



2026 Higher Education County Profile

Williamson County

Education Attainment Rate (age 25-64)	County	TN
Adults with HS+	96.2%	90.6%
Adults with Some College, No Degree	13.0%	20%
Adults with Associate or higher	71.9%	40.4%
Adults with Bachelor's or higher	65.8%	32%

Socioeconomic Profile	County	TN
Labor Force Participation Rate	66.5%	60.5%
Share of Population in Poverty	4.5%	13.8%
Unemployment Rate	1.3%	2.9%
Population Ages 25-64	131,313	3,632,793
Rate of Population Growth (2023-2025)	4.1%	1.8%
Population Projections (2025-2035)	20.5%	6.9%
Median Household Income	\$131,202	\$67,097

County Tennessee

Public
High School
Graduation
Rate

96.5%

89.2%

College-
Going
Rate

84.0%

56%

First-Time
Freshman
Receiving
HOPE

77.0%

69.1%

ACT Scores
(Scores range
from 1-36)

25.2

19.3

FAFSA
Completion
Rate

86.8%

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	3,586
HOPE with GAMS	940
HOPE with Aspire	442
Dual Enrollment Grant	1,435
HOPE Foster Care Grant	<10
Non-Traditional Student Scholarship	<10
Wilder-Naifeh Technical Skills Grant	143
Total Amount Awarded	\$29,096,569

Tennessee Student Assistance Award



1,863
TSAA-Eligible
FAFSAs Filed



1,260
Awards



\$2,726,501
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. University of Tennessee, Knoxville	474
2. Columbia State Community College	349
3. Middle Tennessee State University	237
4. University of Tennessee, Chattanooga	148
5. KY Public 4-Year Institution	106

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	\$20.40
2. Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks	\$17.26
3. Accountants and Auditors	\$27.13
4. Management Analysts	\$30.49
5. Sales Managers	\$38.33

*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. **16.1%** 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 **86** Reconnectors were served by Tennessee Reconnect Communities.



designated VETS Campus(es) serve the county: Columbia State Community College, TCAT Dickson.



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 **1,478** attendees. **3,559** 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

