Common App in Tennessee

First-Year Application Data
2020–2021

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54,308 Applications submitted

11,457 Unique applicants

797 Unique colleges and universities applied to (out of 919)

Destination of Applications

- 72% Out-of-State
- 28% In-State

Percent of applications to all Common App member colleges and universities by Tennessee applicants
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40% Applications submitted with fee waiver or no fee

60% Applications submitted with a test score

Comparison

- Tennessee
- All Applicants

Applications submitted with fee waiver or no fee:
- Tennessee: 40%
- All Applicants: 46%

Applications submitted with a test score:
- Tennessee: 60%
- All Applicants: 37%
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Applicants by Race/Ethnicity
- Asian 6%
- Latinx 7%
- Nonresident Alien 1%
- Two or More Races 4%
- White 62%
- Black or African American 17%
- Native American 0%
- Pacific Islander 0%
- Unknown 2%

Applicants by Sex
- Male 41%
- Female 59%

Applicants by First-Generation Status
- Not first-generation 73%
- First-generation 27%

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Top receiving institutions nationally from applicants in Tennessee (descending)

- The University of Tennessee Knoxville
- Middle Tennessee State University
- Vanderbilt University
- Belmont University
- Rhodes College
- Auburn University
- Sewanee: The University of the South
- Lipscomb University
- University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- Louisiana State University A&M-Baton Rouge
- Clemson University
- Georgia Institute of Technology
- University of Georgia
- Duke University
- Ole Miss - The University of Mississippi
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Top applying counties in Tennessee (descending)

- Shelby County
- Williamson County
- Davidson County
- Knox County
- Hamilton County
- Rutherford County
- Sumner County
- Wilson County
- Montgomery County
- Sullivan County
- Washington County
- Blount County
- Madison County
- Anderson County
- Sevier County
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Year-over-year comparisons

+20%  State annual change in applications

+14%  State annual change in applicants
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2020–2021
Total comparisons, inclusive of all applicants and all countries

+20% State annual change in applications

+14% State annual change in applicants

+17% Total annual change in applications

+9% Total annual change in applicants