



Monroe County, TN



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Report Parameters

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47123 Monroe County, TN

Class of Worker

QCEW Employees, Non-QCEW Employees, and Self-Employed

The information in this report pertains to the chosen geographical area.

Economy Overview

49,806

Population (2025)

Population **grew by 3,407** over the last 5 years and is projected to **grow by 2,648** over the next 5 years.

16,895

Total Regional Employment

Jobs **grew by 1,089** over the last 5 years and are projected to **grow by 931** over the next 5 years.

\$56.6K

Median Household Income (2023)

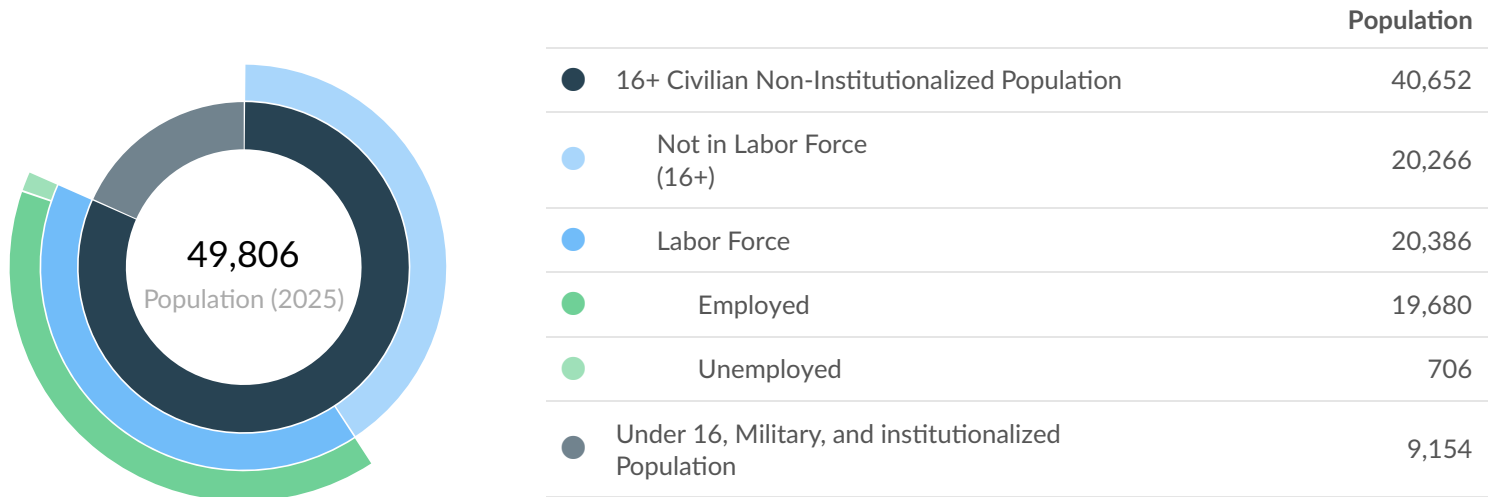
Median household income is **\$21.9K below** the national median household income of \$78.5K.

Takeaways

- As of 2025 the region's population **increased by 7.3%** since 2020, growing by 3,407. Population is expected to **increase by 5.3%** between 2025 and 2030, adding 2,648.
- From 2020 to 2025, jobs **increased by 6.9%** in Monroe County, TN from 15,806 to **16,895**. This change **fell short of the national growth rate of 10.6% by 3.7%**. As the number of jobs increased, the **labor force participation rate decreased from 51.7% to 50.1% between 2020 and 2025**.
- Concerning educational attainment, **11.4% of Monroe County, TN residents possess a Bachelor's Degree** (10.4% below the national average), and **9.8% hold an Associate's Degree** (0.9% above the national average).
- The top three industries in 2025 are Ship and Boat Building, Restaurants and Other Eating Places, and Motor Vehicle Parts Manufacturing.

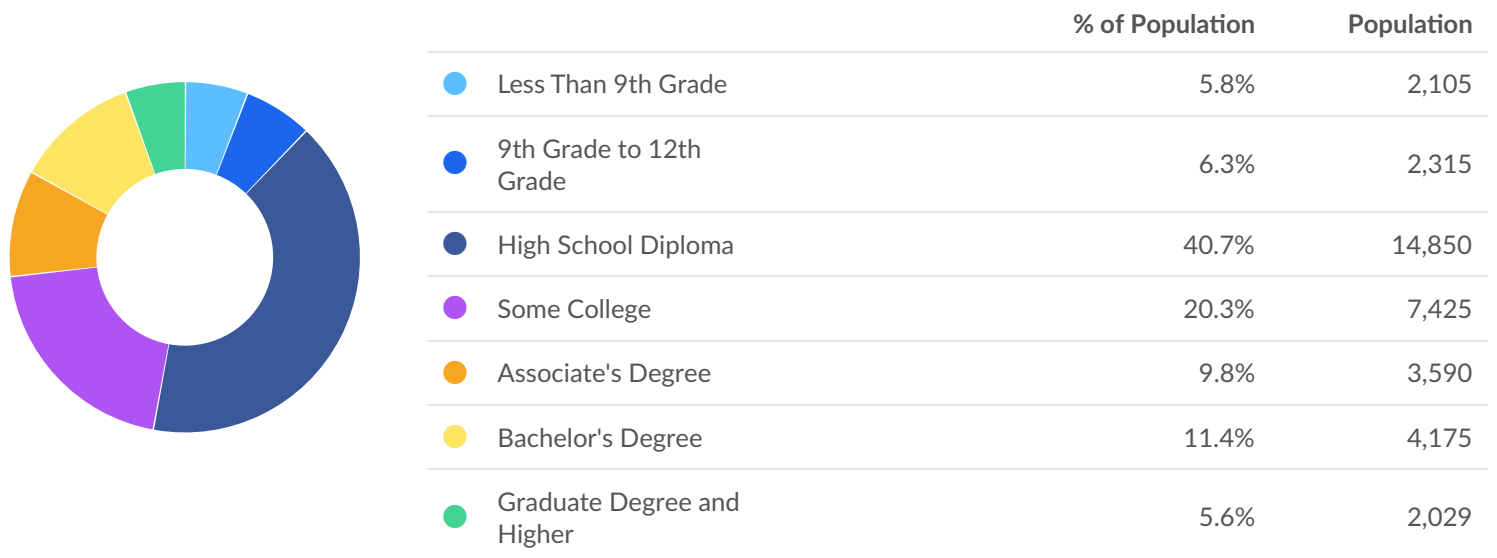
	Population (2025)	Labor Force (Dec 2025)	Jobs (2025)	Cost of Living	GRP	Imports	Exports
Region	49,806	20,386	16,895	90.9	\$2.13B	\$3.50B	\$2.91B
State	7,305,276	3,527,847	3,708,203	92.3	\$578.34B	\$461.40B	\$588.24B

Dec 2025 Labor Force Breakdown



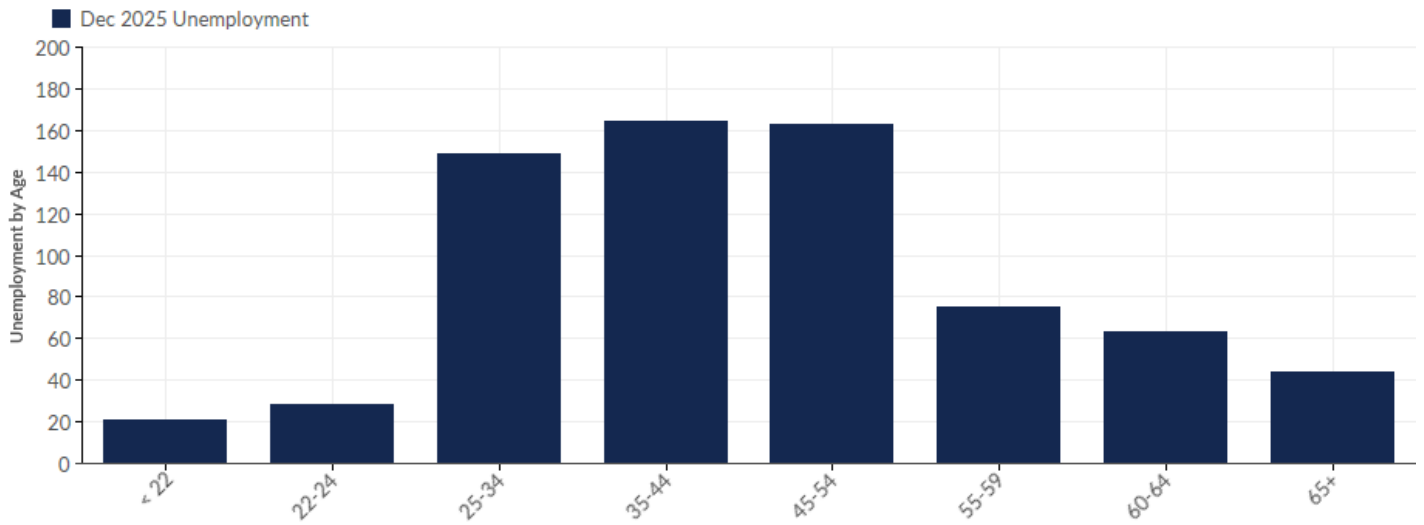
Educational Attainment

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Unemployment by Demographics

