

### West Tennessee Unemployment Rates

The following map includes unemployment rates for West Tennessee as of August 2000. The format of the map is composed in a choropleth mode. The counties that are shaded in the darker colors represent those counties that have higher unemployment rates.

This map will serve as a handy reference tool for anyone that wants to determine the unemployment rates throughout West Tennessee. This map could serve useful to a student, the State government, any future businesses, or even a potential manufacturer to the area. For instance, a possible manufacturer may plan on locating an industry in an area with unemployment rates that are known to be high. In that instance, this map would be very useful in providing that particular information to that manufacturer.

What can be seen in this map is a high unemployment rate in the northwest portion of West Tennessee. This could be due to several factors such as seasonal jobs or factories that lay off in the summer time.

County	Unemployment Rate(%)
Carroll	12.4
Benton	9.6
Weakley	8.4
Haywood	7.9
Hardin	7.0
Henry	7.0
Gibson	6.2
Lauderdale	5.7
Dyer	5.5
Hardeman	5.3
Decatur	5.2

County	Unemployment Rate(%)
Henderson	4.9
Obion	4.4
Chester	4.4
Lake	4.2
Crockett	4.0
McNairy	3.9
Shelby	3.7
Fayette	3.6
Tipton	3.5
Madison	3.4

Source: Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development,  
<http://www.wtia.org/workforce/unemploymentrates.html> October 17,2000

