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TN Unemployment Sees Slight Increase



Tennessee's unemployment rate saw a slight rise last month after three consecutive months at record lows, according to the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development (TDLWD). The

seasonally adjusted rate for August was 3.1%, up from the 3% seen in May, June, and July. However, this is still an improvement from last year's 3.3%.

Total nonfarm employment dropped by 1,400 jobs from July to August, with the biggest losses in the mining, logging, construction, trade, transportation, utilities, and leisure sectors. Despite this, over the past year, 30,500 nonfarm jobs were added, primarily in education, health services, and trade.

Tennessee's unemployment rate remains below the national average of 4.2%, which dropped slightly from 4.3% in July. Job seekers can access resources through American Job Centers, which offer assistance like resume workshops and on-site recruiting. The next update on county-level unemployment data will be released on September 26, 2024. *Source: TN Dept. of Labor & Workforce Development.*

Community News You Can Use

- The VFW is having their Annual Turkey Shoot every Saturday from 8am-12 Noon and each Saturday through November 23 at VFW Post #5146 at 706 North Congress Parkway in Athens. They are raising funds for their Christmas baskets to be distributed to Veterans & spouses. For more information, call 423-745-8387. *See their ad below.*
- Tennessee Wesleyan University will be hosting a MEDIC Regional Blood Center Mobile Blood Drive on Monday, Sept. 23 from 12 pm - 5 pm. Donors will receive a MEDIC gift and a Texas Roadhouse coupon. Make an appointment [HERE](#). Every donation helps to contribute toward the MEDIC (Tennessee) v. LifeSouth (Florida) Competition. Remember, when you GIVE local, you SAVE local!
- The City of Athens Public Works Department announces the following street closure: College Street from Jackson Street to Long Street. This closure will be on Monday, September 23 from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. The purpose of this closing is for TWU's Blood Donation event. For more information, please contact the Office of the Public Works Department at 423-744-2745. *More Community News on Page 4.*



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Athens, Tennessee

Church News & Events

- Lakeview Baptist Church (183 County Road 126, Athens) is hosting their 2024 Homecoming Service on Sunday, September 22 at 10:30 am. The FOR HIM Trio will be the special guest singers and lunch will follow the service. The church is located beside Dynasty Spas in Athens.
- Are you grieving the loss of someone close to you? Clearwater Baptist Church (964 County Road 180, Athens) is starting a new ministry helping those grieving find hope, comfort, and guidance. Beginning on Friday, September 13 from 6 pm - 7:30 pm there will be a 13-week grief support group that you can join at any time. For more info visit: clearwaterbc.org/grief-share
- Old National Bank and the leadership of St. Mark A.M.E. Zion Church have met and have established an account for anyone that would like to make a monetary donation to assist the church going forward. Donations can be made at any Old National Bank office or mailed to Old National Bank, 106 West Washington Avenue, Athens, TN 37303. Checks should be made payable to St. Mark A.M.E. Zion Church.
- Celebrate Recovery meets every Thursday at 6:00 P.M. at Watts Bar Community Church (1517 TN-68, Decatur)
- Sweetwater House of Prayer is hosting a Community Blessing Closet on the third Saturday of every month from 8 am -4 pm.
- Planted In Christ Outreach Fellowship, 317 Maple Street, in Athens, invites you to attend Outreach Deliverance Classes every Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
- [McMahan Calvary Baptist Church](#) (569 County Road 172, Athens) will be starting a Revival from Sunday, Sept. 29 until Wednesday, October 2. Sunday will be at 6 pm, Other Days will be at 7 pm. The Speakers will be Randy Elijah and Isaiah Pickle.
- Conasauga Baptist Church (649 County Road 475, Etowah) is having their revival beginning on Sunday, Sept. 22 and going through Sept. 27. Sunday will be at 6 pm and every other day is at 7 pm. There will be nightly special singing and the preachers will be Daniel and Mickey Stewart. *See their ad on Page 5.*
- The Church of Jesus Christ (1403 Hammerhill Road, Athens) is holding an Early Morning Yard Sale on Saturday, September 21 starting at 6 am.
- Spring Creek United Methodist Church (115 County Road 36, Riceville) is hosting a Camp Meeting & Old Time Singing on Sunday, Sept. 29 at 6 pm. The guest speaker is Rev. Mickey Rainwater.
- Pastor Scott Martin with Solid Rock Baptist Church (4975 Hwy. 11, Calhoun) would like to invite you to their Homecoming Service on Sunday, October 6 at 10:30 am. The Trinity Trio will be the special guest singers.

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Obituaries

Jewell Ann Coleman Adams, 86, passed away peacefully, surrounded by her family on Wednesday, September 18. The family will meet at 4:00 PM today, Friday, September 20th at Sullins Cemetery in Athens for a graveside service. Ziegler Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Jewell Ann Coleman Adams.

Betty Hamby, 91 of Etowah, passed away at Starr Regional Medical Center on Wednesday, September 18. Betty was a member of Conasauga Baptist Church for 62 years and loved her church family and friends. Funeral services will be held at 3:00 p.m., Sunday, September 22, in the chapel of Bordwine Funeral Home. The Family will receive friends from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., Sunday prior to the service. Family and friends will assemble at Conasauga Cemetery on Monday, September 23rd, for the 11:00 a.m. committal service. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.

