



# Dresden

## COMMUNICATIONS

**Post Office Class:** First

| Newspapers         | Frequency |
|--------------------|-----------|
| Weakley Co. Press  | Bi-Weekly |
| Dresden Enterprise | Weekly    |

**Radio Stations:** 3-Martin (AM-FM), 1-Dresden (FM)

**TV Networks:** All

**Cable Companies:** Dresden City Cable Vision Inc.

**Channels:** 37

**Phone Companies:** Frontier

## INDUSTRIAL SUPPORT SERVICES

| Service           | Town          | Distance(Miles) |
|-------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Tool & Die.....   | Local         |                 |
| Heat Treating.... | Martin/Sharon | 8               |
| Foundry.....      | Gleason       | 6               |
| Heavy Hardware..  | Jackson       | 42              |
| Sheet Metal.....  | Local         |                 |
| Lubricants.....   | Local         |                 |
| Welding Supplies  | Local         |                 |
| Other:            |               |                 |

## FINANCE

**Banks:** 2

**Combined Deposits:** \$78,357,720

**Date of Deposits:**

## GOVERNMENT

**Gov't (type): City:** Mayor & Board of Aldermen

**County:** County Mayor & County Commissioners

|                                     | City | County |
|-------------------------------------|------|--------|
| <b>Police Officers:</b>             | 8    | 45     |
| <b>Police Cars:</b>                 | 8    | 22     |
| <b>Planning Commission:</b>         | Yes  | No     |
| <b>Zoning Regulations:</b>          | Yes  | No     |
| <b>Industrial Development Corp:</b> | Yes  | Yes    |
| <b>Fire Stations:</b>               | 0    | 0      |
| <b>Fire Trucks:</b>                 | 3    | 0      |
| <b>Firefighters:</b>                | 0    | 0      |
| <b>Volunteers:</b>                  | 25   | 0      |
| <b>Insurance Rating:</b>            | 6    | 9      |

## NATURAL RESOURCES

**Minerals:** Clay

**Timber:** Oak, Gum, Hickory & Hardwood

## AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

**Crops:** Corn, Soybeans, Beef & Pork

## COMMUNITY FACILITIES

### Day Care

**Day Care Centers:** 29

**Day Care Homes:** 33

### Education

**State Industrial Training Service Available:** Yes

**Type of Public School System:** County

|                                     | # Local Schools | Enrollment |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|------------|
| <b>Elementary.....</b>              | 1               | 477        |
| <b>Middle/Jr. High.....</b>         | 1               | 430        |
| <b>Sr. High School.....</b>         | 1               | 418        |
| <b>Private &amp;/or Parochial..</b> | 0               | 0          |
| <b>Technology Centers.....</b>      | 0               | 0          |
| <b>Vo-Tech.....</b>                 |                 |            |
| <b>Colleges (2 &amp; 4 year)..</b>  | 0               | 0          |
| <b>Other.....</b>                   |                 | 0          |

**Libraries:** 1

### Health Care

**Hospitals:** 1 - in Martin

**Beds:** 100

**Clinics:** 1

**Beds:** 0

**Doctors:** 3

**Dentists:** 3

**Nursing Homes:** 2

**Beds:** 206

**Retirement Homes:** 0

**Beds:** 0

**Assisted Living Homes:** 0

**Beds:** 34

### Churches

**Protestant:** 12

**Catholic:** 0

**Jewish:** 0

**Other:**

### Recreation

**Parks.....** 2

**Golf Courses.....** 1

**(Public & Private)**

**Swimming Pools.....** 0

**(Public & Private)**

**Country Clubs.....** 0

**Theaters.....** 0

**Bowling Alleys.....** 0

**Hotels & Motels.....** 1

**Rooms:**

21

**Largest Meeting Room Capacity** 200

**Restaurants.....** 8

**Other:** \*Within 12 miles; unlimited hunting & fishing; Kentucky Lake - 45 minutes; Reelfoot Lake - 57 miles; Active Summer Park Family Programs

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## CLIMATE

**Annual Avg. Temperature:** 62.1  
**Monthly Avg. High Temp:** Jan. 44.9 July 86.7  
**Monthly Avg. Low Temp:** Jan. 25.2 July 66.8  
**Annual Avg. Precipitation:** 50.63  
**Annual Avg. Snowfall:** 4.8  
**Elevation:** 417' above sea level  
**Prevailing Winds:** South-Southwest  
**Mean Length of Freeze Free Period (Days):** 210

## SELECTED ECONOMIC INDICATORS FOR WEAKLEY COUNTY

### Estimated County Available Labor

**Date:** Jan-05  
**Total:** 1,320      **Male:** 590      **Female:** 730  
**Estimated Total in Surrounding Area:** 8,270  
**High School Graduates (2004):** 243

### Labor Force Estimates

| Annual Avg. Employment    | 2004   |
|---------------------------|--------|
| Civilian Labor Force..... | 17,520 |
| Unemployment.....         | 1,170  |
| Unemployment Rate.....    | 6.7    |
| Total Employment.....     | 16,350 |

### Per Capita Income

| Year | Amount      |
|------|-------------|
| 2002 | \$21,625.00 |

### Retail Sales

| Year | Amount           |
|------|------------------|
| 2004 | \$218,383,589.00 |

### County 10-Year Manufacturing Growth

| Years: 1995-2004   | New Plants  | Expansions   |
|--------------------|-------------|--------------|
| Number Projects:   | 5           | 83           |
| Total Investments: | \$2,291,000 | \$38,072,734 |

## ENERGY

### Electricity

**Electric Power System:** Weakley Co. Municipal Electric System  
**Additional Power System:**

**Source Company:** TVA

### Gas

**Gas Supplier:** West Tennessee Public Utilities

**Source Company:** Tennessee Gas Pipeline Co. and A.N.R. Pipeline

**Fuel Oil Suppliers:** 2

**Suppliers of LP Gas:** 2

## UTILITIES

### Treated Water Suppliers

**Source:** 3 Wells  
**Capacity:** 3,600,000GPD/2,500GPM  
**Current Consumption:** 475,000 GPD  
**Storage Capacity:** 1,000,103 Gallons

### Sewage Treatment

**Type of Treatment:** 3 Oxidation Lagoons  
**Capacity:** 580,000 GPD  
**Current Usage:** 325,000 GPD  
**% City Sewer Coverage:** 99  
**% Storm Sewer Coverage:** 100  
**Solid Waste Disposals:** Yes

**For information on Available Buildings and Industrial Sites, visit our website:**

[http://www.state.tn.us/e cd/bizdev\\_realestate.htm](http://www.state.tn.us/e cd/bizdev_realestate.htm)

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### LARGEST COMPANIES (by Employment Size)

| Firm Name                                  | Product/Services                                  | Total Employees | Union Affiliation |
|--|---|-----------------|-------------------|
| Southern Source Tool and Manufacturing Co. | Tool and Die                                      | 143             | None              |
| Swartz Paper                               | Office Supply Distribution                        | 42              | None              |
| GEI  | Engineering, Drafting, Manufacturer of Containers | 38              | None              |
| Miller                                     | Country Hams and Bacon                            | 35              | None              |
| Amalgamate TN Limited                      | Scrap Foam Rubber                                 | 28              | None              |
| Fred Stoker and Sons, Inc.                 | Tobacco Products Mail Order                       | 15              | None              |

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