



JOHNSON CITY/JONESBOROUGH/WASHINGTON COUNTY

TENNESSEE

BASIC INFORMATION

LOCATION

Johnson City is located in Washington County, Tennessee, 22 miles from the Virginia state line; 36 miles from the North Carolina state line; 90 miles Northeast of Knoxville; 67 miles north of Asheville, NC; and 160 miles southwest of Roanoke, VA.

HIGHWAYS

Interstates 81 & 26. U.S. Highways 11-E; 19W; 23, 321. State Routes 34, 36, 67, 91, 381, 354, 359,400.

GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION

36 degrees, 29 minutes North Latitude
82 degrees, 24 minutes West longitude

GOVERNMENT

**Johnson City: City Manager
City Commission.**

Five commissioners set policy, carried out by a city manager and staff.

**Washington County: County
Executive and County Commission.**

Twenty-three commissioners set policy.

POLICE AND FIRE

Johnson City: The Police Bureau has several specialized units, including a S.W.A.T. Team. Traffic Units are comprised of a Motorcycle Unit, Hostage Negotiations Unit, Police Chaplain, K-9 Unit, Bicycle Patrol Unit and a Scuba Underwater Recovery Unit. Under the Public Safety Officer concept, personnel are cross-trained for fire-fighting duties. The fire insurance rating for Johnson City is Class III.

Washington County: Public safety is provided through the sheriff's department. Fire protection is furnished by District Volunteer Fire Departments.

COMMUNICATIONS

Johnson City is served by ten area newspapers, including the local *Johnson City Press* and the *Herald & Tribune*. Twelve radio stations broadcast in the Johnson City area, with AM and FM frequencies available. Johnson City television reception includes the PBS, CBS, NBC, ABC and Fox networks. Two cable systems provide expanded service to the area. Telephone service is provided by Embarq.

LABOR

The manpower of the MSA is known throughout the United States for its work ethic and integrity. Employees are drawn from a 50-mile radius to form the local work force. Items manufactured and processed include a wide variety of metal products, building and manufacturing supplies, and electronic components. Service employment includes teleservice, education, health-related and computer-based occupations.

CHURCHES

Protestant, Roman Catholic, and none - Denominational faiths are represented in the area through over 100 churches. B'nai Shalom Synagogue is located in nearby Blountville.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Bank of America

Debbie Latona, Branch Manager

Bank of Tennessee

Roy Harmon, Chairman of Board

BB & T Bank

Jamia Rentz, Business Services

Citizens Bank of Tri-Cities

Andy Whetsel, Executive VP

Elizabethton Federal Bank

Shirley Hughes, Vice President

First Bank & Trust

Lee Houston, Branch Manager

First Tennessee Bank

Newt Raff, Regional President

Green Bank- Randy Humphreys, Reg. Mgr

Mountain Commerce Bank

Rebecca Hooks, Branch Manager

Peoples Community Bank

Harvey Mitchell, President

Regions Bank- David Wharton, President

State of Franklin Savings Bank

Randy Greene, President

SunTrust Bank

Odie Major, Regional President

TriSummit Bank

Vince Hickam, President

TruPoint Bank

Nancy Story, Branch Manager

TAXES

Johnson City: \$1.93 per \$100 valuation. Assessment basis is 40 percent commercial and 25 percent residential appraised value.

Washington County: \$2.35 per \$100 valuation. Assessment basis is 40 percent commercial and 25 percent residential appraised value.

Sales Tax: Johnson City/Washington County: 9.5% (7.0% state & 2.5% local)

UTILITIES

Water furnished by the City. Natural Gas furnished by Atmos Energy. Electricity furnished by Johnson City Power Board via TVA. Telephone service provided by Embarq.

RECREATION

Three TVA lakes offer an abundance of water skiing, boating and fishing. There are Little League and Pony Colt League baseball programs, tennis courts, swimming pools, three golf courses, and numerous baseball and softball fields. Scenic activities are abundant in the form of hiking, white water rafting, hot-air ballooning, cycling and hunting. Johnson City is the home of the St. Louis Cardinals baseball rookie team; two large bowling centers; a Senior Citizens Center; Boys' and Girls' Clubs; a Community Theatre, the Road Company Theatre Group and a Community Concert series. Fifteen municipal parks and eight recreation centers offer picnic and playground activities year-round. Major attractions appear at Freedom Hall Civic Center. One of only two domed athletic complexes on a college campus is located at East Tennessee State University. It hosts the NAAI Women's Basketball Conference, the Southern Conference Women's Basketball Conference and an invitational track meet each year, plus ETSU athletic and other local sporting events. The Appalachian Regional Fair is held each August in nearby Gray. The Bristol Motor Speedway, located in nearby Bristol, hosts several NASCAR events throughout the year.



