

JOBS: A YEAR IN REVIEW

Since January 1, 2011, over **2000** new jobs have been announced in Williamson County, TN. See the quarterly breakdown of how companies added to the local economy. Check our [website](#) for immediate updates.

		Company	Location		Jobs
1st Quarter					
1/6/2011		France	Fairview	Expansion	65
1/17/2011		Medical Reimbursements of America	Brentwood	Expansion	50
2/1/2011		Gulf Western Inc	Brentwood	Relocation	20
3/4/2011		PureSafety	Franklin	Expansion	20
3/16/2011		Acadia Healthcare	Franklin	Relocation	100
TOTAL					255
2nd Quarter					
4/18/2011		Washington Publishing Company (WPC) Services	Brentwood	Relocation	15
5/8/2011		Healthcare Management Systems	Franklin	Relocation	400
5/25/2011		Carlisle Transportation Products	Franklin	Relocation	100
6/28/2011		Avure Technologies	Franklin	Relocation	30
TOTAL					545
3rd Quarter					
7/1/2011		Verizon Wireless	Franklin	Expansion	300
7/25/2011		Newport Audiology Centers	Brentwood	Relocation	25
8/9/2011		Parallon Business Solutions (HCA subsidiary)	Franklin	Expansion	200
8/30/2011		loanDepot.com	Franklin	Expansion	50
9/8/2011		Windsor Health Plan	Brentwood	Expansion	200
9/19/2011		MedSolutions	Franklin	Expansion	263
TOTAL					1,038
4th Quarter					
10/27/2011		Viacom	Franklin	Relocation	100
11/3/2011		Solantic	Brentwood	Relocation	70
12/3/2011		Southwestern Investment Services	Franklin	Relocation	20
12/14/2011		Tennessee Hospital Association	Brentwood	Relocation	46
TOTAL					236
2011 TOTAL					2,074

Brentwood business climate warm and inviting

While many cities across the nation and even the state still are fighting effects of the long economic downturn, the city recently received high marks in several community rankings that relate to its business and economic environment.

Brentwood was graded as the state's [second-highest business-friendly city](#) (neighboring Franklin was third) in Tennessee's Beacon Report and first in the subcategory of economic vitality. The city also is the state's "[smartest mid-sized city](#)" according to the Business Journals On Numbers; it was listed as 102nd among the nation's 3,012 cities with a population of 10-000-49,999.

The pool of talent that a community has is among the chief factors sought by companies when looking to relocate or expand. One reason Solantic chose Nashville and Brentwood to base its expansion is the number of health-care companies and executives in the area.

The Business Journals ranking for smartest mid-sized cities in the U.S., meanwhile, took into account the population's high rate of college or masters degrees – 52% combined county wide. "I think there's a direct relationship between that number and household income, a healthy community, and a community that demands great schools, low crime and amenities. If you were to isolate one variable, that's the most important variable in economic development," stated Matt Largen.

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Cool Springs still in growth mode, with Boyle and new contender

Residential, commercial and health care developments valued at hundreds of millions of dollars are moving at full speed across Williamson County as developers watch the recession grow smaller in their rear view mirror.

In addition to Boyle's new Meridian building, an Atlanta-based developer has its sights set on Cool Springs for sites suitable for multiple high-quality office buildings. The plan is to have a site acquired and construction started on a 150,000- to 200,000-square-foot building by the end of 2012, said Nate Greene, managing partner at the Nashville office of Colliers International.

"There is a lot of land in the Cool Springs market," Greene said. "I think that market needs to be thought of as bigger than just Carothers Boulevard. It's growing. I think it's shortsighted to think the best stuff is gone."

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Boyle Investment Co. is already building a 175,000-square-foot office tower at 5000 Meridian in Cool Springs. It's going up as a speculative building, the first since the recession.

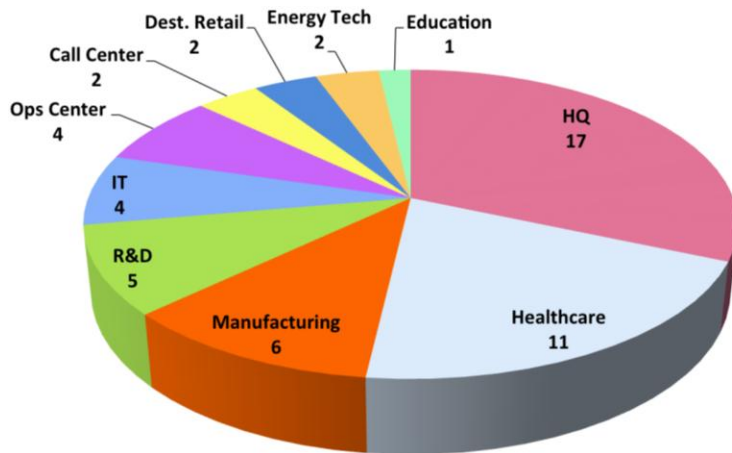
Development projects either planned or under way

- Vanderbilt University Medical Center's investment of up to \$200 million for a medical complex in Cool Springs
- Berry Farms, Boyle's 602-acre mixed-use development along I-65 north of State Route 840
- Columbia State Community College's new \$6.5 million campus in Cool Springs
- Mars Petcare's planned 54.4-acre headquarters campus in Thompson's Station
- H.G. Hill Realty and GBT Realty's acquisition of the former Murray Ohio Corp. headquarters in Brentwood for future mixed-use development
- Bristol's apartment projects at Brentwood's Town Center and adjacent to the Factory in Franklin

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Pipeline Breakdown

The Office of Economic Development is currently working with a number of companies considering expanding in or relocating to Williamson County. The information below is a summary of current activity. (note – some sectors overlap)



INVESTMENT

Total Jobs	9,529
Square Footage	3,198,000
Capital Investment	\$276,000,000

PROJECTS

35 Total
25 Active

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