



# 2026 Higher Education County Profile

## Tipton County

| Education Attainment Rate (age 25-64) | County | TN    |
|---------------------------------------|--------|-------|
| Adults with HS+                       | 90.9%  | 90.6% |
| Adults with Some College, No Degree   | 23.9%  | 20%   |
| Adults with Associate or higher       | 30.8%  | 40.4% |
| Adults with Bachelor's or higher      | 19.2%  | 32%   |

| Socioeconomic Profile                 | County   | TN        |
|---------------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Labor Force Participation Rate        | 56.6%    | 60.5%     |
| Share of Population in Poverty        | 11.6%    | 13.8%     |
| Unemployment Rate                     | 3.3%     | 2.9%      |
| Population Ages 25-64                 | 32,380   | 3,632,793 |
| Rate of Population Growth (2023-2025) | 0.4%     | 1.8%      |
| Population Projections (2025-2035)    | -1.3%    | 6.9%      |
| Median Household Income               | \$71,736 | \$67,097  |

County Tennessee

Public High School Graduation Rate  
**90.8%**  
**89.2%**

College-Going Rate  
**59.6%**  
**56%**

First-Time Freshman Receiving HOPE  
**68.0%**  
**69.1%**

ACT Scores (Scores range from 1-36)  
**20.2**  
**19.3**

FAFSA Completion Rate  
**82.3%**  
**75.7%**

Note: 2024 Federal Public High School Graduation Rate and 2024 Average ACT Scores provided by [TDOE](#). 2024 College-Going Rate and HOPE Recipient Rate for Fall 2024 provided by [THEC](#).

### Tennessee Education Lottery Scholarship Recipients

| Scholarship                          | Recipients         |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| HOPE Scholarship                     | 465                |
| HOPE with GAMS                       | 63                 |
| HOPE with Aspire                     | 139                |
| Dual Enrollment Grant                | 1,268              |
| HOPE Foster Care Grant               | <10                |
| Non-Traditional Student Scholarship  | <10                |
| Wilder-Naifeh Technical Skills Grant | 205                |
| <b>Total Amount Awarded</b>          | <b>\$5,509,607</b> |

### Tennessee Student Assistance Award



**1,037**  
TSAA-Eligible  
FAFSAs Filed



**606**  
Awards



**\$1,058,079**  
Awarded

The TSAA is a state-funded grant program. This scholarship provides non-repayable need-based financial assistance to undergraduate students who are residents of Tennessee. TSAA Awardees must be enrolled or accepted for enrollment, at least part-time, at a public or an eligible non-public postsecondary institution in Tennessee and have a Student Aid Index below the eligibility threshold.

## Top Colleges Selected by 2024 High School Graduates



|                                       |     |
|---------------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Dyersburg State Community College  | 149 |
| 2. University of Tennessee, Martin    | 39  |
| 3. University of Memphis              | 35  |
| 4. TCAT Northwest                     | 33  |
| 5. University of Tennessee, Knoxville | 18  |

## Top 5 In-Demand Occupations by Projected Annual Openings and Local Workforce Development Area (LWDA) - Entry-Level Hourly Wage

|                                                 |         |
|-------------------------------------------------|---------|
| 1. Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers      | \$19.44 |
| 2. General and Operations Managers              | \$26.51 |
| 3. Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks | \$15.93 |
| 4. Nursing Assistants                           | \$14.12 |
| 5. Medical Assistants                           | \$15.74 |

*Note: 2025 Top Occupations are identified annually in the **THEC Supply and Demand Report**, using data provided by TN Department of Labor and Workforce Development and TN Department of Economic and Community Development. This list represents the top five occupations ordered by the highest number of projected annual openings from 2020-2030. Entry-level wage data is presented with each occupation.*

*Additional in-demand occupations in the LWDA can be found on **THEC's website**.*



public high school seniors applied for Tennessee Promise in the 2023-24 school year. **27.1%** of those applicants enrolled as part of the Tennessee Promise program in the 2024-25 school year.



grant applications for Tennessee Reconnect were received for the 2024-25 school year. A total of **50** Reconnectors were served by Tennessee Reconnect Communities.



designated VETS Campus(es) serve the county: Dyersburg State Community College.



schools participated in the Electronic Transcript Exchange, which allows schools to submit transcript data to colleges for admissions and to TSAC for scholarship purposes.



financial aid outreach hours spent in 2024-25 with **110** attendees. **991** students received multiple communications about state aid webinars and FAFSA resources.



schools participated in Path to College, which provides resources and information to students, building a college-going culture in their schools.

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## Undergraduate Enrollment

