

COUNTY DESCRIPTION

Geographical Facts

Henry County is located in the Northwest corner of West Tennessee, bordered on the north by Kentucky, on the west by Weakley County, on the east by Benton and Stewart Counties and on the south by Carroll County. Henry County contains six townships: Paris, Buchanan, Cottage Grove, Springville, Puryear, and Henry. The county is 567 square miles in area and is located approximately 100 miles from Nashville to the East.

Henry County has a total population of 27,888 (1990 census) and Paris is the county seat. Paris is the largest population center with 9,626 residents. The county has two separate school systems with approximately 4,850 students enrolled.

TVA's Kentucky Lake, which lies 16 miles east of Paris, is the largest reservoir in the TVA System. With over 2,300 miles of shoreline and 160,000 acres, Kentucky Lake is a recreational wonderland for fisherman, campers, boaters, hunters, skiers and golfers. Overlooking it all is Paris Landing State Park, one of the most popular parks in Tennessee.

Economic Base

The economy in Henry County is diversified and not dominated by anyone source. The county's economic bases consist of retail trade and services, agriculture, and industry.

Total retail sales in 1997 were reported at \$252,187,460 with a per capita personal income in 1996 of \$19,207.

The major crops produced in Henry County are tobacco, corn, wheat, and soybeans. Henry County is noted for its mining of clay for ceramics, brick, tile and absorbent materials.

There are approximately 75 industries operating in Henry County and the county is continuing to grow and expand. The largest industry is Dana Corporation, Plumley Division with 840 employees.

Health Care

Henry County Medical Center serves Henry County with a full range of diagnostic, therapeutic and specialty health care services. Henry County Medical Center consists of a 142-bed hospital, 174-bed nursing home, a center for wellness and rehabilitation, a home health and hospice service, and Emergency Medical Service. In addition to the hospital there are 45 physicians, 16 dentist and 3 nursing homes.

The Henry County Health Department is the final piece of the health care puzzle, providing services including: WIC, family planning, immunizations, nutritional education and environmental services.