

County Description

Geographic

- Jackson County, located in the eastern portion of the Upper Cumberland Region, is surrounded by Smith, Putnam, Overton, Clay, and Macon counties.
- Jackson County is located 74 miles east of Nashville, and 122 miles west of Knoxville.
- The county is predominantly rural with access to Interstate 40 and various state highways.
- The average annual temperature is 56, with annual rainfall of 53 inches.

Land Area

- Jackson County is a farming community consisting of 308.9 square miles.
- Jackson County is located on the Cumberland Plateau, and predominately has rolling hills no higher than 400ft.
- The number one farm crop is tobacco.
- Both the Cumberland and the Roaring River flow through Jackson County.

Economic Base

- The county's median Family personal income is \$21,834.
- The county's median Household personal income is \$18,081.
- Jackson County's per capita personal income is \$9,159.
- Corporate industries such as Aeroquip, Crotty-Tennessee, Inc., Memphis Chair, Nielsen & Bainbridge, and Old World Woodcrafters employ approximately 865 people total.
- The 1998 Average Labor-Force total is 4,650, of those, 4,260 are employed and 390 are unemployed giving Jackson County an unemployment rate of 8.4%.
- Jackson County's Work Force total is 2,360 with 970 in manufacturing and 1,390 in nonmanufacturing work.
- The average weekly income of 1997 wages were \$369.

Demographics

- Jackson County is predominantly rural with 50.7% below the 200% poverty guidelines while 33% are on TennCare.
- Jackson County's public education system has 2 Elementary Schools and 1 Jr High/Sr High School with a total enrollment of approximately 1,016.
- Jackson County's population estimates for 1997 a total of 9,588. The following chart illustrates the percent of the population according to age groups and race.
- The population projections for Jackson County for the year 2000 is 9,183, and the projection for the year 2010 is 8,984.