Football Preview

Tonight's Football Match-Ups

Ooltewah (0-4) @ Walker Valley (3-1) 7 pm
Sequoyah (0-4) @ Howard (1-2) 7 pm
McMinn Co. (1-3) @ Oak Ridge (1-2) 7 pm
Stone Memorial (2-2) @ Meigs Co. (3-0) 7 pm
Sweetwater (1-3) @ McMinn Central (3-1) 7:30 pm
Polk Co. (2-2) @ Oneida (3-1) 7:30 pm

Weekend

Saturday

(6) Tennessee (3-0) v. (15) Oklahoma (3-0) at Norman, OK with a 7:30 pm kick-off on ABC TV Network.

We encourage you to e-mail community events, church news, or other items of interest for possible use in the Morning Fax.

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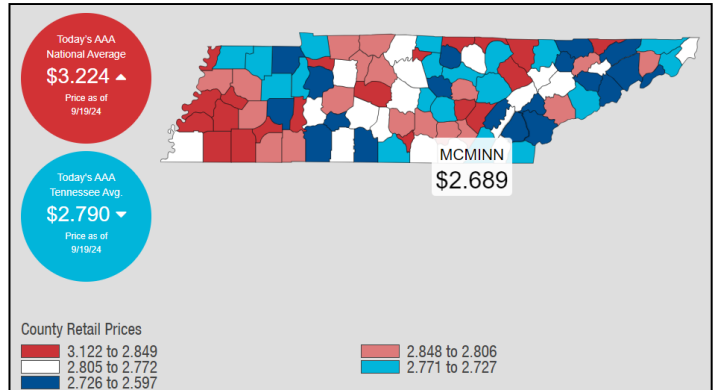
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Community News You Can Use

- Saturday, September 28, at 9 a.m. at AgCentral Co-op, is the McMinn County 4-H Chicken Show and Sale. Three breeds of laying hens are available for purchase: Rhode Island Red, Brown Star, and Barred Rock. Come experience some small town fun and bring laying chickens home to eat fresh eggs and support your McMinn County 4-H'ers. All Buyers Welcome. For more information call 423-745-2852.
- The monthly meeting for the Cherokee Beekeepers Association will be held on Tuesday, September 24, 2024 at 7:00 P.M. The meetings take place at Ag-Central Farmers Cooperative located at [920 Congress Pkwy. N., Athens, Tn.](#) The public is always welcome; you do not need to be a member to attend.
- Tidal Wave Auto Spa will hold its [16th annual Charity Day](#) on Friday, September 20, 2024, donating 100% of wash proceeds to local charities. The Athens location at 1874 Decatur Pike is partnering with Tri-County Center, which supports adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Tri-County Center will receive 50% of the proceeds from the event and will be serving free hotdogs, chips, and water. Tri-County Center is a United Way partner agency.

Gas Prices Continue to Fall



The national average price for a gallon of gas decreased slightly by two cents to \$3.22, slowing from recent drops due to Hurricane Francine's impact on Gulf Coast oil production. Gas demand rose slightly, while domestic gasoline stocks remained steady. Despite the demand increase, low oil costs are expected to keep prices falling. Meanwhile, the average cost for public EV charging remains unchanged at 35 cents per kilowatt. Gas prices are currently 19 cents lower than last month and 66 cents lower than the same time last year. The McMinn County Gas Price average is \$2.68/gallon.

Source: [AAA Gas Prices](#)



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TVFCU Announces Director of Consumer Lending



Tennessee Valley Federal Credit Union (TVFCU) has announced the appointment of Babar Khawaja as the new Director of Consumer Lending. This strategic addition to TVFCU's leadership team reinforces TVFCU's dedication to enhancing its services and delivering exceptional value to its members.

"We are thrilled to welcome Babar to our team at TVFCU," said Eric Weekley, Vice President of Mortgage and Consumer Lending. "With more than 17 years of experience in the financial services industry, including 14 years focused specifically on consumer lending, Babar brings extensive knowledge and expertise that will be instrumental in advancing our consumer lending operations."

Babar Khawaja joins TVFCU following his tenure at Cedar Point Federal Credit Union in Southern Maryland, where he played a key role in aligning the credit union's people, processes, technology, and lending policy to positively impact members and the community. His experience and strategic approach are expected to further strengthen TVFCU's consumer lending initiatives.

Originally from Houston, Texas, Mr. Khawaja's education and career have taken him across the country, including New Mexico, Arizona, California, New York, Maryland, and now Tennessee. He began his career in lending as a credit analyst and has since held roles such as Indirect Lending Manager, Consumer Lending Manager, and Chief Lending Officer. Throughout his career, he has developed a deep acumen in credit analysis, process improvement, product development, risk management, lending strategy, and building purpose-driven teams.

"I have worked with credit unions since 2012 and have more than 17 years of experience in the financial services arena," said Mr. Khawaja. "I am passionate about the credit union movement and helping the community achieve both economic and social goals." TVFCU looks forward to the leadership Khawaja will bring in enhancing consumer lending operations.



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