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Welcome to Murfreesboro

Nestled in the heart of Rutherford County, Murfreesboro offers the perfect balance of opportunity, lifestyle, and community. This fast-growing city combines the warmth of a small town with the energy and convenience of nearby Nashville. Whether you're raising a family, launching a career, or settling down in retirement, Murfreesboro welcomes you with open arms and plenty to discover.

Murfreesboro blends small-town charm with big-city access, making it one of the most desirable places to relocate in Middle Tennessee.

At a Glance:

- **Population:** Over 165,000 and growing
- **Location:** Just 34 miles southeast of Nashville
- **Vibe:** Welcoming, family-friendly, and forward-thinking
- **Character:** A unique mix of historic roots and modern growth
- **Economy:** Diverse industries, strong job market, affordable living

From its thriving downtown and renowned parks to its excellent schools and healthcare facilities, Murfreesboro continues to attract new residents who want more than just a place to live—they want a place to belong.

Why People Love Living Here

Murfreesboro has quickly become one of the most sought-after destinations in Middle Tennessee—and it's easy to see why. With a welcoming atmosphere, strong community spirit, and a lifestyle that balances growth with charm, this city appeals to families, professionals, and retirees alike.



As one of the **fastest-growing cities in the U.S.**, Murfreesboro is now home to more than **165,000 residents**, yet it has managed to maintain its friendly, down-to-earth feel. Newcomers are drawn by its **affordable cost of living**, **access to outdoor spaces**, **excellent schools**, and the convenience of being just a short drive from Nashville.

Whether you're looking for top-rated healthcare, family-friendly parks, vibrant culture, or a strong job market—Murfreesboro offers it all without the stress and sprawl of a major metro area.

“We wanted a place close to Nashville, but more family-friendly – Murfreesboro was perfect.”

From first-time buyers to seasoned homeowners, people who relocate here often say the same thing: they didn't just find a house—they found a home.

Healthcare & Wellness

Access to high-quality medical care is a major draw for families and professionals relocating to Murfreesboro. The city is home to several top-tier healthcare providers, ranging from large hospitals to specialized clinics and urgent care facilities—ensuring residents are well-covered for everything from routine checkups to advanced procedures.

Top Medical Facilities

Ascension Saint Thomas Rutherford Hospital

A regional leader in patient care, this 286-bed full-service hospital offers everything from emergency services and maternity care to advanced surgical and oncology treatments. With a reputation for clinical excellence and compassionate service, it serves as a medical hub for the entire county.

Murfreesboro Medical Clinic & SurgiCenter

A privately owned, multi-specialty clinic offering pediatrics, family medicine, dermatology, orthopedics, gastroenterology, and more—all in one location. The SurgiCenter allows patients to undergo outpatient procedures with the convenience of in-house specialists.

Quick Health Facts

- 4+ major urgent care centers
- 15+ primary care clinics across the city
- Average ER wait time: Approx. 15–25 minutes (varies by facility)
- Multiple pediatric and women’s health clinics
- Numerous dental, vision, and therapy services available locally

Additional Care Options

- **CareNow Urgent Care** – Multiple locations for walk-in care, open extended hours.
- **Fast Pace Health** – Offering urgent care, behavioral health, and telehealth services.
- **Vanderbilt Health Clinic** – A satellite facility with access to the expertise of one of the nation’s top academic medical centers.
- **StoneCrest Medical Center** (just outside city limits) – Another excellent full-service hospital within easy reach.

Shopping, Dining & Local Flavor

From Boutique to BBQ

Murfreesboro serves up a vibrant mix of local charm and big-brand convenience. Whether you're shopping for the latest fashions, grabbing coffee with friends, or enjoying a weekend meal with family, there's no shortage of options.

Where to Shop

The Avenue Murfreesboro

This popular open-air shopping center offers over 100 stores and restaurants, including national retailers like Ulta, Barnes & Noble, and Old Navy, alongside local gems for fashion, gifts, and home goods.



Historic Downtown Square

More than just a scenic backdrop, the Square is the cultural heart of the city. Lined with boutique shops, antique stores, and one-of-a-kind eateries, it's a favorite weekend destination. Year-round events and a lively farmers market make it a local staple.

Where to Eat & Drink

Local Favorites:

- **Puckett's Restaurant** – Southern classics in a cozy, rustic setting
- **Just Love Coffee Café** – A quirky local hangout known for its coffee and waffle-based meals
- **The Alley on Main** – Fresh seafood, steaks, and pasta in a friendly, casual atmosphere

Additional Picks:

- **Hop Springs Beer Park** – A spacious local brewery with live music, disc golf, and food trucks
- **Hattie Jane's Creamery** – Creative, small-batch ice cream made right in Tennessee
- **The Soda Bar** – A retro-inspired dessert and drink stop inside The Fountains at Gateway
- **City Café** – Beloved diner serving Murfreesboro since 1900—perfect for breakfast or lunch

Whether you're in the mood for down-home comfort food, craft beer and live music, or a quiet brunch spot, Murfreesboro delivers flavor in every sense of the word.

