Working Here Career: Technological History of the TN Valley

The significance of the Tennessee Valley region began with the advent of the U.S. Space Program in the mid-1950s, thus building a legacy of research and technology development in the area. Huntsville/Madison County is home to the U.S. Army's Redstone Arsenal — including the U.S. Missile Defense Agency's brand new Von Braun Headquarters complex — and NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center, both combining to drive a strong R&D economy and affect spin-off and commercial activity in technology innovations.

From biotechnology to automotive and aerospace, the Tennessee Valley's economy excels in the Research & Development sector. Because of the continuing growth of the local research and development industry, the Tennessee Valley remains one of the country's fastest-growing areas, with an educated workforce that tops the nation in number of PhDs per capita.

Career: Commute

As one of approximately 7,000 Scottsboro residents who travel mainly into Huntsville every day for work, you may be shocked to experience a freeway that lives up to its name because it's virtually free of traffic. But this is an accurate description of the four lanes of U.S. Highway 72 between Huntsville and Chattanooga, TN. It will speedily connect you to commercial and municipal airports via multiple interstates — I-24, I-59, I-65, I-75 and I-565, as well as the Norfolk Southern Railway and CSX Railroad systems, and you'll enjoy some lovely southern scenery along the way, including many water and mountain views.

Career: Occupations for Spouses

So, you've made the decision to move to the Tennessee Valley to experience the best that an MDA career has to offer, but what about your spouse? Will they be able to find a career in this area, too? The good news is that this region offers many career avenues for all kinds of professionals — whether they work in a technological field, healthcare or any other industry.

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