Nashville, the capital of Tennessee, is located on the Cumberland River in the north-central part of the state. The town was officially established in 1784 and named after Revolutionary War hero General Francis Nash.

Nashville is known as Music City, as music attractions are plentiful. The Country Music Hall of Fame & Museum focuses on the history of country music and the stories and voices of many of its performers. The CMA Theater, Taylor Swift Education Center, and Hatch Show Print, which designs and prints promotional posters, are located inside the museum. The Historic RCA Studio B is Nashville’s oldest surviving recording studio and is located on Music Row. Most famous as the home of the Grand Ole Opry from 1943 to 1974, Ryman Auditorium currently offers tours of its historic space alongside Opry exhibits, remains an active concert venue, and is the winter home to the Grand Ole Opry. The Grand Ole Opry House at Opryland showcases country legends and contemporary performers and broadcasts weekly live radio shows. The Music City Walk of Fame honors individuals who have made a significant contribution to Nashville’s music industry.

President Andrew Jackson’s Hermitage contains original furniture, wallpaper, and family possessions from his retirement years. The garden and grounds include the cotton plantation with its farm buildings, slave quarters, outbuildings, and President Jackson’s tomb. Other historic house museums include Belle Meade Plantation, Belmont Mansion, Carnton Plantation, Carter House, Lotz House, and Travellers Rest Plantation and Museum.

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and Carell Woodland Sculpture Trail features contemporary sculpture integrated into reclaimed woodland.

The Nashville Zoo at Grassmere houses 338 animal species and a historic plantation farmhouse.

Professional sports teams include the Tennessee Titans (football), Nashville Predators (ice hockey), Nashville Sounds (baseball), and Nashville Venom (indoor football).

**EDUCATION**

Metro Nashville Public Schools educates almost 83,000 students in 86 elementary schools, 40 middle schools (grades 5–8), and 25 high schools. The district offers students choices among magnet, design center, enhanced option, charter, and other optional schools.

Higher education is available at Vanderbilt University, which is a private research university offering undergraduate, graduate, and professional degrees and has a dedicated School of Medicine.

The city is home to many private, religious-based universities with undergraduate and graduate degree programs; Belmont University, Lipscomb University, Trevecca Nazarene University, Aquinas College, Welch College, and American Baptist College.

Nashville is home to several historically black universities that offer undergraduate and graduate degree programs, including the American Baptist College; Tennessee State University, which is a comprehensive, co-educational, land-grant institution; Fisk University, which is a private, liberal arts university; and Meharry Medical College, which educates physicians, dentists, researchers, and health policy experts.

Other institutions of higher education include Watkins College of Art, Design & Film, The Art Institute of Tennessee–Nashville, Nashville School of Law, and Nashville State Community College. Remington College, Lincoln College of Technology, ITT Technical Institute, John A. Gupton College, Tennessee College of Applied Technology Nashville, SAE Institute, Fortis Institute, and National College–Nashville offer certificates and technical degree programs.

**HEALTH CARE**

The following hospitals are located in Nashville:

- Nashville General Hospital at Meharry: 125 beds
- Vanderbilt University Medical Center: 834 licensed beds (includes Vanderbilt University Hospital, Vanderbilt Psychiatric Hospital, and Vanderbilt Stallworth Rehabilitation Hospital)
- Monroe Carell Jr. Children’s Hospital at Vanderbilt: 271 licensed beds
- Saint Thomas Midtown Hospital: 683 acute care and rehab beds
- Saint Thomas West Hospital: 541 beds
- Tennessee Valley Healthcare System (TVHS)—Nashville Campus: 122 acute care and 16 psychiatric beds
- TriStar Centennial Medical Center: 657 beds (includes Sarah Cannon Cancer Center, The Children’s Hospital at TriStar Centennial, TriStar Centennial Women’s Hospital, TriStar Centennial Heart & Vascular Center, and TriStar Centennial Parthenon Pavilion psychiatric facility)
- TriStar Southern Hills Medical Center: 120 beds
- TriStar Skyline Medical Center: 213 beds
- TriStar Skyline Madison Campus: inpatient and outpatient behavioral health and chemical dependency services.

Kindred Hospital and Select Specialty Hospital are long-term acute care facilities.

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