Parks, Nature & Outdoor Living

Murfreesboro is a city that embraces the outdoors. With expansive greenways, historic spaces, and activity-rich parks, residents enjoy year-round opportunities for recreation, relaxation, and connection with nature.

Explore the Outdoors

Murfreesboro Greenway System

Spanning over **15 miles of connected trails**, this scenic network links neighborhoods, parks, and historic sites. Whether you're walking, biking, jogging, or birdwatching, the Greenway is a peaceful escape that winds along the Stones River and through wooded areas, wetlands, and open fields.

Barfield Crescent Park

A local favorite, this 430-acre park offers everything from hiking trails and picnic shelters to playgrounds and baseball fields. The Wilderness Station inside the park provides nature education programs and is a hub for outdoor exploration.

Cannonsburgh Village

This reconstructed pioneer village brings local history to life. Set among shady trees and open lawns, it's a relaxing place to walk, explore, or attend seasonal events and artisan markets.

More Ways to Get Outside

- **Splash Pads & Playgrounds** – Murfreesboro has multiple splash pads at parks like **Old Fort** and **Siegel**, perfect for kids in the summer months.
- **Bark Parks** – Pet lovers can visit **Murfreesboro's Dog Park at the General Bragg Trailhead**, featuring separate areas for large and small dogs.
- **Youth & Adult Sports Leagues** – The city supports baseball, soccer, basketball, and more, with leagues available for all ages through **Murfreesboro Parks & Recreation**.
- **Disc Golf & Outdoor Fitness** – Parks like **Sharp Springs** and **Hop Springs** feature disc golf courses, while **Richard Siegel Park** hosts regional soccer tournaments.

Community, Culture & Events

Murfreesboro is more than a great place to live—it's a place to get involved, celebrate local talent, and enjoy year-round community connection. With a calendar full of music, arts, festivals, and local traditions, there's always something happening.

Signature Events

JazzFest

Held each May in the Historic Downtown Square, JazzFest is a family-friendly event that brings together student musicians, regional jazz bands, and thousands of visitors for two days of music, food, and fun.

Uncle Dave Macon Days

A nationally recognized bluegrass and old-time music festival, Uncle Dave Macon Days celebrates the life of the Grand Ole Opry's first superstar. It includes live performances, dance competitions, artisan booths, and cultural heritage displays.

Ongoing Local Favorites

- **Farmers Markets** – Weekly markets at Cannonsburgh Village and downtown offer fresh produce, handmade goods, and local food trucks.
- **Boro Art Crawl** – Held quarterly, this event showcases local artists in galleries, restaurants, and shops across downtown.
- **Live Music Scene** – From brewery patios to amphitheaters, you'll find live performances almost every weekend.
- **Public Libraries** – Linebaugh Public Library and its branches host author readings, family programs, and community classes.
- **Center for the Arts** – Located downtown, the Center offers live theater, art exhibitions, and workshops for all ages.
- **Community Centers** – Patterson Park and Sports*Com offer fitness, aquatics, youth programs, and event spaces.

Real Estate Snapshot

Murfreesboro offers a dynamic and balanced real estate market, appealing to everyone from first-time buyers and growing families to professionals and retirees. With a healthy mix of home styles and price points, buyers can find everything from modern new builds to character-rich historic homes.



By the Numbers

- **Median Home Price:** ~\$385,000
- **Market Type:** Balanced (not heavily favoring buyers or sellers)
- **Typical Time on Market:** Moderate, with well-priced homes moving quickly

Housing Options

Murfreesboro's neighborhoods offer a broad range of housing styles and community atmospheres, including:

- **New Construction Subdivisions** with energy-efficient features and modern layouts
- **Historic Districts** near downtown with charm, character, and walkable streets
- **Master-Planned Communities** with parks, sidewalks, and family amenities
- **Townhomes & Condos** for low-maintenance living close to shopping and schools

Top Neighborhoods to Consider

- **Indian Hills** – Known for golf-course views, mature trees, and quiet streets
- **Blackman** – A rapidly growing area with newer homes and top-rated schools
- **Three Rivers** – Offers newer construction and community-focused design
- **The Oaks** – A mix of spacious single-family homes with easy access to I-24
- **The Reserve at Marymont** – Upscale finishes and well-maintained properties

Whether you're looking for a move-in ready family home, a fixer-upper with potential, or a modern build with open-concept living, Murfreesboro has something for every lifestyle and budget.

