2023 Higher Education County Profile, Hamilton County


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Hamilton County

Community Education Snapshot

- Public High School Graduation Rate: County 85.5%, Tennessee 88.7%
- College-Going Rate: County 54.7%, Tennessee 52.8%
- First-Time Freshman TELS Recipient Rate: County 64.2%, Tennessee 66.3%
- ACT Scores: County 18.9, Tennessee 19.2

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. Chattanooga State Community College - 415
2. UT Chattanooga - 255
3. UT Knoxville - 144
4. TCAT Chattanooga - 72
5. Middle Tennessee State University - 62

Top 5 In-Demand Occupations by Highest Median Earnings and Local Workforce Development Area (LWDA)
1. Physician Assistants
2. Education Administrators, Postsecondary
3. Financial Managers
4. Nurse Practitioners
5. Purchasing Managers

Education Attainment Rate (age 25-64)
- Adults with HS+: County 91.3%, TN 89.9%
- Adults with Some College, No Degree: County 22.0%, TN 21.0%
- Adults with Associate or higher: County 45.3%, TN 38.0%
- Adults with Bachelor’s or higher: County 35.2%, TN 29.8%

Socioeconomic Profile
- Share of Population in Poverty: County 12.6%, TN 14.6%
- Unemployment Rate: County 4.6%, TN 5.3%
- Population Ages 25-64: County 193,151, TN 3,542,283
- Rate of Population Growth (2020-2022): County 1.6%, TN 1.7%
- Population Projections (2022-2032): County 6.6%, TN 7.2%
- Median Household Income: County $56,606, TN $54,833

86.8% filed the FAFSA in 2021-22 as compared to 77.9% overall in Tennessee.
Note: Overall filing rate for the 2021-22 FAFSA.

54.7% of the class of 2021 in the county enrolled in college immediately following high school, compared to 68.4% of the class of 2016.

128 additional students must enroll in college to increase the college-going rate by 5 percentage points.

2 designated VETS Campuses serve the county: Chattanooga State Community College/TCAT Chattanooga; University of Tennessee, Chattanooga

144.5 financial aid outreach hours spent in 2021-22 with 1,715 attendees. An additional 25 hours were invested statewide serving an additional 1,733 Tennesseans.

Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation (TSAC) Outreach Specialist
Eric Farmer
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Tennessee Reconnect Navigator
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Tennessee Student Assistance Award

20,259

FAFSas Filed

3,938

Awards

$5,882,061

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 an Expected Family Contribution below the eligibility threshold.

Total awarded during 2021-22 academic year.

Tennessee Education Lottery Scholarship Recipients

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Tennessee Promise

2,659

public high school seniors applied for Tennessee Promise in the 2020-21 school year. 21.9% of those applicants enrolled as part of the Tennessee Promise program in the 2021-22 school year.

Tennessee Reconnect

1,288

grant applications for Tennessee Reconnect were received for the 2021-22 school year. A total of 308 Reconnectors were served by Tennessee Reconnect Communities.

Undergraduate Enrollment

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

Grant Programs in Hamilton County

Adviser Tennessee - Brainerd High School - 304 Students Served

Adviser TN is a college advising and capacity building program that aims to increase the number of Tennesseans accessing higher education by partnering with high schools and providing college advising services to juniors and seniors across Tennessee.

Diversity in Teaching - University of Tennessee, Chattanooga - $84,800

Diversity in Teaching grants are competitive, two-year grants to support educator preparation programs in using diversity as a teaching tool for future teachers in Tennessee.

GIVE 2.0 Community Grants - Chattanooga State Community College - Advancing Cybersecurity, Automotive, and Welding Instruction in Southeast Tennessee - $1,000,000

The Governor's Investment in Vocational Education (GIVE) is designed to foster long-term regional partnerships between Tennessee Colleges of Applied Technology (TCATs), community colleges, industry, economic development/workforce agencies, and K-12 to identify and address “skills gaps” in local workforce pools. Through a competitive grant process, grants of up to $1 million were made available to local collaborative boards for periods of up to thirty (30) months to facilitate the development and implementation of employer-driven career pathways that will both K-12 local education agencies (LEAs) and higher education institutions.

SPARC Grants - $95,158

Supporting Postsecondary Access in Rural Communities (SPARC) grants provide funds for K-12 Career and Technical Education Departments to align program offerings to industry needs and postsecondary education, increase early postsecondary opportunities, and increase work-based learning opportunities.

Veterans Reconnect Grant - Chattanooga State Community College - $30,000 - 410 Students Served

Veterans Reconnect Grant gave all Tennessee Board of Regent institutions the capability to provide Student Veterans and military family members a one-time Military Transition Grant of up to $300. The micro-grant will assist those students with a financial need in hopes that they persist in their academic studies. More opportunities to fund veterans education initiatives are currently being planned.

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.