APPROX. 22.17 PERCENT HOMES BUILT BETWEEN 1990-1999

\$293K COUNTY MEDIAN HOME SALE PRICE

Based on July 2024 Data for Fentress County



TOP THREE EMPLOYERS IN FENTRESS COUNTY

- 1 FENTRESS CO. SCHOOL SYSTEM
 - Number of Employees: 390
- **2** MICRO METALS
 - Number of Employees: 110
- **3 QUALITY FAMILY OF COMPANIES**
 - Number of Employees: 82 (CNAs, HHAs, and HMAs)



Based on the average salary depicted above, these employees can afford a monthly apartment/mortgage payment of \$903 or less. (Based on the 30 percent rule.)

INCOME FOR HOUSING COST (30% RULE):

HOW MUCH CAN I AFFORD?

With a median income of \$36,111 a household would be able to pay about \$903 a month. Factoring in a down payment of 20 percent (\$58,600), a mortgage payment would be \$1,559 a month for the median home price of \$293k for Pickett County. This is \$656 over budget. (Not including taxes and insurance.)

MONTHLY PAYMENT
\$750
\$875
\$1,000
\$1,125
\$1,250
\$1,500



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EXAMPLES OF RENTAL OPTIONS IN FENTRESS COUNTY, TN



WHITE OAK APARTMENTS

- Monthly Rent: 30% of Income
- Total Units: 40 | Available Units: 7
- Program: Low-Income Housing Tax Credit



RICK THOMPSON HOME BUILDERS RENTALS

- Monthly Rent: \$600-\$800
- Total Units: 6 | Available Units: 0
- Program: Market

EXAMPLES OF PURCHASE OPTIONS:



5740 S. YORK HWY.

3 Bed/2 Bath, 1,206 square ft., Built in 1980

- In 2020, this home sold for \$133,000
- This home is now listed for \$199,900
- This is a 50.30% increase in price (\$66,900)



124 WHITED AVE.

3 Bed/1 Bath, 1,692 square ft., Built in 1930

- In 2022, this home sold for \$129,900
- This home is now listed \$155,000
- This is a 19.32% increase in price (\$25,100)

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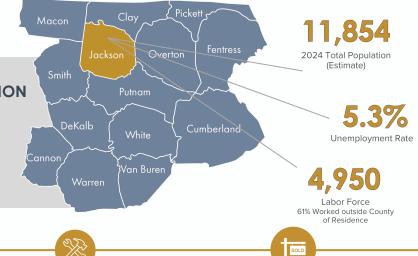
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TOTAL HOUSING UNITS

APPROX. 20.68 PERCENT HOMES BUILT BETWEEN 1990-1999

\$237K COUNTY MEDIAN HOME SALE PRICE

Based on July 2024 Data for Jackson County



TOP THREE EMPLOYERS IN JACKSON COUNTY

- 1 JACKSON CO. SCHOOL SYSTEM
 - Number of Teachers: 136
- 2 NIELSEN BAINBRIDGE GROUP
 - Number of Employees: 79
- **3** THE WATERS OF GAINESBORO
 - Number of CNAs: 29



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INCOME FOR HOUSING COST (30% RULE):

HOW MUCH CAN I AFFORD?

With a median income of **\$43,680** a household would be able to pay about \$1,008 a month. Factoring in a down payment of 20 percent (\$47,400), a mortgage payment would be \$1,261 a month for the median home price of \$237k for Pickett County. This is **\$253** over budget. (Not including taxes and insurance.)

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EXAMPLES OF RENTAL OPTIONS IN JACKSON COUNTY, TN



HIGHLANDS RESIDENTIAL SERVICES

- Monthly Rent: 30% of Income
- Total Units: 45 | Available Units: 0
- Program: Low-Income Housing Tax Credit



BROOKWOOD APARTMENTS

- Monthly Rent: 30% of Income
- Total Units: 44 | Available Units: 7
- Program: LIHTC *Elderly & Disabled only

EXAMPLES OF PURCHASE OPTIONS:



190 BORDEN ST.

2 Bed/1 Bath, 900 square ft., Built in 1967

- In 2020, this home sold for \$50,000
- This home is now listed for \$159,900
- This is a 219.80% increase in price (\$109,900)