Unemployment by Age



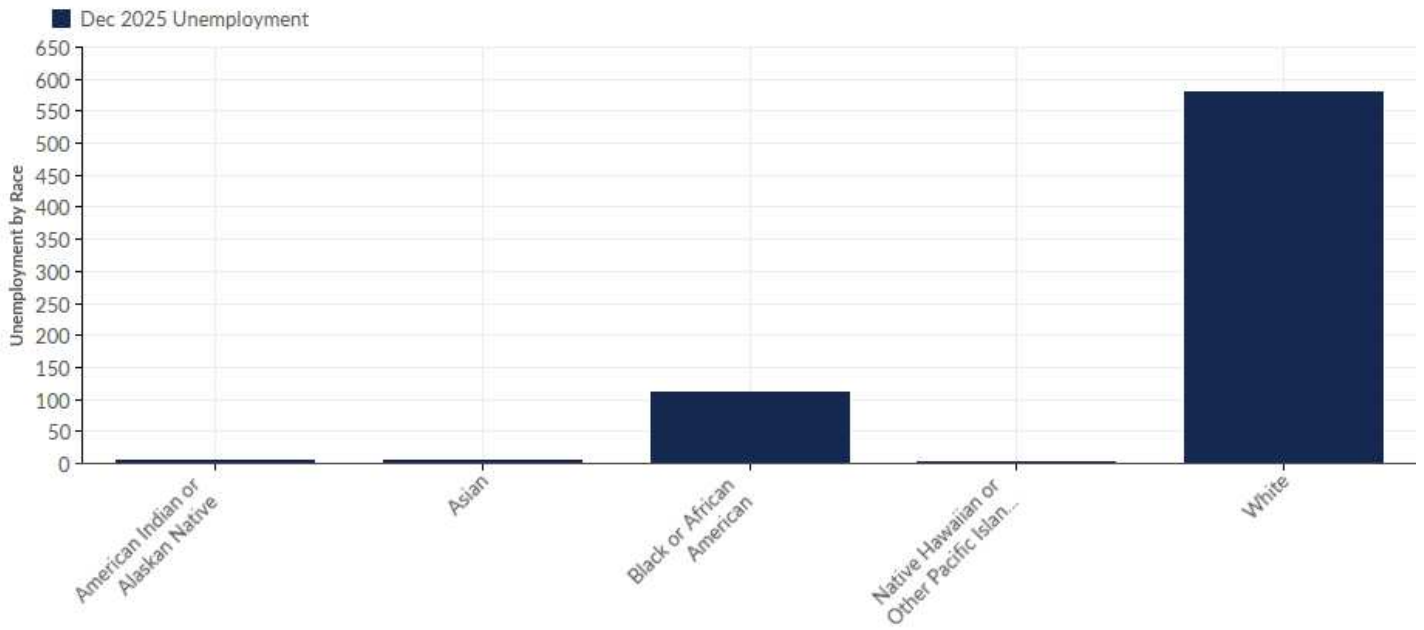
Age	Unemployment (Dec 2025)	% of Unemployed
< 22	21	2.97%
22-24	28	3.97%
25-34	149	21.10%
35-44	164	23.23%
45-54	163	23.09%
55-59	75	10.62%
60-64	63	8.92%
65+	44	6.23%
Total	706	100.00%

Unemployment by Gender



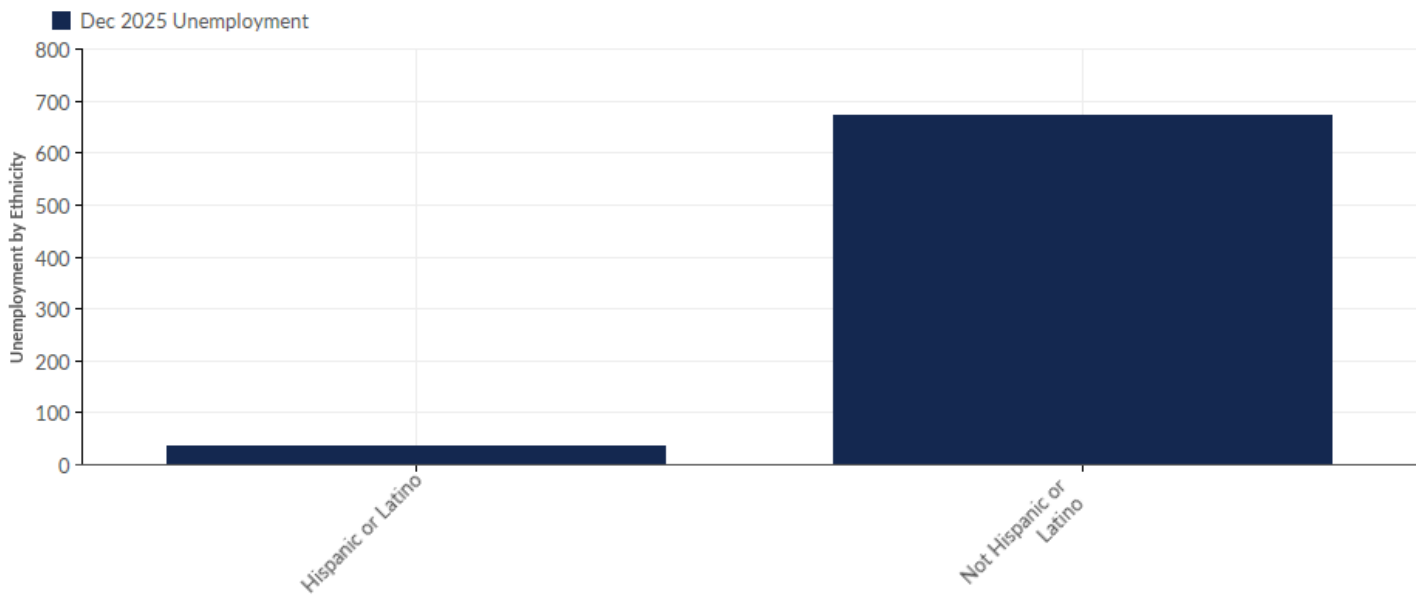
Gender	Unemployment (Dec 2025)	% of Unemployed
Females	359	50.85%
Males	347	49.15%
Total	706	100.00%

Unemployment by Race



Race	Unemployment (Dec 2025)	% of Unemployed
American Indian or Alaskan Native	6	0.85%
Asian	6	0.85%
Black or African American	112	15.86%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	2	0.28%
White	580	82.15%
Total	706	100.00%

Unemployment by Ethnicity

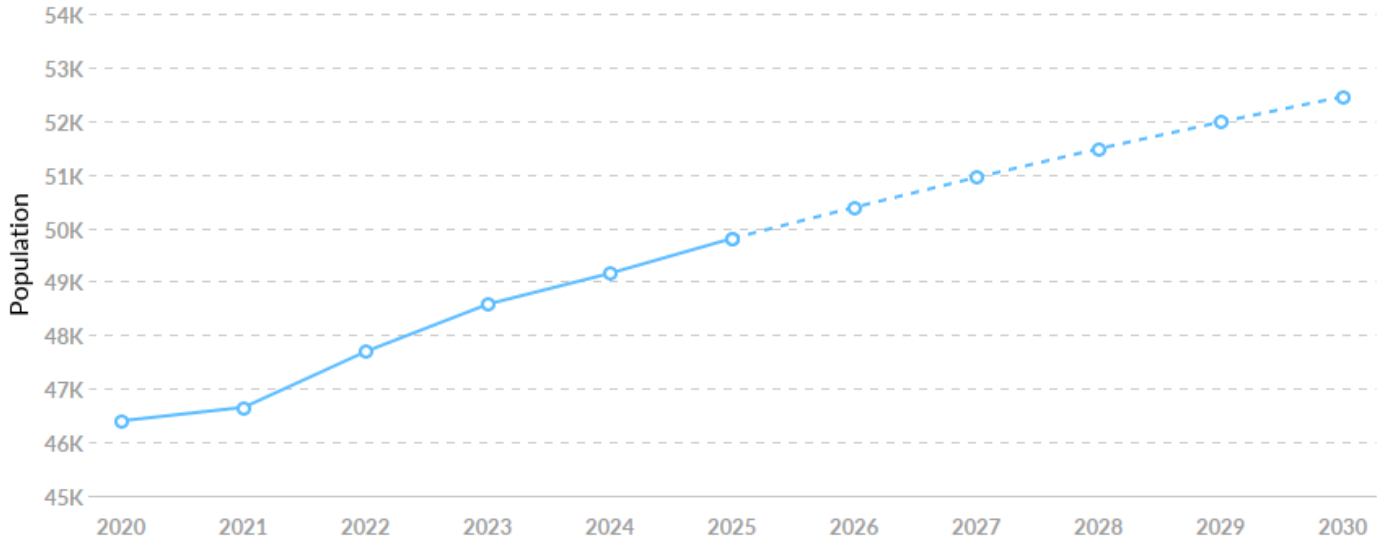


Ethnicity	Unemployment (Dec 2025)	% of Unemployed
Hispanic or Latino	35	4.96%
Not Hispanic or Latino	671	95.04%
Total	706	100.00%

Historic & Projected Trends

Population Trends

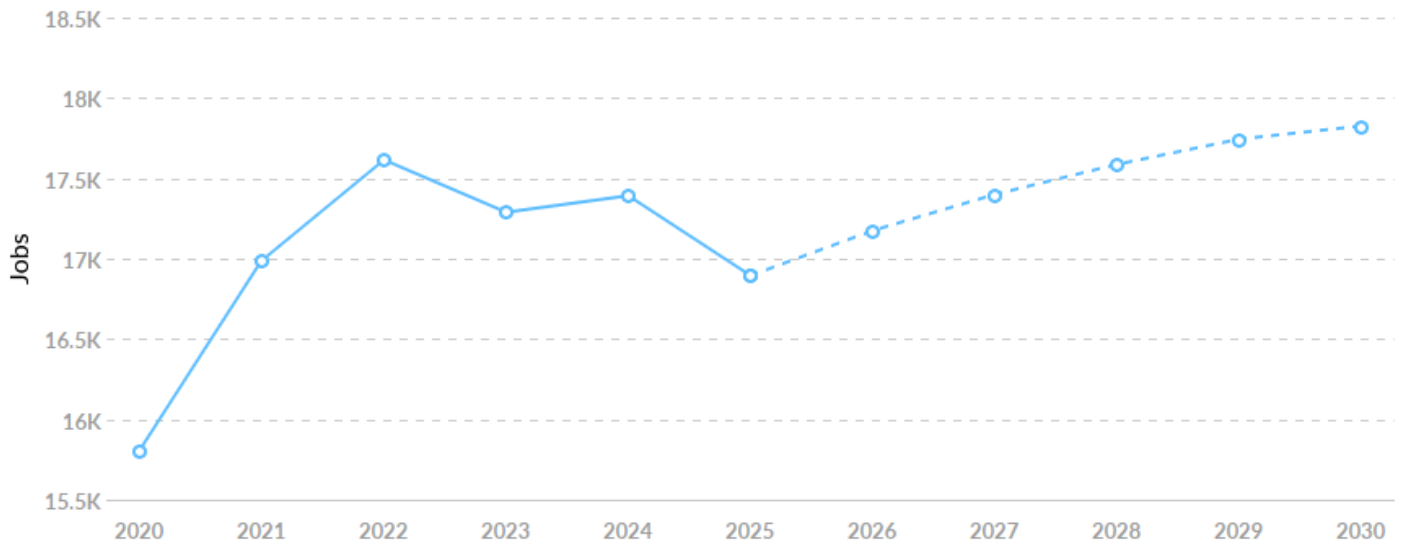
As of 2025 the region's population increased by 7.3% since 2020, growing by 3,407. Population is expected to increase by 5.3% between 2025 and 2030, adding 2,648.



