

***Scott County**
Land Area: 537 square miles
Population (2000): 23, 403

Scott County sits on the border of Virginia and Tennessee, and together with Lee and Wise Counties and Norton city makes up Lewanisco, planning district I of Virginia. The heartland of Scott County is made up of forested hills and pastured hollows that are drained by multitude tributaries of two scenic rivers. The interior is bounded by Powell Mountain to the north and Clinch Mountain to the south. According to 2000 census data, approximately 23,403 residents live in Scott County, 98.26% of whom are white. The county seat is in Gate City, a community of just over 2,000 people. Other towns in Scott County include Clinchport (pop. 77), Duffield (pop. 62), Dungannon (pop. 317), (pop. 448), and Weber City (pop. 1,333). Notable figures from Scott County include June Carter Cash, and the former Attorney General of Virginia, Jerry Kilgore.

Dominant sectors of the Scott County economy include manufacturing, service industries, trade, agriculture, and transfer income (retirement pensions, disability income, and welfare benefits). In 2008, the largest employers in the county were the school board, Tempur Production (mattress production), Joy Technologies (mining equipment), Gilbert NS Lumber, and KVT Food Stores (grocery distributors). As part of Virginia's e-Region, Scott County has been part of an effort by the Virginia Coalfield Economic Development Authority (VCEDA) to diversify the regional economy and develop as a center for emerging technologies.

Employment By Industry	Scott County	Virginia
Agriculture, Forestry, Mining, Fishing, Hunting	4.2%	1.3%
Construction	8.9%	7.3%
Manufacturing	21.3%	11.3%
Retail and Wholesale Trade	16.9%	14.1%
Transportation and Warehousing and Utilities	4.6%	4.6%
Information	2.1%	3.8%
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate, Rental and Leasing	4.0%	6.6%
Professional, Scientific, Management, Administrative, and Waste Management Services	4.9%	11.6%
Education, Health, and Social Services	18.7%	18.3%
Arts, Entertainment, Recreation, Accommodation and Food Services	5.6%	7.2%
Public Administration	4.0%	8.3%
Other Services	4.9%	5.4%

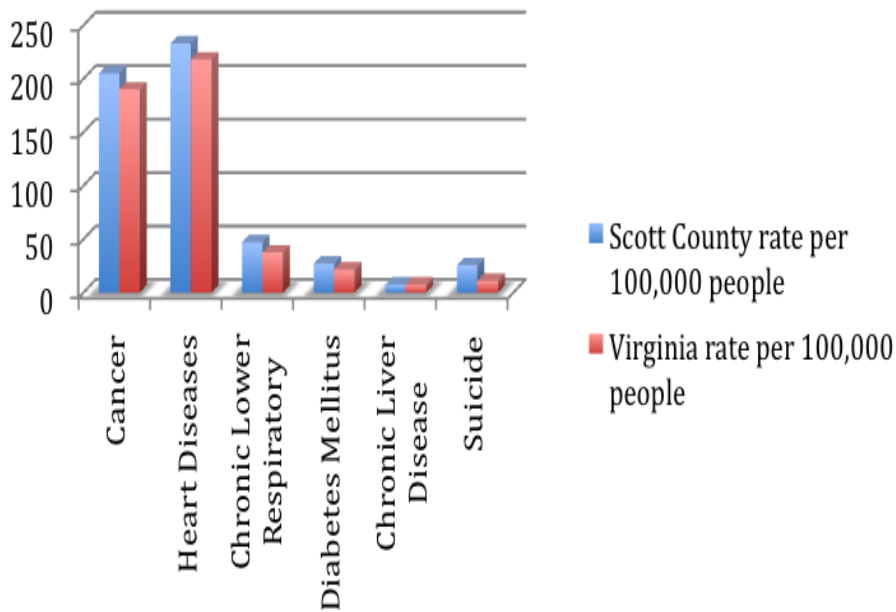
The population of Scott County is less prosperous than the population of Virginia, and poverty is an issue. Scott County's poverty rate is 75% higher than the Virginia poverty rate and the per capita income of Scott Countians is only 63% of the per capita income of Virginians. The median household income is \$46,498 (compared to \$59,575 in Virginia), and 16.8% of the population lives below the poverty line. Relatively fewer people are enrolled in the labor force in Scott County than in Virginia and far fewer people in Scott County have completed high school than in Virginia as a whole. Just 64.4% of adults completed high school, and 8.3% have a college degree (relative to Virginia rates of 75.2% and 29.5% respectively). Unemployment was 9.1% at the beginning of 2009.

