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Knox County Leads TN in Real Estate Establishments

557 firms in 2022—more than double Sevier’s total.

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Real Estate Establishments

Knox County hosts the highest number of real estate firms in Tennessee.

This figure, drawn from the 2022 U.S. Census Bureau's County Business Patterns, reveals a deeply institutionalized real estate ecosystem in Knox County. The concentration of firms reflects not just transactional volume, but a mature professional infrastructure supporting development, leasing, and property management across the Knoxville metro.

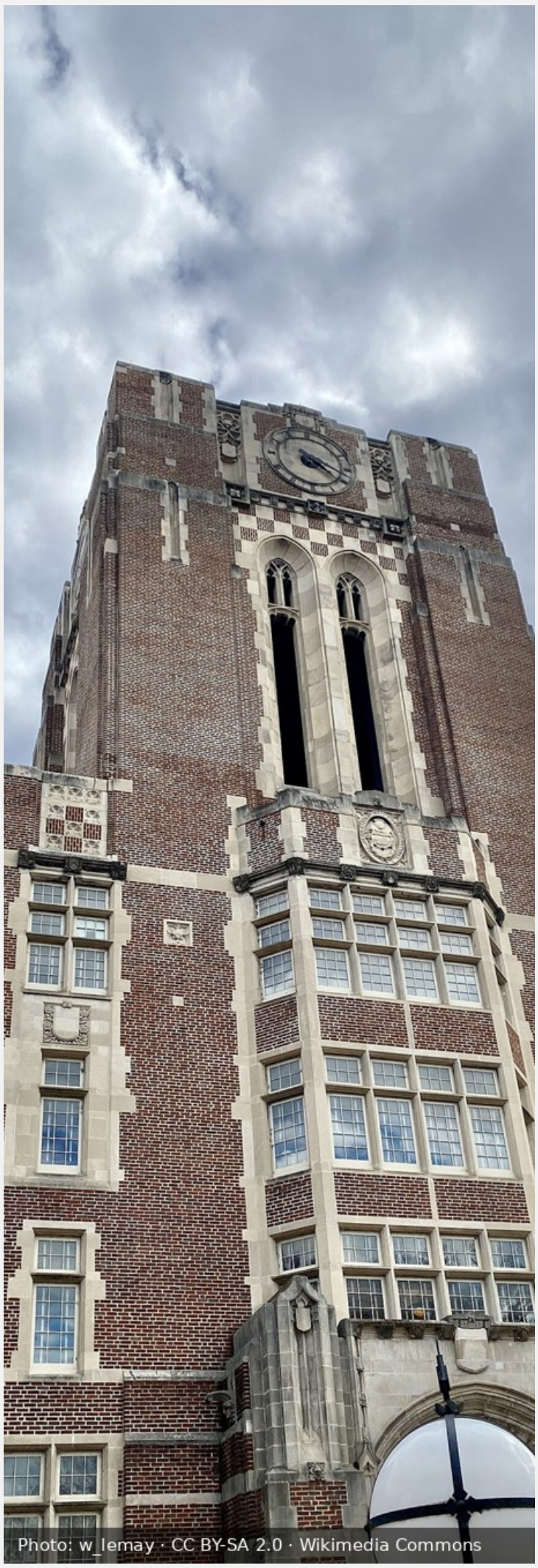


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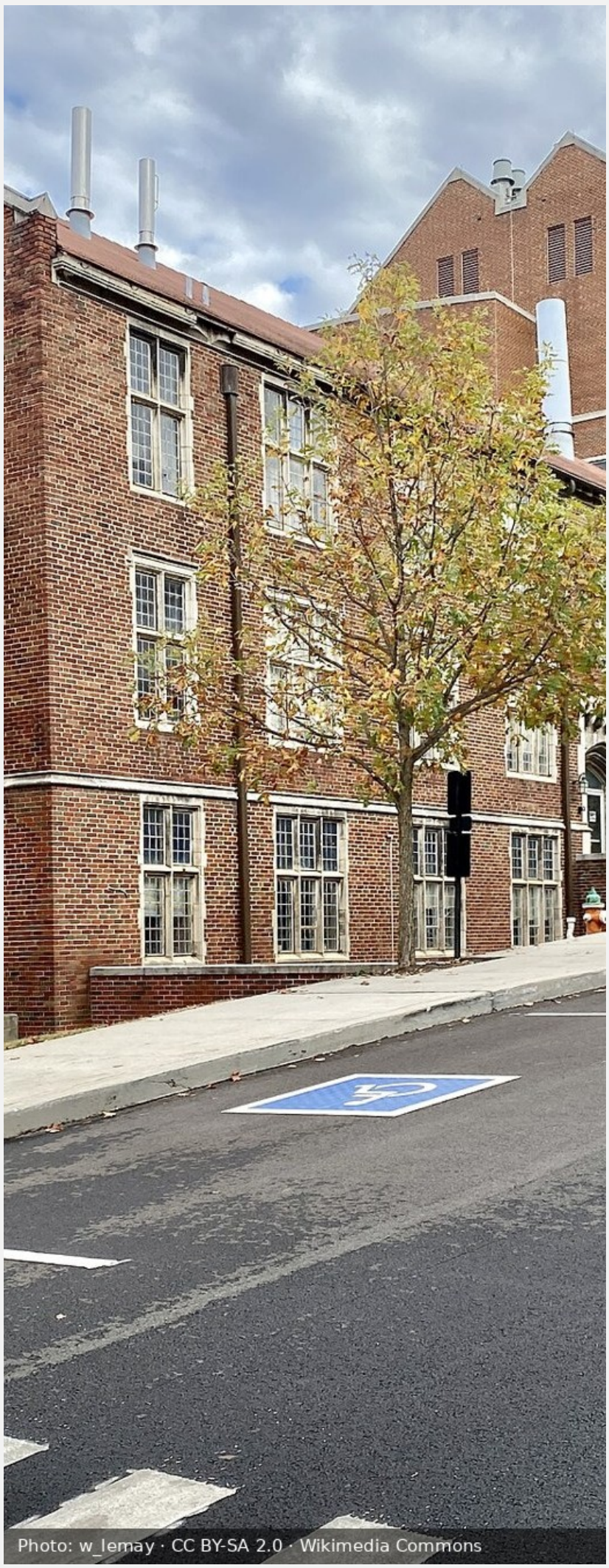
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Scale Drives Resilience

The sheer density of real estate firms in Knox County creates a self-reinforcing ecosystem. More firms mean greater specialization, faster access to capital, deeper local expertise, and a more resilient market during downturns. This isn’t just about volume—it’s about institutional depth that enables sustained growth even when external conditions shift.

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The County as a Talent Magnet

A high concentration of real estate firms attracts professionals, legal advisors, lenders, and service providers. This clustering effect reduces transaction friction and accelerates market efficiency. The result is a feedback loop: more firms draw more talent, which attracts more firms, reinforcing Knox County’s position as the region’s central hub for real estate activity.

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