

# 2022 SCOTT COUNTY PROFILE



## POPULATION

Total County Population:

2020: 21,576

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 years + -----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 ----- 2.7%  
 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  
 VFP, Inc.  
 eHealth Technologies  
 KVAT Food Stores  
 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**                      **2020-21 Enrollment**

Total Enrollment  
 Grades Prek-12)..... 3,377

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
- Travel Inn
- Natural Tunnel State Park Cabins
- Roberts Mill Suites
- Estillville Bed & Breakfast
- Roberts Mill Suites

### 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, 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**  
55 acres available

**Riverside Development, Weber City**  
92 acres available

**Scott County Industrial Park**  
Dungannon ----- 25.00 acres available

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