



Knox County

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Demographics

	<u>2010</u> ¹	<u>2018</u> ²	<u>2025</u> ³ (Projection)	<u>Families with Own Children</u> ⁴	<u>2013-2017</u>
Population					
Total population	31,883	31,304	30,975	... Married couple	2,045 (+/-292)
... Under 20 years old	8,833	8,151	7,843	... Female householder	989 (+/-248)
... Ages 65 and over	4,650	5,406	6,398	... Male householder	435 (+/-182)

Youth

	<u>2013-2017</u>
# of grandparents who live with and are responsible for grandchildren ⁴	454 (+/-166)
% of own children under 6 years old with all parents in the labor force ⁴	50.6% (+/-11.7%)
STARS certified and licensed child care: ⁵	<u>2018</u>
... Number of Providers	23
... Capacity	834

Education

	<u>2013-2017</u>
% of population 25 and over with high school or higher ⁴	68.0% (+/-2.5%)
% of population 25 and over with bachelor's degree or higher ⁴	10.0% (+/-1.4%)
% of 3rd grade students scoring proficient or distinguished on math in the 2017-18 school year ⁵	41.8%
# of children enrolled in Head Start during the 2017-18 school year ⁵	262
High school graduates in 2017: ⁷	
... average high school GPA	2.96
... % earning an industry certificate	23.2%
... % college/career ready	74.4%

Income/Earnings

Median household income (2017) ⁶	\$28,586 (\$25,446-\$31,726)
Median earnings in past 12 months ⁴	<u>2013-2017</u>
... Women	\$20,577 (+/- \$1,989)
... Men	\$26,771 (+/- \$2,491)
... High school graduate	\$26,173 (+/- \$2,500)
... Bachelor's degree	\$38,553 (+/- \$8,816)

Agriculture

	<u>2017</u> ⁸		<u>2017</u> ⁸
# of farms	336	Farms with food sold directly to consumers	15
% of land in farms	15.7%	Value of food sold directly to consumers	\$29,000
% of farms operated by a family or an individual	97.9%	Processed or value-added agricultural products sold	
% of principal producers under age 35	10.2%	... Farms	5
% of principal producers who are female	26.1%	... Value	\$0
# of new and beginning principal producers	135	Food sold directly to retail markets, institutions, and food hubs for local or regionally branded products	
# of farms with income from agri-tourism and recreational services	3	... Farms	1
		... Value	data n/a

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Employment

	2017
Total employment (# of jobs) ⁹	10,817
	2016
# of establishments w/ 1-9 employees ¹⁰	319
% of establishments w/ 1-9 employees ¹⁰	70.7%
Nonemployer establishments (w/o employees) ¹¹	1,960
	2013-2017
% of workers ages 16 and over who: ⁴	
... work inside the county	59.7% (+/-4.0%)
... work outside the county	38.7% (+/-3.8%)
... work outside the state	1.6% (+/-0.8%)

Coal Employment

	2011 ¹²	2016 ¹³
(-- = no data)		
Direct employment at coal mines	169	86
% of total employment	1.56%	1.10%

Health

	2015-2017
% of adults with obesity ¹⁴	42% (32.63-52.82%)
% of adults with diabetes ¹⁴	18% (10.89-27.85%)
% of adults reporting a time in past year they needed to see a doctor but could not because of the cost ¹⁴	14% (8.34-23.32%)

Substance Abuse

Drug-related inpatient hospitalizations and emergency department visits for overdose among county residents¹⁵

	2016	2017	2018		2016	2017	2018
Heroin	1-4	1-4	1-4	Benzodiazepines (i.e. Valium, etc.)	18	8	6
Cocaine	0	1-4	0	Antidepressants	12	6	7
Opioids other than Heroin	22	13	12	Any Substance	152	108	73

Drug overdose deaths among county residents¹⁶

	2016	2017	2018		2016	2017	2018
All Drug Overdose Deaths	10	13	1-4	Involving Benzodiazepines	7	5	1-4
Involving Heroin	0	0	0	Involving Fentanyl	0	1-4	0

Poverty/Insecurity

% of workers ages 16 and over who worked full-time year-round and were below poverty (2013-2017) ⁴	7.3% (+/-2.4%)
Estimated food insecurity rate (2017) ¹⁷	20.6%
Youth under age 18 who lived in households that received Supplemental Security Income (SSI), cash public assistance, or food stamps/SNAP in the past 12 months (2013-2017) ⁴	4,427 (+/-496)
Children determined by the Dept. of Community Based Services to have been victims of child abuse or neglect (2018) ¹⁸	370

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