

SOUTH CARTHAGE SMITH COUNTY

2026 COMMUNITY DATA PROFILE



QUICK FACTS

County Seat	Carthage
Year Incorporated	1963
Land Area in Square Miles (County)	314
Water Area in Square Miles (County)	11
Latitude	N36° 14.51'
Longitude	W85° 57.11'
Elevation	499'
Market Region	Cookeville
Distance From Nashville	53 miles
Time Zone	Central
City Website	None at this time
Smith Co. Chamber Website	www.townofsouthcarthage.com
Additional Incorporated Cities within the County	Carthage, Gordonsville
Unincorporated Cities	Brush Creek, Chestnut Mound, Defeated, Dixon Springs, Elmwood, Hickman, Lancaster, Monoville, Pleasant Shade, Riddleton

POPULATION

	City	County
2020 (Census)	1,490	19,904
2025 Population	1,566	20,671
2025 Median Age	39.6	41.9
2030 Population Projection	1,611	21,182
Annual Growth Rate (2025-2030 Projected)	0.57%	0.49%

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

	City	County
LOCAL		
Property Taxes (2025)		
• Rate per \$100 value	\$0.7063	\$1.7331
Ratio of Assessment		
• Residential and Farm	25%	25%
• Commercial/Industrial	40%	40%
• Personal (Equipment)	30%	30%
Total Local Assessment (2024)	\$38,993,926	\$625,702,508
Hotel-Motel Occupancy Tax	0.0%	5.0%
Motor Vehicle Wheel Tax Rate		\$15.00

Source: Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury, Division of Property Assessments
Source: Tennessee Department of Revenue

STATE

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

Local Sales Tax Rate

- 2.00%

Local and State Sales Tax Collected (FY2025)

- \$22,080,882

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- **Personal:** Repealed beginning January 1, 2021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	36
Total Number of Students	2,926
Number of Private Schools	0
Total Number of Students	0
Number of Teachers	0

Number of High School Graduates (2025)	196
Graduation Rate	96.2%
Educational Attainment with a Degree (Adults Age 25+)	25.5%

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 Board of Aldermen/women
Meets 1st Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
Town Hall

County Mayor and County Commissioners
Every 4th Monday each month at 6:00pm
at Smith County Ag Center

Fire Department

- Full-time fire fighters in city 0
- City volunteers 16
- Full-time fire fighters in county 0
- County volunteers 117
- Fire stations in city 1
- City fire trucks 2
- Fire stations in county 9
- County fire trucks 17
- Tankers 2
- Brush Trucks 2

Law Enforcement

- Full-time police officers in city 4
- Full-time police officers in county & sheriff 32
- City patrol cars 4
- County patrol cars 32
- Part-time police officers in city 4

	City	County
Insurance Rating	6	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 South Carthage	27 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 South Carthage	48 miles

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	12 feet
Nearest Port Facility	Hartsville
Miles from Port	20

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

Doctors	22
Dentists	3
Hospitals	1
Beds	35
Clinics	6
Nursing Homes	1
Beds	128
Retirement Homes	1
Beds	14
Residential Care/ Assisted Living	1
Beds	47

Religious Organizations

Protestant	98
Catholic	0
Jehovah's Witness	1
Jewish	0
Spanish	1
Other	3

Day Care Centers

Day Care Homes	2
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Recreation

Libraries	2
Parks	3
Golf Courses (Public & Private)	0
Swimming Pools (Public & Private)	1
Country Clubs	0
Theaters	0
Bowling Alleys	0

Hotels & Motels

Rooms	92
Bed & Breakfasts	2
Rooms	8
Cabins & Private Rentals	25

Largest Meeting Room

Capacity	300
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Restaurants

Fast Food	16
Sit Down	18
Other	5

Other

Ball fields, tennis courts, Cordell Hull Lake, hiking trail/horse trail, campground, marina, museum, playground, walking track, soccer field, community playground

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Banks:	Total Number of Institutions	4
	Total Number of Offices	9
	Deposits	748,000,000
Credit Unions:	Total Number of Branches	0
	Total Number of Offices	0
	Deposits	0
Countywide Combined Deposits		\$748,000,000

(Deposits for June 30, 2025)

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

2025 ANNUAL AVERAGES (AGE 16+)

Labor Force	County	Labor Market Area*
Population	16,673	235,301
Employed	9,713	135,975
Unemployed	420	5,436
Unemployment Rate	4.1%	3.8%

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

Source: ESRI

2025 EMPLOYED POPULATION 16+ BY INDUSTRY

Agriculture/Mining	2.2%
Construction	10.9%
Manufacturing	16.7%
Wholesale Trade	1.8%
Retail Trade	13.0%
Transportation/Utilities	5.7%
Information	0.9%
Finance/Insurance/Real Estate	3.8%
Services	38.1%
Public Administration	7.1%

Source: ESRI

MANUFACTURING IN AREA (Annual Averages 2024)

Number of Units	18
Ann. Avg. Employment	1,198
Ann. Avg. Weekly Wage	\$1,347

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

Year	2025
Amount	\$32,186

Source: ESRI

MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME

Year	2025
Amount	\$60,643

Source: ESRI

AVERAGE HOME SALES

Year	2025
Median Value	\$255,440
Average Value	\$286,014
Housing Affordability Index	91
Percent of Income to Mortgage	26.4%

Source: ESRI

RETAIL SALES

Year	2024
Amount	\$253,133,899

Source: Tennessee Department of Revenue

NATURAL RESOURCES

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

AGRICULTURAL

Crops: Hay, corn, soybeans, tobacco
Livestock: Cattle

UTILITIES

WATER

Water Supplier Smith Utility District
Phone 615.735.2793
Website www.smithud.com
Source Caney Fork River/Cumberland River
Capacity 3,000,000 GPD
Current Consumption 1,200,000 GPD
Storage Capacity 2,840,000 Gallons

SEWER

Sewer Provider Town of Carthage/City of South Carthage
Phone 615.735.1881 / 615.735.2727
Website www.townofcarthagetn.gov
Type of Treatment Activated sludge
Capacity .325 MGD
Current Usage .835 MGD
City Sewer Coverage 95%
Storm Sewer Coverage 95%
Solid Waste Disposal Type Yes

ELECTRICITY

Source Company Tennessee Valley Authority

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
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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
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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
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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