Economic Indicators	Scott County	Virginia
Population with Medicaid (2004)	21.4%	10.8%
Poverty Rate (2000)	16.8%	9.6%
Per Capita Income (2000)	\$15,073	\$23,975
Population Aged 16+ in Labor Force (2000)	51.5%	66.8%
Population Aged 25+ w/o High School Diploma (2000)	35.6%	18.5%

The total pregnancy rate for women aged 15-44 in Scott County is 34% lower than in Virginia, and the teen pregnancy rate is 15% lower than the Virginia rate. Babies born to Scott County residents are 20% less likely to be low birth weight than babies born to residents of Virginia. Women in Scott County are 6% less likely to start prenatal care during the first trimester. The infant mortality rate in Scott County is 46% higher than the corresponding rate in Virginia.

Death rates from several common causes are higher in Scott County than in Virginia - e.g., heart disease (+7%), cancer (+8%), stroke (+8%), chronic lower respiratory diseases (+3%), unintentional injury (+44%), pneumonia and influenza (+11%), diabetes mellitus (+25%), and suicide (+131%). Death rates from other common causes are lower in Scott County than in Virginia : septicemia (-58%), nephritis and nephrosis (-33%), chronic liver disease (-3%), and Alzheimer's disease (-1%).

Age Adjusted Mortality Rates



Population Health	Scott	Virginia
Disabled Population, Ages 5-20 (2000)	8.1%	8.1%
Disabled Population, Ages 21-64 (2000)	28.6%	17.5%
Disabled Population, Ages 65+ (2000)	54.4%	42.1%
Age Adjusted Death Rate Per 100,000 Population (1998 - 2002 avg.) - Diseases of the Heart	233.0	218.0
Age Adjusted Death Rate Per 100,000 Population (1998 - 2002 avg.) - Malignant Neoplasms	205.3	190.0
Age Adjusted Death Rate Per 100,000 Population (1998 - 2002 avg.) - Cerebrovascular Diseases	63.2	58.3
Age Adjusted Death Rate Per 100,000 Population (1998 - 2002 avg.) - COPD	40.3	39.2
Age Adjusted Death Rate Per 100,000 Population (1998 - 2002 avg.) - Unintentional Injury	47.2	32.8
Age Adjusted Death Rate Per 100,000 Population (1998 - 2002 avg.) - Pneumonia and Influenza	25.2	22.7
Age Adjusted Death Rate Per 100,000 Population (1998 - 2002 avg.) -	27.1	21.7

Diabetes Mellitus		
Age Adjusted Death Rate Per 100,000 Population (1998 - 2002 avg.) - Suicide	25.6	11.1
Age Adjusted Death Rate Per 100,000 Population (1998 - 2002 avg.) - Septicemia	6.5	15.4
Age Adjusted Death Rate Per 100,000 Population (1998 - 2002 avg.) - Nephritis and Nephrosis	10.4	15.6
Age Adjusted Death Rate Per 100,000 Population (1998 - 2002 avg.) - Chronic Liver Disease/Cirrhosis	7.5	7.7
Age Adjusted Death Rate Per 100,000 Population (1998 - 2002 avg.) - Alzheimers Disease	15.7	15.9
Total Pregnancy Terminations (Residents) Per 1,000 Females Aged 15-44 (1998 - 2002 avg.)	54.8	82.6
Teenage Pregnancies Per 1,000 Females Aged 10-19 (1998 - 2002 avg.)	26.6	31.3
Percent of Resident Live Births Beginning Prenatal Care in 1st Trimester (1998 - 2002 avg.)	80.1%	84.8%
Low Weight Live Births as a Percent of Total Births (1998 - 2002 avg.)	6.3%	7.9%
Resident Infant Deaths Per 1,000 Lives Births (1998 - 2002 avg.)	10.5	7.2

In Scott County, access to healthcare is limited by both geographic and economic barriers. The county does not have a hospital, and the nearest medical facilities are located in Kingsport, Tennessee. Another hospital, Wellmont Bristol Medical Center, is located 28 miles south of the county. Five clinics in the county provide basic immunization services, pre-natal care, and some pediatric care. Distance is compounded by lack of health insurance; approximately 14.1% of Scott County residents are entirely without health insurance, in contrast to 12.5% of Virginians.