Timeframe	Population
2020	46,399
2021	46,651
2022	47,694
2023	48,578
2024	49,154
2025	49,806
2026	50,386
2027	50,945
2028	51,480
2029	51,980
2030	52,453

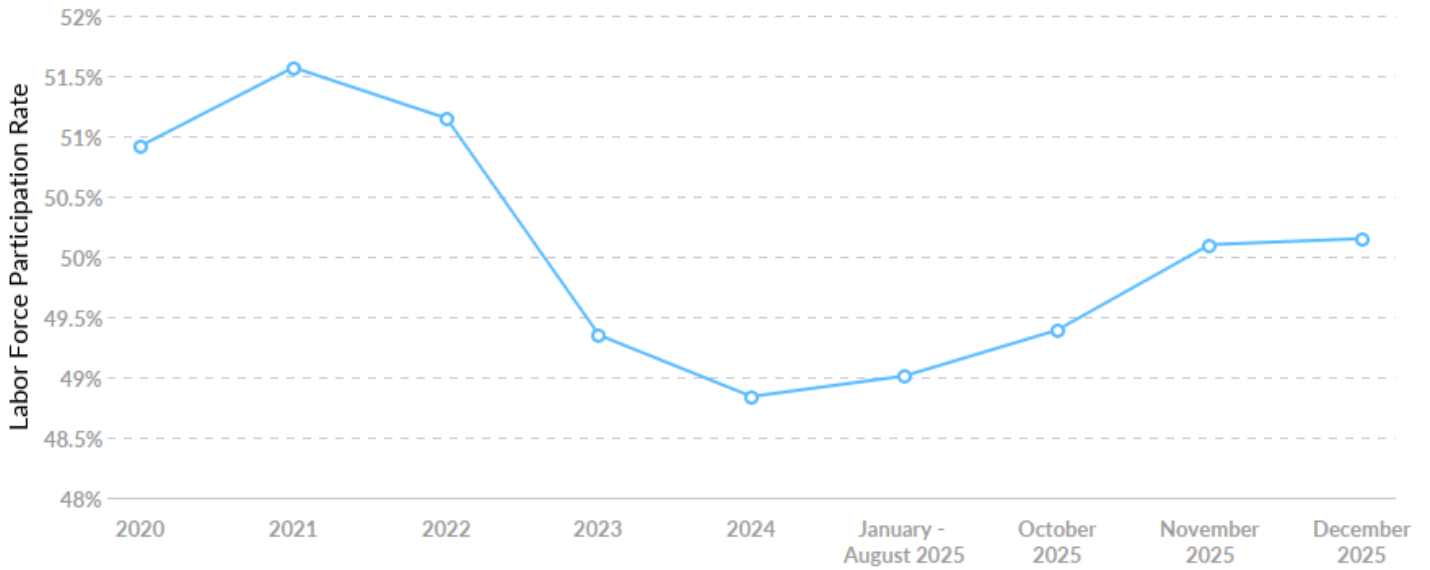
Job Trends

From 2020 to 2025, jobs increased by 6.9% in Monroe County, TN from 15,806 to 16,895. This change fell short of the national growth rate of 10.6% by 3.7%.



Timeframe	Jobs
2020	15,806
2021	16,989
2022	17,615
2023	17,289
2024	17,392
2025	16,895
2026	17,175
2027	17,400
2028	17,587
2029	17,744
2030	17,826

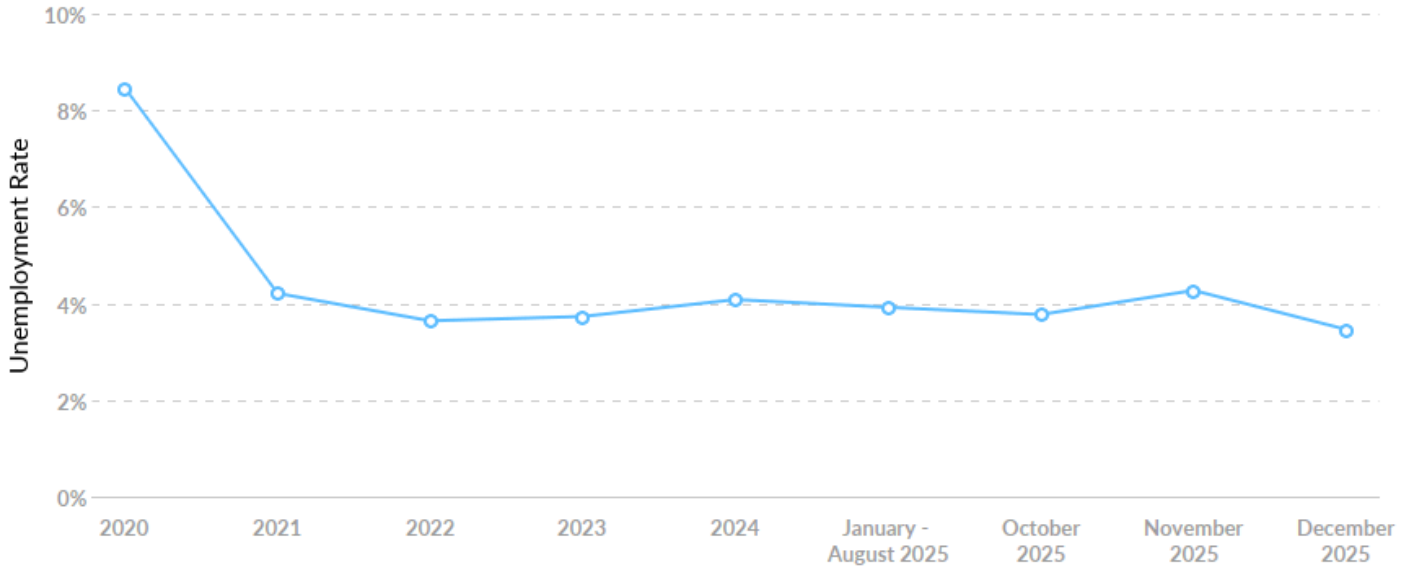
Labor Force Participation Rate Trends



Timeframe	Labor Force Participation Rate
2020	50.92%
2021	51.57%
2022	51.15%
2023	49.35%
2024	48.84%
January - August 2025	49.01%
October 2025	49.39%
November 2025	50.10%
December 2025	50.15%

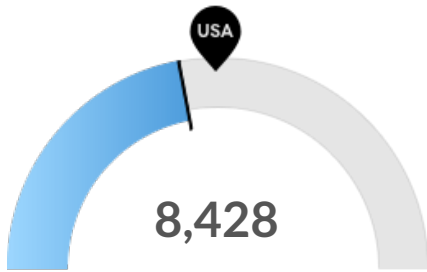
Unemployment Rate Trends

Monroe County, TN had a December 2025 unemployment rate of 3.46%, **decreasing from 8.46%** 5 years before.



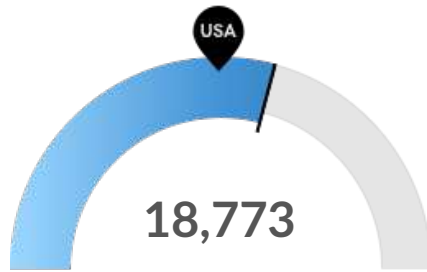
Timeframe	Unemployment Rate
2020	8.46%
2021	4.21%
2022	3.64%
2023	3.73%
2024	4.08%
January - August 2025	3.92%
October 2025	3.77%
November 2025	4.27%
December 2025	3.46%

Population Characteristics



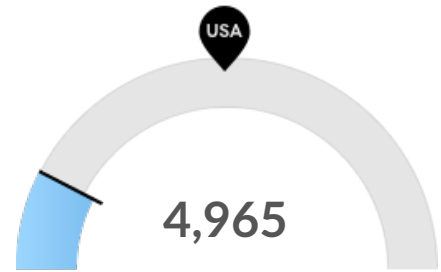
Millennials

Monroe County, TN has 8,428 millennials (ages 25-39). The national average for an area this size is 10,062.



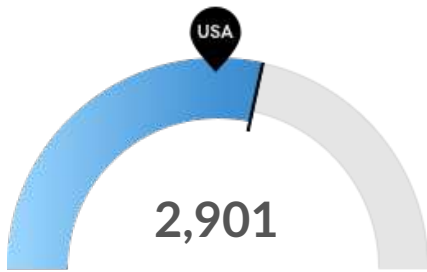
Retiring Soon

Retirement risk is high in Monroe County, TN. The national average for an area this size is 14,863 people 55 or older, while there are 18,773 here.



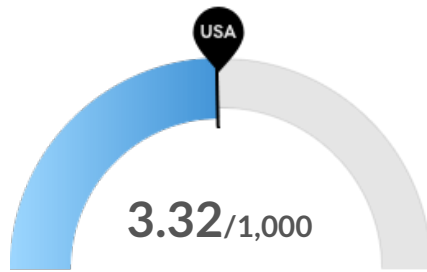
Racial Diversity

Racial diversity is low in Monroe County, TN. The national average for an area this size is 20,909 racially diverse people, while there are 4,965 here.



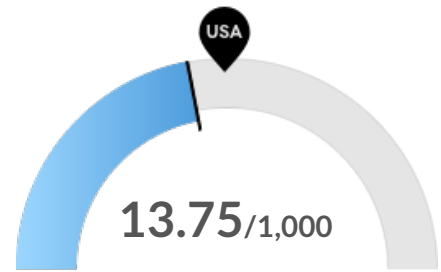
Veterans

Monroe County, TN has 2,901 veterans. The national average for an area this size is 2,390.



Violent Crime

Monroe County, TN has 3.32 violent crimes per 1,000 people. The national rate is 3.38 per 1,000 people.

