

CARTHAGE SMITH COUNTY

2025 COMMUNITY DATA PROFILE



QUICK FACTS

County Seat	Carthage
Year Incorporated	1804
Land Area in Square Miles (County)	314
Water Area in Square Miles (County)	11
Latitude	N36° 15.13'
Longitude	W85° 57.10'
Elevation	515'
Market Region	Cookeville
Distance From Nashville	50 miles
Time Zone	Central
City Website	www.townofcarthagetn.com
Smith Co. Chamber Website	www.smithcountychamber.org/
Additional Incorporated Cities within the County	Gordonsville, South Carthage
Unincorporated Cities	Brush Creek, Chestnut Mound, Defeated, Dixon Springs, Elmwood, Hickman, Lancaster, Monoville, Pleasant Shade, Riddleton

POPULATION

	City	County
2020 (Census)	2,291	19,904
2024 Population	2,314	20,561
2024 Median Age	40.5	41.7
2029 Population Projection	2,336	21,063
Annual Growth Rate (2024-2029 Projected)	0.19%	0.48%

Source: ESRI

CLIMATE

Annual Average Temperature	58.6° F
Average High Temperature	70.5° F
Average Low Temperature	46.6° F
Annual Average Precipitation	51.41"
Annual Average Snowfall	3.0"
Prevailing Winds	Southerly
Mean Length of Freeze-Free Period (days)	180-220

TAX STRUCTURE

LOCAL	City	County
Property Taxes (2024)		
• Rate per \$100 value	\$0.8168	\$1.7331

Ratio of Assessment

• Residential and Farm	25%	25%
• Commercial/Industrial	40%	40%
• Personal (Equipment)	30%	30%

Total Local Assessment (2023)	\$71,024,899	\$622,306,094
Hotel-Motel Tax		0%
Motor Vehicle Wheel Tax Rate		\$15.00

Source: Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury, Division of Property Assessments
Source: County Technical Assistance Service, UTIPS

STATE

Sales Tax

- 4% tax on food and food ingredients
- 7% on all other tangible personal property unless specifically exempted

Local Sales Tax Rate

- 2.75%

Local and State Sales Tax Collected (FY2024)

- \$21,711,278

Income Tax

- **Personal:** Repealed beginning January 1, 2021
- **Corporate Excise Tax:** 6.5% of Tennessee taxable income
- **Franchise Tax:** .25% of the greater of the Tennessee portion of net worth or the book value of real and tangible property in Tennessee. The minimum tax is \$100
- **Unemployment Tax:** New employers is typically 2.7% (based on occupation) of first \$7,000

Source: Tennessee Department of Revenue

EDUCATION

District Name	Smith County
Type of Public School System	County
District Grades Served	Pre-K-12
Number of Schools	9
Number of Classroom Teachers	193
Student to Teacher Ratio	15:1
Additional Staff	34
Total Number of Students	2,908
Number of Private Schools	0
Total Number of Students	0
Number of Teachers	0

Number of High School Graduates (2024)	211
Graduation Rate	96.2%
Educational Attainment with a Degree (Adults Age 25+)	26.2%

Source: Tennessee Department of Education

REGIONAL HIGHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS (within 30 miles)

• Cumberland University	Lebanon
• TN College of Applied Technology	Hartsville
• Tennessee Technological University	Cookeville
• Volunteer State Community College	Gallatin
• Welch College	Gallatin

Source: National Center for Education Statistics

FastTrack Job Training Assistance Program Available	Yes
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Source: Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development

GOVERNMENT

GOVERNING BODY

City	Mayor with Council Members Meets 1st Thursday each month at 6:00 p.m. Town Hall Planning Commission Meets 2nd Wednesday each month at 5:30 p.m.
County	Mayor and County Commissioners Meets January, March, May, July, September, November 2nd Monday at 7:00 p.m. Smith County Jail & Courts Facility

Fire Department	
• Full-time fire fighters in city	1
• City volunteers	24
• Full-time fire fighters in county	0
• County volunteers	117
• Fire stations in city	1
• City fire trucks	3
• Fire stations in county	9
• County fire trucks	17
• Tankers	2
• Brush Trucks	2

Law Enforcement	
• Full-time police officers in city	9
• Full-time police officers in county & sheriff	32
• City patrol cars	8
• County patrol cars	32

