



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT QUARTERLY REPORT

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Williamson hot spot for millennial job seekers, report says

May 2015 - Williamson County's three largest cities placed in the top third of Tennessee communities deemed to be hot spots for millennial job seekers.

A recent study by NerdWallet.com compared unemployment rates, salaries, affordability and how many other young adults live nearby to determine the ranking.

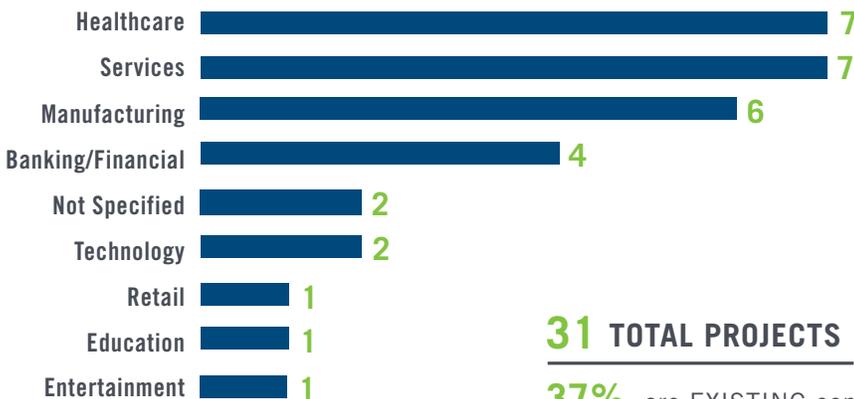
Franklin ranked third, Spring Hill came in at No. 13, while Brentwood placed 25th.

Only 87 communities with more than 8,000 residents were considered for the study. According to 2013 U.S. Census data, 17 percent of Franklin residents are considered millennials, those between 18 and 33. Spring Hill is 19.6 percent millennials. Only 8 percent of those living in Brentwood fall into the millennial category.

"As a suburb of Nashville, Franklin millennials have access to all of the big employers Nashville has to offer, along with several health care businesses and medical centers," author Kamran Rosen wrote.

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Project Pipeline



31 TOTAL PROJECTS

37% are EXISTING companies

63% are NEW to region

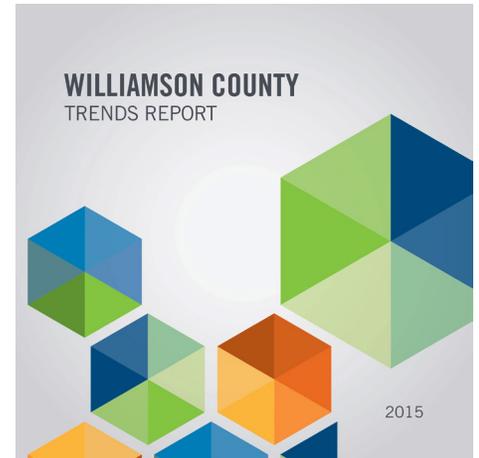
7,170 total jobs

Williamson County reclaims state's lowest jobless rate

March 2015 - Williamson County is in a familiar position once again.

Nashville's southern neighbor reclaimed Tennessee's best jobless rate in January, after a few months where it had dipped to the second slot. The unemployment rate in Williamson County was 4.8 percent in January, up from 4.1 percent the month prior, the Tennessee Department of Labor & Workforce Development said Thursday.

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Williamson Chamber's 2015 Trends Report released

March 2015 - The release of a report detailing Williamson County's most current economic statistics and projections accompanied the Williamson Chamber of Commerce's second annual Outlook Williamson event Monday.

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Behind Williamson County's \$13.7B economy

March 2015 - Employment in Williamson County has increased 27 percent in the past five years, double the rate of the Middle Tennessee region and far outpacing Davidson County.

That's just one detail in Williamson Inc.'s latest report, released Tuesday, on the economic trends going on south of Davidson County.

From 2009 to 2014, employment in the 14-county Nashville MSA increased 14 percent. Davidson County's employment rolls have grown 10 percent during that time.

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State agency approves \$109 million proton therapy center

May 2015 - Provision Proton Centers on Wednesday received approval from a state agency to build a new proton therapy center for cancer patients on an 11.6-acre vacant lot next to Williamson Medical Center in Franklin.

Construction could begin as early as the end of this year.

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Air Service Coalition urges business leaders to fly Southwest Airlines

May 2015 - In December the Air Service Coalition secured a major win for Middle Tennessee with the announcement of a new, nonstop Southwest Airlines flight from Nashville to Oakland International Airport (OAK) in the San Francisco Bay Area. This was a monumental achievement.

But that was just the first step. Now the Air Service Coalition is calling on the business community to show Southwest and the airline industry that Middle Tennessee can support this flight and that connecting Nashville to the Bay Area is vital for our business community.

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Ovation developer under contract to buy two nearby chunks of land

May 2015 - The developer SouthStar LLC is under contract to buy 41 acres in Cool Springs, land that is directly south of the massive Ovation development that the company is working on.

If the two separate acquisitions both materialize, SouthStar will have amassed roughly 165 acres in the epicenter of a construction bonanza that's remaking Middle Tennessee's elite corporate address. Ovation is a big driver of that activity, a \$775 million project involving 1.4 million square feet of office space, 450,000 square feet of retail and restaurants, multiple hotels and 950 residential units.

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Whiskey makes comeback to Williamson County

April 2015 - Blood and booze.

Both were spilled across Williamson County on a regular basis nearly 100 years ago. Long before shoppers hunted parking spaces at CoolSprings Galleria, federal agents were hunting bootleggers deep in the hollows — smashing up illicit whiskey stills from Brentwood to Spring Hill.

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Williamson Medical children's wing to open July 1

May 2015 - This summer's opening of Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital Vanderbilt at Williamson Medical Center is the result of a conversation that began nearly a decade ago.

"We finally decided if we want to bring this to Williamson County and the people want it, we need to figure it out," said CEO Don Webb.

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Crescent embarks on new Cool Springs office building

March 2015 - A developer from Charlotte is ready to jump in the fray of a \$1.75 billion building boom in Cool Springs.

Crescent Communities intends to break ground this year on a 155,000-square-foot building on land the company owns at the northeast corner of Carothers Parkway and McEwen Drive, off exit 67 of Interstate 65.

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