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2026

REALITY

Claiborne County

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Claiborne County

State: [Tennessee](#)

County Seat: [Tazewell](#)

Claiborne County's 2026 population is estimated at **33,518**, reflecting a **0.87%** growth rate over the past year (World Population Review [estimate](#) based on U.S. Census Bureau [data](#)). Claiborne County is the 46th **largest county in Tennessee**. The 2010 population was **32,213** and has grown **4.05%** since 2010.

33,518

Total Population

77

Population Density (mi²)

46

Population Rank (State)

289 **0.87%**

Annual Population Growth

<https://worldpopulationreview.com/us-counties/tennessee/claiborne-county>

2026 population estimated 33,518

Population by **AGE**

Median Age

Overall: 42.5 years

Female: 44.7 years

Male: 41.1 years

Claiborne County Adults

There are 26,381 adults, (6,502 of whom are seniors) in Claiborne County.

Sex Ratio

Female: 16,397
(50.5%)

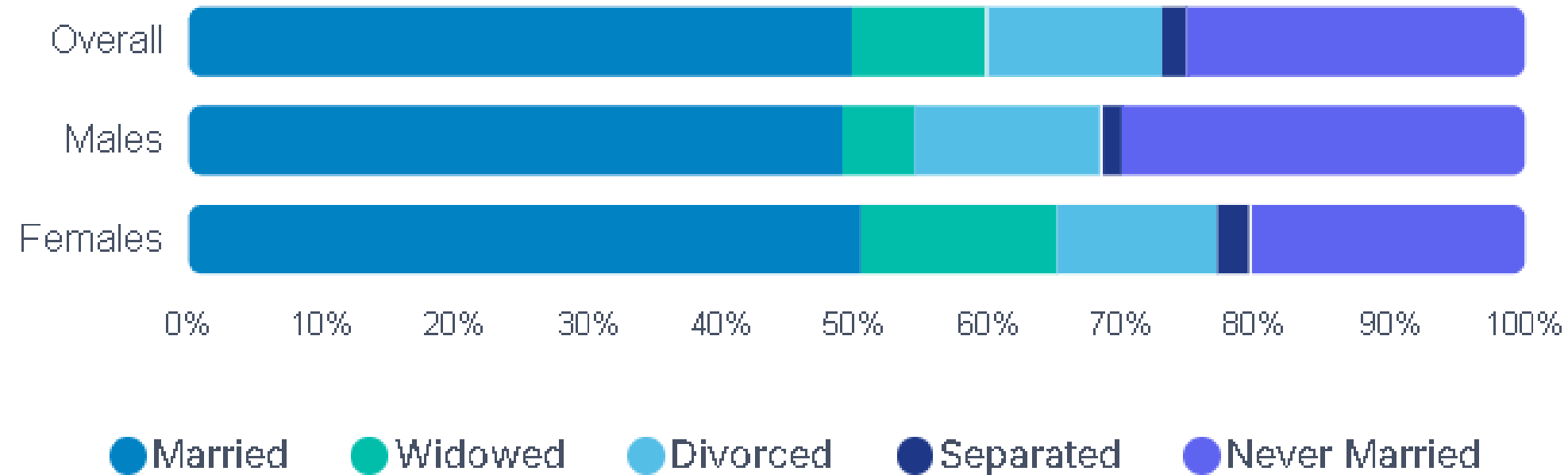
Male: 16,069 (49.5%)

Our County By RACE

RACE	POPULATION ↓	PERCENTAGE (OF TOTAL)
White	30,577	94.18%
Two or more races	1,249	3.85%
Asian	220	0.68%
Other race	207	0.64%
Black or African American	191	0.59%
Native American	22	0.07%

Claiborne County Marital Status

Claiborne County Marital Status



- 49.8% OF OUR COMMUNITY IS MARRIED
- 10.1% OF COMMUNITY IS WIDOWED
- 13.1% IS DIVORCED
- 25.2% HAS NEVER BEEN MARRIED

INCOME

Claiborne County 's average per capita income is \$39,065. Household income levels show a median of \$49,379. The poverty rate stands at 17.36%.

Families: A family includes the owner or renter of the home along with everyone related to them - whether through birth, marriage, or adoption. This includes relatives like spouses, children, parents, siblings, grandparents, and any other family members.

Households: A household includes all the people who occupy a housing unit (such as a house or apartment) as their usual place of residence.

