

Economic Indicators
Blount County

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
<i>Population:</i>	124,380	127,260
	<u>April 2009</u>	<u>April 2010</u>
<i>Total Labor Force:</i>		
Unemployment Rate	9.9%	10.4%
	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
Employed	43,776	43,627
Average Annual Wage	\$38,679	\$38,892
	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
<i>Percent of Jobs by Type:</i>		
Retail	12.23%	12.20%
Manufacturing	12.44%	12.40%
Education	1.38%	1.40%
Health Care	7.04%	7.10%
Food Service	7.41%	7.40%
Government	13.61%	13.50%
	<u>1st Qtr – 2009</u>	<u>1st Qtr - 2010</u>
<i>Cost of Living Index:</i>	89.3	89
	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
<i>Sales Tax Revenue:</i>	\$115,419,271.00	\$101,604,680.00
	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
<i>Retail Sales:</i>	\$1,711,546,270.00	\$1,627,066,213.00
	<u>2007-2008</u>	<u>2008-2009</u>
<i>Hotel/Motel Tax Revenue:</i>	\$1,601,804	\$1,453,892
	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
<i>Visits to National Park (Townsend Entrance):</i>	1,410,395	1,471,582
	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
<i>Building Permits:</i>	303	224

	<u>May 2009</u>	<u>May 2010</u>
<i>Utilities:</i>		
Electric:	30,183	30,272
Water:	60,131	60,248
Gas:	17,400	17,400
	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
<i>Property Tax Roll:</i>	\$61,753,000.00	\$61,542,000.00