

2023 SCOTT COUNTY PROFILE



POPULATION

Total County Population:

2020: 23,576

Incorporated Towns:

Clinchport ----- 64 Duffield -----83
 Dungannon -----295 Gate City-----1,836
 Nickelsville-----354 Weber City ---1,190

Population Age Breakdown: (2020)

Persons under 5 years-----4.1%
 Persons under 18 years-----17.8%
 Persons 65+-----24.9%

Median Age: 47.6

County Area (Square Miles)----- 539

Population Density (Per Sq. Mile)-----43

Population of immediate surrounding
 counties-----375,245

CLIMATE

Average January Temperature ----- 34°
 Average July Temperature ----- 80°

Average Annual Rainfall-----51.75"
 Average Annual Snowfall----- 20.80"

Prevailing winds are from the west to the southwest.

Scott County is considered to be an attainment area for all national air quality standards

EMPLOYMENT

Labor Force: (March 2022)
 County Civilian Labor Force-----9,393
 County Unemployment Rate-----
 3.4%
 Labor Force of Contiguous Areas
 -----92,722

TAXES

	Assessment Ratio	Effective Tax Rate
Real Estate	100%	.80
Machinery & Tools		.90
Personal Property	100%	1.40
Utility Taxes:		
Electric	20% of first \$75.00	
Telephone	20% of first \$25.00	
Gas	20% of first \$75.00	
Local Retail Sales		1%

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

Tempur Production
 Komatsu
 eHealth Technologies
 KVAT Food Stores
 VFP, Inc.
 Nova Healthcare
 Ridgecrest Manor

UTILITIES

Serving the Industrial Park:

Duffield - Water
 Scott County PSA
 Capacity - 500,000 gpd

Duffield-Sewer
 Scott Co. PSA
 Capacity – 500,000 gallons per day

Rate – 100% of water

Dungannon - Water
 Town of Dungannon
 Capacity - 60,000 gpd

Dungannon – Sewer
 Town of Dungannon

Electric

American Electric Power
 12 KV 3-Phase Service

 Powell Valley Electric Co-op
 12 KV 3-Phase Service

Telephone

Scott County Telephone Co-op
 CenturyLink

Both conventional and fiber optic cable facilities are available.

EDUCATION

Scott Co. Schools **2022-23 Enrollment**

Total Enrollment
 Grades Prek-12)..... 3,000

The Scott County School System is fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. It offers programs for gifted students and special education for handicapped students.

Career/Technical School

Vocational/technical training is offered at the Scott County Career and Technical School located in Gate City. A variety of subjects are offered including: welding, sheet-metal work, electronics, carpentry, mechanics, nursing, food services, horticulture, sewing, and cosmetology.

Community Colleges

Mountain Empire Community College, located in Big Stone Gap, Virginia, and Southwest Virginia Community College, located in Richlands, Virginia, offer two-year degree programs in technical and occupational subjects, and the first two years of college level subjects in the arts and sciences. Day and evening classes are available on and off campus.

Both community colleges contract with new and existing industry to train employees and have personnel on staff to work with business and industry.

Higher Education

University of Va at Wise, Wise, VA
Emory & Henry College - Emory, VA
VA Polytechnic Institute - Blacksburg, VA
Radford University - Radford, VA
King College - Bristol, TN
Virginia Intermont College - Bristol, VA
East TN State Univ. - Johnson City, TN
Milligan College - Johnson City, TN
Lincoln Memorial Univ. - Harrogate, TN
Univ. of TN - Knoxville, TN

All colleges listed are within three hours driving time from Scott County.

QUALITY OF LIFE

Health Care

- Scott County residents have access to four hospitals in the adjacent Tri-Cities area, and five facilities in neighboring counties. There are seven community clinics and three nursing homes. The area is served by numerous specialists, as well as, general practitioners.

Hotels/Meeting Rooms

- Appalachian Mtn. Cabins
- Pap Paws Cabin
- Boone's Point Cabins
- Close Quarters AirBnB
- Natural Tunnel State Park Cabins
- Roberts Mill Suites
- Estillville Bed & Breakfast

Libraries

Scott County is a part of the Lonesome Pine Regional Library system. The County Public Library has over 84,000 volumes.

Recreation

- Outdoor opportunities abound at the Natural Tunnel State Park, Scott County Park & Golf Course, Grogan Park in Gate City, Weber City Recreation Complex, Duffield Recreation Complex, Bush Mill, Keith Memorial Park in Nickelsville, Bark Camp Lake, the Jefferson National Forest, the High Knob Recreation Areas, and the Clinch and Holston Rivers.

- Organized community recreational programs are available year around for the entire family.

- Carter's Fold, the birthplace of country music, holds weekly shows featuring traditional Appalachian music.

- Cultural activities in the area include the Siege at the Blockhouse, Clinch Mountain MusicFest, Nickelsville Days, Mountain Treasures Festival, the Carter Fold Annual Festival, Duffield Daze, the Papa Joe Smiddy Mtn. Music Festival, Bush Mill Day, Scott Co. Horse Assoc. events, Christmas parades, and a variety of drama, music, and sports events.

Religion

- There are over 100 churches in the county representing most Protestant denominations and the Roman Catholic faith. A Jewish Synagogue is located nearby in Blountville, TN.

TRANSPORTATION

Highways

Scott County is served by five primary highways: U.S. 23, U.S. 58, I-26, VA 65, VA 71, and VA 72.

Interstates

I-26 ----- 1 Mile
I-81 ----- 25 Miles
I-75 ----- 60 Miles

Air

Commercial Air Service

Tri-Cities Regional Airport, in Blountville, TN, is approximately 35 miles from Scott County. Airline service is provided by USAir, Delta, Allegiant Air, and American Airlines.

General Aviation Service

Lonesome Pine Airport in Wise, VA, 35 miles from Duffield, is equipped with a 5,408 ft. runway, medium intensity lighting with VASI-beacon lights, radar coverage from Indianapolis Air Traffic Control, and instrument approaches for inclement weather.

Railroads

CSX Transportation
Norfolk Southern Railway

Trucking

More than 30 motor freight carriers have terminals in Scott County or within a 30-mile radius. Sample list: Estes Express, Roadway Express, and ARA/Smith's. Overnight services are available through UPS, Federal Express, and RPS.

INDUSTRIAL-BUSINESS-TECH PARKS

Scott County Regional Business & Technology Park – Duffield

65 acres available

Riverside Development, Weber City
92 acres available

Scott County Industrial Park

Dungannon -----25.00 acres available

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