

# Economic Outlook for the State of Tennessee

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#### Model

Regional Economic Models, Inc. (REMI) was founded in 1980 on a transformative idea: government decision-makers should test the economic effects of their policies before they're implemented. We are the nation's leader in dynamic local, state and national policy modeling. Our clients use REMI models to perform rigorous economic analysis that critically influences local, state and national policies.

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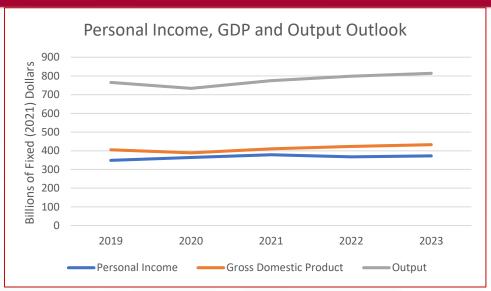
#### Tennessee State Economy

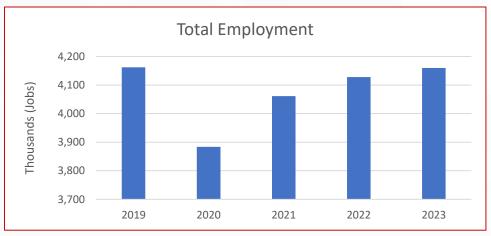
- Rooted in agriculture, the TN economy rapidly industrialized post-WWII. Built many hydroelectric dams & power plants. The state is webbed by rivers & canals that serve as shipping routes.
- TN is a top mining state for zinc, and also mines copper, silver, & crushed stone. Top manufacturing industries include computer parts & car parts.
- Equestrian activities bring revenue to the state's economy, especially the Tennessee Walking Horse.
- Low state & local taxes attract private businesses, but leave public schools chronically underfunded.
- Nashville & Memphis drive tourism & music.





- Years 2019-2023
- Growth 2020-2021
  - Personal income: 4.2%
  - GDP: 5.5%
  - Output: 5.5%
  - Employment: 177 thousand jobs
- Uncertainty







#### **Data Sources**

- Baseline (Standard National Control)
  - BLS Forecast Data
- Economic Forecast Update March 2021
  - 2019-2020 historical data from BEA
  - The U.S. Economic Outlook for 2020-2022 from the University of Michigan's Research Seminar in Quantitative Economics (RSQE)
  - An update to the Economics Outlook from CBO
  - Includes \$1.6 trillion stimulus, additional vaccination, and additional consumer spending<sup>1</sup>

## REMI Regional Growth Matrix: Economic & Demographic Factors



#### **Economic Factors**

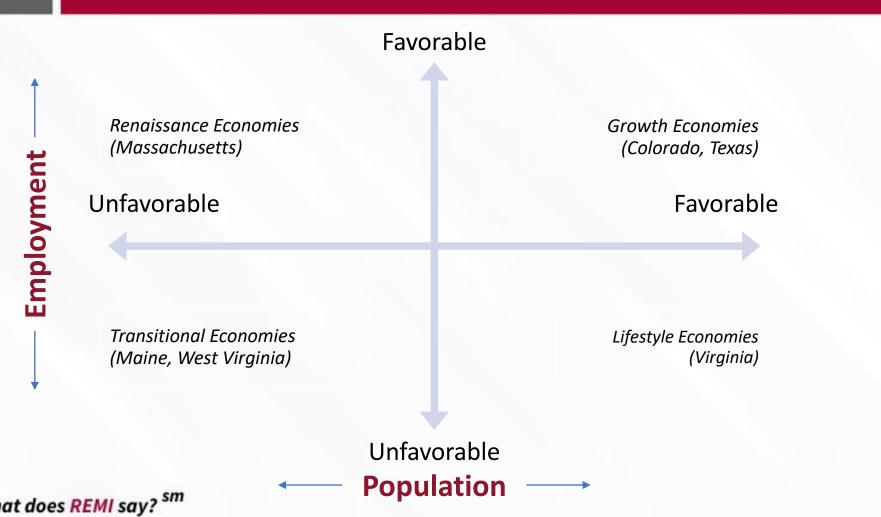
	Industry Growth	Industry Clusters	Pay	Productivity	Business Cost
Favorable	Growing	Strong	High-paid industries	High	Low
Unfavorable	Declining	Weak	Low-paid industries	Low	High

