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## Washington County

### Community Education Snapshot

- **Public High School Graduation Rate**
  - County: 91.7%
  - Tennessee: 88.7%

- **College-Going Rate**
  - County: 53.9%
  - Tennessee: 52.8%

- **First-Time Freshman TELS Recipient Rate**
  - County: 68.7%
  - Tennessee: 66.3%

- **ACT Scores**
  - County: 20.8
  - 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.

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

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<tr>
<td>Adults with HS+</td>
<td>91.7%</td>
<td>89.9%</td>
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<td>Adults with Some College, No Degree</td>
<td>20.8%</td>
<td>21.0%</td>
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<td>Adults with Associate or higher</td>
<td>42.6%</td>
<td>38.0%</td>
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<td>Adults with Bachelor's or higher</td>
<td>35.2%</td>
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### Socioeconomic Profile

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<td>Share of Population in Poverty</td>
<td>15.2%</td>
<td>14.6%</td>
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<td>Unemployment Rate</td>
<td>4.8%</td>
<td>5.3%</td>
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<td>Population Ages 25-64</td>
<td>65,506</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>6.1%</td>
<td>7.2%</td>
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<td>Median Household Income</td>
<td>$48,923</td>
<td>$54,833</td>
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### Top Colleges Selected by 2021 High School Graduates

1. East Tennessee State University - 184
2. Northeast State Community College - 174
3. UT Knoxville - 54
4. Milligan University - 21
5. Tennessee Technological University - 14

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

1. Veterinarians
2. Mechanical Engineers
3. Civil Engineers
4. Engineers, All Other
5. Electronics Engineers, Except Computer

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

**Erika Adams**

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### Tennessee Reconnect Navigator

**Whitney McLaughlin**

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Tennessee Student Assistance Award

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.

- **7,431** FAFSAs Filed
- **1,490** Awards
- **$2,332,264** Awarded

Tennessee Education Lottery Scholarship Recipients

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<td>HOPE with GAMS</td>
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<td>HOPE with Aspire</td>
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<td>Dual Enrollment Grant</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>$8,462,147</strong></td>
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TENNESSEE Promise

- **971** public high school seniors applied for Tennessee Promise in the 2020-21 school year.
- **26.7%** of those applicants enrolled as part of the Tennessee Promise program in the 2021-22 school year.

TENNESSEE Reconnect

- **332** grant applications for Tennessee Reconnect were received for the 2021-22 school year. A total of **173** Reconnectors were served by Tennessee Reconnect Communities.

TN PATH TO COLLEGE EVENTS

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

COLLEGE FOR TN

- **417** high school seniors in the 2020-21 school year received a Dual Enrollment Grant at a public college or university. **71.5%** of those students enrolled in public postsecondary in the 2021-22 school year.

Grant Programs in Washington County

**Undergraduate Enrollment**

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<td>Undergraduate</td>
<td>5,171</td>
<td>5,128</td>
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<td>4,751</td>
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**Undergraduate Degree Completion**

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<td>Undergraduate</td>
<td>1,032</td>
<td>1,001</td>
<td>1,007</td>
<td>990</td>
<td>951</td>
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These graphs represent TCATs, public community colleges, and universities.

**Veterans Reconnect Grant - East Tennessee State University - $63,288 - 963 Students Served**

**Veterans Reconnect Grant - Northeast State Community College - $63,288 - 770 Students Served**

The FY 2023-25 competitive Veteran Reconnect Grant allowed institutions to propose research measures supporting Student Veterans and military families in higher education. Research can include analyzing peer mentor programs or tutoring services, veterans resource centers, and the transition out of the military life onto campus.

**Veterans Reconnect Grant - Northeast State Community College - $30,000 - 795 Students Served**

The FY 2021-23 competitive Veteran 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 veteran 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.