

SPARTA WHITE COUNTY

2026 COMMUNITY DATA PROFILE



QUICK FACTS

County Seat	Sparta
Year Incorporated	1841
Land Area in Square Miles (County)	377
Water Area in Square Miles (County)	3
Latitude	N35° 55.56'
Longitude	W85° 27.85'
Elevation	925'
Market Region	Cookeville
Distance From Nashville	80 miles
Time Zone	Central
City Website	www.spartatn.com
County Website	www.whitecountyttn.gov
Additional Incorporated Cities within the County	Doyle
Unincorporated Cities	Quebeck, Walling

POPULATION

	City	County
2020 (Census)	4,998	27,351
2025 Population	4,916	28,689
2025 Median Age	42.6	43.6
2030 Population Projection	4,972	29,708
Annual Growth Rate (2025-2030 Projected)	0.23%	0.70%

Source: ESRI

CLIMATE

Annual Average Temperature	58.25° F
Average High Temperature	70.9° F
Average Low Temperature	45.6° F
Annual Average Precipitation	54.14"
Annual Average Snowfall	5.0"
Prevailing Winds	Southerly
Mean Length of Freeze-Free Period (days)	190

TAX STRUCTURE

LOCAL	City	County
Property Taxes (2025)		
• Rate per \$100 value	\$0.5922	\$1.41
Ratio of Assessment		
• Residential and Farm	25%	25%
• Commercial/Industrial	40%	40%
• Personal (Equipment)	30%	30%
Total Local Assessment (2024)	\$136,070,932	\$573,359,717
Hotel-Motel Occupancy Tax	4.0%	5.0%
Motor Vehicle Wheel Tax Rate		\$42.00

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
• City of Sparta: 2.75%
• White County: 2.25%
Local and State Sales Tax Collected (FY2024)
• \$34,242,088
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• Personal: Repealed beginning January 1, 2021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	White County
Type of Public School System	County
District Grades Served	Pre-K-12
Number of Schools	8
Number of Classroom Teachers	239
Student to Teacher Ratio	15:1
Additional Staff	39
Total Number of Students	3,565
Number of Private Schools	3
Total Number of Students	47
Number of Teachers	17

Number of High School Graduates (2025)	264
Graduation Rate	98.5%
Educational Attainment with a Degree (Adults Age 25+)	24.5%

Source: Tennessee Department of Education

REGIONAL HIGHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS (within 30 miles)

- Motlow State Community College Sparta
- Tennessee Technological University Cookeville
- TN College of Applied Technology Crossville
- TN College of Applied Technology McMinnville
- Genesis Career Center Cookeville
- Fortis Institute Cookeville
- Volunteer State Community College Cookeville

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 and Aldermen Meets 1st and 3rd Thursday at 5:00 p.m. City Hall
County	County Executive and County Commissioners Meets 3rd Monday at 6:00 p.m. White County Courthouse Committee Meeting 1st Monday at 5:00 p.m.

Fire Department

- Full-time fire fighters in city 6
 - City volunteers 18
 - County volunteers 75
 - Fire stations in city 3
 - City fire trucks 6
 - Fire stations in county 12
 - County fire trucks 25
- * EMS: 9 ambulances - 3 crews/day and 3 crews/night

Law Enforcement

- Full-time police officers in city 15
- Full-time patrol officers & sheriff in county 46
- City patrol cars 18
- County patrol cars 62

	<u>City</u>	<u>County</u>
Insurance Rating	4	6-9
Zoning Regulations	Yes	No
Planning Commission	Yes	Yes
Industrial Development Corp.	Yes	Yes

TRANSPORTATION

AIR SERVICE

Nearest General Aviation	Upper Cumberland Regional Airport
Location Identifier	SRB
Distance from City	11 miles
Runway Length	6,704 feet
Surface	Asphalt
Lighting	HIRL/PAPI
Fuel	100LL/Jet A
Repairs	Major
Storage	Hangar, Tie Down
Transportation	Taxi, Rental and Courtesy Car
Nearest Commercial Service	Nashville International Airport
Location Identifier	BNA
Distance from Sparta	88 miles

HIGHWAYS

U.S. Highways	US 70
State Highways	1, 111, 289, 135, 136, 84, 26
Nearest Interstate	14 miles to I-40; 50 miles to I-24

COMMON CARRIERS

Air Freight Companies	1
Motor Freight Companies	4
Terminal Facilities	2
Bus Services	
Inter-City	No
Local	Yes UCHRA/UCARTS
Carrier Service	Yes

RAILROADS SERVED BY

Caney Fork and Western Railroad-Piggy Back Ramp: Nashville

NAVIGABLE WATERWAYS

River	Tennessee
Channel Depth	11 feet
Nearest Port Facility	Chattanooga
Miles from Port	80

COMMUNICATIONS

Newspapers	Sparta Expositor Cumberland Business Journal
Telephone Companies	Frontier Communications Ben Lomand Connect
Radio Stations	WRKK-FM & AM; WSMT-AM; WTZX-AM
Television Networks	WCTE Cookeville, BLTV
Cable Service Available	Yes
Provider	Charter Spectrum and Ben Lomand Connect, Dish Network, Direct TV
Internet Service Available	Yes
Provider	Ben Lomand Connect, Frontier Communications, and Charter Spectrum
Fiber Optics Available	Yes
Provider	Ben Lomand Connect

