

From 2015 to 2018, TNECD has made**11**Investments through
Community and Rural Development
Grants and Consulting Services
valued at:**\$1,450,441**

Mayor Gregg Ridley

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Labor Force (2017):	4,317
Employment (2017):	4,064
Unemployment Rate (2017):	5.9%
Labor Force Participation Rate (2017):	46.9%

DEMOGRAPHICS

Population (2012)	12,851
Population (2017):	14,717
Population Percent Change (2012-2017):	14.5%
Median Age:	44.5

ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND SMALL BUSINESS

Chattanooga Small Business Development Center
SBDC is located at: Chattanooga State Community College
Guide for entrepreneurs starting a business:
<https://www.tnsmartstart.com/>

ECONOMIC STATUS

County Economic Status (FY 2019):	Distressed
Personal Income Per Capita (2017):	\$25,705
Market Income Per Capita (2017):	\$17,015
Median Household Income (2017):	\$40,450
Poverty Rate (2017):	20.7%

EDUCATION

Average ACT Score (2018):	19.0
High School Graduation Rate (2018):	92.0%
College Going-Rate (2017):	52.8%
Age 25-64 with High School Degree or Higher:	74.8%
Age 25-64 with Associates Degree or Higher:	18.6%
Age 25-64 with Bachelor's Degree or Higher:	12.0%

TAX STRUCTURE AND REVENUES

State Debt Per Capita (2015):	\$913
County Debt Per Capita (FY 2017):	\$1,442
Local Sales Tax Collections (FY 2017):	\$820,184
Local Sales Tax Collections (FY 2018):	\$872,227
Local Sales Tax Collections Percent Change (FY 2017 to FY 2018):	6.3%

SAFETY

Crime Rate Per 1,000 People (2017):	18.2
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Located in TNECD Southeast Region

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