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### **MAJOR CITIES:**

Middle Tennessee	Nashville
West Tennessee	Memphis
East Tennessee	Knoxville
South Tennessee	Chattanooga

### **TENNESSEE – CLIMATE**

Generally, Tennessee has a temperate climate, with warm summers and mild winters. However, the state's varied topography leads to a wide range of climatic conditions.

The warmest parts of the state, with the longest growing season, are the Gulf Coastal Plain, the Central Basin, and the Sequatchie Valley. In the Memphis area in the southwest, the average date of the last killing frost is 20 March, and the growing season is about 235 days. Memphis has an annual mean temperature of 62°F (17°C), 40°F (4°C) in January, and 83°F (28°C) in July. In the Nashville area, the growing season lasts about 225 days. Nashville has an annual mean of 59°F (15°C), ranging from 36°F (2°C) in January to 79°F (26°C) in July. The Knoxville area has a growing season of 220 days. The city's annual mean temperature is 60°F (16°C), with averages of 41°F (5°C) in January and 78°F (26°C) in July. In some parts of the mountainous east, where the temperatures are considerably lower, the growing season is as short as 130 days. The record high temperature for the state is 113°F (45°C), set at Perryville on 9 August 1930; the record low, -32°F (-36°C), was registered at Mountain City on 30 December 1917.

Severe storms occur infrequently. The greatest rainfall occurs in the winter and early spring, especially March; the early fall months, particularly September and October, are the driest. Average annual precipitation (1971–2000) was 54.7 in (138.9 cm) in

Memphis and 48 in (122 cm) in Nashville. Snowfall varies and is more prevalent in East Tennessee than in the western section; Nashville gets about 10 in (25.4 cm) a year, Memphis only 5 in (12.7 cm).

## **CULTURAL ACTIVITIES**

<http://www.tnvacation.com/about/> Click on this site for more cultural activity ideas

### **Beale Street Historic District – Memphis, TN**

For over 150 years, Beale Street has hosted blues music and entertainment. Beale played a pivotal role in branding Memphis as one of the most musically rich cities in the world, and was prominent in hosting some of the first black business owners in the south. In between, the street was host to the birth of blues music, the civil rights movement, rock 'n' roll, racks of ribs and bands.

### **Elvis Presley's Graceland - Memphis**

Explore the personal life of Elvis Presley and learn how his revolutionary style and unique sound changed the face of popular music and culture forever with audio-guided tours and exhibits like the new "Elvis' Tupelo Exhibit," the "ICON: The Influence of Elvis Presley" exhibit, custom jets, and "Elvis' Hawaii: Concerts, Movies and More!"

### **Adventure Science Center - Nashville**

Discover the wonders of science at Adventure Science Center – a world of interactive exhibits that inspire imagination and curiosity for visitors of all ages.

### **Country Music Hall of Fame & Museum – Nashville**

Follow the rhythm of country music's past and present to the home of priceless artifacts, dynamic exhibitions, live music, Nashville's most legendary recording studio and much more. Be our guest and experience true Southern hospitality and a journey you'll never forget.

### **Lookout Mountain Incline Railway – Chattanooga**

Experience the thrill of "America's most amazing mile" while riding the world's steepest passenger railway up historic Lookout Mountain.

### **Tennessee Aquarium – Chattanooga**

Begin with the freshwater exhibits housed in the River Journey building. Watch river otters playing in a cove forest. Gaze in awe at fantastic seahorses and sea dragons. The adventure continues in the Ocean Journey building where guests can explore the chilly world of "Penguins' Rock," the home of amazing gentoo and macaroni penguins.

### **Knoxville Zoo – Knoxville**

Let's go to the ZOO! Experience wildlife up close at Knoxville's largest attraction as you come face to face with more than 800 of the Earth's most fascinating animals. See giraffe, elephants, gorillas, chimpanzees, lions and more as you travel through Grasslands Africa and the African Forest. See red pandas, rhinos, reptiles, river otters, and so much more! Ride a camel, play zookeeper at Wee Play Zoo, encounter animals up close at Animal Encounter Village and see a fantastic new show – Animals In Action!

### **World's Largest Rubik's Cube – Knoxville**

This motorized enigma is actually a gift from the Hungarian government for the 1982 World's Fair. The ever-changing Rubik's Cube weighs 1200 pounds and is a sight to behold. Recently restored, the World's Largest Rubik's Cube is well worth a visit.

### **Dollywood – Pigeon Forge**

Dollywood's Festival of Nations presents the most captivating entertainment from around the world during this month-long celebration of music, dance, food and art.

### **Smoky Mountains – Gatlinburg**

The Great Smoky Mountains are a mountain range rising along the Tennessee–North Carolina border in the southeastern United States. They are a subrange of the Appalachian Mountains, and form part of the Blue Ridge Physiographic Province. The range is sometimes called the Smoky Mountains and the name is commonly shortened to the Smokies.

## GROCERY SHOPPING

Big Star Easy Way Food Stores Food Giant Harris Teeter IGA The Kroger Company Publix Super Market Schnucks	Bi-Lo, LLC Food City Food Lion H. G. Hill Food Stores Ingles Market Piggly Wiggly Save-A-Lot Whole Foods Market, Inc.
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## SHOPPING

### Downtown Franklin – Franklin

Fifteen block National Register Historic District with more than 70 unique shops, restaurants and antiques.

