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## **Census data is good news for Knox County**

*Knoxville, Tenn.* — Knox County is a good place to live and do business, if the most current U.S. Census data is any indication.

U.S. Census data released today for Tennessee shows that the population in Knox County grew 13.1 percent from 382,032 to 432,226 between 2000 and 2010. This means growth in Knox County led the “big-four” metropolitan counties in the state. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Shelby County’s population increased by 3.4 percent, Hamilton County’s by 9.3 percent, and Davidson County’s by 10 percent.

“The population growth over the last decade shows that Knox County is a place people want to live,” Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett said. “Families come here because this is a great community that is business friendly, which positions us well for continued economic growth.”

January county unemployment numbers released last week show Knox County continues to have the lowest major metropolitan jobless rate in the state, and boasts the third lowest rate out of all 95 Tennessee counties.

“People born and raised in Knox County offer a wide range of skills and talents rooted in hard work, and those who move here only increase that level of talent and creativity, and that is good news for Knox County’s future,” Mayor Burchett said.

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