2543 S. GRUNDY QUARLES RD.

3 Bed/2.5 Bath, 2,250 square ft., Built in 1993

- In 2022, this home sold for \$135,000
- This home is now listed \$298,500
- This is a 121.11% increase in price (\$163,500)

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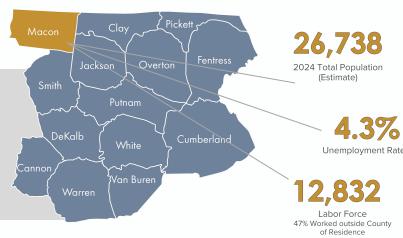
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MACON COUNTY

AT A GLANCE

- CLAY COUNTY'S POPULATION GROWTH RATE: 1.39%
- AVERAGE POPULATION
 GROWTH RATE ACROSS THE 14
 UC COUNTIES: 0.83%





TOTAL HOUSING UNITS

APPROX. 22 PERCENT
HOMES BUILT BETWEEN 2000-2009



\$310K COUNTY
MEDIAN HOME SALE PRICE

Based on July 2024 Data for Macon County



TOP THREE MANUFACTURING EMPLOYERS IN MACON COUNTY

- **1** FLEETWOOD HOMES, INC.
 - Number of Employees: 208
- 2 TENNPLASCO, INC.
 - Number of Teachers: 146
- **3** BABYNOV USA
 - Number of Employees: 90



Based on the average salary depicted above, these employees can afford a monthly apartment/mortgage payment of \$1,193.40 or less. (Based on the 30 percent rule.)

INCOME FOR HOUSING COST (30% RULE):

HOW MUCH CAN I AFFORD?

With a median income of **\$47,736** a household would be able to pay about \$1,193.40 a month. Factoring in a down payment of 20 percent (\$62,000), a mortgage payment would be \$1,650 a month for the median home price of \$310k for Macon County. This is **\$456.6** over budget. (Not including taxes and insurance.)

YEARLY EARNINGS	MONTHLY PAYMENT
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EXAMPLES OF RENTAL OPTIONS IN MACON COUNTY, TN



LAFAYETTE HOUSING AUTHORITY

- Monthly Rent: Low Income Public Housing
- Total Units: 102 | Available Units: 0
- Program: Low-Income Housing Tax Credit



FREEMAN STREET TOWNHOMES

- Monthly Rent: \$1,150
- Total Units: 8 | Available Units: taking applications
- Program: Market

EXAMPLES OF PURCHASE OPTIONS:



580 FOX RUN LN.

2 Bed/2 Bath, 2,120 square ft., Built in 1993

- In July 2021, this home sold for \$213,500
- This home is now listed for \$349,900
- This is a 63.89% increase in price (\$136,400)



4782 GALEN RD.

3 Bed/2 Bath, 1,248 square ft., Built in 2007

- In 2020, this home sold for \$145,000
- This home is now listed \$289,900
- This is a 99.93% increase in price (\$144,900)



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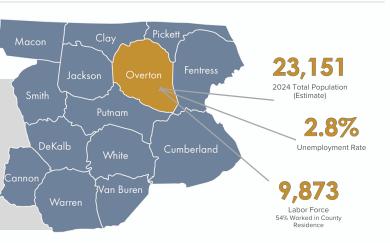
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OVERTON COUNTY

AT A GLANCE

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AVERAGE POPULATION
 GROWTH RATE ACROSS THE 14
 UC COUNTIES: 0.83%





TOTAL HOUSING UNITS

- X

APPROX. 27.1 PERCENT
HOMES BUILT BETWEEN 1990-1999



\$260K COUNTY
MEDIAN HOME SALE PRICE

Based on July 2024 Data for Overton County



TOP THREE EMPLOYERS IN OVERTON COUNTY

- HUTCHINSON LIVINGSTON
 - Number of Employees: 456
- 2 ABC INOAC
 - Number of Employees: 121
- 3 TANIMURA & ANTLE
 - Number of Employees: 100



Based on the average salary depicted above, these employees can afford a monthly apartment/mortgage payment of \$832 or less. (Based on the 30 percent rule.)