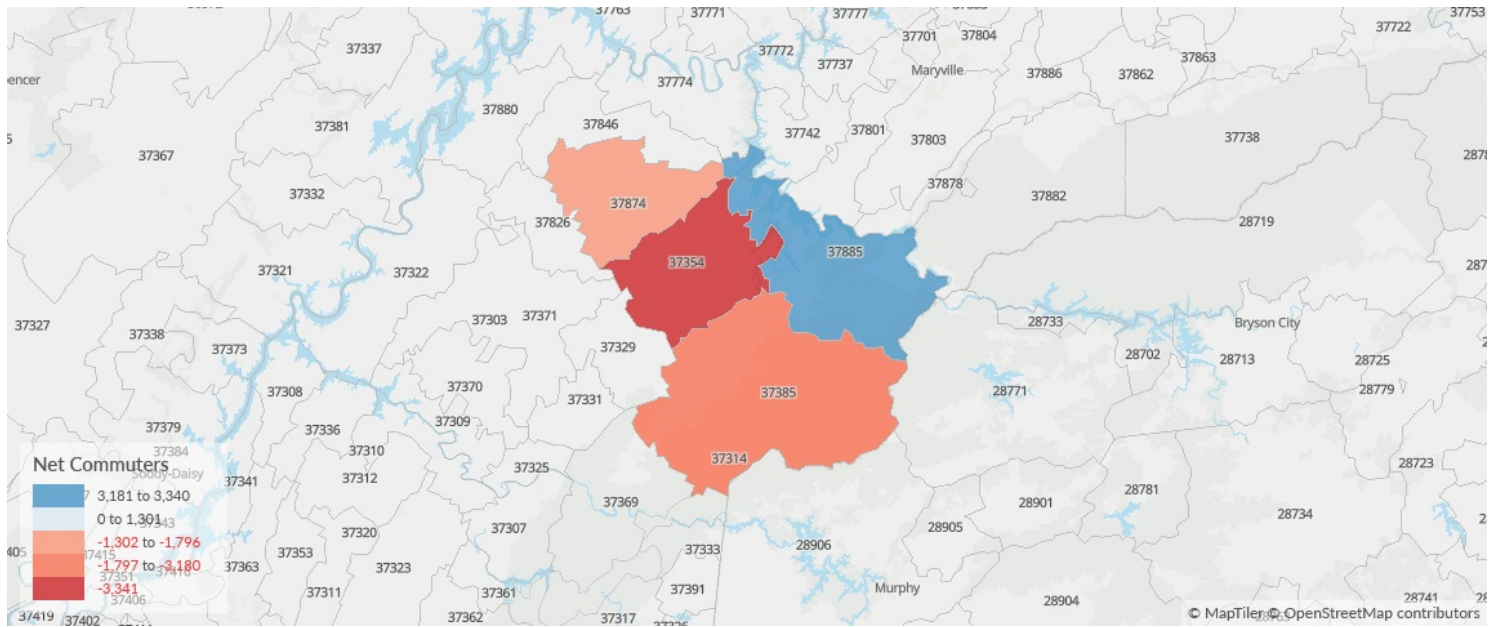


Property Crime

Monroe County, TN has 13.75 property crimes per 1,000 people. The national rate is 16.44 per 1,000 people.

Place of Work vs Place of Residence

Understanding where talent in Monroe County, TN currently works compared to where talent lives can help you optimize site decisions. For example, the #1 ranked ZIP for employment ranks #2 for resident workers. The top ZIP for resident workers is 37354.



Where Talent Works

Where Talent Lives

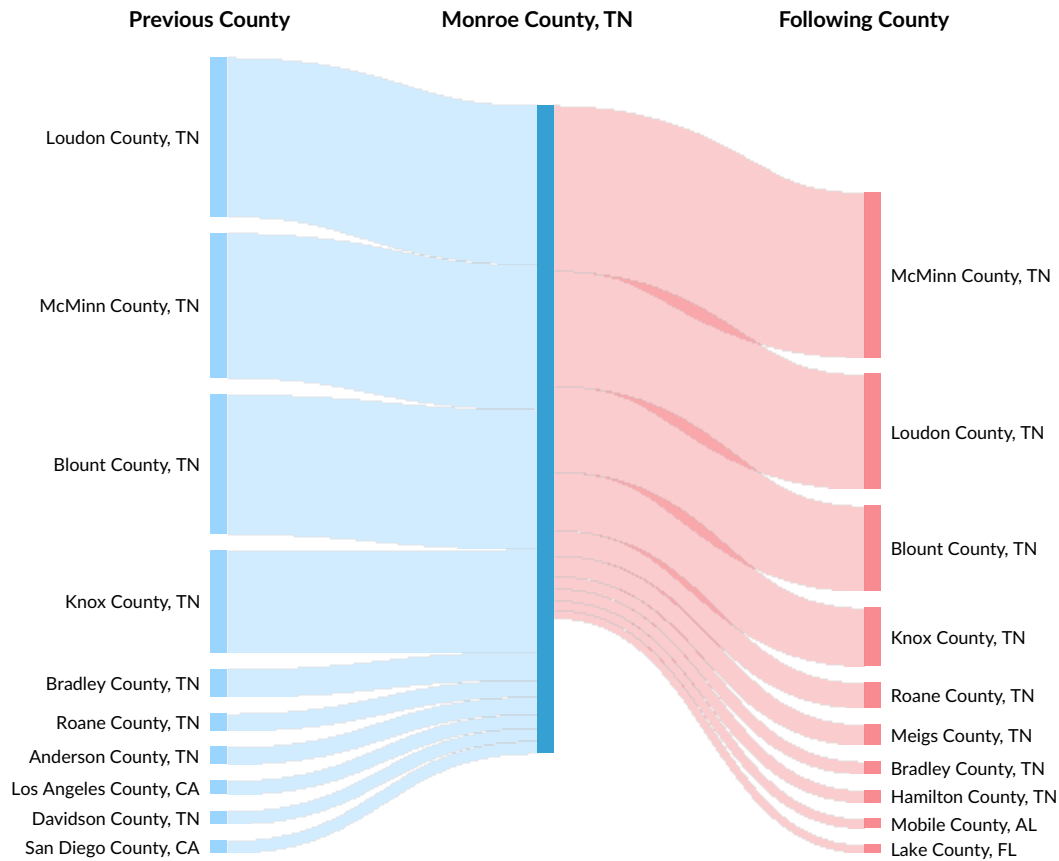
ZIP	Name	2025 Employment
37874	Sweetwater, TN (in Mon...	5,615
37885	Vonore, TN (in Monroe ...	5,428
37354	Madisonville, TN (in Mo...	4,118
37385	Tellico Plains, TN (in Mo...	1,734
37314	Coker Creek, TN (in Mo...	0

ZIP	Name	2025 Workers
37354	Madisonville, TN (in Mo...	7,459
37874	Sweetwater, TN (in Mon...	6,917
37385	Tellico Plains, TN (in Mo...	3,531
37885	Vonore, TN (in Monroe ...	2,246
37314	Coker Creek, TN (in Mo...	0

Inbound and Outbound Migration

The table below analyzes past and current residents of Monroe County, TN. The left column shows residents of other counties migrating to Monroe County, TN. The right column shows residents migrating from Monroe County, TN to other counties.

As of 2022, **346** people have migrated from Loudon County, TN to Monroe County, TN. In the same year, **360** people left Monroe County, TN migrating to McMinn County, TN. The total Net Migration for Monroe County, TN in 2022 was **1,253**.

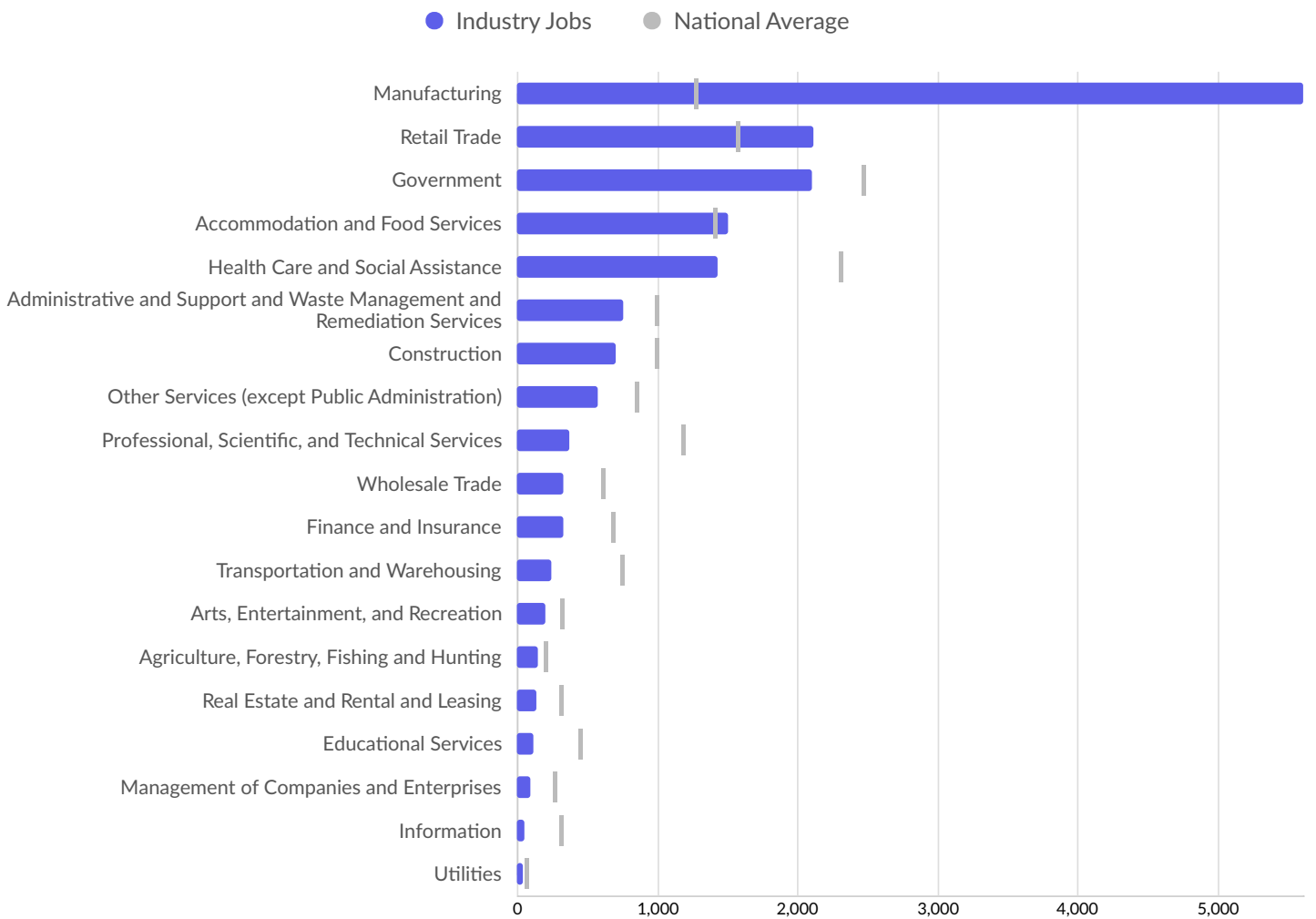


Top Previous Counties	Migrations
Loudon County, TN	346
McMinn County, TN	314
Blount County, TN	304
Knox County, TN	222
Bradley County, TN	61
Roane County, TN	37