Given the lack of hospital facilities, it is not surprising that there are few health care providers that practice in the county. The shortages are particularly acute in specialty care. For every 10,000 people there are only 4.8 physicians, in contrast to the state average of 27. Only six dentists practice in the county, an average of 1.7 per 10,000 people. The number of nurses is slightly higher than the national average, at 90 per 10,000 people. Although substance abuse rates are high in the county, substance abuse and mental health resources are scarce. There are no psychologists that work in the county. The relative poverty and poor health status of the population indicate the need for improved access to primary and specialty care in Scott County.

Provider Type	Number of Current Licenses	Number of Expired Licenses	Scott County Average per 10,000 people	Virginia Average per 10,000 people*
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Physicians	50	2	4.8	27
Nurses (incl. RN, LPN, NP)	765	53	90	72.4
Physician Assistants	0	0	0	1
Dentists	4	0	1.7	5.8
Pharmacists	25	1	10.9	6.2
Psychologists	0	0	0	3.0

Links

Scott County - <http://www.scottcountyva.com/>

Scott County - <http://www.lenowisco.org/>

Scott County - <http://www.vaswpromise.com/>

Lenowisco Health District - <http://www.vdh.state.va.us/lhd/lenowisco/index.htm>

Graduate Medical Education Consortium-

<http://www.uvawise.edu/gmec/community.html>

Scott County Health Care Resources

Regional Hospitals

- Holston Medical Group
1754 Us Highway 23 N Weber City, VA 24290-7071
Local: 276-386-9771

Community Health Centers

- Physician's Access
Attn: Richard Norton
134 Cecil Quillen Drive Duffield, VA 24244
(540) 431-2678
- Clinch River Health Services
7633 Veterans Memorial Hwy., Suite 101, Dungannon, VA 24245
Phone: 276-467-2201
Fax: 276 467-2673
- Chan Allen Doctor of Medicine
1754 Us Highway 23 North Weber City, VA 24290-7071
(276) 386-9771

Free Clinics

Health Department

- Scott County Health Department
112 Beech Street, Suite 1 Gate City, Virginia 24251
276-386-1312
FAX: 276-386-2116

Department of Social Services

- Scott County Department of Social Services
Gary Blankenbecler, Director
190 Beech Street, Suite 101 P.O. Box 637 Gate City, VA 24251-0637
(276) 386-3631
(276) 386-6031 (FAX)

Telemedicine Sites

- Dungannon: Clinch River Health Services
17633 Veterans Memorial Hwy Ste 101
Dungannon, VA 24245
276-467-2201
- Scott County Health Department
112 Beech St, Suite 1 Gate City, VA 24251
276-386-1312
FAX: 276-386-2116

Home Health Care

- Olsten Health Services
Attn: Cindy Price
101 US Highway 23 N
Gate City, VA 24251
(540) 386 – 9007
- AMEDISYS HOME HEALTH CARE
137 Fugate Street, Suite 103, Duffield, VA 24244
(276-431-1540)

Nursing Homes

- Ridgecrest Manor Nursing Home
Attn: Jim Strom
PO box 280 Duffield, VA 24244
(540) 431-2841

Hospice Facilities

Pharmacies

- Broadwater Drug
Attn: B J Broadwater
PO Box 2247 Gate City, VA 24251
(540) 386-3482
- Weber City Drug
Attn: Larry Snapp
166 E Jackson St Weber City, VA 24290
(540) 386-3821
- Clinch River Pharmacy
Hwy 65 Dungannon, VA 24245-
(276) 467-2469
- CVS Pharmacy
241 Gateway Plz Gate City, VA 24251-3350
(276) 386-6644
- CVS Pharmacy
101 Us Highway 23 S Gate City, VA 24251-3806
(276) 386-4053
- Food City
3004 Us Highway 23 N Weber City, VA 24290-7087
(276) 386-2118
www.foodcity.com
- Scott County Drug
440 Us Highway 23 N Weber City, VA 24290-
(276) 386-3161
- Village Pharmacy
373 Cecil D. Quillen Dr., Ste 102 Duffield, VA 24244
(276) 431-2299