MEDICAL

Johnson City's hospitals and related facilities establish it as a regional medical center. The components are: The Veterans Administration Medical Center (Mountain Home); Johnson City Medical Center Hospital; North Side Hospital; Johnson City Specialty Hospital; Woodridge Hospital and James H. & Cecile C. Quillen Rehabilitation Hospital. The county employs 300 physicians and 50 dentists. The Quillen College of Medicine at ETSU has raised the quality and availability of area health care. Medical students gain practical experience at the VA Center, as well as at the Johnson City Medical Center Hospital.

TRANSPORTATION

Several motor freight lines serve the city, plus the CSX and Norfolk/Southern Railroads. The Tri-Cities Regional Airport, located 12 miles from the city limits, is served by Corporate Express, Atlantic Southeast Airlines, ComAir and USAirways. Over 45 daily inbound and outbound flights, including jet service, serve the area. Charter service is also available. Greyhound Bus Lines provides bus service to the area. Johnson City Transit provides intracity bus service.

EDUCATION

A progressive program of educational opportunities exists in the Johnson City/Washington County area. Liberty Bell Educational Complex occupies a 130-acre site and includes Science Hill High School, two junior high schools and a vocational school. University School is located on the campus of East Tennessee State University. Several church-related schools provide educational options to students in the area. There are ten elementary schools in the Johnson City School System and 11 in the Washington County System. The county also has two comprehensive high schools,

Daniel Boone and David Crockett, and two middle schools. Further educational opportunities are also available at East Tennessee State University Milligan College, and Emmanuel School of Religion. Northeast State Technical Community College is located adjacent to the Tri-Cities Regional Airport.

TOWN OF JONESBOROUGH

LOCATION

Jonesborough, population 4,380, is located seven miles west of Johnson City and 25 miles east of Greeneville. It is the county seat of Washington County. The town is situated in the midst of 6,000 working farms that produce dairy products, livestock and produce. Jonesborough shares in the cultural and economic environment of Johnson City, where many of its residents work.

HIGHWAYS

US Highway 11E to Johnson City and Greeneville; State Route 81 to Kingsport and Erwin; and Boones Creek Road to Interstate 26.

GOVERNMENT

A Board of Mayor and Aldermen is elected by popular vote every two years. Town Administrator carries out policies set down by the Board.

TAXES

\$2.35 per \$100.00 valuation. Assessment basis 40% commercial and 25% residential. Sales tax 9.5% (7.0% state tax, 2.5% local).

POLICE AND FIRE

The Police Department operates a 24-hour emergency service for the police, fire and water departments.

The Fire Department is a volunteer operation with a Class VI fire insurance rating.

RECREATION

Jonesborough operates three parks within the downtown Historic District. The parks are the sites for the Historic Jonesborough Days Festival, the National Storytelling Festival, the Old Time Country Radio Reunion, summer concert series and the

Halloween Haunts and Happenings. Persimmon Ridge Park, a 110-acre facility at the west end of town, provides the visitor with three baseball/softball fields, picnicking, and water-based and hiking activities. Jonesborough's recreation agenda includes 15 annual major events and involves both cultural activities and a senior citizens program. Visitors to Jonesborough begin tours of Tennessee's oldest town at the Visitor's Center, where monthly exhibits feature the works of local artists and craftsmen. The Washington County History Museum is also housed in the Visitor's Center. In 1969, Jonesborough became Tennessee's first town to be listed on the national Register of Historic Places.

CHURCHES

The downtown district contains some of the oldest and most charming church buildings in Tennessee. Baptist, Christian, Presbyterian and Methodist faiths are represented.

WATER & SEWER SYSTEM

Johnson City Water and Sewer Services Department operates both water and sewer infrastructure inside the corporate limits of Johnson City, and Washington County, and portions of Sullivan, Carter & Unicoi counties. Each year, the department treats over 5 billion gallons of potable water and processes over 4 billion gallons of wastewater. The facilities include: 2 water treatment plants; 3 wastewater treatment plants; 15 reservoirs, 15 booster stations, 79 lift stations, approximately 800 miles of water line and 450 miles of sewer line.

