County Socio-economic Profile:  Van Buren

This factsheet provides socio-economic information for your selected community. The table details county level data used to calculate a unique Ability to Pay index value and information on average values for Tennessee. Colorized bar charts plot a community’s data against the State average. Green indicates a community value that is above the Tennessee average. Red indicates a community value that is below the average. Graphs of this information plot the relative trend in population, poverty level, unemployment rate, food stamps and median household income over time. The data is presented for all the 95 Counties in Tennessee.

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<th>Van Buren</th>
<th>Tennessee</th>
<th>Relative Trend</th>
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<tr>
<td>Change in Population (2011-2021)</td>
<td>10.2%</td>
<td>8.9%</td>
<td>Above average growth</td>
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<td>Poverty Level (2021)</td>
<td>10.7%</td>
<td>10.3%</td>
<td>Above state average</td>
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<td>Unemployment Rate (2022)</td>
<td>3.6%</td>
<td>3.4%</td>
<td>Somewhat above state average</td>
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<td>Food Stamps (2021)</td>
<td>20.2%</td>
<td>12.1%</td>
<td>Very High reliance</td>
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<td>Adjusted Median Household Income (2021)</td>
<td>$48,241</td>
<td>$63,515</td>
<td>Very low MHI</td>
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### Ability to Pay Index

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<td>Van Buren</td>
<td>5,518</td>
<td>$37,493</td>
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<td>2011</td>
<td>5,683</td>
<td>$48,241</td>
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The population and household trend charts demonstrate the changes over time at the County level. Median household income, unemployment rate, poverty level and food stamp dependence trends over time are presented for the County and Tennessee.
The Ability to Pay Index distribution provides an overview of the number of counties that fall in the range from 0 to 100. An Ability to Pay Index of 0 indicates an economically distressed community and that of a 100 indicates a relatively wealthy community. The County specific Ability To Pay Index is highlighted in Orange.

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<td>2022 December</td>
<td>Tennessee Labor Market Report</td>
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