

WINCHESTER FRANKLIN COUNTY

2024 COMMUNITY DATA PROFILE



QUICK FACTS

County Seat	Winchester
Year Incorporated	1821
Land Area in Square Miles (County)	576
Water Area in Square Miles (County)	21
Latitude	N35° 11.15'
Longitude	W86° 06.73'
Elevation	979'
Market Region	Nashville
Distance From Nashville	80 miles
Distance From Huntsville, AL	45 miles
Time Zone	Central
City Website	www.winchester-tn.com
County Website	www.franklincotn.us
Additional Incorporated Cities within the County	Cowan, Decherd, Estill Springs, Huntland, Monteagle, Tullahoma
Unincorporated Cities	Arnold AFB, Belvidere, St. Andrews, Sewanee, Sherwood.

POPULATION

	City	County
2020 (Census)	9,375	42,774
2023 Population	9,721	43,857
2023 Median Age	44.4	44.0
2028 Population Projection	9,985	44,710
Annual Growth Rate (2023-2028 Projected)	0.54%	0.39%

Source: ESRI

CLIMATE

Annual Average Temperature	58.4° F
Average High Temperature	69.7° F
Average Low Temperature	47.1° F
Annual Average Precipitation	52.87"
Annual Average Snowfall	4"
Prevailing Winds	South-Southwesterly
Mean Length of Freeze-Free Period (days)	180-220

TAX STRUCTURE

LOCAL	City	County
Property Taxes (2023)		
• Rate per \$100 value	\$0.8525	\$1.7185
• Outside city limits		\$1.9953
Ratio of Assessment		
• Residential and Farm	25%	25%
• Commercial/Industrial	40%	40%
• Personal (Equipment)	30%	30%
Total Local Assessment (2022)	\$419,357,000	\$1,611,529,617
Hotel-Motel Tax	5%	7%
Motor Vehicle Wheel Tax Rate		\$0.00

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
• 2.25%
Local and State Sales Tax Collected (FY2023)
• \$58,605,647
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• Personal: Repealed beginning January 1, 2021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	Franklin County
Type of Public School System	County
District Grades Served	Pre-K-12
Number of Schools	11
Number of Classroom Teachers	353
Student to Teacher Ratio	14:1
Additional Staff	67
Total Number of Students	4,884
Number of Private Schools	3
Total Number of Students	584
Number of Teachers	72

Number of High School Graduates (2023)	281
Graduation Rate	93.8%
Educational Attainment with a Degree (Adults Age 25+)	32.0%

Source: Tennessee Department of Education

REGIONAL HIGHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS (within 30 miles)

- TN College of Applied Technology Winchester
- University of the South Sewanee
- University of TN Space Institute Arnold AFB
- Motlow Community College Tullahoma

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 City Council Meets 2nd Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. City Hall
County	Mayor and County Commissioners Meets 3rd Monday at 7:00 p.m. Franklin County Courthouse

Fire Department	
• Full-time fire fighters in city	15
• City volunteers	14
• Full-time fire fighters in county	
• County volunteers	201
• Fire stations in city	2
• City fire trucks	9
• Fire stations in county	15
• County fire trucks	

Law Enforcement	
• Full-time police officers in city	25
• Full-time police officers in county & sheriff	60
• City patrol cars	18
• County patrol cars	68

	City	County
Insurance Rating	4	9
Zoning Regulations	Yes	Yes
Planning Commission	Yes	Yes
Industrial Development Corp.	Yes	Yes

TRANSPORTATION

AIR SERVICE

Nearest General Aviation	Winchester Municipal Airport
Location Identifier	BGF
Distance from City	3 miles
Runway Length	5,002 feet
Surface	Asphalt
Lighting	MIRL/PAPI
Fuel	100LL/Jet A
Repairs	Airframe Service Major

Storage	Hangar, Tie Down
Transportation	Rental and Courtesy Car
Nearest Commercial Service	Huntsville International Airport
Location Identifier	HSV
Distance from Winchester	51 miles
Additional Commercial Service	Nashville International Airport
Location Identifier	BNA
Distance from Winchester	91 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	41A and 64 (four lane)
State Highways	Several
Nearest Interstate	15 miles to access I-24 50 miles to I-65

COMMON CARRIERS

Air Freight Companies	None
Motor Freight Companies	6
Terminal Facilities	None
Bus Services	
Inter-City	No
Local	No
Carrier Service	Yes

RAILROADS SERVED BY

CSX Transportation, Piggyback ramp

NAVIGABLE WATERWAYS

River	Tennessee
Channel Depth	9 feet
Nearest Port Facility	Decatur, AL
Miles from Port	50

COMMUNICATIONS

Newspapers	Herald Chronicle, Tullahoma News, Chattanooga Times Free Press, Huntsville Times, The Tennessean, Sewanee Mountain Messenger
Telephone Companies	AT&T; United Telephone Co.
Radio Stations	2 local
Television Networks	1 local
Channels	65
Cable Service Available	Yes
Internet Service Available	Yes
Fiber Optics Available	Yes
Providers for above services	Xfinity, AT&T, Point Broadband, United Communications, and Ben Lomand

* Charter Communication has limited service in north Franklin County.

