



Nashville, TN



Nashville, the capital of Tennessee, is located on the Cumberland River in the north-central part of the state. The town was officially established in 1784 and named after Revolutionary War hero General Francis Nash.

Nashville is known as Music City, as music attractions are plentiful. The Country Music Hall of Fame & Museum focuses on the history of country music and the stories and voices of many of its performers. The CMA Theater, Taylor Swift Education Center, and Hatch Show Print, which designs and prints promotional posters, are located inside the museum. The Historic RCA Studio B is Nashville's oldest surviving recording studio and is located on Music Row. Most famous as the home of the Grand Ole Opry from 1943 to 1974, Ryman Auditorium currently offers tours of its historic space alongside Opry exhibits, remains an active concert venue, and is the winter home to the Grand Ole Opry. The Grand Ole Opry House at Opryland showcases country legends and contemporary performers and broadcasts weekly live radio shows. The Music City Walk of Fame honors individuals who have made a significant contribution to Nashville's music industry.

President Andrew Jackson's Hermitage contains original furniture, wallpaper, and family possessions from his retirement years. The garden and grounds include the cotton plantation with its farm buildings, slave quarters, outbuildings, and President Jackson's tomb. Other historic house museums include Belle Meade Plantation, Belmont Mansion, Carnton Plantation, Carter House, Lotz House, and Travellers Rest Plantation and Museum.

Fort Negley, which was constructed primarily by slaves and free black workers conscripted into service by Union troops after the fall of Nashville during the Civil War, is another historical site.

Nashville's art museums include the Cheekwood Museum and Botanical Gardens, which exhibits collections of paintings, sculptures, decorative arts, and traveling exhibitions. The Centennial Art Center gallery and Frist Center for Visual Arts showcase local and regional artists as well as major U.S. and international exhibitions. The Tennessee State Museum displays Tennessee-made furniture, silver, weapons, quilts, and paintings and has an extensive Civil War collection. The Parthenon, located in Centennial Park, is a full-scale replica of the Athenian original that includes a 42-foot statue of Athena and functions as an art museum.

Other attractions in Nashville include the Adventure Science Center and Sudekum Planetarium and the Vanderbilt Dyer Observatory in Radnor Lake State Park, which is also a venue for outdoor concerts.

In addition to the previously mentioned concert venues, Schermerhorn Symphony Center is home to the Nashville Symphony and Nashville Symphony Chorus, pops, and jazz concerts. Tennessee Performing Arts Center is home to the Nashville Opera, Nashville Ballet, and Nashville Repertory Theatre, and presents Broadway shows and special engagements. OZ is a contemporary arts center. Other venues for live music include Bridgestone Arena, Municipal Auditorium, War Memorial Auditorium, Riverfront Park, Bluebird Café, Exit/In, and Listening Room Café. Blackbird Theatre, Circle Players, Larry Keeton Theatre, Nashville Children's Theatre, Nashville Shakespeare Festival,

and Tennessee Women's Theater Project are among the city's many theater companies and community playhouses.

Nashville has many other opportunities for performing arts. Choral Groups include Barbershop Harmony Society, Bellevue Community Chorus, Concert Chorale of Nashville, Fisk Jubilee Singers, Metro Nashville Chorus, MET Singers, Music City Chorus, Nashville Chamber Singers, Nashville in Harmony, Nashville Opera, Nashville Singers, The Nashville Choir, TuneTown Show Chorus, and Vox Grata Women's Choir. Dance companies include Blue Moves, Bodhicitta Bellydance, Chinese Arts Alliance of Nashville, Company Rose, Epiphany Dance Company, FALL, Found Movement Group, Husted Dance, Nashville in Motion, New Dialect, Rhythm and Roots Performance Company.

NEIGHBORHOODS

Downtown Nashville and the adjacent Gulch neighborhoods feature high rise condominiums and apartments. Many of the newly constructed buildings are mixed-use, with retail on the street level and residential above.

With architecture dating back to the 1830s, Germantown is undergoing revitalization and offers single-family homes and recently built multi-family lofts, duplexes, condominiums, and townhouses. The historic Richland/West End Neighborhood features late 19th- and early 20th-century mansions lining its major streets, while cottages cluster on the lanes; apartments, condominiums, townhouses, and duplexes are also available. The Belmont neighborhood is filled with an assortment of 1930s bungalows interspersed with some large Tudor and American Foursquare-style houses. Belle Meade features large, historic homes as well as newer properties on large lots.