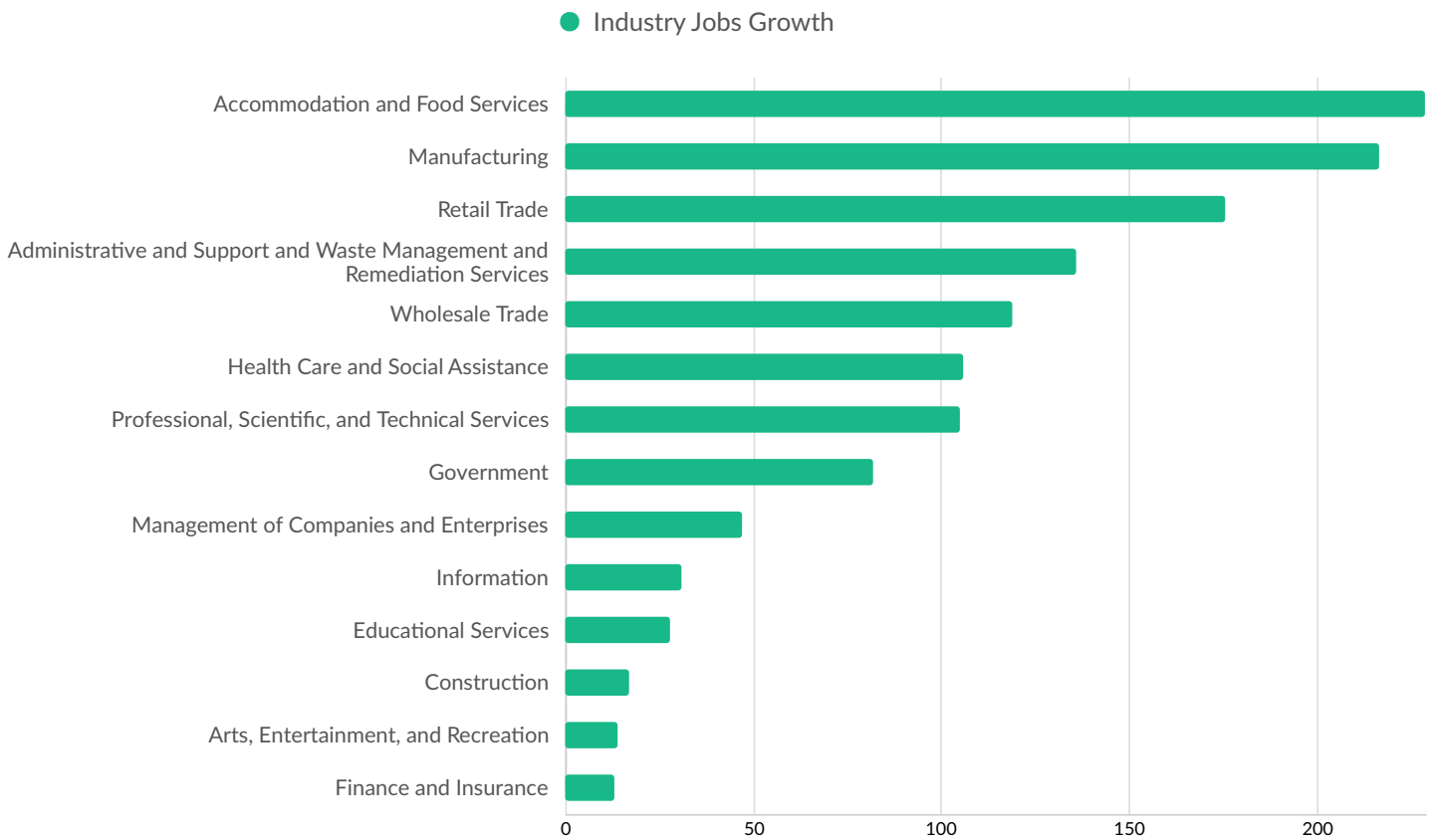
Top Previous Counties	Migrations
Anderson County, TN	37
Los Angeles County, CA	30
Davidson County, TN	28
San Diego County, CA	27
Meigs County, TN	25
Cook County, IL	24
Maricopa County, AZ	19
Randolph County, NC	18
Webb County, TX	15
Top Following Counties	Migrations
McMinn County, TN	360
Loudon County, TN	250
Blount County, TN	186
Knox County, TN	127
Roane County, TN	55
Meigs County, TN	45
Bradley County, TN	27
Hamilton County, TN	26
Mobile County, AL	21
Lake County, FL	18
DeKalb County, GA	17
Pasco County, FL	16
Volusia County, FL	16
Wake County, NC	16
Duval County, FL	15

