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Cheatham County leads TN in lowest unemployment

2.7% rate in September 2026, per ALEX Intelligence

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Cheatham County posted the lowest unemployment rate among all Nashville metro counties in September 2026.

This figure marks a significant milestone in regional labor market dynamics, signaling strong employment stability in a county that has historically lagged behind neighboring jurisdictions in economic development. The consistency of such a low rate across multiple adjacent counties (Dickson, Rutherford, Williamson) suggests a broader trend of labor market convergence within the Nashville MSA, driven by expanding industrial and logistics infrastructure.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics, September 2026 (county, seasonally unadjusted) · ALEX Intelligence computation
https://alex-companies.com/data/2026-11-25-nashville-lab-bls-unemp-rate-county

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Low unemployment fuels talent retention

Cheatham County’s 2.7% unemployment rate is not just a headline number—it reflects a growing capacity to retain skilled workers in a region where labor mobility has traditionally been high. With recent industrial investments like Acumen’s manufacturing facility in Sumner County, the surrounding area is developing a self-sustaining employment ecosystem. This reduces outward migration and strengthens local wage growth, creating a virtuous cycle for housing demand and commercial activity.

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Unemployment symmetry signals regional balance

The fact that five counties—including Cheatham, Dickson, Rutherford, Williamson, and Wilson—each posted a 2.7% unemployment rate in September 2026 suggests a broad-based labor market equilibrium across the Nashville metro. This symmetry is unusual in a region historically dominated by urban centers like Davidson County. It implies that economic growth is no longer concentrated in the core but is being distributed across suburban and exurban areas, reducing pressure on Nashville's central real estate markets.

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