

## ECONOMIC DISTRESS ANALYSIS

42 U.S.C §3161 contains the Federal criteria for determining whether an area is "economically distressed." In order to be considered economically distressed, an area must meet one (1) or more of the following criteria:

- (1) The area has a per capita income of 80 percent (80%) or less than the national average;
- (2) The area has an employment rate that is, for the most recent 24-month period, at least one percent greater than the national average.
- (3) The area has been specially designated because of a special need arising from severe unemployment or economic adjustment patterns.

### Analysis:

Lake County, Dyer County, and Obion County are each economically distressed because the per capita income of each county less than 80% of the national average. The latest estimates for per capita income were performed for 2006 and were determined by the State of Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations. Lake County's profile is found [here](#). Dyer County's profile is found [here](#). Obion County's profile is found [here](#).

Per Capita Income in 2006 for the United States is found [here](#).

### Lake County Tennessee:

Lake County's Per Capita Income = \$17,085.00  
U.S. Per Capita Income . . . . . = \$36,276.00

Lake County = 47.1% which is 32.9% lower than 80% of the National Average.

### Dyer County Tennessee:

Dyer County's Per Capita Income = \$27,778.00  
U.S. Per Capita Income . . . . . = \$36,276.00

Dyer County = 76.66% which is 3.34% lower than 80% of the National Average.

Obion County Tennessee:

Obion County's Per Capita Income = \$28,316.00

U.S. Per Capita Income . . . . . = \$36,276.00

Obion County = 78.06% which is 1.94% lower than 80% of the National Average.

Each of Lake, Dyer and Obion County are "economically distressed" in according to 42. U.S.C § 3161, by reason of per capita income.