Opry Mills – Nashville

Opry Mills® is Tennessee's largest outlet, value retail, shopping, dining and entertainment destination. Situated between I-40 and I-65 on Briley Parkway.

Pigeon Forge Factory Outlet Mall – Pigeon Forge

They have fantastic stores such as Mikasa, Big Dogs, Oneida and Rack Room Shoes and more.

Warehouse Row – Chattanooga

From its martial beginnings as the Old Stone Fort during the Civil War, to its transformation into a warehouse district at the turn of the 20th century, the buildings that define Warehouse Row represent the vibrant history and commercial culture of Chattanooga. As a mixed-use development in the 1980's, Warehouse Row became a destination shopping center for the Southeast that was a part of revitalizing downtown Chattanooga.

Area  City  Mall  Central TN

Antioch TN [Global Mall at the Crossings](#)

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Central TN Columbia TN [Columbia Mall](#)

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Central TN Crossville TN [Crossville Outlet Center](#)

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Central TN Knoxville TN [Knoxville Center](#)

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Central TN Murfreesboro TN [Stones River Mall](#)

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Eastern TN Chattanooga TN [Hamilton Place](#)

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Eastern TN Chattanooga TN [Northgate Mall](#)

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Eastern TN Chattanooga TN [The Shoppes at Warehouse Row](#)

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Eastern TN Collierville TN [Carriage Crossing](#)

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Eastern TN Germantown TN [The Shops of Saddle Creek](#)

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Eastern TN Johnson City TN [The Mall at Johnson City](#)

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Eastern TN Kingsport TN [Kingsport Town Center](#)

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Eastern TN Knoxville TN [West Town Mall](#)

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Eastern TN Maryville TN [Foothills Mall](#)

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Eastern TN Morristown TN [College Square](#)

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Eastern TN Murfreesboro TN [The Avenue Murfreesboro](#)

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Eastern TN Pigeon Forge TN [Pigeon Forge Factory Outlet Mall](#)

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Eastern TN Pigeon Forge TN [The Shops of Pigeon Forge](#)

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Eastern TN Sevierville TN [Tanger Five Oaks, Sevierville Tennessee](#)

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Memphis area Jackson TN [Old Hickory Mall](#)

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Memphis area Memphis TN [Oak Court Mall](#)

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Memphis area Memphis TN [Southland Mall](#)

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Memphis area Memphis TN [Wolfchase Galleria](#)

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Nashville area Clarksville TN [Governor's Square Mall](#)

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Nashville area Franklin TN [CoolSprings Galleria](#)

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Nashville area Goodlettsville TN [RiverGate Mall](#)

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Nashville area Lebanon TN [Lebanon Premium Outlets](#)

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Nashville area Nashville TN [Opry Mills](#)

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Nashville area Nashville TN [The Mall at Green Hills](#)

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## **PHARMACIES**

Walgreens

CVS Pharmacy

Target

Kroger

Rite Aid

Wal-Mart

## POST OFFICES/SHIPPING



<http://www.postofficehours.net/state/TN.html>  
click here for more information



<http://local.fedex.com/tn/nashville/>  
click here for more information



[https://www.ups.com/dropoff?loc=en\\_US](https://www.ups.com/dropoff?loc=en_US)  
click here for more information

## TIME ZONES

### Tennessee Time Zone - Tennessee Current Local Time - Daylight Saving Time

Eastern Tennessee is in the Eastern Time Zone  
Western Tennessee is in the Central Time Zone

[http://localtimes.info/North\\_America/United\\_States/Tennessee/](http://localtimes.info/North_America/United_States/Tennessee/)

## COST OF LIVING IN TENNESSEE

<b>Cost of Living</b>	<b>Tennessee, TN</b>	<b>United States</b>
<a href="#"><u>Overall</u></a>	<b>87</b>	<b>100</b>
<a href="#"><u>Grocery</u></a>	<b>94.4</b>	<b>100</b>
<a href="#"><u>Health</u></a>	<b>92</b>	<b>100</b>
<a href="#"><u>Housing</u></a>	<b>70</b>	<b>100</b>
<a href="#"><u>Utilities</u></a>	<b>91</b>	<b>100</b>
<a href="#"><u>Transportation</u></a>	<b>94</b>	<b>100</b>
<a href="#"><u>Miscellaneous</u></a>	<b>96</b>	<b>100</b>

Our cost of living indices are based on a US average of 100. An amount below 100 means Tennessee, TN is cheaper than the US average. A cost of living index above 100 means Tennessee, TN is more expensive.

Overall, Tennessee, TN cost of living is 86.50.

[http://www.bestplaces.net/cost\\_of\\_living/state/tennessee](http://www.bestplaces.net/cost_of_living/state/tennessee) click here for more information

## **MINIMUM WAGE**

State	2016 Minimum Wage	2016 Tipped Wage
TN	\$7.25	\$2.13

<http://www.minimumwage.com/in-your-state/> click here for more information

## **WORKMAN'S COMPENSATION**

<http://www.tn.gov/labor-wfd/wcomp/faq/wcfaq.shtml>

Click here for more information

## **TRANSPORTATION SERVICES**

Nashville Bus Rapid Transit  
Chattanooga Area Regional Transportation Authority  
Knoxville Area Transit  
Memphis Area Transit Authority  
Franklin Transit System  
Pigeon Forge Trolleys

<http://www.tdot.state.tn.us/tntransit25/transit.html> click here for more information