Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, tucked in the foothills of the Great Smoky Mountains, is a destination that offers a beautiful backdrop and a variety of unique activities for millions of visitors annually. The city is located within a day's drive of more than 109 million consumers, or two-thirds of the U.S. population east of the Mississippi River. Due to the convenience of traveling to Pigeon Forge it has become one of the most popular vacation destinations in America.

Tourism is Pigeon Forge's number one industry and economic driver. The Pigeon Forge Department of Tourism handles all tourism-related marketing communications, focusing primarily on leisure and group travel. In 2018, for every dollar spent on advertising, the city generated a record \$74 in tourism spending*.

*Calculation provided by Majority Opinion Research

Lodging

Pigeon Forge offers a selection of approximately 15,000 lodging units, including hotels, motels, cabins, chalets and campgrounds.

Attractions

In addition to an assortment of approximately 100 attractions located along or near its main Parkway, Pigeon Forge is also home to Dollywood, Tennessee's number one ticketed attraction.

Theaters

Pigeon Forge features more than a dozen variety shows and dinner theaters, offering a wide selection of music, variety, comedy and magic shows.

Retail

Pigeon Forge boasts more than 300 shopping venues, including outlet, craft and gift stores, as well as specialty boutiques.

Dining

There are more than 90 restaurants in Pigeon Forge. Visitors can choose from a wide variety of menus with everything from traditional Southern comfort food to tasty treats with an international flavor.

Meeting Space

Pigeon Forge features a variety of meeting spaces throughout the destination, which can accommodate everything from a dozen to 12,000 people. Included in the selection of venues is LeConte Center at Pigeon Forge. The multipurpose facility is designed to host large groups, assemblies, trade shows and competitive events. Positioned along the city's Riverwalk, the facility features a mountain-lodge ambiance reflective of the city's setting near the Great Smoky Mountains.



POPULATION GROWTH*

AREA	1980 POP.	1990 POP.	2000 POP.	2010 POP.	2018 EST.
PIGEON FORGE	1,822	3,027	5,083	5,875	6,238
GATLINBURG	3,500	3,417	3,382	3,968	4,163
SEVIERVILLE	5,444	7,178	11,757	14,807	16,716
SEVIER COUNTY	41,418	51,043	71,170	89,889	97,892
TENNESSEE	4,591,120	4,877,185	5,689,283	6,346,105	6,770,010

^{*}U.S. Census Bureau

HISTORICAL DASHBOARD*

YEAR	MARKETING BUDGET	VISITOR COUNT*	GROSS REVENUE
1991	\$ 1,291,992	1,858,507	\$ 379,591,349
1992	\$ 1,619,344	1,835,890	\$ 416,775,030
1993	\$ 2,146,550	2,071,189	\$ 444,476,600
1994	\$ 2,470,886	2,100,022	\$ 485,207,146
1995	\$ 3,364,467	2,296,382	\$ 529,302,594
1996	\$ 5,085,012	2,338,461	\$ 545,003,939
1997	\$ 6,376,059	2,396,507	\$ 577,160,607
1998	\$ 6,659,850	2,523,972	\$ 615,553,460
1999	\$ 7,336,032	2,573,915	\$ 632,445,587
2000	\$ 7,932,432	2,431,150	\$ 634,257,297
2001	\$ 8,096,507	2,762,394	\$ 655,548,446
2002	\$ 8,096,300	2,776,277	\$ 670,157,344
2003	\$ 8,177,200	2,661,698	\$ 669,854,551
2004	\$ 8,139,200	2,848,695	\$ 713,947,775
2005	\$ 8,371,200	2,892,640	\$ 777,583,220
2006	\$ 8,402,186	3,034,840	\$ 844,975,471
2007	\$ 8,392,186	3,259,029	\$ 872,465,749
2008	\$ 8,392,186	2,573,446	\$ 836,467,928
2009	\$ 8,583,000	2,746,411	\$ 772,576,870
2010	\$ 8,626,000	2,682,924	\$ 806,026,590
2011	\$ 9,126,000	2,444,510	\$ 830,302,841
2012	\$ 9,237,600	2,856,682	\$ 905,878,531
2013	\$ 9,237,600	2,929,494	\$ 937,986,229
2014	\$ 9,584,600	3,060,462	\$ 1,021,567,104
2015	\$ 9,752,100	3,557,991	\$ 1,148,756,766
2016	\$ 10,974,588	3,733,722	\$ 1,263,491,633
2017+	\$ 10,574,488	3,686,597	\$ 1,298,208,750
2018	\$ 10,837,488	4,168,236	\$ 1,402,485,088
TOTAL	\$197,135,480	74,645,232	\$22,027,023,363