- Food Lion Store
101 Us Highway 23 S Gate City, VA 24251-3806
(276) 386-6650
www.foodlion.com

Alcohol/Drug Abuse and Mental Health Facilities

- Frontier Health Inc Scott County Mental Health Center
378 West Jackson Street Suite 3 Gate City, VA 24251
Rehab Contact Phone: (423) 979-7460
Website: www.frontierhealth.org
- Hillcrest
Duffield, VA 24244-
(276) 431-4760
- Addington Hall
1431 Duff Patt Hwy Duffield, VA 24244-5139
(276) 431-4370
- Odle Karen LPC
17633 Veterans Memorial Hwy Ste 101Dungannon, VA 24245-3929
(276) 467-2201
- Park Place
Duffield, VA 24244-
(276) 431-2640
- Scott County Mental Health Center
175 Military Ln Gate City, VA 24251-2874
(276) 452-1144

Counseling Services

Physicians

- Adkins Steven M MD
1754 Us Highway 23 N Weber City, VA 24290-7071
(276) 386-9771
- Arnette Bryan T MD
1754 Us Highway 23 N Weber City, VA 24290-7071
(276) 386-9771

- Cassel Todd A MD
17633 Veterans Memorial Hwy Ste 101 Dungannon, VA 24245-3929
(276) 467-2201

- Demotts Gregory L
142 Meade Ave Nickelsville, VA 24271-
(276) 479-2201

- Franklin Lauren B MD
1754 Us Highway 23 N Weber City, VA 24290-7071
(276) 386-9771

- Geer Robert M MD
1754 Us Highway 23 N Weber City, VA 24290-7071
(276) 386-9771

- Holston Medical Group
1754 Us Highway 23 N Weber City, VA 24290-7071
(276) 386-9771
www.holstonmedicalgroup.com

- Holston Medical Group
198 Ross Carter Blvd Duffield, VA 24244-
(276) 431-2648
www.holstonmedicalgroup.com

- Merkel Fred A DO
153 Ross Carter Blvd Duffield, VA 24244-
(276) 431-2648

- Michael Gary E MD
17633 Veterans Memorial Hwy Ste 101 Dungannon, VA 24245-3929
(276) 467-2201

- Mitchell Sabrina L Fnp
17633 Veterans Memorial Hwy Ste 101 Dungannon, VA 24245-3929
(276) 467-2201

- Mountain Region Family Medicine PC
Gate City, VA 24251-
(276) 386-3411

- Sapling Grove
1754 Us Highway 23 N Weber City, VA 24290-7071
(276) 386-9771
www.holstonmedicalgroup.com
- Vaughn Jeffrey R MD
155 Shady Elm Ln Weber City, VA 24290-7299
(423) 392-7790
- Winegar J Bryston MD
198 Ross Carter Blvd Duffield, VA 24244-
(276) 431-2648
- Wolfe James W MD
390 Kane St Gate City, VA 24251-2753
(276) 386-3411
- Clinch River Health Services Inc
17633 Veterans Memorial Hwy Dungannon, VA 24245-3929
(276) 467-2201
- Wilson Larry T MD
1754 Us Highway 23 N Weber City, VA 24290-7071
(276) 386-9771

Optometrists

- Fisher William D OD
228 Us Highway 23 N Weber City, VA 24290-6835
(276) 386-3891

Dental Facilities

- Chaffin, Wray DMD
116 Ravine St. Suite 102 Gate City, VA 24251-3344
(276) 386-6231
- Jeffrey D Montgomery, DDS PC
267 Kane Street, Ste 101 Gate City, VA 24251
(276) 386-6162

- Cone Howard F DDS
100 Ravine St Gate City, VA 24251-3344
(276) 386-3101

Miscellaneous Health Care