INCOME FOR HOUSING COST (30% RULE):

HOW MUCH CAN I AFFORD?

With a median income of \$33,280 a household would be able to pay about \$832 a month. Factoring in a down payment of 20 percent (\$52,000), a mortgage payment would be \$1,384 a month for the median home price of \$260k for Putnam County. This is \$552 over budget. (Not including taxes and insurance)

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\$30,000	\$750
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EXAMPLES OF RENTAL OPTIONS IN OVERTON COUNTY, TN



LIVINGSTON HOUSING AUTHORITY

- Monthly Rent: 30% of Income
- Total Units: 116 | Available Units: 0
- Program: Low-Income Housing Tax Credit



M&E RENTAL PROPERTIES

- Monthly Rent: \$625-\$650
- Total Units: 90 | Available Units: 1
- Program: Market

EXAMPLES OF PURCHASE OPTIONS:



210 BLUEBIRD DR.

2 Bed/1 Bath, 958 square ft., Built in 1960

- In 2024, this home sold for \$105,000
- This home is now listed for \$193,500
- This is a 84.29% increase in price (\$88,500)



139 OLD STANDING STONE RD.

4 Bed/2 Bath, 1,200 square ft., Built in 1992

- In 2019, this home sold for \$108,000
- This home is now listed \$235,000
- This is a 117.6% increase in price (\$127,000)

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PUTNAM COUNTY DISCUSSION

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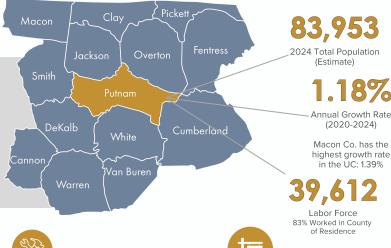
PUTNAM COUNTY

AT A GLANCE

TOP 3 MANUFACTURING EMPLOYERS:

- **1** ATMUS FILTRATION
- 2 FICOSA
- 3 PORTOBELLO

37,308 TOTAL HOUSING UNITS



APPROX. 18.6 PERCENT HOMES BUILT BETWEEN 1990-1999

\$331K COUNTY MEDIAN HOME SALE PRICE

Based on July 2024 Data for Putnam County



TOP THREE MANUFACTURING EMPLOYERS IN PUTNAM COUNTY

- **11** ATMUS FILTRATION
 - Number of Employees: 510
- 2 FICOSA
 - Number of Employees: 430
- 3 PORTOBELLO
 - Number of Employees: 327



Based on the average salary depicted above, these employees can afford a monthly apartment/mortgage payment of \$884 or less. (Based on the 30 percent rule.)

EXAMPLES OF HOUSING IN PUTNAM COUNTY, TN



HIGHLANDS RESIDENTIAL SERVICES

- Monthly Rent: \$340-\$783
- Total Units: 385 | Available Units: 0
- Program: Low-Income Housing Tax Credit



THE GABLES

- Monthly Rent: \$1,300-\$1,895
- Total Units: 352 | Available Units: 51
- Market Value



PUTNAM PROPERTIES

- Monthly Rent: \$850-\$1,550
- Total Units: 1,000+ | Available Units: 15-18
- Market Value

INCOME FOR HOUSING COST (30% RULE):

HOW MUCH CAN I AFFORD?

With a median income of \$35,360 a household would be able to pay about \$884 a month. Factoring in a down payment of 20 percent (\$66,200), a mortgage payment would be \$1,762 a month for the median home price of \$331k for Putnam County. This is \$878 over budget (not including taxes and insurance).





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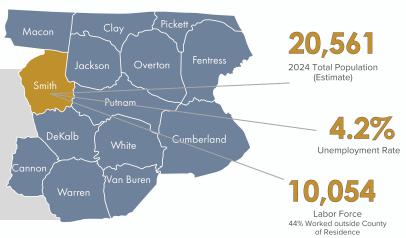
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SMITH COUNTY

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 GROWTH RATE ACROSS THE 14
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TOTAL HOUSING UNITS

- X

APPROX. 23 PERCENT
HOMES BUILT BETWEEN 1990-1999

SOLD

\$321K COUNTY
MEDIAN HOME SALE PRICE

Based on July 2024 Data for Smith County



TOP THREE MANUFACTURING EMPLOYERS IN SMITH COUNTY

- 1 BONNELL ALUMINUM MANUFACTURING, INC.
 - Number of Employees: 675
- **2** NYRSTAR TENNESSEE MINES
 - Number of Employees: 355
- 3 DANA DRIVESHAFT PRODUCTS, LLC
 - Number of Employees: 280



afford a monthly apartment/mortgage payment of \$1,518.40 or less.

