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# Best of Economic Development in TENNESSEE



There are few single-location employers in the South larger than FedEx's world hub in Memphis. FedEx was recognized several times in the "Best of Economic Development in Tennessee," including one of "The Tennessee Economy's Most Important Employers."



Nissan was voted one of "The Tennessee Economy's Most Important Employers," and was recognized several other times in The Best of Economic Development in Tennessee. The Japanese automaker operates its North American headquarters (pictured) and its largest assembly plant in the Nashville metropolitan area.

## 1. Tennessee's Best Economic Development Assets

- Location
- Memphis Regional Megasite
- TVA
- Workforce

Also receiving votes: Low taxes; Natural resources; Oak Ridge National Laboratory; Incentives; Tennessee's Community Colleges; Tennessee Department of Economic & Community Development; Tennessee Promise.

## 2. The Tennessee Economy's Most Important Employers

- Eastman Chemical
- FedEx
- HCA
- Nissan

Also receiving votes: Bridgestone; Denso; Gaylord Entertainment; GM; International Paper; Nike; Oak Ridge National Lab; Smith & Nephew; St. Jude Children's Research Hospital; TVA; University of Tennessee; Vanderbilt

University & Medical Center; Volkswagen; West Tennessee Healthcare; Y-12 National Security Complex.

## 3. Tennessee's Most Important New Employers

- Beretta Firearms
- Electrolux
- Hankook Tire
- Volkswagen

Also receiving votes: Amazon; Cirrus Aircraft; Fresenius Medical Care; Keurig Green Mountain; NN Inc.; UBS; Under Armour; Wacker.

## 4. Tennessee's Most Admired Companies

- FedEx
- Jack Daniels
- TVA
- Nissan

Also receiving votes: Alcoa; Bridgestone; Eastman Chemical; HCA; Ole Smoky Moonshine.

## 5. Tennessee's Most Admired Manufacturers

- Bridgestone
- Eastman Chemical

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The addition of a satellite center for the Tennessee College of Applied Technology is enabling Greene County, Tenn., to grow its skilled workforce to better accommodate manufacturers' ever-changing technology needs. Greenville was recognized as one of Tennessee's Best Small Market Manufacturing Workforces.

Eastman Chemical operates one of the largest chemical manufacturing plants (pictured) in North America in Kingsport, Tenn. Eastman was named one of "The Tennessee Economy's Most Important Employers."

- Jack Daniels
- Nissan

Also receiving votes: Delta Faucet; Denso; Electrolux; Gibson Guitar; JD Squared; Kellogg's; Toyota Bodine; Tyson Foods.

### 6. Tennessee's Most Admired Service Companies

- FedEx
- HCA
- TVA

Also receiving votes: Amazon; AutoZone; Cracker Barrel; First Tennessee Bank; Gaylord Entertainment; LifePoint Health; M\*Modal; Regions Bank; Service Master; Tractor Supply; West Tennessee Healthcare.

### 7. The Best of R&D in Tennessee

- Oak Ridge National Laboratory
- University of Memphis
- University of Tennessee

Also receiving votes: U.S. Air Force Arnold Engineering Development Complex.

### 8. Best Aerospace Locations in Tennessee

- Oak Ridge
- Smyrna
- Tri-Cities Airport Aviation Park

Also receiving votes: Aviation Park - Sullivan County; Memphis; Millington; Nashville; Tullahoma.

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# Cherry Glen Industrial Park

- Land Grants Available for Qualifying Projects
- Phase 1 Environmental Study Completed
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- Hydrological and Wetlands Study Completed
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The Oak Ridge National Laboratory was cited several times in "The Best of Economic Development in Tennessee."

### 9. Best Tier One Auto Supplier Sites in Tennessee

- Anderson County
- Chattanooga
- Jackson
- Morristown
- Murfreesboro

Also receiving votes: Athens; Blount Co.; Bradley Co.; Coffee Co.;

Dyer Co.; Gallatin; Gibson County; Giles Co.; Greene Co.; Hawkins Co.; Haywood Co.; Putnam Co.; Roane Co.; Spring Hill; Wilson Co.

