

**From 2015 to 2018, TNECD has made****13**Investments through  
Community and Rural Development  
Grants and Consulting Services  
valued at:**\$1,445,098**

Mayor Brett Lashlee

<http://bentoncountyttn.gov/>**LABOR AND WORKFORCE**

Labor Force (2017):	6,769
Employment (2017):	6,405
Unemployment Rate (2017):	5.4%
Labor Force Participation Rate (2017):	47.1%

**DEMOGRAPHICS**

Population (2012)	16,414
Population (2017):	15,986
Population Percent Change (2012-2017):	-2.6%
Median Age:	46.5

**ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND SMALL BUSINESS**

Martin Small Business Development Center  
SBDC is located at: University of Tennessee at Martin  
Guide for entrepreneurs starting a business:  
<https://www.tnsmartstart.com/>

**ECONOMIC STATUS**

County Economic Status (FY 2019):	At-Risk
Personal Income Per Capita (2017):	\$33,164
Market Income Per Capita (2017):	\$20,371
Median Household Income (2017):	\$33,702
Poverty Rate (2017):	22.3%

**EDUCATION**

Average ACT Score (2018):	20.1
High School Graduation Rate (2018):	99.0%
College Going-Rate (2017):	56.6%
Age 25-64 with High School Degree or Higher:	86.7%
Age 25-64 with Associates Degree or Higher:	19.5%
Age 25-64 with Bachelor's Degree or Higher:	13.2%

**TAX STRUCTURE AND REVENUES**

State Debt Per Capita (2015):	\$913
County Debt Per Capita (FY 2017):	\$518
Local Sales Tax Collections (FY 2017):	\$3,619,308
Local Sales Tax Collections (FY 2018):	\$3,891,162
Local Sales Tax Collections Percent Change (FY 2017 to FY 2018):	7.5%

**SAFETY**

Crime Rate Per 1,000 People (2017):	40.6
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Located in TNECD Northwest Region

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