(Based on the 30 percent rule.)

INCOME FOR HOUSING COST (30% RULE):

HOW MUCH CAN I AFFORD?

With an average income of **\$60,736** a household would be able to pay about \$1,518.40 a month. Factoring in a down payment of 20 percent (\$64,200), a mortgage payment would be \$1,709 a month for the median home price of \$321k for Smith County. This is **\$190.60** over budget. (Not including taxes and insurance.)

YEARLY EARNINGS	MONTHLY PAYMENT
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SOUTH CARTHAGE & GALLATIN HOUSING AUTHORITY

- Monthly Rent: 30% of Income
- Total Units: 161 | Available Units: 0
- Program: Low-Income Housing Tax Credit



MEADOW GREENE APARTMENTS

- Monthly Rent: \$1000-\$1100
- Total Units: 72 | Available Units: 0
- Program: Market *Accepts Section 8 HCV

EXAMPLES OF PURCHASE OPTIONS:



306 TURKEY CREEK HWY.

3 Bed/3 Bath, 1,856 square ft., Built in 2004

- In 2022, this home sold for \$209,000
- This home is now listed for \$360,000
- This is a 72.25% increase in price (\$151,000)



413 DEFEATED CREEK HWY.

3 Bed/2 Bath, 1,680 square ft., Built in 2024

- In January of 2025, this home sold for \$365,000
- This home is now listed \$429,000
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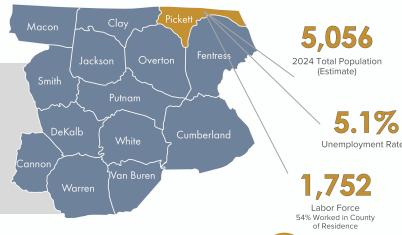
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3,395
TOTAL HOUSING UNITS

APPROX. 36 PERCENT
HOMES BUILT BETWEEN 2000-2009



\$285K COUNTY
MEDIAN HOME SALE PRICE

Based on July 2024 Data for Pickett County



TOP THREE EMPLOYERS IN PICKETT COUNTY

- PICKETT CO. SCHOOL SYSTEM
 - Number of Teachers: 59
- 2 KARDOL
 - Number of Employees: 14
- **3** IGA GROCERY STORE
 - Number of Employees: 13



Based on the average salary depicted above, these employees can afford a monthly apartment/mortgage payment of \$676 or less. (Based on the 30 percent rule.)

INCOME FOR HOUSING COST (30% RULE):

HOW MUCH CAN I AFFORD?

With a median income of \$27,040 a household would be able to pay about \$676 a month. Factoring in a down payment of 20 percent (\$57,000), a mortgage payment would be \$1,517 a month for the median home price of \$285k for Pickett County. This is \$841 over budget. (Not including taxes and insurance.)

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EXAMPLES OF RENTAL OPTIONS IN PICKETT COUNTY, TN



RHYAN RIDGE APARTMENTS

- Monthly Rent: 30% of Income
- Total Units: 68 | Available Units: 0
- Program: Low-Income Housing Tax Credit



HILLCREST APARTMENTS

- Monthly Rent: 30% of Income
- Total Units: 23 | Available Units: 0
- Program: Low-Income Housing Tax Credit

EXAMPLES OF PURCHASE OPTIONS:



5079 EAGLES COVE RD.

2 Bed/1 Bath, 864 square ft., Built in 2000

- In 2023, this home sold for \$168,500
- This home is now listed for \$222,900
- This is a 32.28% increase in price (\$54,400)



165 KANGAROO RIDGE RD.

3 Bed/2 Bath, 2200 square ft., Built in 2008

- In 2023, this home sold for \$315,000
- This home is now listed \$419,000
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VAN BUREN COUNTY DISCUSSION

