

Today Campbell County Mayor's Office announces Campbell County's unemployment rate is at an all-time record low of 2.9%.

According to the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development Campbell County has recorded its lowest unemployment rate ever in history at 2.9% in the states most recent report for April 2025. That's the lowest unemployment rate ever recorded in Campbell County dating back to when the state began maintaining county-level unemployment records.

In April 2025, a record high of 16,226 Campbell County citizens were in the workforce out of a labor force of 16,710 for a 2.9% unemployment rate as 484 individuals were listed as unemployed. By comparison and to see how well the economy in relation to the workforce has grown in Campbell County in August 2022 when Campbell County Mayor Jack Lynch took office there were 14,382 Campbell County citizens employed and the unemployment rate was 4.1%. A total of 1,844 more individuals were employed in April 2025 than 32 months prior showing all sectors of employment from manufacturing, healthcare, and retail to small business and specialty stores all showing growth in the county.

All counties in Tennessee have saw highs and lows in unemployment rates over the years, however 2025 looks to be a thriving time in the volunteer state with lots of open jobs and employment opportunities and growth in Campbell County. The state wide unemployment rate is 3.1% and the national unemployment rate is 4.2%.

The Campbell County Mayor's Office staff posts job openings, promotes new business, helps create annual job fair opportunities for employers and job seekers twice a year (healthcare and multi-employer) and credits partnerships with the Chamber of Commerce, American Job Center, post-secondary training facilities such as Roane State Community College and Tennessee College of Applied Technology-Jacksboro, secondary schools CTE-Career and Technical Education programs at Campbell County High School and Jellico High School along with the team at Express Employment Professionals all working together providing Employment and Training Services to Campbell County citizens. Campbell County has a skilled labor force with local post-secondary training opportunities at Roane State Community College and the Tennessee College of Applied Technology center at Jacksboro.

Valued partnership with the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development, TVA, East Tennessee Economic Development Agency, East Tennessee Development District, Joint Economic and Community Development Board, Industrial Development Board of Campbell County, local Utility District, and others all help to provide a positive working team for Campbell County.

Industries in the county include high skill machine operators, defense contractors making bullet proof vests, and a variety of military supplies and tents for our armed forces, appliance manufacturing, biotech, medical supplies, auto parts manufacturers, iron casting manufacturing producers to commercial metal and building systems, top leaders in the marine industry supplying residential dock components, along with small town employers to large manufacturing companies and health care facilities that have a local workforce providing citizens and visitors with a great place for business.

From Governor Lee and Commissioner McWhorter announcement of Gold Creek Foods in Caryville to the possibility of a future with United Rare Earths in the Erschell Collins Industrial Park, Campbell County hopes to continue a strong economy, training and keeping local talent in the local workforce, offering the best quality of life opportunity to its citizens. The future remains bright in Campbell County to those who are prepared.

“This is a great team achievement for Campbell County, its partner agencies both from the state and local level, employers and citizens in the workforce. The County Mayor’s Office is always willing to help and be a part of the Economic Development efforts.”

County Mayor Jack Lynch.

Picture #1

Campbell County Mayor Jack Lynch has seen a great growth in employment opportunities for Campbell County and its citizens.

Picture #2

The Campbell County Mayor's office team at the Healthcare Job Fair at TCAT-Jacksonboro. Campbell County's next Healthcare Job Fair will be held on Tuesday, August 19, 2025 from 9:00AM-12:00 Noon at TCAT-Jacksonboro.