#### **Demographic Factors**

	Population Age	Retirees	Immigration	Amenities	Housing Cost
Favorable	Younger	Gains retirees	Immigration gateway	High	Low
Unfavorable	Older	Loses retirees	Low internat'l immigration	Low	High



#### Regional Growth Matrix

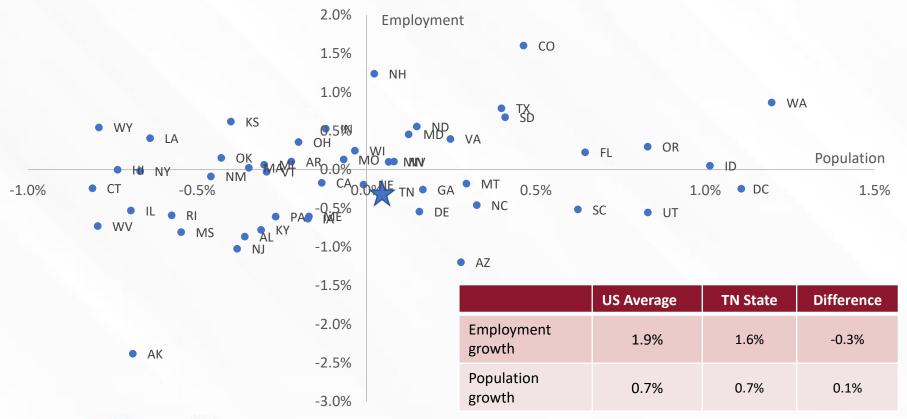


what does REMI say?



#### **Growth Matrix**

#### Difference in Growth from US Average (2021-2022)



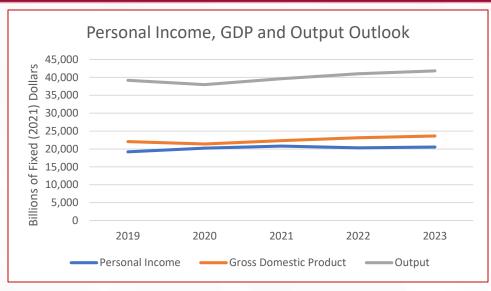


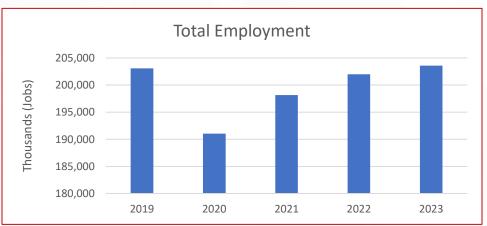
## National Outlook



#### Short-Term Outlook: the U.S.

- Years 2019-2023
- Growth 2020-2021
  - Personal income: 2.9%
  - GDP: 4.4%
  - Output: 4.4%
  - Employment: +7 million jobs

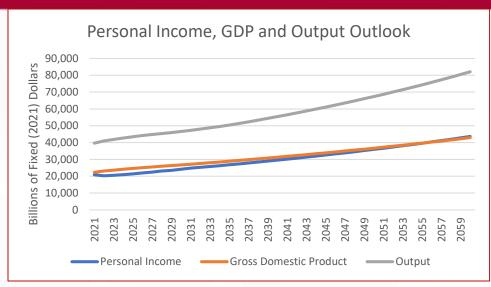


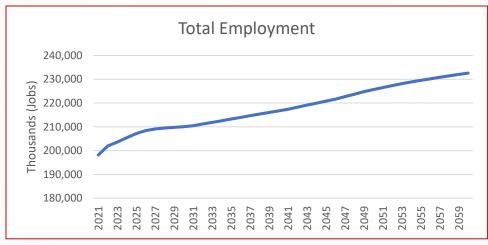




## Long-Term Outlook: The U.S.

- Years 2021-2060
- Average growth / year
  - Personal income: 1.9%
  - GDP: 1.8%
  - Output: 1.9%
  - Total employment:
     +1,038 thousand jobs