### 10. Best Innovation Hubs in Tennessee

- ETSU Northeast Tennessee STEM Innovation Hub
- Oak Ridge National Laboratory

- Tennessee STEM Innovation Network
- University of Tennessee

Also receiving votes: Middle Tennessee State; Middle Tennessee STEM Innovation Hub; Southeast Tennessee STEM Innovation Hub; The Gulch; The Innovation Hub/Nashville Entrepreneur Center; The Institute for Advanced Composites Manufacturing Innovation; Vanderbilt University; West Tennessee STEM Hub; Williamson Co.

### 11. Tennessee's Best Community Colleges for Workforce Training

- Chattanooga State - Chattanooga
- Jackson State - Jackson
- Northeast State - Blountville
- Pellissippi State - Knoxville
- Southwest Tennessee - Memphis

Also receiving votes: Cleveland State - Cleveland; Roane State - Harriman; Volunteer State - Gallatin; Walters State - Morristown.

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### 12. Tennessee's Best Educational Assets

- Greater Memphis Alliance for a Competitive Workforce
- Tennessee Promise
- Tennessee's Community Colleges
- University of Tennessee

Also receiving votes: Middle Tennessee State University; Memphis State University; Vanderbilt University.

### 13. Best Engineering/Architecture Firms in Tennessee

- Barge Waggoner Sumner and Cannon
- Forcum Lannom
- H&M Architects/Engineers

Also receiving votes: Gresham Smith & Partners; Hart Freeland & Roberts; Mattern & Craig Engineers; SSOE.

### 14. Tennessee's Best Economic Development Law Firms

- Baker Donelson
- Bradley Arant Boult Cummings
- Miller Martin

Also receiving votes: Bass Berry & Sims.

### 15. Best Contractors for Industrial Projects in Tennessee

- Forcum Lannom Contractors
- H&M Construction
- TW Frierson Contractor

Also receiving votes: Bell & Associates; Brasfield & Gorrie; Codemas; JA Street & Associates.

### 16. Tennessee's Best Small Market Manufacturing Workforces

- Clarksville
- Dyersburg
- Greeneville
- Jackson

Also receiving votes: Athens; Blountville; Cleveland; Clinton; Coffee Co.; Cookeville; Giles Co.; Maryville; Morristown; Obion Co.; Wilson Co.

### 17. Tennessee's Best Large Market Manufacturing Workforces

- Knoxville
- Memphis
- Murfreesboro
- Nashville

Also receiving votes: Chattanooga; Tri-Cities.

### 18. Best Megasites in Tennessee

- Memphis Regional Megasite

### 19. Best Small Town Industrial Sites in Tennessee

- Cherry Glen Industrial Park - Maury County
- Corporate Business Park South - Montgomery County
- East Tennessee Progress Center - Morristown
- I-40 Advantage Park - Haywood County

- Northwest Tennessee Regional Industrial Center - Obion County

Also receiving votes: Bristol Business Park - Sullivan Co.; Centre 75 Business Park - Loudon Co.; Dyersburg Rail Park; Gallatin Industrial Center; Gibson County Industrial Park; Horizon Center - Roane Co.; North Etowah Industrial Park - McMinn Co.; Partnership Park II - Sullivan Co.; Phipps Bend - Hawkins Co.; Technology Park II at Holston Army Ammunition Plant - Kingsport; Timberlake Industrial Site - Henderson County; Washington County Industrial Park.

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The NBA's Memphis Grizzlies were voted one of Tennessee's Best Sporting Events, along with NASCAR at Bristol Motor Speedway and University of Tennessee football.

**20. Best Data Center Locations in Tennessee**

- Bristol
- Chattanooga

- Jackson
- Knoxville

Also receiving votes: Clarksville; Cleveland; Morristown; Murfreesboro.

**21. Best Cities for the Creative Class in Tennessee**

- Chattanooga
- Knoxville
- Nashville

Also receiving votes: East Nashville; Franklin; Jackson; Johnson City; Memphis; Murfreesboro.