Housing options in Green Hills include mid-20th century homes on large lots and newly constructed single-family homes, condominiums, townhouses, lofts, and apartments. Brick, ranch-style homes built during the 1950s and 1960s can be found in Crieve Hall, along with some newer homes and condominiums.

Located just across the Cumberland River from the downtown, East Nashville has all types of properties, including bungalows and single-family cottages that date from the 1880s to the 1920s and newer townhouses, duplexes, and small apartments.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Metro Nashville Parks has 13,500 acres of open space, including 121 parks and 19 greenways, 7 golf courses, 7 regional and 19 neighborhood centers, a skate park, BMX track, ropes course, dog parks, lakes and rivers for fishing and boating, and trails for hiking and biking. Nature Centers are located in each of the four largest Metro Parks: Warner Parks, Shelby Bottoms, Beaman Park, and Bells Bend Park. The Centennial Sportsplex contains an indoor swimming pool and ice rink, indoor and outdoor tennis center, and a fitness center.

The 55-acre Cheekwood Botanical Gardens includes the original Cheek gardens with pools, fountains, statuary, and extensive boxwood plantings as well as many specialized gardens, such as a Japanese garden, an herb garden, and 2 perennial gardens. Botanic Hall contains art and horticultural exhibits,

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and Carell Woodland Sculpture Trail features contemporary sculpture integrated into reclaimed woodland.

The Nashville Zoo at Grassmere houses 338 animal species and a historic plantation farmhouse.

Professional sports teams include the Tennessee Titans (football), Nashville Predators (ice hockey), Nashville Sounds (baseball), and Nashville Venom (indoor football).

EDUCATION

Metro Nashville Public Schools educates almost 83,000 students in 86 elementary schools, 40 middle schools (grades 5-8), and 25 high schools. The district offers students choices among magnet, design center, enhanced option, charter, and other optional schools.

Higher education is available at Vanderbilt University, which is a private research university offering undergraduate, graduate, and professional degrees and has a dedicated School of Medicine.

The city is home to many private, religious-based universities with undergraduate and graduate degree programs: Belmont University, Lipscomb University, Trevecca Nazarene University, Aquinas College, Welch College, and American Baptist College.

Nashville is home to several historically black universities that offer undergraduate and graduate degree programs, including the American Baptist College; Tennessee State University, which is a comprehensive, co-educational, land-grant institution; Fisk University, which is a private, liberal arts university; and Meharry Medical College, which educates physicians, dentists, researchers, and health policy experts.

Other institutions of higher education include Watkins College of Art, Design & Film, The Art Institute of Tennessee-Nashville, Nashville School of Law, and Nashville State Community College. Remington College, Lincoln College of Technology, ITT Technical Institute, John A. Gupton College, Tennessee College of Applied Technology Nashville, SAE Institute, Fortis Institute, and National College-Nashville offer certificates and technical degree programs.

HEALTH CARE

The following hospitals are located in Nashville:

Nashville General Hospital at Meharry: 125 beds

Vanderbilt University Medical Center: 834 licensed beds (includes Vanderbilt University Hospital, Vanderbilt Psychiatric Hospital, and Vanderbilt Stallworth Rehabilitation Hospital)

Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt: 271 licensed beds

Saint Thomas Midtown Hospital: 683 acute care and rehab beds

Saint Thomas West Hospital: 541 beds

Tennessee Valley Healthcare System (TVHS)-Nashville Campus: 122 acute care and 16 psychiatric beds

TriStar Centennial Medical Center: 657 beds (includes Sarah Cannon Cancer Center, The Children's Hospital at TriStar Centennial, TriStar Centennial Women's Hospital, TriStar Centennial Heart & Vascular Center, and TriStar Centennial Parthenon Pavilion psychiatric facility)

TriStar Southern Hills Medical Center: 120 beds

TriStar Skyline Medical Center: 213 beds

TriStar Skyline Madison Campus: inpatient and outpatient behavioral health and chemical dependency services.

Kindred Hospital and Select Specialty Hospital are long-term acute care facilities.

CITY STATS

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| Metropolitan Government of Nashville-Davidson County Population | 644,729 |
| Metropolitan Statistical Area Population | 1,792,649 |
| Per Capita Personal Income, Nashville-Davidson-Murfreesboro-Franklin, MSA | \$47,392 |