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Health Care		Recreation	
Doctors	160	Libraries	2
Dentists	12	Parks	7
Hospitals	2	Golf Courses (Public & Private)	5
Beds	198	Swimming Pools (Public & Private)	3
Clinics	5	Country Clubs	1
Nursing Homes	3	Theaters	1
Beds	188	Bowling Alleys	0
Retirement Homes	1	Drive-In	1
Extended Care Facilities	6	Hotels & Motels	
Beds	130	Rooms	184
Religious Organizations		Bed & Breakfasts	0
Protestant	106	VRBO	215
Catholic	2	Airbnb	163
Jehovah's Witness	1	Largest Meeting Room	
Seventh Day Adventist	1	Capacity	400
Latter Day Saints	1	Restaurants	
Other			39
Day Care Centers		Other	
several		Southern Middle TN Pavilion	
Day Care Homes		seats 3,000	
several			

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Banks:	Total Number of Institutions	8
	Total Number of Offices	12
	Deposits	767,000,000
Credit Unions:	Total Number of Branches	1
	Total Number of Offices	1
	Deposits	338,281,200
Countywide Combined Deposits		\$1,105,281,200
(Deposits for June 30, 2023)		

Source: Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and National Credit Union Administration

INDUSTRIAL SUPPORT SERVICES

Service	Location	Distance (Miles)
Tool & Die	Local	
Heat Treating	Local	
Foundry	Chattanooga	65
Heavy Hardware	Chattanooga	65
Sheet Metal	Local	
Lubricants	Local	
Welding Supplies	Tullahoma	15
Abrasives	Shelbyville	34

SELECTED ECONOMIC INDICATORS

2023 ANNUAL AVERAGES (AGE 16+)		
Labor Force	County	Labor Market Area*
Population	36,709	125,247
Employed	18,436	66,407
Unemployed	687	2,938
Unemployment Rate	3.6%	4.2%

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

Source: ESRI

2023 EMPLOYED POPULATION (AGE 16+) BY INDUSTRY

Agriculture/Mining	1.4%
Construction	6.7%
Manufacturing	22.6%
Wholesale Trade	0.8%
Retail Trade	12.1%
Transportation/Utilities	3.8%
Information	0.9%
Finance/Insurance/Real Estate	3.6%
Services	43.7%
Public Administration	4.5%

Source: ESRI

MANUFACTURING IN AREA (Annual Averages 2022)

Number of Units	55
Ann. Avg. Employment	2,176
Ann. Avg. Weekly Wage	\$1,016

Source: Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

Year	2023
Amount	\$30,895

Source: ESRI

MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME

Year	2023
Amount	\$56,243

Source: ESRI

AVERAGE HOME SALES

Year	2022
Number of Homes Sold	780
Average Cost	\$360,453
2023 Median Home Value	\$199,106

Source: Tennessee Housing Development Agency

RETAIL SALES

Year	2022
Amount	\$566,831,834

Source: Tennessee Department of Revenue

NATURAL RESOURCES

Minerals: Limestone
Timber: 84% hardwoods, 7% bottom land hardwoods, 6% cedar, 3% others. 188,400 acres of forest in County

AGRICULTURAL

Crops: Corn, wheat, soybeans, cotton, hay, nursery crops
Livestock: Cattle, poultry, swine

UTILITIES

GAS

Local Distributor	Elk River Public Utility District
Phone	931.967.2110
Website	www.erpud.com
Source Company	East Tennessee Gas Transmissions
Fuel Oil Suppliers	1
Suppliers of LP Gas	3

WATER

Water Supplier	Winchester Utility System
Phone	931.967.2238
Website	www.winchesterutilities.com
Source	Tims Ford Lake
Capacity	6,000,000 GPD
Current Consumption	2,500,000 GPD
Storage Capacity	3,500,000 Gallons

SEWER

Sewer Provider	Winchester Utility System
Phone	931.967.2238
Website	www.winchesterutilities.com
Type of Treatment	Oxidation Ditch
Capacity	3,200,000 GPD
Current Usage	1,300,000 GPD
City Sewer Coverage	90%
Storm Sewer Coverage	15%
Solid Waste Disposal Type	Private contractor

ELECTRICITY

Source Company	Tennessee Valley Authority
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LOCAL POWER COMPANY (City)

Winchester Utility System

Manager	George Powell
District Address	219 2nd Avenue NW Winchester, Tennessee 37398
Phone	931.967.2238
Website	www.winchesterutilities.com

LOCAL POWER COMPANY (County)

Duck River Electric Membership Corp.

President & CEO	Scott Spence
Local Address	1738 Decherd Blvd. Decherd, Tennessee 37324
Phone	931.967.5578
Emergency	931.967.5579
Website	www.dremc.com

MAJOR INDUSTRIAL MANUFACTURERS/DISTRIBUTION (90+ employees)

Firm	Product or Service	Total Employees	Union	Phone Number
NAS	Government contracts	1,800	None	931.455.4570
Nissan North America, Plant 1	Engines & trans axles	1,400	None	931.962.5000
Yates Services	Automotive	1,022	None	931.962.5396
Nissan North America, Plant 2	Infiniti & Mercedes power trains	400	None	931.962.5058
Tepro, Inc.	Automotive weather-strips	350	None	931.967.5189
Baxter Enterprises LLC	Plastic injection molded products	259	None	931.962.8687
Zanini Tennessee Inc.	Plastic wheel covers	170	None	931.967.8544
CST Storage	Fabricated plate work	145	None	931.967.9135
Phoenix Bass Boats	Bass boats	125	None	931.967.7210
Hamilton Kent	Gaskets, packing and sealing	120	None	931.962.9999

For information on industrial sites and available industrial buildings contact:

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