Industry Characteristics

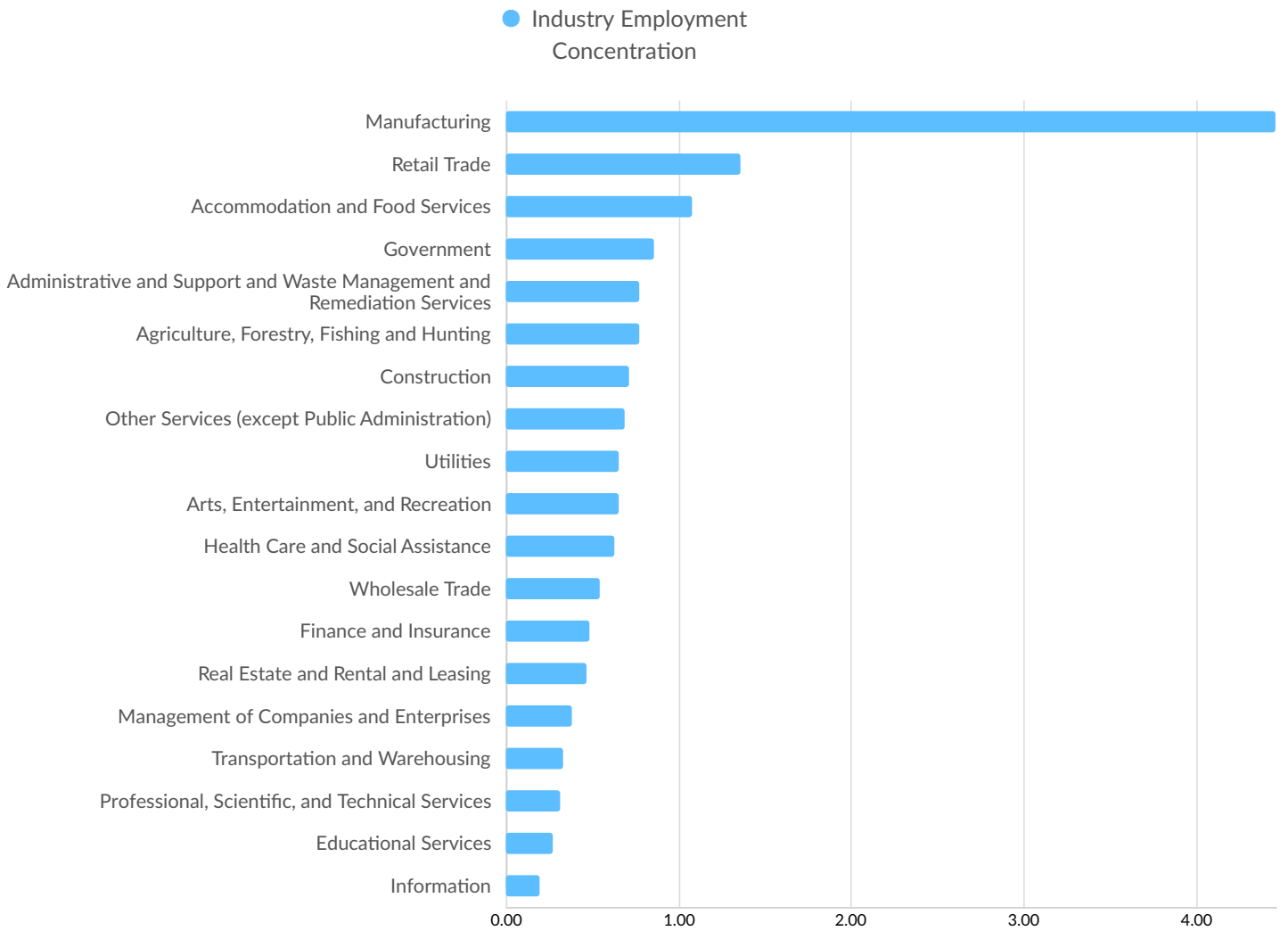
Largest Industries



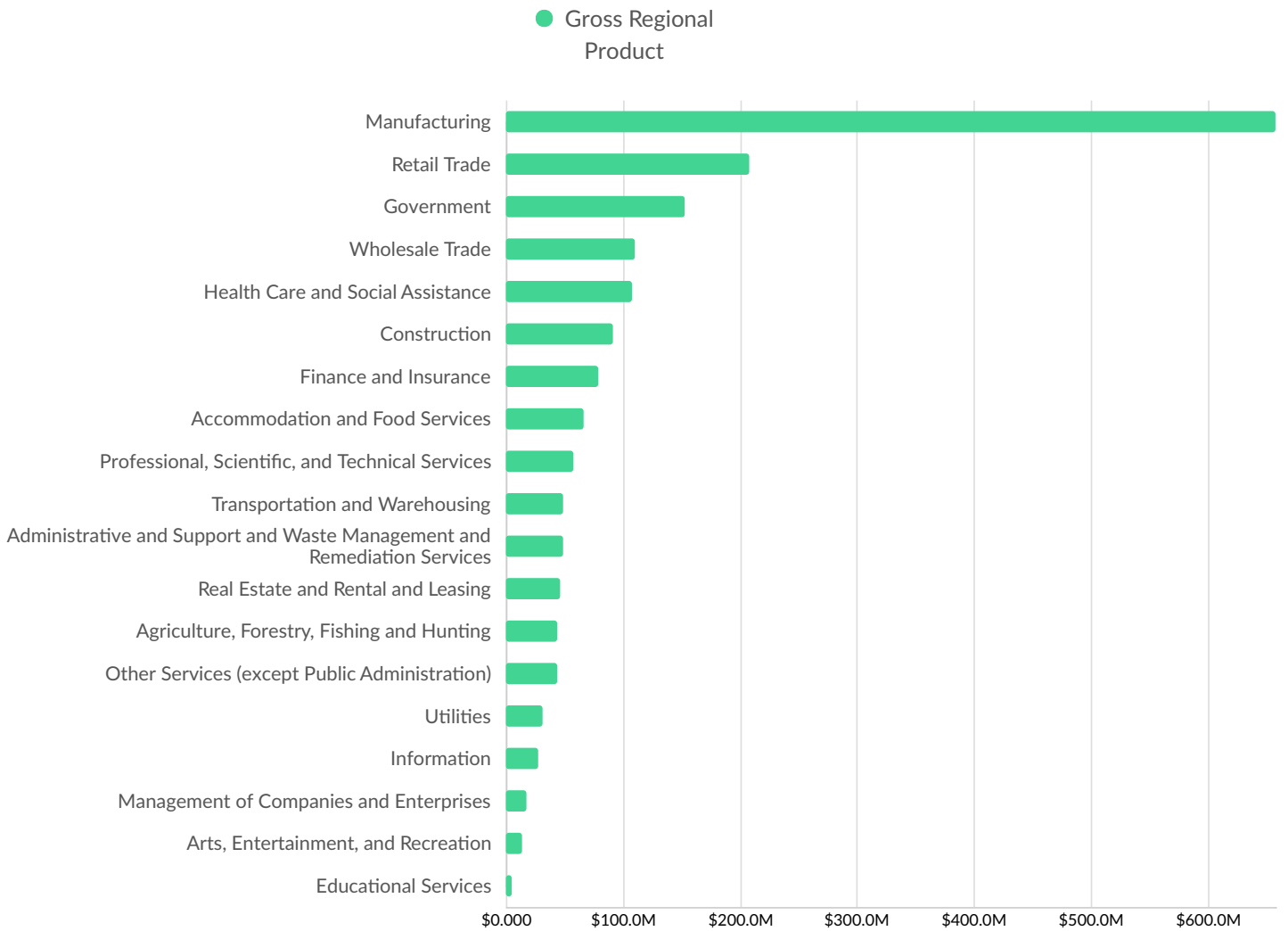
Top Growing Industries



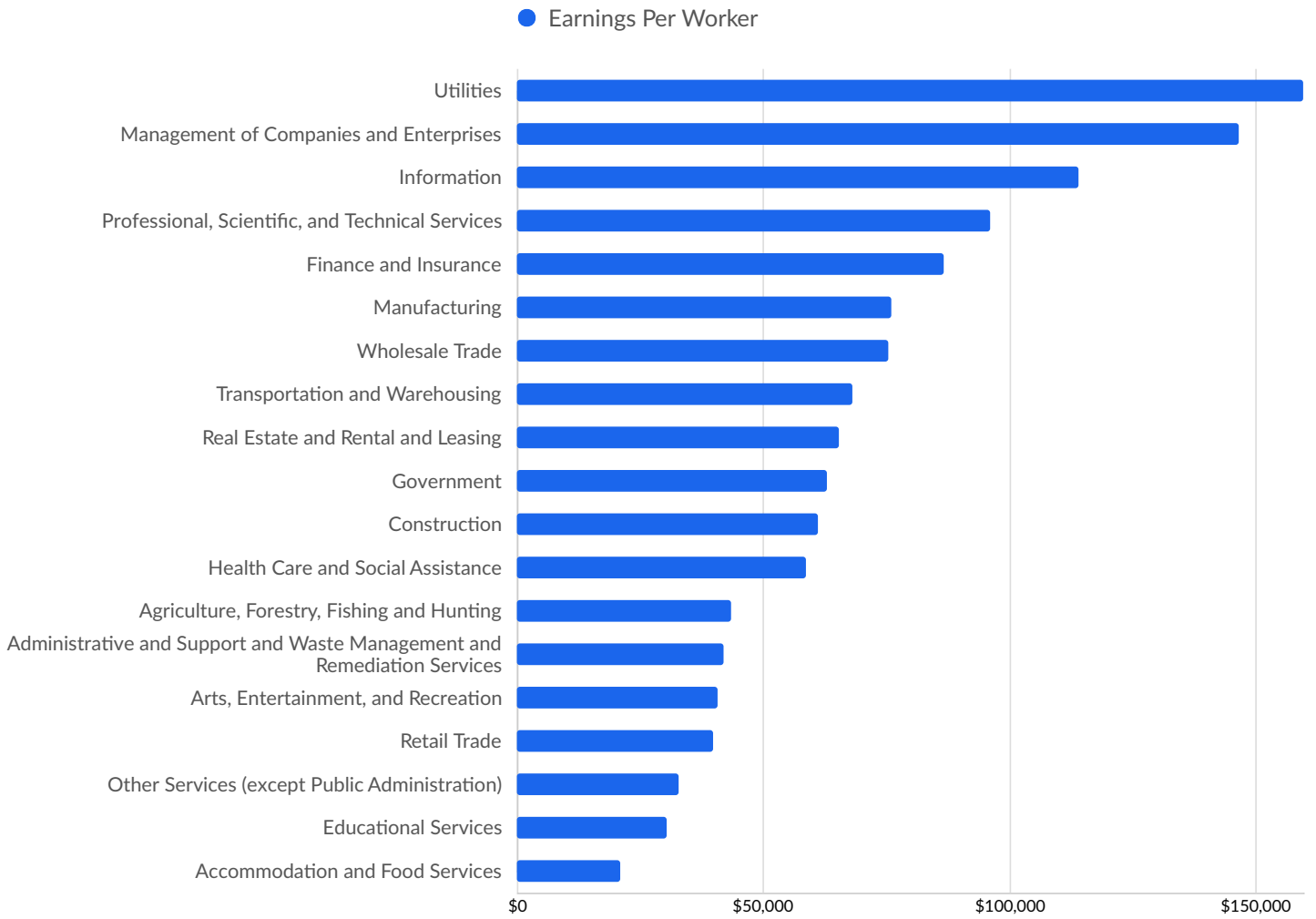
Top Industry Employment Concentration



Top Industry GRP



Top Industry Earnings



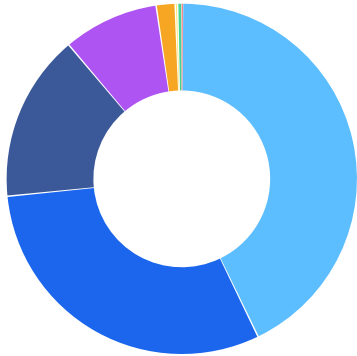
Business Characteristics

2,994 Companies Employ Your Workers

Online profiles for your workers mention 2,994 companies as employers, with the top 10 appearing below. In the last 12 months, 409 companies in Monroe County, TN posted job postings, with the top 10 appearing below.

Top Companies	Profiles	Top Companies Posting	Unique Postings
Jtekt North America Corp	81 	Dollar General	105 
Mastercraft Boat Company	81 	Express Employment Profession...	98 
Sweetwater Hospital Association	81 	Randstad	89 
Walmart	75 	K-Va-T Food Stores	70 
Carlex Glass America	60 	Brunswick	67 
Denso	59 	LifePoint Health	67 
Jtekt Automotive North America	56 	Walmart	66 
Havco Wood Products	55 	AtWork Group	65 
Hiwassee College	51 	Food City	56 
Commercial Vehicle Group	43 	Hcb Yachts	44 

