

## About Kingsport



Kingsport has a legacy of business and commerce that dates to the early 19th century when the location was a key shipping port for traders navigating the Holston River. Fast forward 100 years to 1917, and the city is re-chartered using a “Garden City” urban design – soon to become headquarters for a future FORTUNE 500 company called Tennessee Eastman Corporation.

Today, Kingsport is recognized as the economic and geographic center of the Tri-Cities (which includes Sullivan County, TN, Johnson City, TN, and Bristol, TN/VA.), and Eastman Chemical Company is one of

the largest private employers in the state.

Kingsport is also known for its cultural and recreational events. Named a Top-20 July Event by the Southeast Tourism Society, the city’s nine-day Fun Fest is a signature occasion, featuring more than 100 activities and events with an annual attendance of 180,000.

Kingsport also harbors many historical hot spots, including Exchange Place, a living history farm of the early 1800s, and The Netherland Inn, the only registered historical site in the nation that was once both a stage stop and a boatyard.

And these are just the highlights.

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- Top Employers
- Workforce
- Colleges/Universities
- Local Schools
- Quality of Life

\* List only includes manufacturing companies

### **Eastman Chemical Co.**

200 S. Wilcox Drive PO Box 431 Kingsport, TN 37662

423-229-2000

<http://www.eastman.com/>

Number of Employees: 6800

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### **BAE Systems Ordinance Systems**

4509 W. Stone Drive Kingsport, TN 37660

423-578-6000

<http://www.holston2025.com/>

Number of Employees: 517

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**AGC Flat Glass N.A.**

1400 Lincoln Street PO Box 929 Kingsport, TN 37662

423-229-7200

<http://www.afgglass.com/>

Number of Employees: 450

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**Domtar, Inc.**

100 Clinchfield Street Kingsport, TN 37660

423-247-7111

<http://www.domtar.com>

Number of Employees: 330

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**Kingsport Publishing Corp.**

701 Lynn Garden Drive Kingsport, TN 37660

423-246-8121

<http://www.timesnews.net/>

Number of Employees: 203

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**Portola Packaging, Inc.**

408 Tilthammer Drive Kingsport, TN 37660

423-246-3732

<http://www.portpack.com/>

Number of Employees: 105

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**Leclerc**

10444 Wallace Alley Street Kingsport, TN 37663

423-212-2240

<http://www.leclerc.ca/en/index.php>

Number of Employees: 55

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**C & F Group**

10388 Airport Parkway Blountville, TN 37617

<http://www.cftooling.ie>

Number of Employees: 55

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**Airgas Mid America**

440 Industry Drive PO Box 178 Kingsport, TN 37662

423-247-7193

<http://www.airgas.com>

Number of Employees: 51

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**Taylor Brands, LLC**

1043 Fordtown Road Kingsport, TN 37663

423-247-2406

<http://www.taylorbrandsllc.com>

Number of Employees: 43