	City	County
Insurance Rating	9	9/10
Zoning Regulations	Yes	Yes
Planning Commission	Yes	Yes
Industrial Development Corp.	Yes	Yes

TRANSPORTATION

AIR SERVICE

Nearest General Aviation	Lebanon Municipal Airport
Location Identifier	M54
Distance from Carthage	28 miles
Runway Length	5,000 feet and 1,801 feet
Surface	Asphalt/Turf
Lighting	MIRL/PAPI
Fuel	100LL/Jet A
Repairs	Major
Storage	Hangar, Tie Down
Transportation	Taxi and Rental Car
Nearest Commercial Service	Nashville International Airport
Location Identifier	BNA
Distance from Carthage	49 miles

Nashville International Airport (BNA) serves approximately 17 million total passengers annually. BNA is currently served by 22 major carriers, including international carriers. BNA offers 585+ daily flights and provides nonstop air service to more than 101 destinations.

HIGHWAYS

U.S. Highways	70 N
State Highways	25, 263, 264, 80, 85, 53
Nearest Interstate	Interstate 40

COMMON CARRIERS

Air Freight Companies	None
Motor Freight Companies	1
Terminal Facilities	0
Bus Services	
Inter-City	Yes
Local	No
Carrier Service	Yes

RAILROADS SERVED BY

Nashville and Eastern Railroad

NAVIGABLE WATERWAYS

River	Cumberland
Channel Depth	9 feet
Nearest Port Facility	Nashville
Miles from Port	50

COMMUNICATIONS

Newspapers	Carthage Courier The Tennessean
Telephone Companies	DTC Communications, AT&T, Xfinity, and North Central
Radio Stations	WUCZ FM (104.1), WRKM AM (1350)
Television Networks	5
Cable Service Available	Yes
Channels	Unlimited
Provider	DTC Communications, Comcast, Direct TV, Dish Network, and Charter Communications
Internet Service Available	Yes
Provider	DTC Communications, AT&T, Comcast, Charter Communications and North Central
Fiber Optics Available	Yes
Provider	DTC Communications and Charter Communications, Xfinity, AT&T, North Central

COMMUNITY FACILITIES (countywide)

Health Care		Recreation	
Doctors	22	Libraries	2
Dentists	3	Parks	3
Hospitals	1	Golf Courses (Public & Private)	0
Beds	35	Swimming Pools (Public & Private)	1
Clinics	6	Country Clubs	0
Nursing Homes	1	Theaters	0
Beds	128	Bowling Alleys	0
Retirement Homes	1	Hotels & Motels	3
Beds	14	Rooms	92
Residential Care/ Assisted Living	1	Bed & Breakfasts	2
Beds	47	Rooms	8
		Cabins & Private Rentals	25
		Largest Meeting Room	
		Capacit	300
Religious Organizations		Restaurants	
Protestant	98	Fast Food	16
Catholic	1	Sit Down	18
Jehovah's Witness	1	Other	5
Jewish	0	Other	
Spanish	1	Ball fields, tennis courts,	
Other	3	Cordell Hull Lake, hiking trail/	
		horse trail, campground,	
Day Care Centers	7	marina, museum, playground,	
Day Care Homes	2	walking track, soccer field,	
		community playground	

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Banks:	Total Number of Institutions	4
	Total Number of Offices	9
	Deposits	708,000,000
Credit Unions:	Total Number of Branches	0
	Total Number of Offices	0
	Deposits	0
Countywide Combined Deposits		\$708,000,000
(Deposits for June 30, 2024)		

Source: Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and National Credit Union Administration

INDUSTRIAL SUPPORT SERVICES

Service	Location	Distance (Miles)
Tool & Die	Local	
Heat Treating	Cookeville	34
Foundry	Cookeville	34
Heavy Hardware	Cookeville	34
Sheet Metal	Local	
Lubricants	Local	
Welding Supplies	Local	
Abrasives	Local	

SELECTED ECONOMIC INDICATORS

2024 ANNUAL AVERAGES (AGE 16+)		
Labor Force	County	Labor Market Area*
Population	16,452	218,088
Employed	9,635	125,953
Unemployed	419	4,817
Unemployment Rate	4.2%	3.7%

