



# Athens TENNESSEE

Tennessee Valley Presbytery

Presbyterian Church in America

## Athens Statistics

2019 Estimates, census.gov

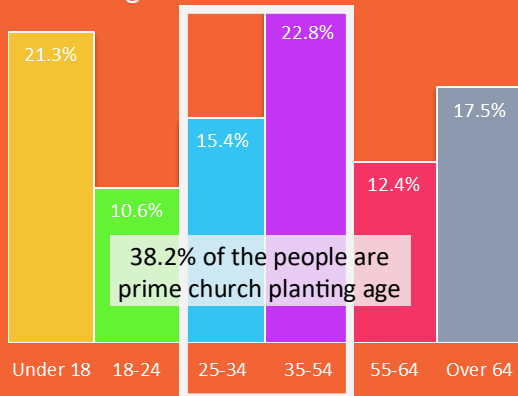
### By the Numbers

Athens Population:	13,851
McMinn County Population:	53,794
Median household income:	\$31,913
Median home value:	\$148,800
Median Rent:	\$708
Poverty Rate:	25.9%
Crime Index:	580.4

US Average is 274 (2018, city-data.com)

### Age Demographics

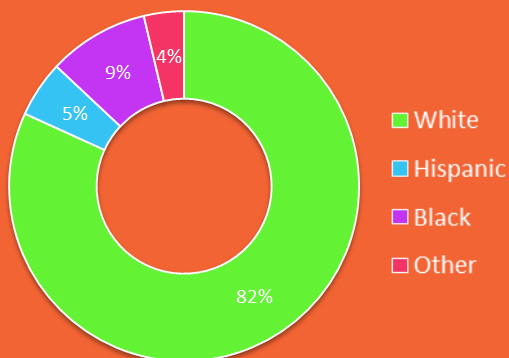
Median age: 38



### Family Type

Married-couple family	34%
Family, no wife present	1%
Family, no husband present	9%
Householder alone	40%
Cohabiting Couple Household	8%

### Racial Demographics



Athens is the county seat of McMinn County, Tennessee. According to a 2019 study for McMinn County Economic Development, Athens is an area with major employers, desirable schools and proximity to other areas of employment opportunity, but it is in need of increased housing development. The city has a blue-collar feel, with a small but active community theater and quite a number of churches. There is a Sovereign Grace church plant, and FBC Athens is a strong traditional church. There is also a fairly liberal / progressive element in Athens as seen in the community theater and the local library.

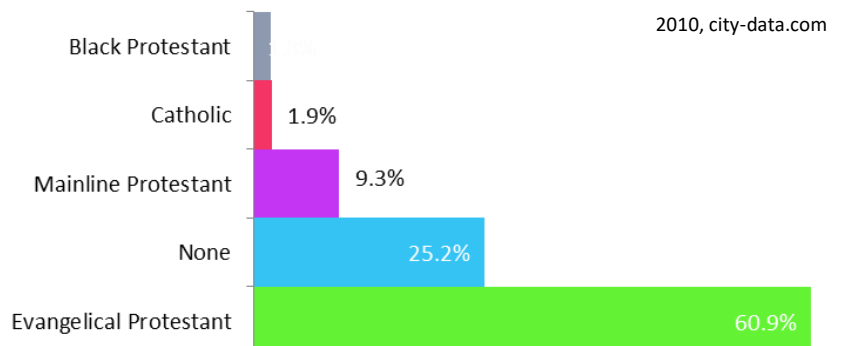


As the economy and housing are developing in Athens, the Tennessee Valley Presbytery hopes to develop a presbyterian and reformed witness in the area by planting the first PCA church not only in Athens, but in the entire county.

A church planter is needed who is prepared to evangelize people who are cultural southern Christians who have an assumed assent to the basics of Christianity. Mercy ministry, a relational presence in the community and gospel-centered discipleship will be vital to an effective church plant in Athens.

The Presbytery's hope is to see a scratch plant in Athens that results not only in the growth of the Kingdom in Athens, but also in multiplying church planting throughout the surrounding area.

### McMinn County Religious Preferences





Downtown



Athens Regional Park



Pumpkintown Festival

## Athens Highlights

About an hour northeast of Chattanooga and southwest of Knoxville.

Home of Tennessee Wesleyan University (1,168 students) and Tennessee College of Applied Technology-Athens.

The TN Promise and TN Reconnect programs provide students a last-dollar scholarship that covers tuition and fees not covered by the Pell grant, the HOPE scholarship, or TSAA funds. Students may use the scholarship at any of the state's 13 community colleges, 27 colleges of applied technology, or other eligible institution offering an associate's degree program.

Eleven parks cover 293 acres.

The Swift Museum located at the McMinn County Airport houses aircraft from the 40's and 50's.

The McMinn County Living Heritage Museum houses more than 10,000 artifacts in 30 permanent exhibits that represent the culture and history of Southeast Tennessee from the 1700's to the present.

## McMinn County Top Employers

Hackney Home Furnishing  
Denso Manufacturing  
Calhoun News Print  
County of McMinn  
Athens Regional Medical Center

## Education

(population over age 25)  
84.6% High School Grad or higher  
13.6% Bachelor's Degree  
6.2% Graduate or Professional Degree

## Candidate Strengths

- Vibrant walk with Jesus that leads to a love for the lost
- Highly relational networker who is intentional in evangelism
- Highly incarnational with heavy involvement in the schools, civic organizations, recreational activities
- A leader who will love the community of Athens

## Support

- The commitment, encouragement and resources of the Church Planting Movement of the Tennessee Valley Presbytery

## Imagine

A winsome and gospel-centered church plant in Athens centered on evangelism, discipleship and a heart to see its city flourish.

A missional church plant partnering with other PCA churches to see new churches planted in surrounding communities

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## Most Common Occupations