^{*} Overnight Visitation Estimate Methodology Changed in 2008

⁺ The Great Smoky Mountains experienced historic fires in November 2016 that impacted visitation in Pigeon Forge and the surrounding areas in 2017



SEVIER COUNTY UNEMPLOYMENT HISTORY 2018 2017 2016 2015 2014 2013 Month JAN 6.2% 9.6% 7.5% 10.1% 10.4% 11.5% FEB 6.3% 8.6% 7.1% 9.5% 11.9% 11.0% MAR 3.8% 5.9% 5.3% 7.5% 9.0% 10.1% APR 2.6% 3.7% 3.8% 6.2% 5.5% 9.2% MAY 2.5% 2.6% 3.4% 5.5% 6.2% 8.0% JUN 3.3% 3.5% 4.2% 5.6% 6.8% 8.2% JUL 3.1% 3.3% 4.0% 5.3% 6.9% 7.7% AUG 3.0% 2.9% 4.2% 4.9% 6.7% 7.5% SEP 3.0% 2.4% 4.4% 5.0% 6.1% 7.4% OCT 3.0% 2.5% 4.2% 4.3% 5.9% 7.5% NOV 2.8% 2.9% 4.2% 5.1% 6.3% 7.2% DEC 2.8% 2.9% 5.7% 5.5% 6.9% 7.4% AVG 3.5% 4.0% 5.0% 6.1% 7.3% 8.6%

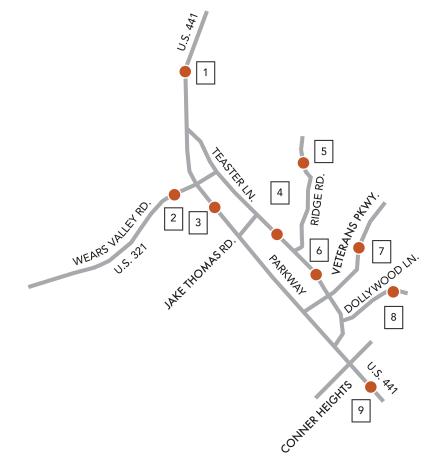
COMMERCIAL BUILDING GROWTH		
Year	Building Cost	
2006	\$ 72,178,644	
2007	\$ 52,741,886	
2008	\$ 42,521,338	
2009	\$ 22,035,601	
2010	\$ 9,499,375	
2011	\$ 21,820,202	
2012	\$101,107,478	
2013	\$ 54,456,009	
2014	\$ 55,441,403	
2015	\$ 62,571,601	
2016	\$ 26,791,055	
2017	\$ 77,664,321	
2018	\$ 12,747,816	

COMMEDIAL BUILDING GROWTH

TRAFFIC COUNTS				
Station	2017 ADT*			
1	56,057			
2	23,697			
3	49,840			
4	17,801			
5	2,154			
6	15,678			
7	25,867			
8	8,428			
9	44,869			

*vehicles per day

Source: Tennessee Dept. of Transportation



FOR PREVIOUS AND CURRENT TRAFFIC COUNTS:

https://www.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=075987cdae37474b88fa400d65681354

- 1. Search Pigeon Forge, TN USA
- 2. Select the zoom in button in the top right-hand corner
- 3. Select any of the traffic count locations in Pigeon Forge for a breakdown of that station by year, signified by a green circle
- 4. Any street/road showing a green circle can be viewed

^{*}Traffic history reflects the average daily traffic count along specific locations on Tennessee's road network.