Non Families: A nonfamily household is either someone living alone or when the owner/renter lives with people they aren't related to, like roommates.

NAME	MEDIAN ↓	MEAN
Married Families	\$78,759	-
Families	\$67,214	\$86,589
Households	\$49,379	\$68,389
Non Families	\$25,531	\$35,531

\$39,065

Average Income

\$49,379

Median Household Income

17.36%

Poverty Rate

what is TN ALICE ?

ALICE IN CLAIBORNE COUNTY

ALICE is an acronym for **A**sset Limited, **I**ncome **C**onstrained, **E**mloyed – households that earn more than the Federal Poverty Level, but less than the basic cost of living for the county. While conditions have improved for some households, many continue to struggle, especially as wages fail to keep pace with the rising cost of household essentials (housing, child care, food, transportation, health care, and a basic smartphone plan). Households below the ALICE Threshold – ALICE households plus those in poverty – can't afford the essentials.

2023 Point-in-Time-Data

Population: 32,221 **Number of Households:** 13,456

Median Household Income: \$46,587 (state average: \$67,631)

Labor Force Participation Rate: 52% (state average: 63%)

ALICE Households: 33% (state average 30%) **Households in Poverty:** 20% (state average 14%)

Financial Hardship Has Changed Over Time in Claiborne County

As circumstances change, households may find themselves below or above the ALICE Threshold at different times. Use the buttons below to switch between ALICE data over time by number and percentage.

what ALICE tells us ...

There were also differences in financial hardship by household type and age of householder.

HOUSEHOLD TYPE

AGE OF HOUSEHOLDER

Group	% Below ALICE Threshold
Single or Cohabiting (no children)	57%
Married (with children)	17%
Single-Female-Headed (with children)	80%
Single-Male-Headed (with children)	58%

what ALICE tells us ...

HOUSEHOLD TYPE

AGE OF HOUSEHOLDER

Group	% Below ALICE Threshold
Under 25 Years	73%
25 to 44 Years	42%
45 to 64 Years	51%
65 Years and Over	61%

The Cost of Basics Outpaces Wages

The Household Survival Budget reflects the minimum cost to live and work in the current economy and includes housing, child care, food, transportation, health care, technology, and taxes. It does not include savings for emergencies or future goals like college or retirement. In 2023, household costs in every county in Tennessee were well above the Federal Poverty Level of \$14,580 for a single adult and \$30,000 for a family of four.

