

## Crossville ranks in top 50 percent of micropolitan areas in United States

The strength of the Crossville economic base is ever-improving, thus placing this micropolitan area in the top half of all 577 such communities in the United States. Ten cities in Tennessee are ranked in the top 50 percent, with six in the top 33 percent. Crossville is ranked 193rd in the country, number six in Tennessee, only a few points behind McMinnville and Sevierville. Cookeville and Tullahoma are both ranked in the top 10 percent.

"Economic strength is the long term tendency for an area to consistently grow in

### Micropolitan Statistical Area Economic Strength Ranking United States 2006

Cookeville	22	Dyersburg	228
Tullahoma	52	LaFollette	265
Greeneville	94	Harriman	281
Sevierville	118		
McMinnville	143		
Crossville	193		
Shelbyville	218		
Athens	221		

both size and quality," said William Firth, president of the POLICOM Corporation.

POLICOM, an independent economic research firm that specializes in analyzing local and state economies, conducted the research by

collecting data on growth rates, consistency trends, industry averages, and other factors for each area. POLICOM uses the data to project the overall health, viability and sustainability of local economies.

Ten Tennessee cities are rated in the top half of all micropolitan areas in the United States.

Micropolitan areas are midlevel cities functioning as significant economic hubs. The term is an economic and demographic measurement of a U.S. region with a population count between 10,000 and 49,999. The area is removed from larger cities, yet continues to thrive and grow in population and production, offering most of the cultural attractions and conveniences of their larger counterparts without the financial trappings of urban sprawl.

Tennessee has 20 cities rated as micropolitan areas.