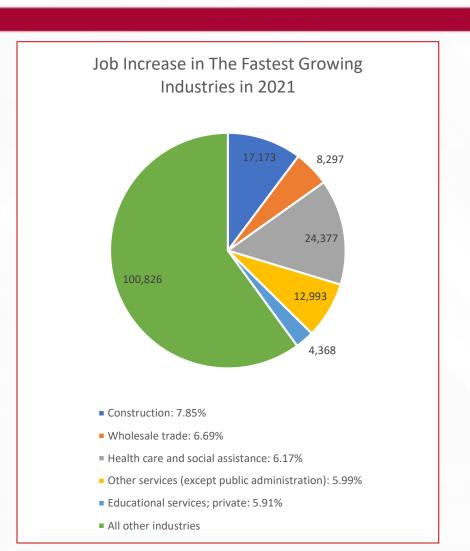


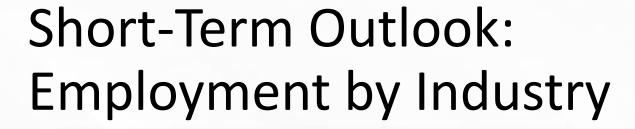
## Regional Outlook: Tennessee

## Short-Term Outlook: Employment by Industry



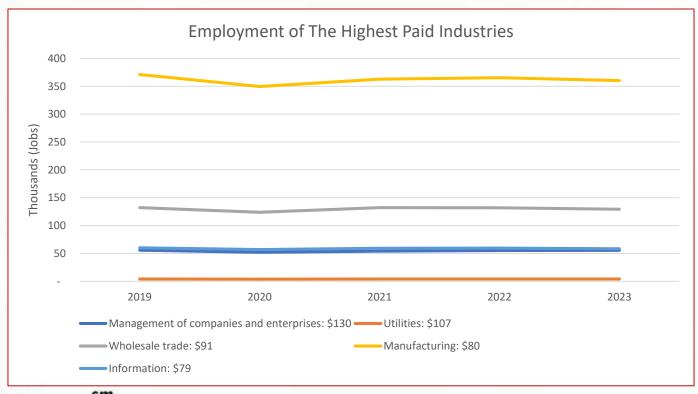
- Industries with largest employment growth rates in 2021
- 2020 2021: 67,208
   jobs increasing in the
   top 5 fast growing
   industries







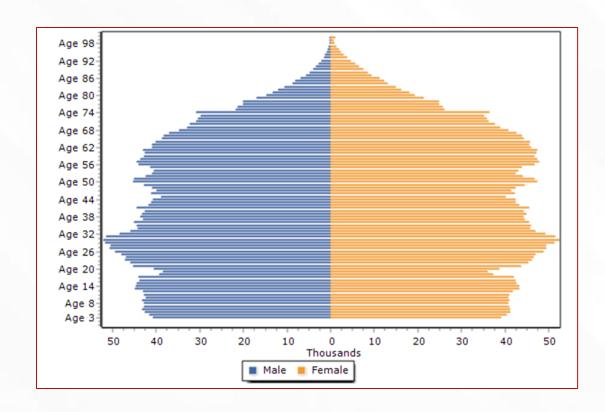
 Industries with highest average annual compensation rates in 2021