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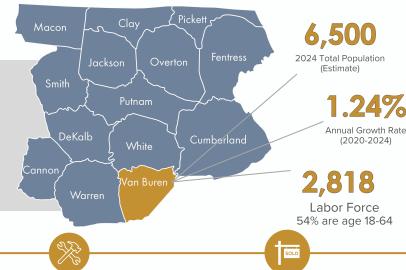
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VAN BUREN COUNTY

AT A GLANCE

TOP THREE EMPLOYERS:

- ACUMENT GLOBAL TECH
- **VAN BUREN SCHOOLS**
- 3 VAN BUREN COUNTY **GOVERNMENT**





TOTAL HOUSING UNITS

GREATER THAN 20 PERCENT HOMES BUILT BETWEEN 1970-1979

\$218K COUNTY MEDIAN HOME SALE PRICE

Based on July 2024 Data for Van Buren County



TOP THREE EMPLOYERS IN VAN BUREN COUNTY

- **ACUMENT GLOBAL TECH**
 - Number of Employees: 115
- **VAN BUREN CO. SCHOOLS**
 - Number of Employees: 195
- **VAN BUREN COUNTY GOVERNMENT**
 - Number of Employees: 155



Based on the average salary depicted above, these manufacturing employees can afford a monthly apartment/mortgage payment of \$1,092 or less. (Based on the 30 percent rule.)

EXAMPLES OF HOUSING IN VAN BUREN COUNTY, TN



SPARTA HOUSING AUTHORITY (UNITS IN VAN BUREN)

- Monthly Rent: \$584-\$1,542
- Total Units: 162 | Available Units: 0
- Program: Low-Income Housing Tax Credit



THE WAY INN MOTEL

- Monthly Rent: \$300 weekly
- Total Units: 20 | Available Units:
- Market Value

11 units house long term residents, three of these are families



FOLK STAYS

- Monthly Rent: \$950*
- Total Units: 2 | Available Units: 0
- Market Value

*Monthly rent includes water, sewer, etc.

INCOME FOR HOUSING COST (30% RULE):

HOW MUCH CAN I AFFORD?

With a median income of \$43,680, a household would be able to pay about \$1,092 a month. Factoring in a down payment of 20 percent (\$43,600), a mortgage payment would be **\$1,160** a month for the median home price of \$218k for Van Buren County. This is \$68 over budget. (Not including taxes and insurance)

Data from the TN Comptroller Van Buren County Community Profile 2024

YEARLY EARNINGS	MONTHLY PAYMENT
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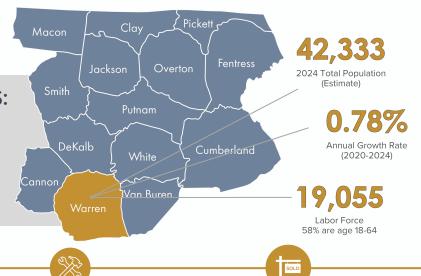
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WARREN COUNTY

AT A GLANCE

TOP THREE MANUFACTURERS:

- **1** BRIDGESTONE FIRESTONE
- 2 YOROZU AUTOMOTIVE TENNESSEE INC.
- **3** MORRISON INDUSTRIES



18,774

TOTAL HOUSING UNITS

APPROX. 54 PERCENT
HOMES BUILT BEFORE 1980

\$231K COUNTY
MEDIAN HOME SALE PRICE

Based on July 2024 Data for Warren County

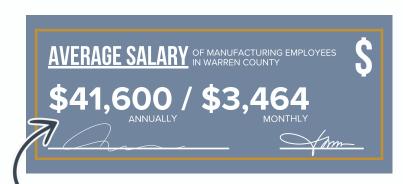


TOP THREE MANUFACTURERS IN WARREN COUNTY

- **BRIDGESTONE FIRESTONE**
 - Number of Employees: 1,100
- YOROZU AUTOMOTIVE TENNESSEE INC.
 - Number of Employees: 1,098

MORRISON INDUSTRIES

Number of Employees: 185



Based on the average salary depicted above, these manufacturing employees can afford a monthly apartment/mortgage payment of \$1,039.20 or less. (Based on the 30 percent rule.)