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Health Care

Doctors	30
Dentists	7
Hospitals	1
Beds	60
Clinics	5
Nursing Homes	2
Beds	277
Residential Care	5
Assisted Living	1
Beds	60

Religious Organizations

Protestant	92
Catholic	1
Jehovah's Witness	1
Seventh Day Adventist	1
Latter Day Saints	1
Other	

Day Care Centers

9

Day Care Homes

10

Recreation

Libraries	1
Parks	6
Golf Courses	2
Swimming Pools	1
Country Clubs	1
Theaters	0
Bowling Alleys	0
Museums	4
Drive-In Movie	1

Hotels & Motels

Rooms	56
Airbnb	90

Wedding Venues

9

Largest Meeting Room

Capacity	1,000
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Restaurants

38

Venues

Seats

Amphitheater	250
Agriculture Arena	2,000

Other

2 State Parks, 1 State Natural Area and 1 Wildlife Management area.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Banks:	Total Number of Institutions	5
	Total Number of Offices	6
	Deposits	614,000,000
Credit Unions:	Total Number of Branches	0
	Total Number of Offices	0
	Deposits	0
Countywide Combined Deposits		\$614,000,000

(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	Local	
Foundry	Local	
Heavy Hardware	Nashville	80
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	23,343	185,060
Employed	11,724	96,906
Unemployed	572	4,431
Unemployment Rate	4.7%	4.4%

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

Source: ESRI

2025 EMPLOYED POPULATION (AGE 16+) BY INDUSTRY

Agriculture/Mining	1.3%
Construction	5.6%
Manufacturing	22.7%
Wholesale Trade	2.2%
Retail Trade	8.4%
Transportation/Utilities	8.6%
Information	0.3%
Finance/Insurance/Real Estate	3.5%
Services	42.7%
Public Administration	4.6%

Source: ESRI

MANUFACTURING IN AREA (Annual Averages 2024)

Number of Units	52
Ann. Avg. Employment	1,863
Ann. Avg. Weekly Wage	\$1,026

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

Year	2025
Amount	\$28,058

Source: ESRI

MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME

Year	2025
Amount	\$53,069

Source: ESRI

AVERAGE HOME SALES

Year	2025
Median Value	\$225,735
Average Value	\$270,193
Housing Affordability Index	90
Percent of Income to Mortgage	26.6%

Source: ESRI

RETAIL SALES

Year	2024
Amount	\$421,620,881

Source: Tennessee Department of Revenue

NATURAL RESOURCES

Minerals: Limestone & coal

Timber: Hardwoods & pine

AGRICULTURAL

Crops: Hay, soy and corn

Livestock: Poultry and cattle

UTILITIES

WATER

Water Supplier	City of Sparta
Phone	931.738.2281
Website	www.spartatn.com
Source	Calkiller River
Capacity	4,000,000 GPD
Current Consumption	2,700,000 GPD
Storage Capacity	3,550,000 Gallons

SEWER

Sewer Provider	City of Sparta
Phone	931.738.2281
Website	www.spartatn.com
Type of Treatment	Secondary
Capacity	1,600,000 GPD
Current Usage	950,000 GPD
City Sewer Coverage	87%
Storm Sewer Coverage	30%
Solid Waste Disposal Type	County Landfill

LOCAL GAS COMPANY (City and County)

Middle Tennessee Natural Gas Utility District

Executive VP/CEO	Mike Davidson
District Office	453 N. Spring Street Sparta, Tennessee 38583
Phone	931.836.2825
Website	www.mtng.com
Source Company	East TN Natural Gas Company
Fuel Oil Suppliers	2
Suppliers of LP Gas	2

ELECTRICITY

Source Company Tennessee Valley Authority

LOCAL POWER COMPANY (County)

Caney Fork Electric Cooperative

General Manager	Jason Riley
District Address	920 Smithville Highway McMinnville, Tennessee 37111
Phone	931.473.3116
Outages	931.836.3945
Website	www.caneyforkec.com

LOCAL POWER COMPANY (City)

Sparta Electric System

Utility Manager	Belva Bess
District Address	Post Office Box 468 Sparta, Tennessee 38583-0468
Phone	931.738.2281
Website	www.spartaelectricsystem.com

MAJOR INDUSTRIAL MANUFACTURERS/DISTRIBUTION (100+ employees)

Firm	Product or Service	Total Employees	Union	Phone Number
Altium Healthcare	Prescription vials	325	None	931.738.2174
Dometic Marine	Rotational molding, tanks, seats	325	None	931.738.8090
THK Rhythm North America	Automotive parts	258	None	931.738.2250
BBB Industries	Re-mfg. starters, generators	250	None	931.761.2600
Jackson Kayak	Plastic injection molding	122	None	931.738.2628
Precision Molding Services	Injection molded plastics	121	None	931.738.8376
BASF	Plastic pellets	120	None	931.738.2210
Rebo Lighting	Mini Incandesant Lamps	110	None	931.738.2261

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