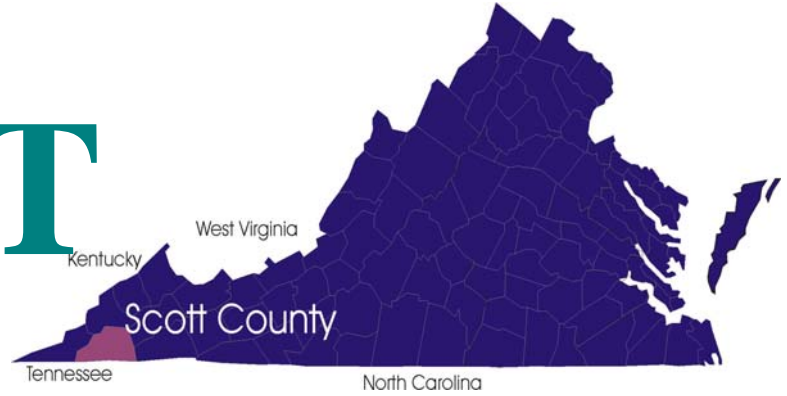


2005 SCOTT COUNTY PROFILE



POPULATION

Total County Population:
 2000: 23,403
 1990: 23,204
 1980: 25,068
 1970: 24,376

Incorporated Towns:
 Clinchport77 Duffield62
 Dungannon . .317 Gate City..2,159
 Nickelsville. .448
 Weber City...1,333

Population Projections:
 2010: 21,665

Population Age Breakdown: (2000)
 0-17. . . .4,821 18-24. . . .1,755
 25-44 . . .6,389 45-64. . .6,272
 65+. . . .4,031 Median age: 41.4

County Area (Square Miles): 539

Population Density (Per Sq. Mile):
 43

Population of immediate surrounding counties: 344,468

CLIMATE

Average January Temperature: 36°
 Average July Temperature: 74°
 Average Annual Rainfall: 30 inches
 Average Annual Snowfall: 9 inches

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 (December 2005):
Civilian Labor Force.9,889
Unemployment Rate.5.0%

Labor force of contiguous areas
161,666

Employment by Industry (Second quarter 2005):
 Natural Resources & Mining82
 Construction120
 Manufacturing.751
 Trade, Transportation, Utilities ..1,159
 Financial Activities135
 Professional & Business Services .106
 Education & Health Services . . .1,358
 Information86
 Leisure & Hospitality408
 Other Services129
 Public Administration287
 Total4,621

COUNTY TAXES

	Assessment Ratio *	Effective Tax
Rate		
Real Estate	75.2%	.42
Machinery & Tools	100%	.72
Personal Property	90%	.65
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

	#Employees
Joy Mining Machinery, Inc.	150
VFP, Inc.	140
Gilbert NS Lumber	78
Tempur Production, U.S.A.	290

UTILITIES

Serving the Industrial Parks:

Water
 Scott County PSA
 Capacity - 500,000 gpd
 Rate - \$3.10/1000 gallons

Town of Dungannon
 Capacity - 100,000 gpd
 Rate - \$3.10/1,000 gallons

Sewer
 Scott County PSA
 Capacity - 500,000 gpd
 Rate - 120% of water

Electric
 American Electric Power
 12 KV 3 Phase Service
 Rate ¢3.89/kWh for
 1,000kW
 @400,000KWh/Mo.

Powell Valley Electric Co-op
 12 KV 3 Phase Service

Telephone
 Scott Co. Telephone Co-op.

Both conventional and fiber-optic cable facilities are available.

*Virginia statutes require reassessments to be made at 100 percent of fair market value. However, because of rising real estate values and most localities reassessing only periodically, actual assessment ratios are usually lower than 100 percent. Each year, the Virginia Department of Taxation examines real estate transactions, comparing real estate assessments effective on the date of the property's sale with the selling price of the property. The Tax Department's ratios of assessed values to selling prices for 2003 are shown in this data. They represent the best measures of actual assessment ratios in Virginia localities.

EDUCATION

Fall 2004 Enrollment

10 Elementary & Middle	2,491
3 High Schools	1,232

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.

Vocational/Technical School

Vocational/technical training is offered at the Scott County Vocational School located in Gate City. A variety of subjects are offered including welding, sheetmetal work, electronics, carpentry, mechanics, nursing, food services, 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

UVA's College 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
Lincoln Memorial Univ., Harrogate TN
Univ. Of Tennessee, 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 three community clinics and two nursing homes. The area is served by six dentists, six physicians, and one optometrist.

Hotels/Meeting Rooms

– The Ramada Inn in the Duffield Industrial Park has 102 rooms and meeting and dining facilities. Five other facilities offer meeting rooms.

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, Bark Camp Lake, the Jefferson National Forest and the High Knob Recreation Area.
– Organized community recreational programs are available year round for the entire family.
– The Carter Fold, the birthplace of country music, holds weekly shows featuring traditional Appalachian music.
– Cultural activities in the area include the annual County Fair, the Tobacco Festival, and a variety of drama, music and sports events.

Religion

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

Shopping

– There are three shopping centers within the county. Within a 30-mile radius, 15 shopping centers and two malls can be found.

TRANSPORTATION

Highways

Scott County is served by five primary highways US 23, 58 and VA 65, 71, 72.

Interstates

I-181	22 Miles
I-81	33 Miles
I-75	48 Miles

Air

Commercial Air Service

Tri-Cities Regional Airport in Blountville, TN, is approximately 33 miles from Scott County. Airline service is provided by US Air, Atlantic Southeast and ComAir (Delta connections), and American Airlines.

General Aviation Service

Lonesome Pine Airport in Wise, VA, 35 miles from Duffield, is equipped with a 5,400 ft. runway, medium intensity lighting with fasi-beacon lights, radar coverage from Indianapolis Air Traffic Control, and instrument approaches for inclement weather.

Railroads

CSX Transportation
Norfolk Southern Railway

Trucking

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

INDUSTRIAL PARKS

***Duffield Regional Industrial Park**
Duffield36.9 acres available

Scott County Industrial Park
Dungannon36.75 acres available

***e-Corridor Regional Park/Southwest, Duffield—65 acres available**

**Designated as a VA Enterprise Zone*