Business Size

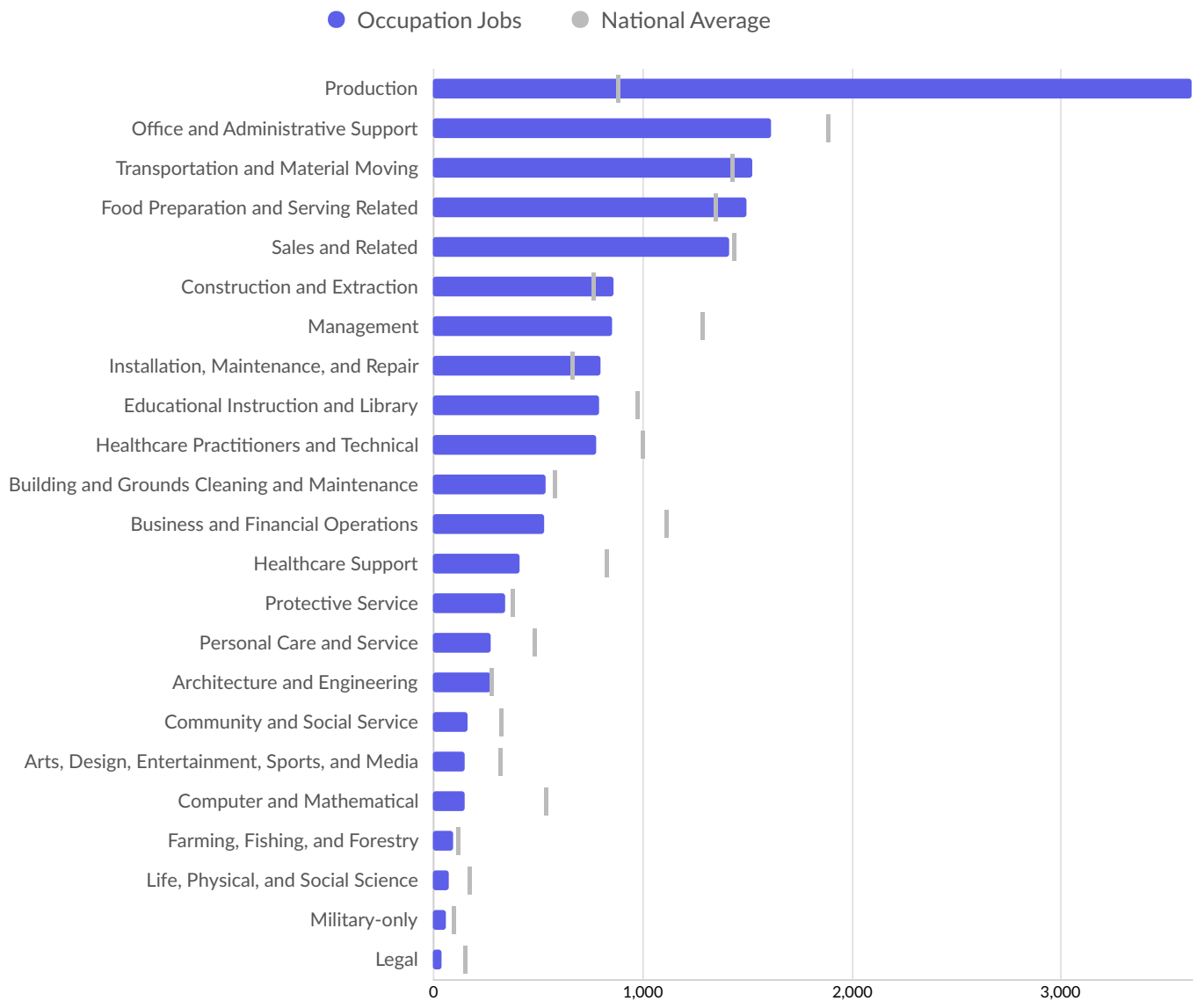


	Percentage	Business Count
● 1 to 4 employees	42.8%	762
● 5 to 9 employees	30.6%	545
● 10 to 19 employees	15.4%	275
● 20 to 49 employees	8.8%	157
● 50 to 99 employees	1.7%	31
● 100 to 249 employees	0.2%	4
● 250 to 499 employees	0.4%	7
● 500+ employees	0.1%	1

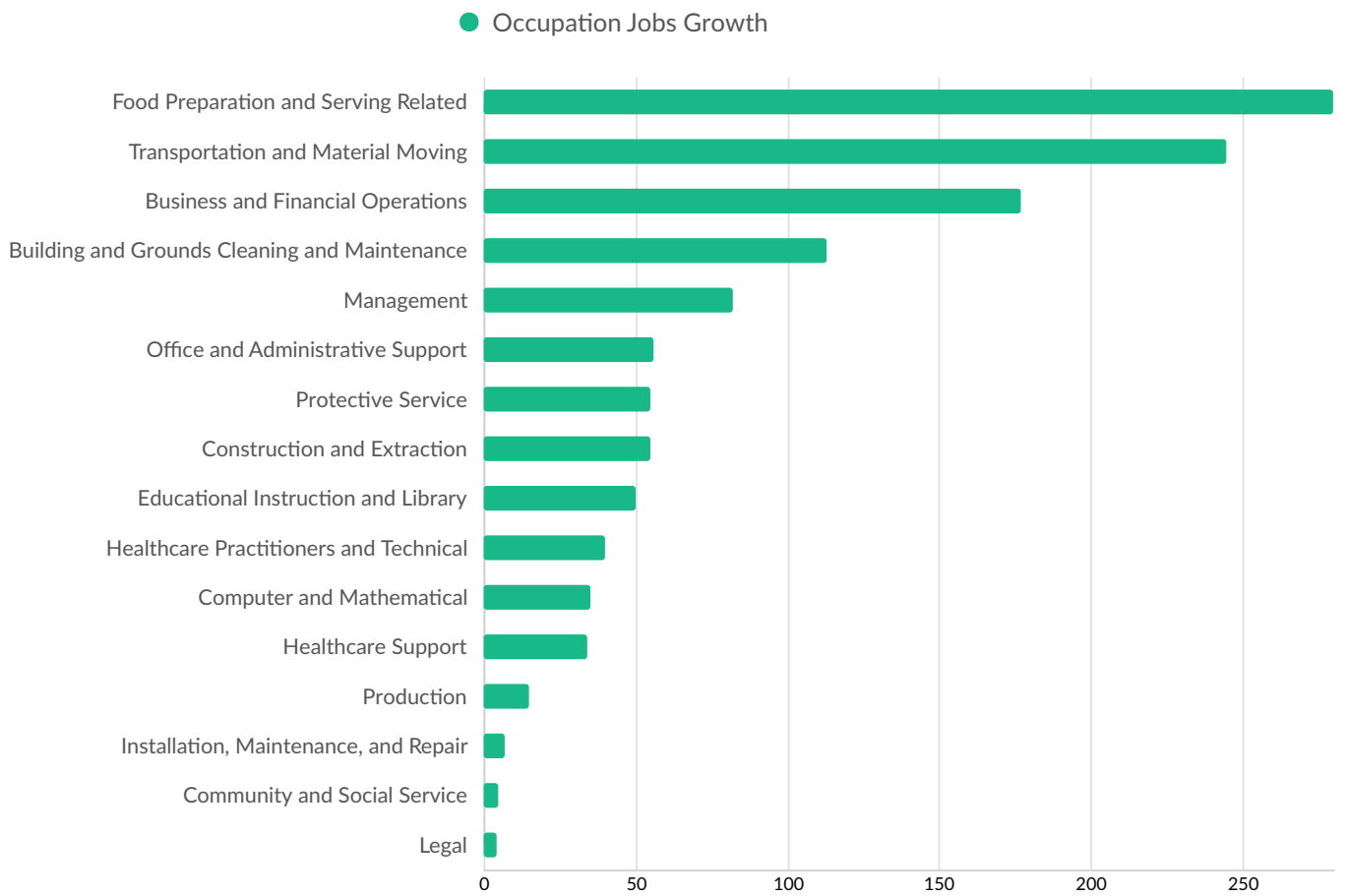
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Workforce Characteristics

