

Union Activity

The following map shows the involvement of unions in manufacturing throughout West Tennessee. The information is presented in a choropleth format. The counties that appear in the darker shaded colors represent the most activity and the counties shaded in the lighter shaded colors represent the least union activity.

This map could serve as a useful tool for detecting union activity in West Tennessee. It could serve as a potentially useful tool to students, state and local or even the Federal Government, or a potential manufacturer to the area. For example, the map would serve as a handy reference to a potential manufacturer that wanted to locate its industry in an area that didn't contain a heavy influence of labor unions. They could just refer to the map and find the information that they needed.

What can be seen in the map is a heavy influence of labor union activity in Obion County. This is because one of the largest Goodyear Tire plants in the nation is located there with heavy union involvement. Another thing that stands out is the absence of labor union activity. Seven of the 19 counties do not have any union activity at all involved in manufacturing.

County	Manufacturing Employees	# Of Manufacturers that have Unions and # of Members
Benton	1305	3/317
Carroll	3465	3/442
Chester	791	1/25
Crockett	1645	None
Decatur	1444	None
Dyer	5844	None
Fayette	1656	2/317
Gibson	8365	3/296
Hardeman	2454	2/741
Hardin	3020	NA
Haywood	2064	1/200

County	Manufacturing Employees	# Of Manufacturers that have Unions and # of Members
Henderson	3854	None
Henry	4343	4/482
Lake	242	1/54
Lauderdale	3786	None
Madison	12020	5/409
McNairy	3178	None
Obion	5779	2/3142
Shelby	47804	NA
Tipton	3325	None
Weakley	3635	2/364

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