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Sevier County leads TN in labor force decline

Sevier County's -0.7% 12-month labor force growth, source: ALEX Intelligence

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Sevier County recorded the smallest decline in labor force growth among all East Tennessee counties.

While Sevier County posted the least negative labor force growth at -0.7%, this does not indicate weakness—rather, it reflects a stabilization in a region historically sensitive to seasonal employment shifts. The broader trend across the Knoxville metro shows contraction, with Knox County down -1.5% and Loudon County at -0.9%, suggesting a broader labor market cooling.



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Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics, September 2026 (county, seasonally unadjusted) · ALEX Intelligence computation
https://alex-companies.com/data/2026-11-17-knoxville-lab-bls-labor-force-growth-12m-county

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Stability in decline signals resilience

Crucially, this data does not reflect a national trend.

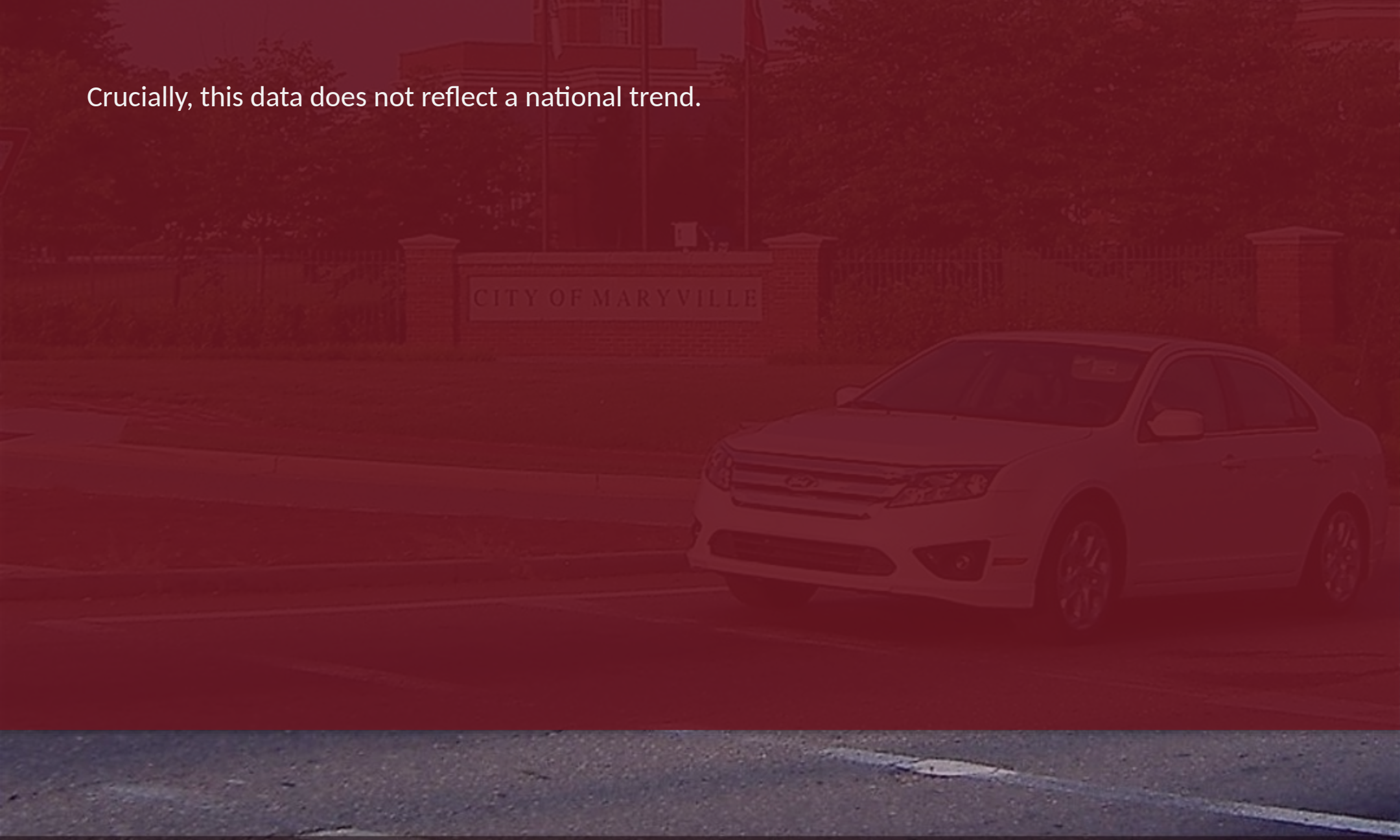


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Labor contraction is not a housing risk

The data points to a market where housing is less reactive to short-term labor fluctuations and more anchored in structural drivers—such as population growth, infill development, and adaptive reuse of underutilized spaces. This is a hallmark of mature, resilient real estate markets, not one in decline.

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