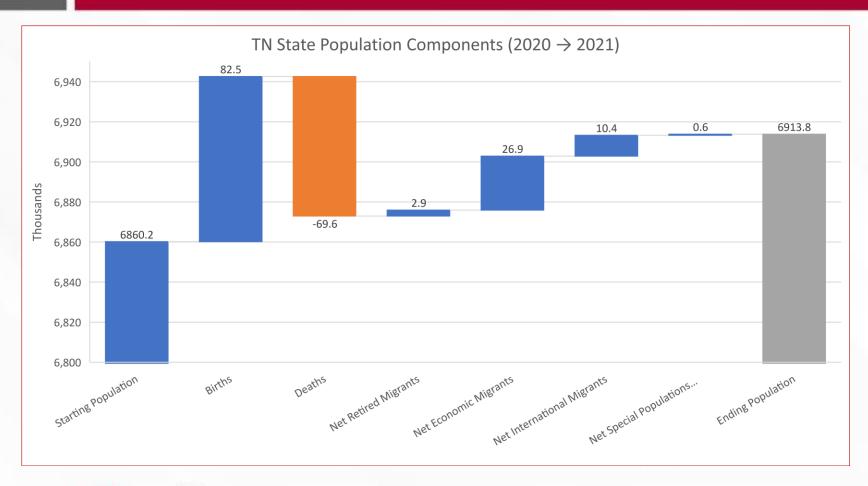


- Year 2021
- Near stationary



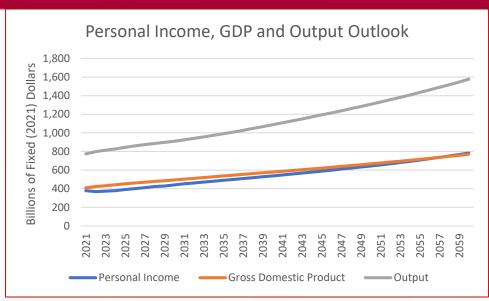


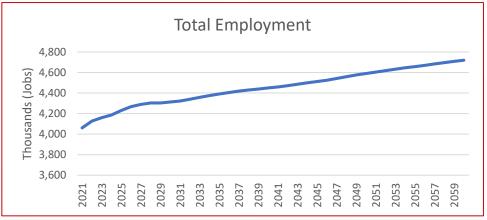




## Long-Term Outlook: Tennessee REMI

- Years 2021-2060
- Average growth / year
  - Personal income: 1.9%
  - GDP: 1.7%
  - Output: 1.9%
  - Total employment: 21 thousand jobs

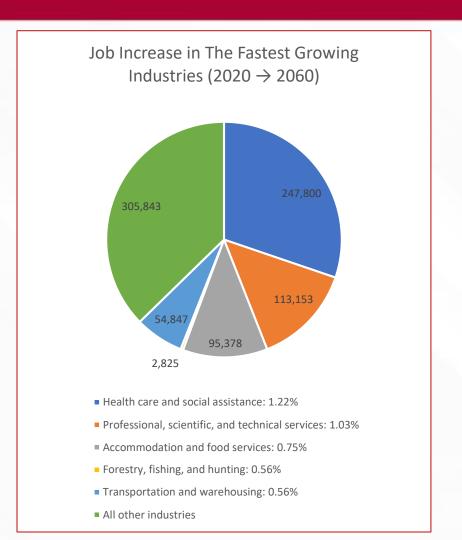








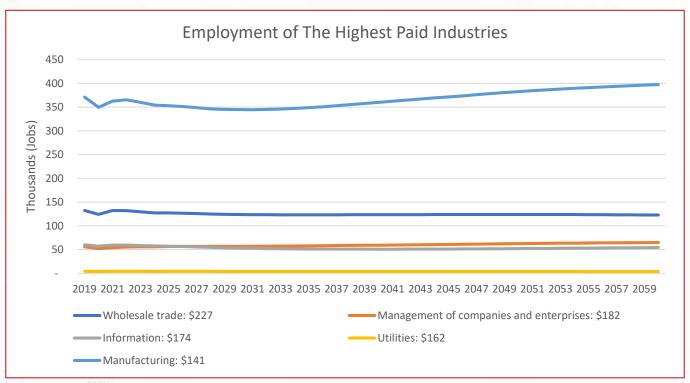
- Industries with fastest employment increasing
- 2020 2060: 514,003 jobs increasing in the top 5 fast growing industries

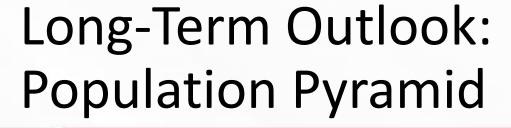






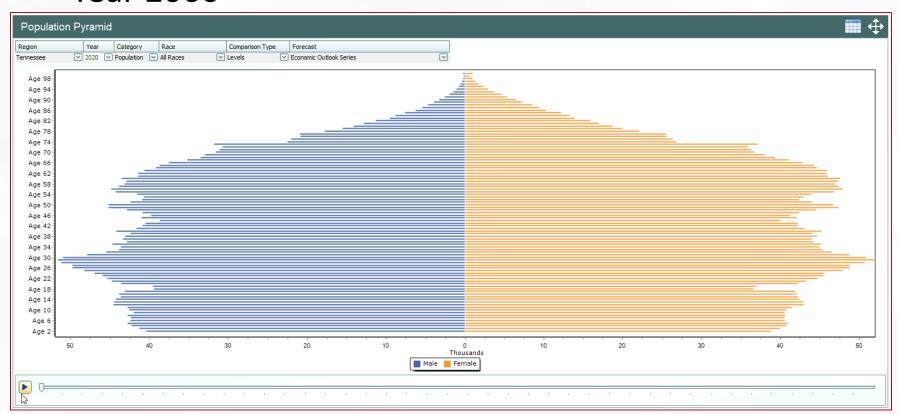
Employment of industries with highest average annual compensation rates in 2060