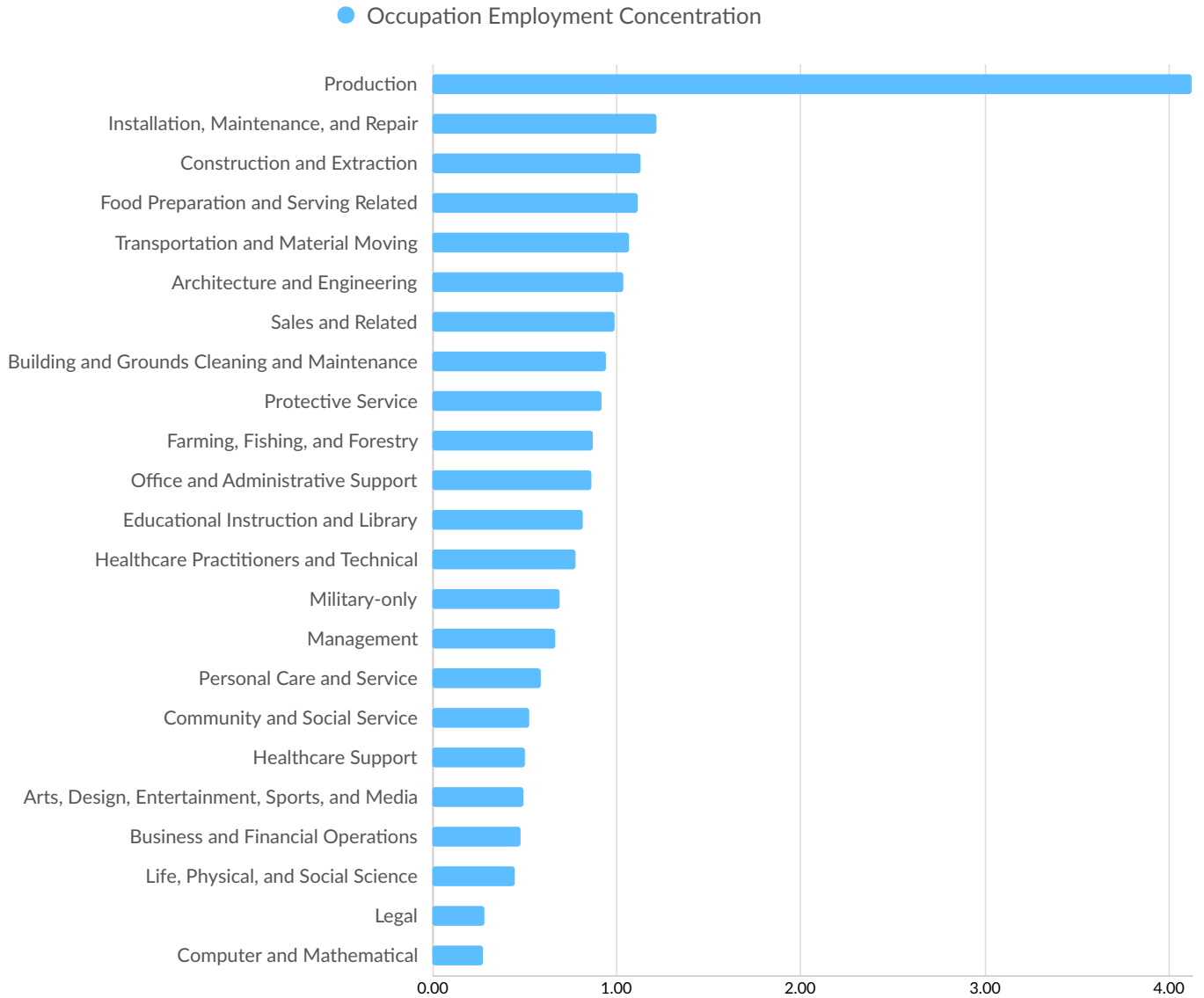
Largest Occupations



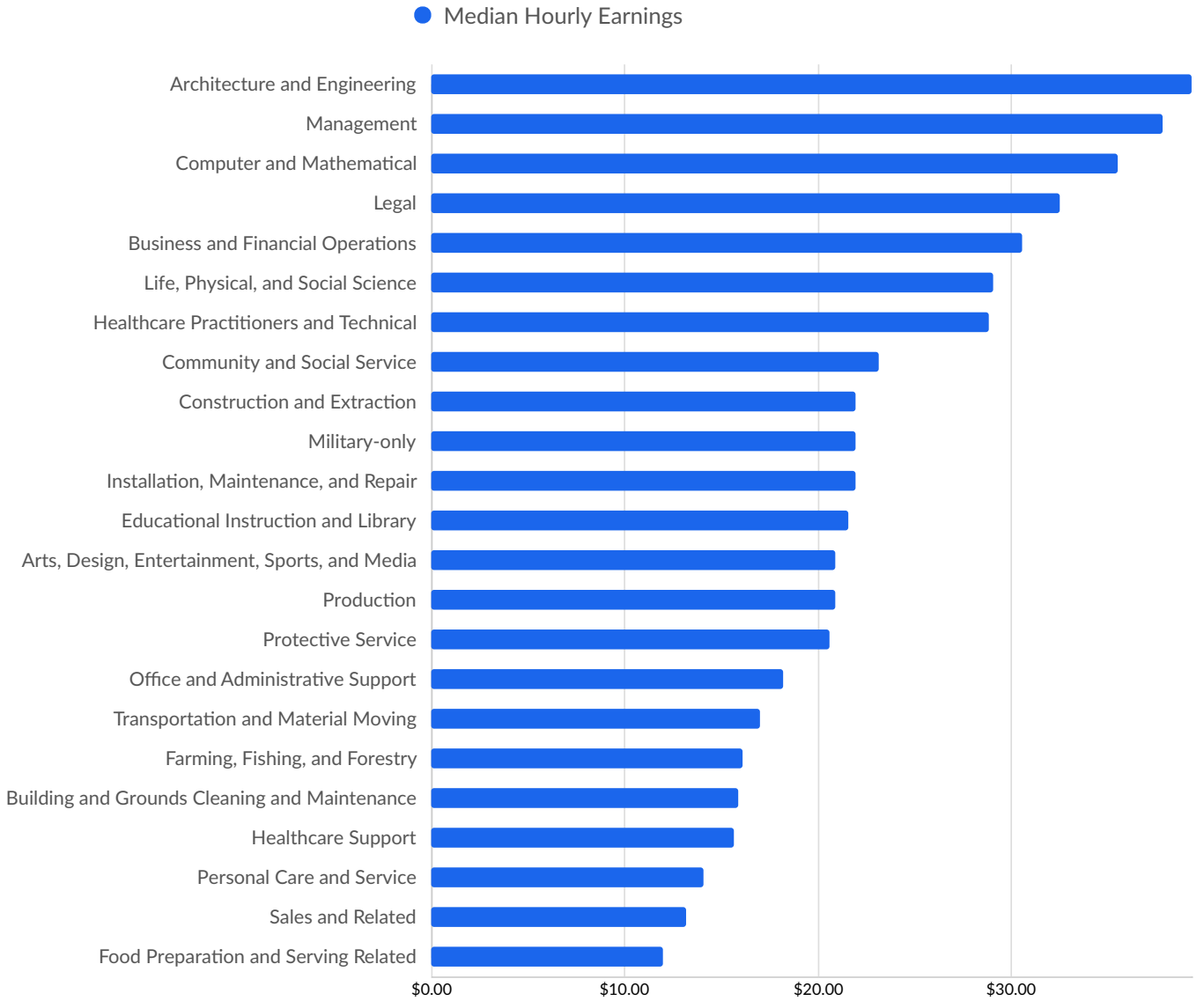
Top Growing Occupations



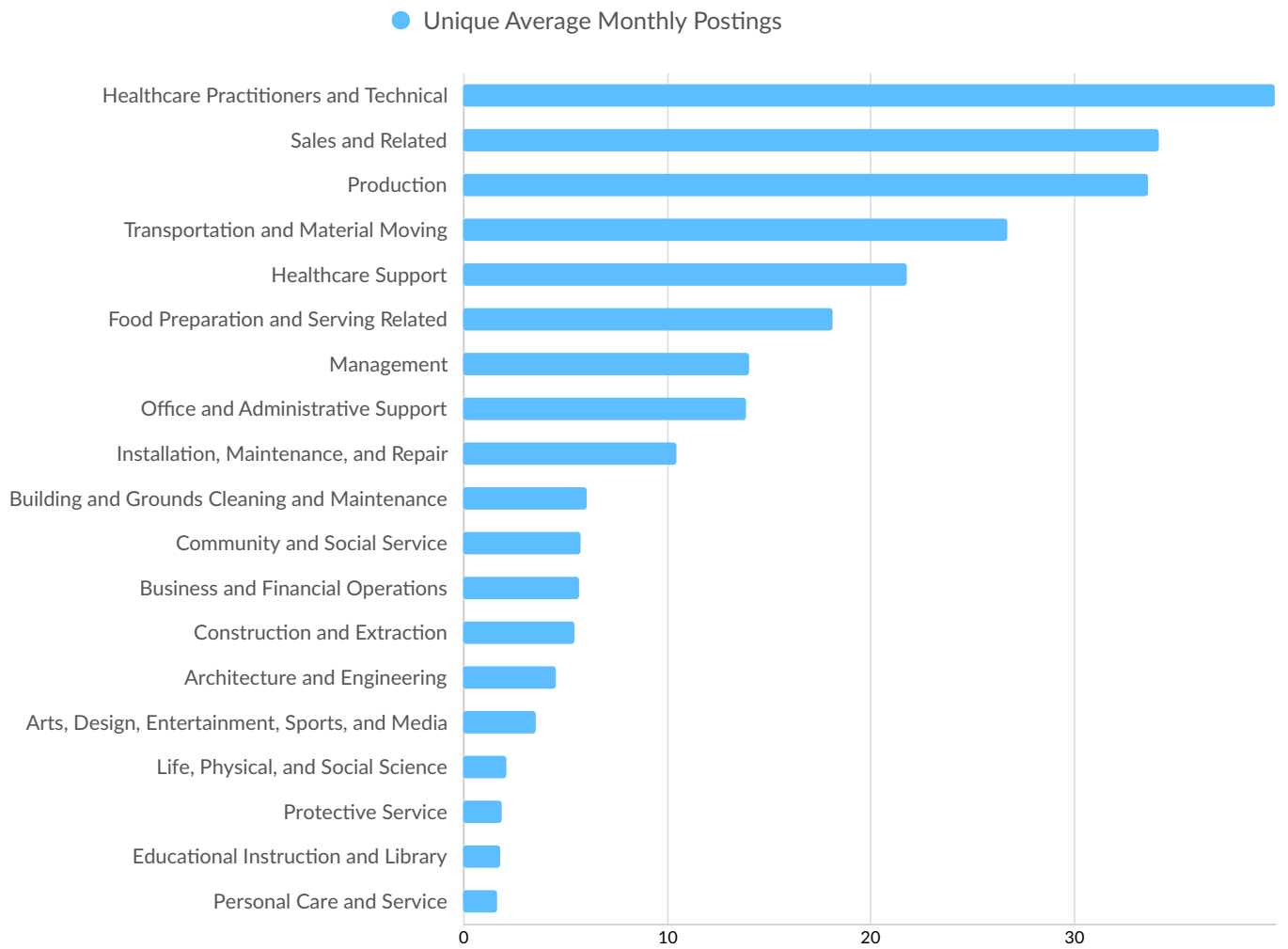
Top Occupation Employment Concentration



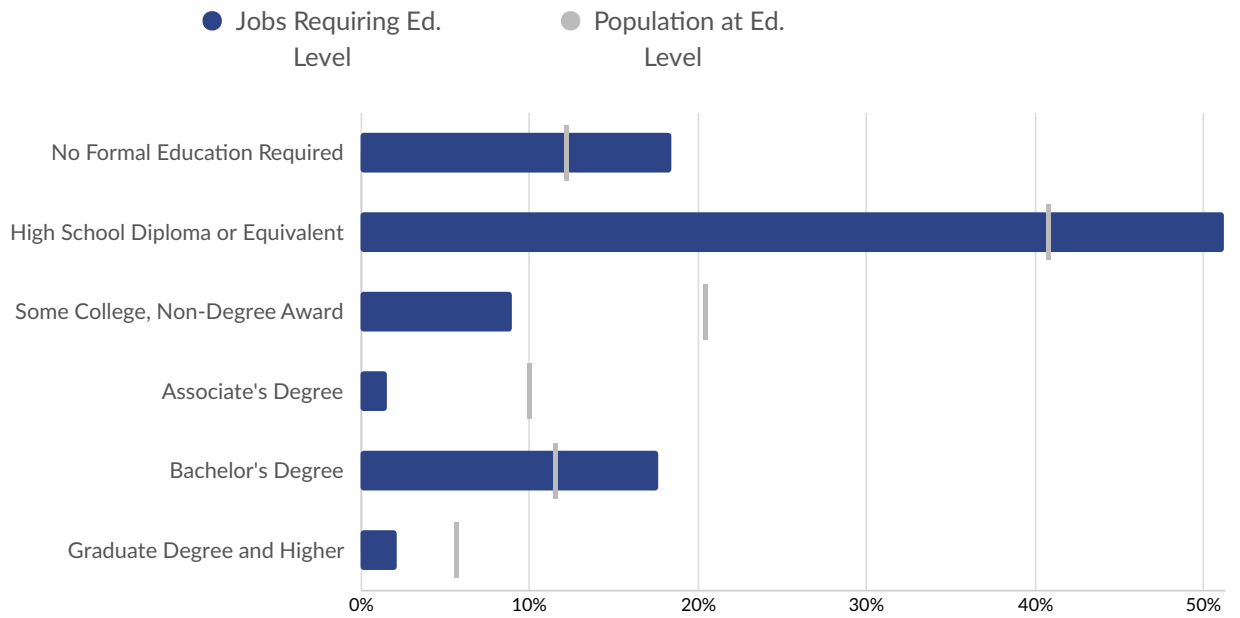
Top Occupation Earnings



Top Posted Occupations




Underemployment



Educational Pipeline

In 2024, there were 48 graduates in Monroe County, TN. This pipeline has grown by 100% over the last 5 years. The highest share of these graduates come from "Cosmetology/Cosmetologist, General" (Certificate), "Nail Technician/Specialist and Manicurist" (Certificate), and "Cosmetology, Barber/Styling, and Nail Instructor" (Certificate).

School	Total Graduates (2024)	Graduate Trend (2020 - 2024)
Sweetwater Institute of Cosmetology	48	

- Certificate
- Associate's
- Bachelor's
- Master's or Higher

In-Demand Skills

