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Athens, Tennessee

TN Unemployment Rates

◆ The vast majority of counties in Tennessee experienced a decrease in their unemployment rates during July, according to the Department of Labor and Workforce Development (TDLWD). The lower county unemployment rates came during the same month Tennessee hit an all-time low statewide unemployment rate. Seventy-nine of Tennessee's 95 counties reported lower unemployment compared to the county statistics for June. Rates remained the same in six counties, while ten counties did experience a slight increase in their jobless numbers. Unemployment is below 5% in 81 counties across the state and 14 counties had rates equal to or higher than 5% but lower than 10% in July. Statewide in July, Tennessee recorded its lowest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate since the federal government began tracking jobless numbers in 1976. The new rate of 3.1% edged out the previous all-time low rate of 3.2%. While unemployment is low across Tennessee, there are thousands of individuals who do not have their high school diplomas and could be in a stagnant work situation. Tennesseans can earn their high school equivalency diplomas by taking courses offered in every county across the state at no cost to them. Below A complete map of programs across the state is available at: TNWorkReady.com

County	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	July Rate	June Rate	Change	July 2022	Change
Bradley	51,147	49,157	1,990	3.9	4.1	-0.2	4	-0.1
McMinn	21,267	20,298	969	4.6	4.7	-0.1	4.5	0.1
Meigs	5,205	4,946	259	5	5.2	-0.2	5.5	-0.5
Monroe	21,255	20,299	956	4.5	4	0.05	3.9	0.06
Rhea	13,760	13,069	691	5	5.1	-0.1	1.5	-0.2

Community News You Can Use

✓The NEST (Networking, Excelling & Serving Together) will reconvene their monthly meetings beginning next Wednesday, August 30th, at 8:00 a.m. at the event space at White Street Market, - 3 West College Street, Athens. The guest speaker will be Keyana Cosby from the CO.LAB in Chattanooga. CO.LAB is a 501c3 non-profit specializing in accelerating early-stage start-ups and supporting growing businesses. Keyana will be sharing some key elements from the CO.STARTERS curriculum that will benefit existing business owners or those interested in starting a business. If you are interested in attending The NEST on 8/30/23, please RSVP to: [View/vote in browser](#)

✓MyRide McMinn is looking for volunteers to provide assisted transportation to essential appointments for adults ages 60 and older. Volunteering is simple and flexible enough to meet a busy schedule. Drivers are required to take at least one trip a month (which is a maximum of three hours). Volunteers must be 21+, have a clean, well-maintained vehicle, complete a background check, and attend a training session. The program offers door-through-door transportation service to area residents 60 years of age and older. MyRide is accepting applications for volunteer drivers, and persons interested in volunteering can reach-out at (423) 680-0023. The funding for MyRide McMinn is provided by the Southeast Tennessee Area Agency on Aging and Disability from grant funds awarded by the Davidson County Chancery Court, Part III from the Senior Trust/Elder Trust Settlement (Case No. 11-1548-III), through a contract administered by The Memorial Foundation."

THURSDAY'S MARKET REPORT At the closing bell: The Dow Jones was down 373.56 to 34,099.42. The S&P 500 was down 59.70 to 4,376.31, and the NASDAQ was down 257.06 to 13,463.97.

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Athens, Tennessee

Obituaries

♦**James Thomas Jones, Jr.**, age 76, of Cleveland, passed away recently. He is survived locally by his son, Pastor Keith Jones (Sherry) of the Planted in Christ Fellowship of Athens. A Memorial Service will be held this Saturday, August 26th at 10 a.m. at the Planted in Christ Fellowship Church at 317 Maple Street, Athens. Visitation will begin at 9 a.m. Condolences may be sent via email to: Christofthecross@gmail.com

♦**William "Ross" Broadway**, age 92, of Ten Mile, passed away on Tuesday, August 22nd. Ross was born in Chattanooga. He graduated from Central High School and went on to serve our country in the U.S. Navy from September 20, 1948, to May 20, 1953. Upon returning from the Navy, he went to work for Dupont Nylon Plant in Chattanooga. He and his wife moved and made their home in Ten Mile to run Sam's Boat Dock, where together they created countless memories for family and friends near and far for multiple generations. He also made his career as the local Postmaster from 1962 to 1989 until his retirement. A funeral service will be held on Tuesday, August 29th at 2 p.m. at Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Interment will follow in the Meigs County Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be from 12 p.m. – 2 p.m., prior to the service. Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services is in charge of arrangements.

♦**Mrs. Zelma Beatrice McClure**, age 86, Athens, passed away on March 18th, 2020. Memorial services will be held Saturday, August 26th at 1:00 p.m. at M.D. Dotson and Sons Funeral Home in Athens. Visitation will be one hour before at the funeral home from 12:00 noon until 1:00 p.m. M.D. Dotson and Sons Funeral Home of Athens is in charge of arrangements.

♦**Rodger C Moses**, age 63, of Greenville, passed away Thursday, August 24th. A funeral service will be held at 7:00 p.m., Monday, August 28th at Bordwine Funeral Home. Visitation will be from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., Monday prior to the service. Family and friends will assemble Tuesday, August 29th at Green Hill Cemetery for the 11:00 a.m. committal service. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.

Church News and Events

-Mars Hill Presbyterian Church (205 North Jackson Street) is sponsoring a free children's playgroup on Mondays, 9-11 a.m. for ages 0-5. This is a social opportunity for young children and their parents to gather to spend time with other parents while their children play and interact with other children. Some playdays may include music, crafts, or story time. For additional information, contact the Church Office (423-745-1403) or Mary Ann Reed (910-200-2905).

- Voice of Deliverance Ministry C.O.G.I.C will be having its 22nd annual church anniversary and pastoral anniversary to celebrate Pastor Larry W. & First Lady Letitisha Saunders to be held on Sunday, August 27th. There will be two services. The morning service will begin at 11am and the evening service will begin at 4:00pm. All are welcome. Located at 520 Old Riceville Road, Athens TN.

- Trinity Trio will be singing August 27th at Bethel Baptist Church at 11 o'clock with lunch to follow.

-Women of Wisdom annual conference will be September 2nd at Mouse Creek Golf Course at 1118 N. Congress Pkwy in Athens and on September 3rd at Everlasting Life Christian Center at 1710 Hwy 411S, in Etowah. Conference speaker will be Minister Sandra Jackson Haskins, and the Conference Praise and Worship Leader will Jennifer Whaley.

- Planted In Christ Outreach Fellowship, 317 Maple Street, in Athens, invites you to attend Outreach Deliverance Classes every Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

- If you have suffered the loss of a loved one, Mars Hill Presbyterian Church of Athens now offers a GriefShare program each Sunday at 2:00 p.m. For more information call 423-829-5052.

- Celebrate Recovery meets at the following churches: The Englewood Church of God every Sunday at 6 p.m. and Woodward Avenue Church of God every Tuesday at 6 p.m.

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