*Drive Time: 45 minute radius from Carthage (County seat)
Source: ESRI

2024 EMPLOYED POPULATION 16+ BY INDUSTRY	
Agriculture/Mining	2.1%
Construction	10.4%
Manufacturing	18.0%
Wholesale Trade	1.8%
Retail Trade	13.8%
Transportation/Utilities	5.7%
Information	0.9%
Finance/Insurance/Real Estate	4.2%
Services	36.6%
Public Administration	6.4%

Source: ESRI

MANUFACTURING IN AREA (Annual Averages 2023)	
Number of Units	18
Ann. Avg. Employment	1,221
Ann. Avg. Weekly Wage	\$1,168

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME	
Year	2024
Amount	\$30,770

Source: ESRI

MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME	
Year	2024
Amount	\$59,401

Source: ESRI

AVERAGE HOME SALES	
Year	2023
Number of Homes Sold	239
Average Cost	\$273,994
2024 Median Home Value	\$235,692

Source: Tennessee Housing Development Agency

RETAIL SALES	
Year	2023
Amount	\$261,292,011

Source: Tennessee Department of Revenue

NATURAL RESOURCES

Minerals: Crushed Stone and Zinc
Timber: Oak, Hickory, Ash, Cedar, Maple and Walnut

AGRICULTURAL

Crops: Hay, corn, soybeans, tobacco, strawberries, green peppers, tomatoes and apples
Livestock: Cattle

UTILITIES

WATER

Water Supplier	Town of Carthage
Phone	615.735.1881 or 615.735.9392
Website	www.townofcarthagetn.com
Source	Cumberland River
Capacity	1,400,000 GPD
Current Consumption	750,000 GPD
Storage Capacity	600,000 Gallons

SEWER

Sewer Provider	Town of Carthage
Phone	615.735.1881
Website	www.townofcarthagetn.com
Type of Treatment	Activated sludge
Capacity	.625 MGD
Current Usage	.350 MGD
City Sewer Coverage	95%
Storm Sewer Coverage	95%
Solid Waste Disposal Type	Yes

ELECTRICITY

Source Company	Tennessee Valley Authority
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LOCAL POWER COMPANY (City and County)

Upper Cumberland Electric Membership Corp.

General Manager	Jennifer Brogdon
Local Address	Post Office Box 159 138 Gordonsville Highway South Carthage, TN 37030-0159
Phone	615.735.2940
Corporate Address	907 Main Street N Carthage, TN 37030
Phone	615.735.3208
Outages	615.735.0911
Website	www.ucemc.com

LOCAL GAS COMPANY (City and County)

Middle Tennessee Natural Gas Utility District

Executive VP/CEO	Mike Davidson
Local Address	1036 West Broad Street Smithville, Tennessee 37166
Phone	615.597.4388
Website	www.mtng.com
Source Company	East TN Natural Gas Company
Fuel Oil Suppliers	3
Suppliers of LP Gas	2

MAJOR INDUSTRIAL MANUFACTURERS/DISTRIBUTION

Firm (Countywide)	Product or Service	Total Employees	Union	Phone Number
Bonnell Aluminum Manufacturing, Inc.	Aluminum extrusion	675	None	615.683.8291
Nyrstar Tennessee Mines	Zinc mining and processing	355	None	615.683.6411
Dana Driveshaft Products, LLC	Automotive driveshaft manufacturer	280	None	615.683.8201
Shiroki-GT, LLC	Automotive supplier	211	None	615.395.3600
Harris (a Lincoln Electric Co)	Metal tube fabrication	189	None	615.735.3201
Graphic Packaging International	Paper board packaging	131	USW	615.683.6352
Rackley Roofing Co., Inc.	Commercial roofing-sheet metal	80	None	615.735.1197
Taiho Manufacturing of TN, LLC	Multi-layered steel gaskets	42	None	615.683.8000
Filtra-Systems Manufacturing Co.	Industrial filtration and separation	35	None	615.683.8261
Tom Arnold Construction Co.	Road const., drainage & trucking by state bid	18	None	615.735.2155
Eatherly Group, Inc.	Road/bridge const., excavation and hauling	18	None	615.735.8200
Crockett-Phillips Construction, Inc.	Const., grading, drainage and hauling	10	None	615.683.3332

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