



# Tennessee

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## The Essential Role of Architects in Tennessee

### Building a Safer, Stronger, and More Prosperous Future

The American Institute of Architects, Tennessee (AIA TN) champions the essential role of architects in designing better communities and a better world. Our 1,600 members are dedicated professionals who contribute significantly to the safety, well-being, and economic vitality of our state.

#### Protecting Public Health, Safety, and Welfare

##### Licensed Professionals Ensuring Safety

- Architects are licensed by the state to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public in the design, construction, alteration, and maintenance of buildings and structures. This is their paramount responsibility.

##### Adherence to Building Codes

- Architects meticulously refer to local and state building codes to ensure that all projects adhere to the most up-to-date safety and functionality standards. They work with authorities having jurisdiction, such as the State Fire Marshal's Office, to ensure compliance.

##### Designing Safe and Resilient Building

- Architects design functional and safe spaces that consider factors like emergency evacuation, structural integrity, and user comfort. They also design buildings to anticipate future threats like storms and flooding, enhancing community resilience.

##### Promoting Health and Well-being

- Architects are invested in delivering buildings and environments that contribute to both the physical and mental well-being of communities. This includes considering safer materials, navigating building codes, and coordinating design teams to meet or exceed required standards.

#### Driving Economic Growth

##### Job Creation and Economic Impact

- The design and construction industry supports thousands of jobs and contributes billions to the Tennessee economy. Each project creates work for architects, engineers, contractors, sub-contractors, and many others.

##### Attracting Investment and Boosting Property Values

- Smart design by architects attracts businesses, boosts property values, and reduces long-term costs for taxpayers.
- Streamlining Development and Saving Taxpayer Dollars
- Architects help streamline permitting and approval processes, ensuring responsible development without unnecessary bureaucracy and preventing costly infrastructure mistakes.

##### Investing in Infrastructure and Long-Term Productivity

- Investment in building projects designed by architects yields dividends in private sector investment and long-term productivity growth.
- Preserving Local Identity and Strengthening Communities
- Architects protect historically significant structures and design livable communities that attract families and businesses.