**22. Best Locations for Biosciences in Tennessee**

- Franklin
- Knoxville
- Memphis

Also receiving votes: Johnson City; Kingsport; Murfreesboro; Nashville; Oak Ridge.

**23. Best Places for Startups in Tennessee**

- Chattanooga
- Franklin
- Knoxville
- Murfreesboro
- Nashville



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Also receiving votes: Bristol; Crossville; ETSU Innovation Laboratory; Greeneville; Jackson; Kingsport; Lebanon; Morristown; Oak Ridge.

### 24. Best Places in Tennessee to Hire Veterans

- Clarksville
- Millington
- Tullahoma

Also receiving votes: Chattanooga; Memphis.

### 25. Tennessee's Best Local Economic Development Agencies

- Greater Memphis Chamber
- Jackson Chamber
- Knoxville Chamber
- Nashville Area Chamber
- Rutherford County Chamber

Also receiving votes: Anderson Co. Chamber; Chattanooga Area Chamber; City of Gallatin Economic Development; Clarksville-Montgomery Co. EDC; Cleveland-Bradley Chamber; Cookeville-Putnam Chamber; Dyersburg-Dyer Chamber; Greene Co. Partnership; Morristown Area Chamber; NETWORKS Sullivan Partnership; Northeast Tennessee Valley RIDA; Obion Co. JEDC; Sevier Co. EDC; The Roane Alliance; Washington Co. EDC; Williamson Inc.

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**Facts about Dyersburg/Dyer County:**

- Dyersburg/Dyer County is well connected via Interstate highways 55 and 69, US 412 and US 51, with the only highway bridge across the Mississippi River between Memphis TN and Cairo IL.
- Dyersburg, TN has been voted as **Tennessee's Top Micropolitan Area**
- The main line of the Canadian National Railroad runs from Chicago to New Orleans right through Dyersburg/Dyer County's three industrial parks.
- The Port of Cates Landing intermodal barge terminal on the Mississippi River is located only 25 miles from Dyersburg.
- Dyersburg is less than 90 minutes from Memphis International Airport and the Superhub of FedEx.
- Dyersburg State Community College provides custom job training.
- Dyer County Industrial Board offers generous incentives for manufacturers.

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The massive Bonnaroo festival that is held each June in Manchester, Tenn., was recognized as one of Tennessee's Best Non-Sporting Events.

### 26. Best Places to Retire in Tennessee

- Chattanooga
- Crossville

- Paris
- Savannah

Also receiving votes: Dandridge; Johnson City; Knoxville; Sevier Co.

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### 27. Tennessee's Best Craft Breweries

- Blackstone Restaurant & Brewery
- Ghost River Brewing
- Jackalope Brewing Company
- Yazoo Brewing Company

Also receiving votes: Black Abbey; Depot Street Brewing; Fat Bottom; Rock Bottom; Saw Works Brewing; Wiseacre Brewery.

### 28. Tennessee's Best Sporting Events

- NBA Memphis Grizzlies
- NASCAR at Bristol Motor Speedway
- University of Tennessee football

Also receiving votes: NHL Nashville Predators; NFL Tennessee Titans; University of Memphis football; University of Tennessee Women's basketball.

### 29. Tennessee's Best Non-Sporting Events

- Bonnaroo
- CMA Music Festival
- Grand Ole Opry
- Memphis in May

Also receiving votes: Blue Plum Festival; Chattanooga Riverbend Music Festival; Nashville Film Festival.

### 30. Best Three Restaurants in Tennessee

- Folk's Folly Waffle House - Memphis
- Kayne Prime Steakhouse - Nashville
- Miss Mary Bobo's - Lynchburg
- The Southern - Nashville

Also receiving votes: Chesapeake's - Knoxville; City House - Nashville; Eastland Cafe - Nashville; Flight Restaurant & Wine Bar - Memphis; Husk - Nashville; The Catbird Seat - Nashville. 