2023 Higher Education County Profile, Davidson County


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2023 Higher Education County Profile

Davidson County

Community Education Snapshot

- Public High School Graduation Rate: 88.7% (County), 87.9% (Tennessee)
- College-Going Rate: 52.9% (County), 56.9% (Tennessee)
- First-Time Freshman TELS Recipient Rate: 50.8% (County), 56.6% (Tennessee)
- ACT Scores: 17.7 (County), 19.2 (Tennessee)

Note: 2021 Public High School Graduation Rate and 2021 Average ACT Scores provided by TDOE. 2021 College-Going Rate and TELS Recipient Rate for Fall 2021 provided by THEC.

### Top Colleges Selected by 2021 High School Graduates

1. Nashville State Community College - 417
2. Middle Tennessee State University - 213
3. UT Knoxville - 119
4. Tennessee State University - 114
5. Belmont University - 93

### Top 5 In-Demand Occupations by Highest Median Earnings and Local Workforce Development Area (LWDA)

1. Veterinarians
2. Physician Assistants
3. Training and Development Managers
4. Electrical Engineers
5. Computer Programmers

Note: 2022 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 top five occupations ordered by median mid-career wage. This list represents top five occupations ordered by median mid-career wage. Additional in-demand occupations in the LWDA can be found on THEC's website. For more information on these careers, see O*NET Code Connector.

### Education Attainment Rate (age 25-64)

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<tr>
<td>Adults with HS+</td>
<td>90.2%</td>
<td>89.9%</td>
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<td>Adults with Some College, No Degree</td>
<td>18.4%</td>
<td>21.0%</td>
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<td>Adults with Associate or higher</td>
<td>51.7%</td>
<td>38.0%</td>
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<td>Adults with Bachelor's or higher</td>
<td>45.2%</td>
<td>29.8%</td>
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### Socioeconomic Profile

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<td>Share of Population in Poverty</td>
<td>14.2%</td>
<td>14.6%</td>
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<td>Unemployment Rate</td>
<td>4.7%</td>
<td>5.3%</td>
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<td>Population Ages 25-64</td>
<td>393,971</td>
<td>3,542,283</td>
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<td>Rate of Population Growth (2020-2022)</td>
<td>1.6%</td>
<td>1.7%</td>
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<td>Population Projections (2022-2032)</td>
<td>6.7%</td>
<td>7.2%</td>
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<td>Median Household Income</td>
<td>$62,515</td>
<td>$54,833</td>
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### 2021 Public High School Graduation Rate

- 88.7% filed the FAFSA in 2021-22 as compared to 77.9% overall in Tennessee.

Note: Overall filing rate for the 2021-22 FAFSA.

- 46.7% of the class of 2021 in the county enrolled in college immediately following high school, compared to 61.5% of the class of 2016.

- Additional 25 hours were invested statewide serving an additional 1,733 Tennesseans.

- Designated VETS Campuses serve the county: Lipscomb University, Nashville State Community College, Tennessee State University

- Financial aid outreach hours spent in 2021-22 with 3,123 attendees. An additional 25 hours were invested statewide serving an additional 1,733 Tennesseans.

### Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation (TSAC) Outreach Specialist

- **Jason Seay**
  - jason.seay@tn.gov

### Tennessee Reconnect Navigator

- **Emily Hill**
  - emily.hill@tn.gov
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 an Expected Family Contribution below the eligibility threshold.

Total awarded during 2021-22 academic year.

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<th>Recipients</th>
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<td>HOPE Scholarship</td>
<td>2,704</td>
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<td>HOPE with GAMS</td>
<td>369</td>
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<td>HOPE with Aspire</td>
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<td>Access Award</td>
<td>15</td>
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<td>Dual Enrollment Grant</td>
<td>785</td>
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<td>HOPE Foster Care Grant</td>
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<td>Non-Traditional Student Scholarship</td>
<td>12</td>
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<td>Wilder-Naifeh Technical Skills Grant</td>
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<td><strong>Total Amount Awarded</strong></td>
<td><strong>$21,966,380</strong></td>
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**Tennessee Student Assistance Award**

- **33,234** FAFSAs Filed
- **5,315** Awards
- **$9,311,515** Awarded

**Tennessee Promise**

- 3,962 public high school seniors applied for Tennessee Promise in the 2020-21 school year.
- 16.5% of those applicants enrolled as part of the Tennessee Promise program in the 2021-22 school year.

**Tennessee Reconnect**

- 1,971 grant applications for Tennessee Reconnect were received for the 2021-22 school year. A total of 2,390 Connectors were served by Tennessee Reconnect Communities.
- 75 schools participated in Path to College, which provides resources and information to students, building a college-going culture in their schools.

**Grant Programs in Davidson County**

- **Advise Tennessee** - Hunters Lane High School - 585 Students Served
- **Contract Education** - Meharry Medical School - $1,142,600
- **Diversity in Teaching** - Lipscomb University - $84,800; Vanderbilt University - $84,800
- **Doctoral Scholars** - Meharry Medical School - $20,265; Tennessee State University - $41,250
- **GIVE 2.0 Community Grants** - TCAT Nashville - Advanced Manufacturing/Robotics/IT Programs for Springfield/Robertson County - $979,898
- **GEAR UP** - Whites Creek High School - $128,630 - 118 Students Served
- **Veterans Reconnect Grant** - Lipscomb University - $60,000 - 599 Students Served

These graphs represent TCATs, public community colleges, and universities.

Date Completed 1/1/2023. Due to the unique nature of the 2021-2022 academic year, several data points may not be comparable with past profiles.