

## II. COUNTY DESCRIPTION

### A Profile of Rutherford County

Rutherford County is an exciting and dynamic community. Using years 1980 through 1994, Rutherford County has proven to be the fastest growing county in the state. Projections for future growth show a continuing rate of increased growth that is one of the highest in the state. The county has four distinct community populations: Murfreesboro, which is the county seat, Smyrna, Lavergne, and Eagleville.

Rutherford County, which borders Metropolitan Nashville/Davidson County, is home to Middle Tennessee State University and Nissan Manufacturing. Also in the county are other major employers such as Bridgestone/Firestone, Ingram Distribution, Walden Books, Whirlpool, Perrigo of Tennessee, Caradon Better-Bilt, National Healthcare (NHC), Square D Co. , the Alvin C. York Veteran's Administration Medical Center (mentioned below) and Middle Tennessee Medical Center. The Rutherford County Government is also a major employer.

Included with the county's many medical specialists and providers, are Middle Tennessee Medical Center, with 288 beds and over 100 physicians, and Alvin C. York Veteran's Administration Medical Center with 842 beds.

Approximately 50.8% of the family households, which number 47,603, are homeowners. The median home value is \$71,800.

The county has a county school system, Murfreesboro City schools, and four private schools. Middle Tennessee State University is also located in Murfreesboro.

The county is culturally diverse, with attractions such as Stones River National Battlefield, Children's Discovery Center, and the Cultural Arts Center. The county also has a new YMCA, and Sportscom, a year-round indoor/outdoor facility with youth activities.



Information taken from the Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce, Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce, and the 1990 Census.