

**From 2015 to 2018, TNECD has made****19**Investments through  
Community and Rural Development  
Grants and Consulting Services  
valued at:**\$4,211,106**

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<http://rheacountytn.com/>**LABOR AND WORKFORCE**

Labor Force (2017):	13,275
Employment (2017):	12,423
Unemployment Rate (2017):	6.4%
Labor Force Participation Rate (2017):	56.1%

**DEMOGRAPHICS**

Population (2012)	32,328
Population (2017):	32,691
Population Percent Change (2012-2017):	1.1%
Median Age:	40.7

**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):	At-Risk
Personal Income Per Capita (2017):	\$34,267
Market Income Per Capita (2017):	\$23,454
Median Household Income (2017):	\$39,368
Poverty Rate (2017):	21.9%

**EDUCATION**

Average ACT Score (2018):	19.0
High School Graduation Rate (2018):	91.0%
College Going-Rate (2017):	58.9%
Age 25-64 with High School Degree or Higher:	79.5%
Age 25-64 with Associates Degree or Higher:	20.1%
Age 25-64 with Bachelor's Degree or Higher:	13.4%

**TAX STRUCTURE AND REVENUES**

State Debt Per Capita (2015):	\$913
County Debt Per Capita (FY 2017):	\$1,211
Local Sales Tax Collections (FY 2017):	\$7,307,768
Local Sales Tax Collections (FY 2018):	\$7,748,200
Local Sales Tax Collections Percent Change (FY 2017 to FY 2018):	6.0%

**SAFETY**

Crime Rate Per 1,000 People (2017):	49.6
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Located in TNECD Southeast Region

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