EXAMPLES OF HOUSING IN WARREN COUNTY, TN



MCMINNVILLE HOUSING AUTHORITY

- Monthly Rent: \$25-\$1,300
- Total Units: 422 | Available Units: 0
- Program: Low-Income Housing Tax Credit



STEVEN'S REALTY- MCMINNVILLE, TN

- Monthly Rent: \$575-\$775
- Total Units: 200 | Available Units: 30
- Market Value



FIREMARK PROPERTY MANAGEMENT - PECAN MANOR

- Monthly Rent: \$850-\$950*
- Total Units: 25 | Available Units: 2
- Market Value
- *Clients must make 2.5 times their rent.

INCOME FOR HOUSING COST (30% RULE):

HOW MUCH CAN I AFFORD?

With a median income of \$41,600, a household would be able to pay about **\$1,039** a month. Factoring in a down payment of 20 percent (\$46,200), a mortgage payment would be \$1,230 a month for the median home price of \$231k for Warren County. This is \$191 over budget. (Not including taxes and insurance)

Data from the TN Comptroller Warren County Community Profile 2024

YEARLY	MONTHLY
EARNINGS	PAYMENT
\$30,000	\$750
\$35,000	\$875
\$40,000	\$1,000
\$45,000	\$1,125
\$50,000	\$1,250
\$60,000	\$1,500



The dream of home ownership is just out of reach for many, based on the median income versus the median sale price of homes.



WHITE COUNTY DISCUSSION

OTES:		



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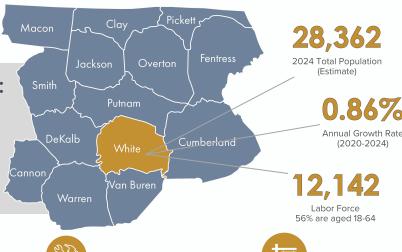
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AT A GLANCE

TOP THREE MANUFACTURERS:

- 1 ALTIUM HEALTHCARE
- 2 DOMETIC MARINE
- 3 THK RHYTHM NORTH AMERICA





TOTAL HOUSING UNITS (2024)

- 1

APPROX. 18.7 PERCENT
HOMES BUILT BETWEEN 1990-2000
(GREATEST PERCENTAGE OF HOMES BUILT SINCE THE 1930S)

SOLD

\$269K COUNTY
MEDIAN HOME SALE PRICE

Based on July 2024 Data for White County



TOP THREE MANUFACTURERS IN WHITE COUNTY

- **1** ALTIUM HEALTHCARE
 - Number of Employees: 325
- **2** DOMETIC MARINE
 - Number of Employees: 325
- 3 THK RHYTHM NORTH AMERICA
 - Number of Employees: 260



Based on the average salary depicted above, these manufacturing employees can afford a monthly apartment/mortgage payment of \$884 or less. (Based on the 30 percent rule.)

EXAMPLES OF HOUSING IN WHITE COUNTY, TN



SPARTA HOUSING AUTHORITY

- Monthly Rent: Rent prices depend on family size; no ceiling rent
- Total Units: 162 | Available Units: 0
- Program: Low-Income Housing Tax Credit



REGENCY APARTMENTS

- Monthly Rent: \$710-\$1,000
- Total Units: 84 | Available Units: 4
- Market Value



THE DEL TORO FAMILY

- Monthly Rent: \$1,200-\$1,300
- Total Units: 26 | Available Units: 2
- Market Value

INCOME FOR HOUSING COST (30% RULE):

HOW MUCH CAN I AFFORD?

With a median income of **\$45,000**, a household would be able to pay about **\$1,125** a month. Factoring in a down payment of 20 percent, a mortgage payment would be **\$1,432** a month for the median home price of **\$269k** for White County. This is <u>\$307</u> over budget. (Not including taxes and insurance)

Data from the TN Comptroller White County Community Profile 2024

YEARLY EARNINGS	MONTHLY PAYMENT
\$30,000	\$750
\$35,000	\$875
\$40,000	\$1,000
\$45,000	\$1,125
\$50,000	\$1,250
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