Household Survival Budget, Claiborne County, Tennessee, 2023

Monthly Costs	Single Adult	One Adult, One Child	One Adult, One In Child Care	Two Adults	Two Adults Two Children	Two Adults, Two In Child Care	Single Adult 65+	Two Adults 65+
Housing	\$670	\$727	\$727	\$727	\$822	\$822	\$670	\$727
Child Care	\$0	\$180	\$479	\$0	\$359	\$1,000	\$0	\$0
Food	\$459	\$776	\$696	\$841	\$1,411	\$1,245	\$422	\$774
Transportation	\$414	\$548	\$548	\$654	\$941	\$941	\$344	\$513
Health Care	\$193	\$487	\$487	\$487	\$842	\$842	\$518	\$1,036
Technology	\$86	\$86	\$86	\$116	\$116	\$116	\$86	\$116
Miscellaneous	\$182	\$280	\$302	\$283	\$449	\$497	\$204	\$317
Taxes	\$238	\$169	\$202	\$318	\$252	\$327	\$284	\$528
Monthly Total	\$2,242	\$3,253	\$3,527	\$3,426	\$5,192	\$5,790	\$2,528	\$4,011
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$26,904	\$39,036	\$42,324	\$41,112	\$62,304	\$69,480	\$30,336	\$48,132
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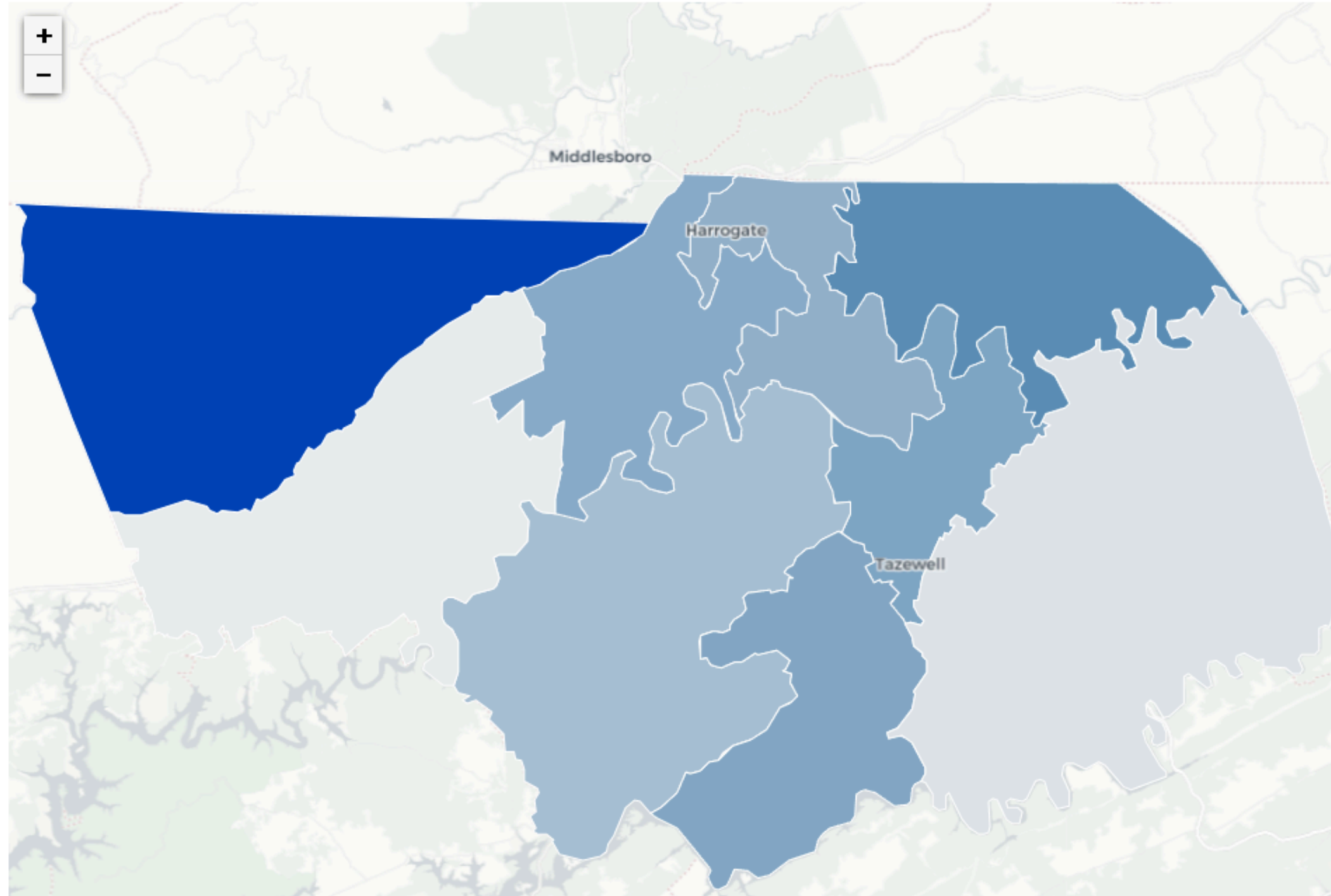
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The budget for One Adult, One Child includes costs for one adult and a school-age child. The budget for One Adult, One in Child Care includes costs for an adult and an infant. The budget for Two Adults, Two in Child Care includes costs for two adults, one infant, and one preschooler. "Hourly Wage" shows the full-time wage needed to support each budget.

There is substantial variation in the number of households who live below the ALICE Threshold within the county. Explore the map and table below to learn more. The map is shaded to show the percentage of households that are below the ALICE Threshold (poverty-level and ALICE households combined). The darker the blue, the higher the percentage.

ADDITIONAL GEOGRAPHIES:

Census County Subdivisio... ▼



How many District Commissioners even know their district income and survivability Stats?

Claiborne County, Tennessee, 2023

Census County Subdivisions	Total Households	% Below ALICE Threshold
District 1, Claiborne County, Tennessee	2,145	57%
District 2, Claiborne County, Tennessee	2,354	53%
District 3, Claiborne County, Tennessee	1,897	45%
District 4, Claiborne County, Tennessee	1,529	47%
District 5, Claiborne County, Tennessee	703	61%
District 6, Claiborne County, Tennessee	1,388	55%
District 7, Claiborne County, Tennessee	1,961	56%
District 8, Claiborne County, Tennessee	1,139	46%
District 9, Claiborne County, Tennessee	340	71%

Percent Below ALICE Threshold, 2023 and Child Food Insecurity, 2022



What is This Indicator?