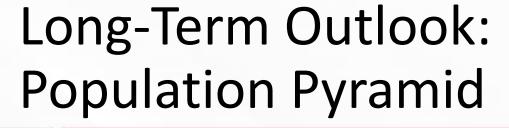






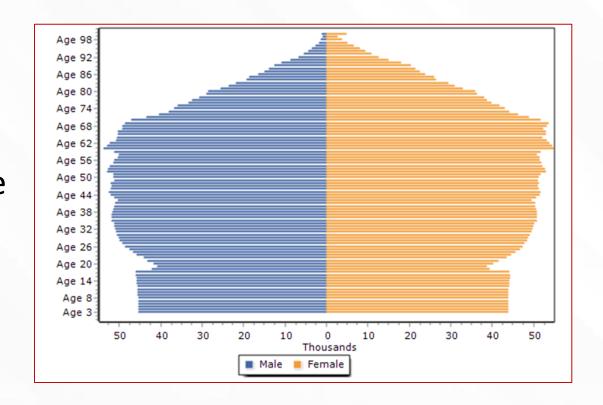
Year 2060





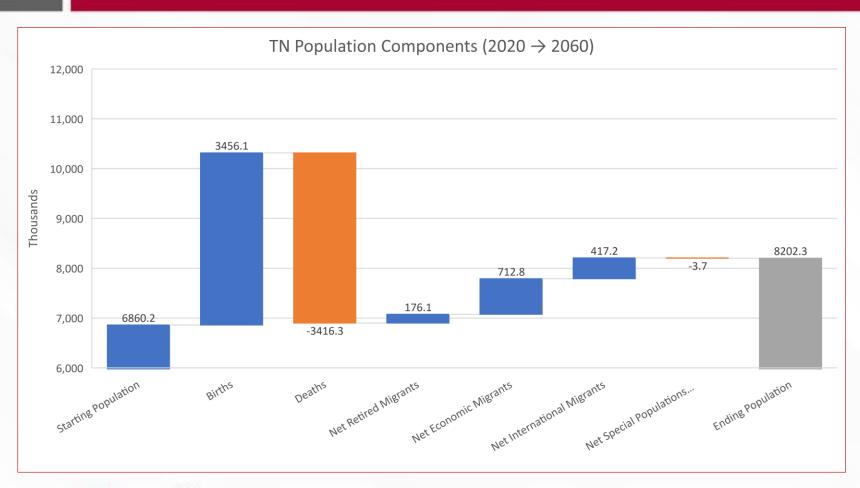


- Year 2060
- More constrictive





### **Population Components**





### Model Demonstration



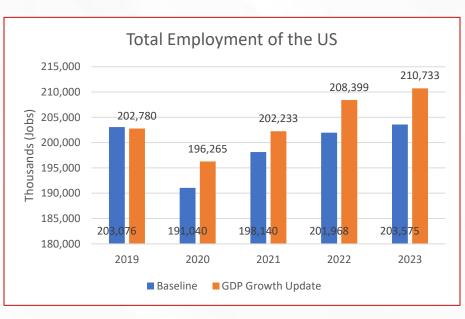
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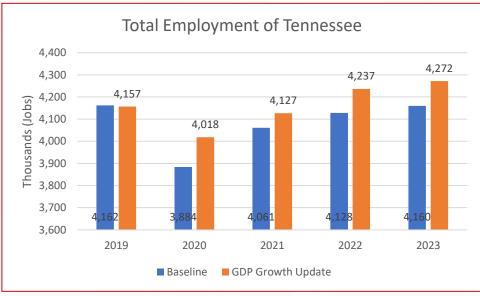
- Optimistic Outlook
  - Baseline Total employment slowly comes back accompanied by steady growth
  - Uncertainty
    - large pent-up consumer demand
    - supports of vaccine
    - stimulus checks
- Macroeconomic update
  - Increase GDP growth rate by 2%
- Total Employment
  - The US vs Tennessee



#### Optimistic Outlook

#### Year 2019-2023







#### Conclusion

- Economic forecasts can be difficult
  - The outbreak of COVID-19
  - The election of a new president
  - General uncertainty about the economy
- REMI can help
  - Forecasts: Macroeconomic modeling used to clarify,
     calculate, and communicate
  - Simulations: "what-if?" scenarios
  - Dynamic results



## Q&A

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