Section A

JOHNSON CITY IN A NUT SHELL

Shopping Centers

Johnson City Crossing- 3211 Peoples Street - not enclosed. Anchored by Home Depot, Ross's Clothing For Less, Michael's, Stein Mart, PetsMart, Old Navy, Circuit City, Dress Barn, Lifeway Christian Book Store, Bear N Friends, Bed Bath & Beyond, Diamond Exchange of Johnson City, Sally Beauty Supplies and others

Mountcastle Shopping Center – 214 Mountcastle - not enclosed. CK Raggs & Co, Gourmet & Co., Inc, The Frame Gallery, Columbia Beauty Supply, Inc., Gregory Isbell Company, Kitchen Works, Mulberry Lane, The Travel Authority.

Peerless Shopping Center – 2531 N. Roan – Cingular Wireless Retail, Peerless Restaurant

Roane Center – 1805 N. Roan- not enclosed. HHI, Jade Tree, Dollar General, Cow & Coffee, Beaty Shoe, Lone Star Steakhouse & Saloon, Cowboy Electric, AAA Travel, Carmike 14 Theaters and many more

Shops at Franklin – 3101 Browns Mill Road- Golf USA, Kay's Jewelry Store, Nails 4 U, Honeybaked Ham Co. & Café, Outback Steakhouse, The Grape Divine, Turtle's Nest, UPS Store, Valuvision and many more

Target Center – 2116 N. Roan - not enclosed. Anchored by Target and TJ Maxx, Books-A-Million, Pier One, Kinko's, Ladybugs & Leap Frogs, and several other specialty shops

The Mall at Johnson City -2011 Roan - enclosed. 85 stores, including four major department stores: Sears, JC Penny, Belk, Goody's, Lerner Shops, Victoria's Secret, Zales Jewelers, Zimmerman's Hallmark, Kirkland's and others plus the eatery

New shopping centers are being developed continuously and too numerous to list.

Media

Television Stations - WJHL (CBS), WCYB (NBC), WKPT (ABC), WEMT (FOX), WSJK (PBS)

FM Radio Stations - WQUT, WETS, WJHL, WXBQ, WAEZ, WKOS, WTFM

Recreational Opportunities

Most Popular Recreational Attractions - Warrior's Path State Park, Boone Lake & Dam, Watauga Lake, South Holston Lake. National Forests (Cherokee and Blue Ridge Parkway), Appalachian Trail, Bristol Motor Speedway, Whitewater Rafting, Golfing, Historic Jonesborough, Rocky Mount, Tipton Haynes Farm, National Story Telling Festival

Auditoriums & Stadiums - Freedom Hall; Memorial Center, ETSU

Golf Courses - Three Public, One Private

Tennis Courts - 50+

Cultural Opportunities

Cultural Opportunities - Carroll Reece Museum at ETSU, Hands On! Museum

For Your Dining Pleasure

145+ Restaurants - burgers & fries; steaks; seafood; chicken; cafeteria/buffet; delicatessens; family dining; fine dining; Japanese; Chinese; Italian; Oriental; Mediterranean; Mexican and more

Meeting Spaces

Space Location - Garden Plaza Hotel; Holiday Inn; Freedom Hall Civic; East Tennessee State University; Johnson City Public Library; Adelphia Centre at Millenium Park; Carnegie Hotel; Best Western Plaza

Parks & Recreation has indoor meeting spaces at six locations:

Winged Deer Park, Princeton Arts Center, Kiwanis Park, Carver Park, Legion Center, and Keystone Community Center



INFORMATIONAL NUMBERS

Telephone

Embarq
101 N. Roan Street
461-4311

Electricity

Johnson City Power Board
2600 Boones Creek Road
282-5272

Natural Gas

Atmos Energy
2833 W. Market
928-1126

Cable-Television

Comcast
1794 Old Gray Station Road
282-8386

Automobile

Driver's License
Tennessee Department of Safety
4717 Lake Park Drive
926-2911
Mon-Fri. 8:30am – 5:00 pm

Tags & Title

County Court Clerk's Office
Downtown Centre
Courthouse - Johnson City
461-1455

County Court Clerk's Office
Jonesborough
753-1621

Business License

City License
City Hall
434-6000

County License

County Court Clerk's Office
Downtown Centre
Courthouse - Johnson City
461-1455

Voter Registration

County Trustee's Office
Downtown Centre
Johnson City
8:30 am - 5 pm daily
461-1430

Election Commission Office
County Courthouse
Jonesborough
9 am - 4:30 pm daily
753-1688

Water, Sewer and Garbage

Johnson City Water Department
City of Johnson City
City Hall
434-6000

Washington County Water Department
Town of Jonesborough
Town Hall
753-6128

Johnson City automatic garbage pick-up and recycling service provided to city and county residents, fee charged. Jonesborough provides garbage pick-up service to town residents only.