

County Description

Geographic

- Fentress County is located in the Upper Cumberland region of middle Tennessee.
- Fentress County is located 126 miles from Nashville, 90 miles from Knoxville, and 45 miles from Cookeville.
- This county is predominantly rural and is surrounded by rolling hills and valleys.
- Overton, Pickett, Scott, Morgan, and Cumberland counties in Tennessee surround Fentress County.
- The county is 30 miles from Interstate 40 and 50 miles from Interstate 65.
- The average temperature in July is 68.1 degrees and the average in January is 38.8 degrees with annual average precipitation being 50.5 inches.
- Fentress County is located 1,716 feet above sea level.

Land Area

- Fentress County is a farming community consisting of 498 square miles with population density being 29.4 per square mile.
- The nearest navigable waterway is the Cumberland River located 45 miles away in Celina, Tennessee.
- The major agricultural crops for Fentress County are small grains, vegetables and tobacco.

Economic Base

- The county's median family personal income is \$16,405.
- The county's median household personal income is \$13,924.
- Fentress County's per capita personal income is \$6,927.
- The average weekly income of 1997 wages was \$322.
- The individual poverty rate for Fentress County is 32.3%.
- The family poverty rate for Fentress County is 27.3%.
- The 1998 average labor-force total was 6,640, of those, 6,040 were employed and 600 were unemployed giving Fentress County an unemployment rate of 9.0%.
- The major employers in Fentress County include Fentress County General Hospital, OshKosh B'Gosh, Walter Dimension, Quality Home Health Care, and Robinson Mfg. Company.