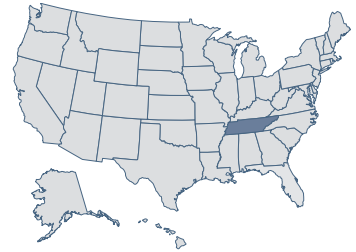


# Tennessee

**32** Economic Performance  
Rank: 2009

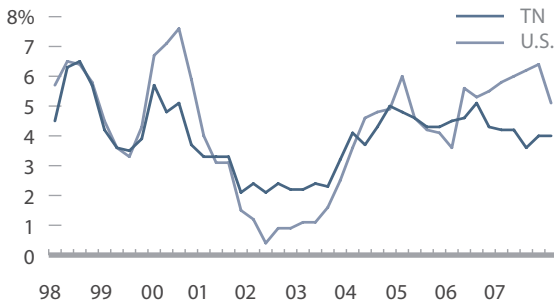
**9** Economic Outlook  
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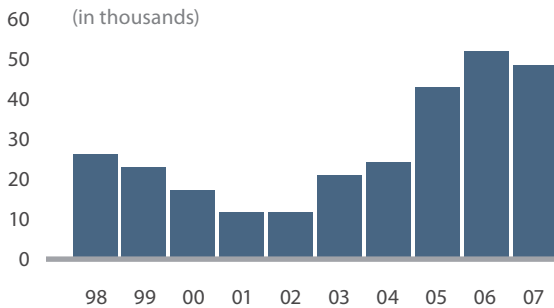
**Economic Performance Rank** (1=best 50=worst)

A historical measure based on a state's performance (equally weighted average) in the three important performance variables shown below. These variables are highly influenced by state policy.

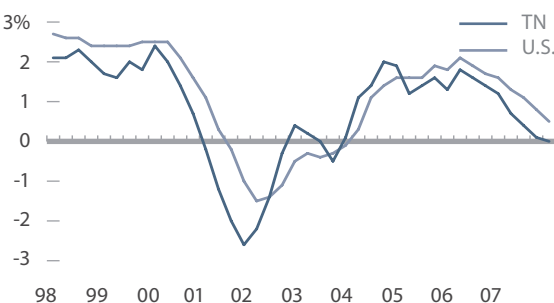
**Personal Income Per Capita Cumulative Growth 1997-2007** **46.5%** **Rank: 41**



**Absolute Domestic Migration Cumulative 1998-2007** **278,698** **Rank: 8**



**Non-Farm Payroll Employment Cumulative Growth 1997-2007** **8.3%** **Rank: 37**



**Economic Outlook Rank** (1=best 50=worst)

A forecast based on a state's standing (equally weighted average) in the 15 important state policy variables shown below. Data reflect state + local rates and revenues and any effect of federal deductibility.

Historical Ranking Comparison  
**2008 ECONOMIC OUTLOOK RANK**

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Variable	Data	Rank
Top Marginal Personal Income Tax Rate	0.00%	1
Top Marginal Corporate Income Tax Rate	6.50%	19
Personal Income Tax Progressivity (change in tax liability per \$1,000 of income)	\$0.00	2
Property Tax Burden (per \$1,000 of personal income)	\$21.75	10
Sales Tax Burden (per \$1,000 of personal income)	\$36.26	47
Remaining Tax Burden (per \$1,000 of personal income)	\$16.37	12
Estate/Inheritance Tax Levied?	Yes	50
Recently Legislated Tax Changes (2007 & 2008, per \$1,000 of personal income)	\$0.94	41
Debt Service as a Share of Tax Revenue	7.1%	22
Public Employees Per 10,000 of Population (full-time equivalent)	525.9	14
State Liability System Survey (tort litigation treatment, judicial impartiality, etc.)	62.3	22
State Minimum Wage (federal floor is \$6.55)	\$6.55	1
Average Workers' Compensation Costs (per \$100 of payroll)	\$2.44	30
Right-to-Work State? (option to join or support a union)	Yes	1
Number of Tax or Expenditure Limits (0= least/worst, 3=most/best)	1	13