



# ANDERSON COUNTY, TN



## HISTORY OF ANDERSON COUNTY

Anderson County offered a simple, rural lifestyle for the original settlers in 1795. It wasn't until after the Civil War that coal mining began to develop as a major industry for eastern Tennessee. Coal mines brought the railroad to Anderson County, making an isolated area accessible to the rest of the country. Many of the residents today are descendants of coal miners.

In 1942, Anderson County experienced another major industry shift with the creation of Oak Ridge, a city built for the secret development of atomic weapons. Three plants were constructed along with residential areas for workers' families, all sworn to secrecy.

## FUN FACTS ABOUT ANDERSON COUNTY

- Oak Ridge was originally founded as a top secret government facility working on atomic weapons! The entire town was sworn to secrecy.
- When the Norris Dam was constructed, it created many jobs and safety against flooding, but it unintentionally eliminated fresh water mussels from the river. The mussels offered a superior and highly sought after pearl that brought in buyers from across the country!
- Oak Ridge is one of the three cities in the nation that host the US Rowing Nationals.
- The county seat was once named Burrville after Vice President Aaron Burr. It was renamed "Clinton" after Burr was put on trial for treason.
- Megan Fox, of *Transformers* fame, was born in Oak Ridge, TN

## ANDERSON COUNTY AT A GLANCE:

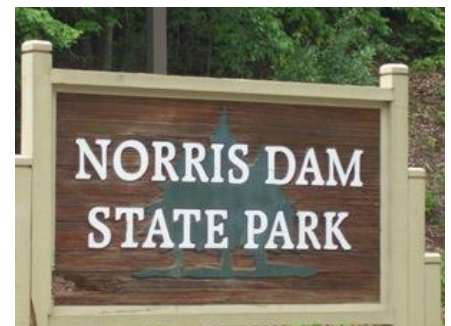
- Unemployment Rate:
- Population (2009): 74, 849
- Average value of the common house: \$87,500
- Land area: 337.51 sq. miles
- Elevation:
- Persons below the poverty line: 15.4%

## CLOSEST AIRPORT

Knoxville McGhee Tyson Airport (TYS)  
2055 Alcoa Highway  
Alcoa, TN 37701  
(865) 342-3000

## HOW FAR AWAY IS ANDERSON COUNTY FROM...?

Pittsburgh, PA.....	528 miles
Washington DC.....	510 miles
Chicago, IL.....	527 miles
St. Louis, MO.....	475 miles
Atlanta, GA.....	219 miles
Reach Headquarters in Galeton, CO.....	1,339 miles



## WEB PAGE INFORMATION

<http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/47/47001.html>  
<http://www.andersoncountychamber.org/>

## HOTELS:

Best Western .....(970) 353-8444  
Super 8 .....(970) 330-8880