Jobs & Major Employers

A Diverse & Resilient Economy

Murfreesboro’s strong and varied job market is one of its key attractions. With major employers spanning healthcare, education, manufacturing, logistics, and insurance, the area offers stable career opportunities for professionals across a wide range of industries.

Its **proximity to Nashville** (just 34 miles away) also makes it ideal for commuters and remote workers who want access to a major metro economy while enjoying the affordability and quality of life Murfreesboro provides.

Top Employers in Rutherford County

Employer	Industry	Location
Nissan North America	Automotive Manufacturing	Smyrna
Amazon Fulfillment Center	Logistics & Warehousing	Murfreesboro & La Vergne
Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU)	Higher Education	Murfreesboro
State Farm Operations Center	Insurance & Customer Support	Murfreesboro
Ascension Saint Thomas Rutherford Hospital	Healthcare	Murfreesboro
Bridgestone/Firestone	Tire Manufacturing	La Vergne

Education & Schools

From early education through higher learning, Murfreesboro is home to a strong, well-rounded academic environment that supports student success at every level. Families relocating to the area can feel confident in the quality and range of local educational options.

Higher Education: Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU)

As the **largest undergraduate university in Tennessee**, MTSU serves over **20,000 students** and plays a central role in the city's economy and cultural life. It offers a wide range of degree programs, NCAA Division I athletics, and respected programs in aerospace, recording industry, education, and business. The campus also contributes to the local arts and music scene through public performances, lectures, and student showcases.

Public School Systems

Murfreesboro's public schools are known for strong academic performance, community involvement, and steady investment in facilities and programs.

- **Murfreesboro City Schools (PreK–6):**
Focused on early childhood and elementary education, the district emphasizes literacy, STEM, and character development across its dozen-plus campuses.
- **Rutherford County Schools (Grades 7–12):**
One of the most highly regarded school districts in Tennessee, RCS serves middle and high school students in Murfreesboro and surrounding communities. Known for high test scores and a wide range of extracurricular activities, the district supports college and career readiness.

Fun Facts & Historic Highlights

Murfreesboro's rich history and cultural personality give the city far more than just curb appeal. From state politics to bluegrass music and Civil War heritage, there's a story around nearly every corner.

It Was Once the State Capital

Before Nashville took center stage, **Murfreesboro served as the capital of Tennessee from 1818 to 1826**. This legacy gives the city deep roots in state history and government.

Civil War History Runs Deep

The **Stones River National Battlefield** marks the site of one of the Civil War's most pivotal battles. Today, it's a peaceful place to walk, bike, and reflect, complete with a museum, cemetery, and interpretive trails.

Home of "Uncle Dave Macon Days"

Murfreesboro honors its musical legacy with this award-winning festival celebrating **Uncle Dave Macon**, a legendary banjo player and Grand Ole Opry star who once called the city home. The event draws bluegrass fans from across the country.

A Hidden Gem for Film & Music

Murfreesboro's southern charm and modern growth have made it a backdrop for **independent films, documentaries, and music videos**. Its visual variety—from rural scenes to trendy cafes—has caught the eye of regional creatives.

Trails, Trees & Town Squares

The city's **Greenway System**, historic downtown, and preserved landmarks reflect its commitment to keeping the past visible while planning for the future.

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🏠 As your local Middle Tennessee real estate expert, I'm passionate about making homeownership a reality — especially for first-time buyers and families relocating to our vibrant community!

Whether you're moving across the country or buying your very first home, I'm here to make the journey smooth, informed, and empowering.

✨ I'm dedicated to helping you find the perfect home that fits your lifestyle, budget, and goals.

💬 You'll receive personalized service, local insights, and step-by-step guidance — from your first showing to the closing table (and beyond!).

Let's turn your next move into your best move.

🔑 Ready to start your home journey? I'd love to help!

Mission:

To ignite the dreams of future homeowners, especially those new to the market or moving to a new area, by delivering expert insights, customized solutions, and unwavering support that transforms the home buying journey into an empowering experience.

Vision

To see a future where homeownership is within reach for everyone, creating stable foundations for families and thriving communities for generations to come.

Values

- Client-Centered: We put our clients' needs first, always acting in their best interests.
- Expertise: We provide knowledgeable and skilled guidance throughout the entire home buying or selling process.
- Integrity: We operate with honesty, transparency, and ethical behavior in all our interactions.
- Accessibility: We strive to make homeownership achievable for everyone, regardless of background or financial situation.
- Empowerment: We believe in empowering our clients with the knowledge and confidence to achieve their homeownership dreams.
- Relationships: We build long-lasting relationships with our clients based on trust, respect, and mutual understanding.
- Excellence: We are committed to providing exceptional service and exceeding our clients' expectations.