The Child Food Insecurity indicator shows the percentage of children living in food-insecure households. The U.S. Department of Agriculture defines food insecurity as "a lack of consistent access to enough food for an active, healthy life."


The total sales tax rate in Claiborne County, Tennessee, is 9.25% for 2026, comprising a 7% state tax and a 2.25% local county tax. The median effective property tax rate in the county is approximately 0.49% to 0.58%, significantly lower than the national median

Key Tax Information (2026):


- **Combined Sales Tax:** 9.25%
- **State Sales Tax:** 7.0%
- **Local Sales Tax:** 2.25%
- **Property Tax:** Median annual bill of roughly \$665 – \$680 on a median home value of \$114,300 – \$135,400. [Avalara +3](#)

Other Potential Taxes:


- **Wheel Tax:** As of 2026, the county wheel tax rate is \$25.00

The Claiborne County School District is generally ranked in the bottom 50% of Tennessee school districts. It is listed as approximately **#113** out of 147 school districts in the state, with proficiency scores below state averages, but has been recognized for improving student success rates and earning an "advancing" designation in recent state reports. 

Key Education Rankings & Data

- **District Rank:** ~#113 out of 147 districts in TN (2022-2023).
- **Best Teachers Rank:** #81 of 131 districts.
- **Math Proficiency:** 28% (vs. 34% state average).
- **Reading Proficiency:** 29% (vs. 37% state average).
- **Graduation Rate:** Approximately 86% - 94.3%.
- **Overall School Grade:** C. 

Top-Ranked Local Schools (Per Public School Review/Niche)

- **Elementary/Middle:** H.Y. Livesay Middle School, Ellen Myers Primary, and Springdale Elementary are top performers in the county.
- **High Schools:** Cumberland Gap High School is often highly ranked locally. 

Claiborne County School District Rankings

Niche rankings are based on rigorous analysis of key statistics from the U.S. Department of Education and millions of reviews.

[Districts with the Best Teachers in Tennessee](#)


#81 of 131



Best Elementary Schools in Claiborne County District

See the best elementary schools in Claiborne County relative to other schools in the district. [Learn more here.](#)

 USNews

Claiborne County, TN, generally experiences a **lower crime rate than the Tennessee state average**, with a total crime rate of approximately 1,019 incidents per 100,000 people in 2022. This is significantly lower than the 2022 statewide average of 6,575 and the national average of 3,906, positioning it as a relatively safe area in Tennessee. 



We obtained data on 94 Tennessee sheriff's departments.

Police Depts

Sheriffs Depts

* **CLAIBORNE COUNTY** ▾
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

47%
SCORE

* An asterisk indicates that this location **has not provided enough data** to be included in our rankings. We are still working to obtain comprehensive data from every jurisdiction in the nation.

SCORECARD AT A GLANCE

AVERAGE FOR 4 SECTIONS: **47%**

Scores range from 0-100% comparing counties with population. Counties with higher scores spend less on policing, use less force, are more likely to hold officers accountable and make fewer arrests for low-level offenses.

	WORSE	50TH PERCENTILE	BETTER
POLICE FUNDING: 65%			
Police Budget Cost per Person			87%
Misconduct Settlements		INCOMPLETE	
Fines/Forfeitures			76%
Police Presence/Over-Policing (Officers per Population)		48%	

POLICE VIOLENCE: 46%			
Force Used per Arrest		INCOMPLETE	
Deadly Force per Arrest		34%	
Unarmed Victims of Deadly Force per Arrest		INCOMPLETE	
Racial Disparities in Deadly Force		INCOMPLETE	

	WORSE	50TH PERCENTILE	BETTER
POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY: 33%			
Misconduct Complaints Upheld		INCOMPLETE	
Excessive Force Complaints Upheld		INCOMPLETE	
Discrimination Complaints Upheld		INCOMPLETE	
Criminal Misconduct Complaints Upheld		INCOMPLETE	

APPROACH TO LAW ENFORCEMENT: 45%			
Arrest Rate for Low Level Offenses	9%		
Homicides Solved			80%
Racial Disparities in Drug Arrests		46%	
Jail Incarceration Rate		INCOMPLETE	
Jail Deaths per 1,000		INCOMPLETE	

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