



Community Profile County of Warren, Virginia

2020

Location

Warren County is located in the Northern Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. It is bordered by Frederick and Clarke Counties to the north, Fauquier and Rappahannock Counties to the east, Page County to the south, and Shenandoah County to the west. Warren County has a total land area of 217.86 square miles. The rural part of the County contains 207.36 square miles, and the Town of Front Royal covers 10.5 square miles.

Vision

Our community's vision is to maintain and enhance the quality of life for the residents of Warren County. To do so, the quality and character of Warren County's natural resources should be preserved, conserved, and used effectively to ensure that future citizens will enjoy the benefits of these limited resources.

The goals and objectives of the vision are identified in the Vision Statement and County's Comprehensive plan and include mandates that we plan for sustainable growth based on these limited resources. This can be translated to say our annual residential growth rate should be maintained at approximately 2% to no more than 3% annually and our industrial/commercial tax should achieve a level of 30% to 35% of the total assessed value. By doing so, we can provide for quality schools, safety on our roads and in our communities, a balanced tax base, equitable paying jobs, reduced out-of-county commuting, quality recreational facilities, and other social amenities associated with our quality of life expectations.

- <http://www.warrencountyva.net/> Warren Co. Government
- <https://www.warrencountyva.net/government/county-departments/planningandzoning> Planning & Zoning
- <https://www.warrencountyva.net/comprehensive-plan> Warren County Comprehensive Plan
- <https://ecode360.com/9745479> WC Zoning Ordinance
- <https://www.warrencountyva.net/conservation-easement-program> Conservation Easement Program
- <https://warrencountyva.maps.arcgis.com/home/index.html> GIS Mapping & Data Resources
- <http://wceda.com/> Economic Development Authority
- <https://ecode360.com/WA1232> Code of Warren County

County Government

The current County government consists of a five member Board of Supervisors, representing the Shenandoah, North River, South River, Fork, and Happy Creek Magisterial Districts, a County Administrator, various other County offices, a Sheriff's Office, and the Department of Fire and Rescue Services. The County of Warren has 239 full-time employees and 99 part-time employees. Warren County offers a variety of jobs in various industries including agriculture, manufacturing, government, and transportation. The Economic Development Authority provides technical and financial assistance to existing, expanding, and emerging companies to encourage investment in Warren County. Since 1996, Warren County industrial parks have generated more than \$1.8 million in real estate and property taxes annually, more than \$550 million in investments, and created more than 2,600 new jobs.

Demographics

Population Estimate as of July 1st, 2019:	40,164
Median Age: (2018)	40.7
Total Households: (2019)	14,379
Persons Per Household: (2014-2018)	2.69
Total Housing Units: (2017)	16,606
Median Household Income: (2018)	\$68,189
Households with Broadband Internet: (2014-2018)	80.6%

Local Revenue - FY 2019-2020

Estimated Revenue with School Funds	
From Local Sources – Property Taxes	\$72,553,741
From Commonwealth	\$35,193,285
From Federal Government	\$5,562,480
From Non-Revenue Fund Balance	\$2,000,000
From Sanitary Districts – Non-Revenue	\$1,886,750
Total Revenue	\$117,196,256

Approved Tax Rates - FY 2020-2021

Real Estate/Mobile Homes	\$0.655
Tangible Personal Property (TPP)	\$4.00
TPP - Business	\$4.00
TPP - Volunteer Fire & Rescue Squad	\$2.00
TPP - Aircraft	\$0.75
Machinery and Tools/Contract Carrier	\$2.05

*In Warren County
You Will Find:*

- ☀ Superior Quality of Life
- ☀ Quality Education
- ☀ Small Town Environment
- ☀ Spectacular Scenic Views
- ☀ Variety of Parks and Recreation Facilities
- ☀ Low Cost of Living
- ☀ New and Planned Trails along the River
- ☀ Ideal Location



Employment

Top 10 Employers in Warren County	
Employer	Range of Employment
Warren County School System	791 FT/145 PT Total: 936
Valley Health System (WMH)	Total: 470
Family Dollar Services	338 FT/30 PT Total: 368
Warren County Government	239 FT/99 PT Total: 338
Axalta Coating Systems	Total: 318
Interbake Food, LLC	228 FT/75 PT Total: 303
Walmart	178 FT/92 PT Total: 270
Sysco Northeast Regional Dist. Center	259 FT/2 PT Total: 261
Ferguson Enterprises, Inc.	233 FT/19 PT Total: 252
Jackson Furniture Co. of VA.	Total: 190

Samuels Public Library

The Library is located at 330 E. Criser Road, Front Royal and online at www.samuelslibrary.net

Educational Activities

Warren County holds a strong belief in the value of education. Warren County offers enrollment to children from kindergarten through 12th grade. Each facility provides various programs and dedicated teachers to meet the needs of each individual student. All Warren County schools are Professional Learning Communities that maintain individual School Improvement Plans in joint collaboration with the Warren County Strategic Plan and strive to create a shared vision of excellence for students, parents, and all staff. All schools offer networked computer labs with internet access. Warren County schools provide a strong, basic education for those planning to attend college as well as an excellent vocational program. Most schools are fully accredited by the Commonwealth of Virginia Board of Education and all are striving to be by 2020-2021. Their website is www.wcps.k12.va.us.

Elementary Schools

- Five Elementary Schools: A.S. Rhodes, E. Wilson Morrison, Hilda J. Barbour, Leslie Fox Keyser, and Ressie Jeffries
- Basic Instructional Program
- Curriculum based on Virginia Standards of Learning
- Average Student/Teacher Ratio of 13.8 : 1

Middle Schools

- Skyline and Warren County Middle Schools
- Grades 6 - 8
- Team Organization where core subjects are taught by 3 - 5 teachers
- Average Student/Teacher Ratio of 13 : 1

High Schools

- Skyline and Warren County High Schools
- Grades 9 - 12

- 4X4 Semester Block Schedule
- Average Student/Teacher Ratio of 15 : 1
- 2019-2020 Total Graduation Rate: Warren County HS at 95.2% and Skyline HS at 96.6%
- Mountain Vista Governor's School

Total WCPS Enrollment in Grades K - 12 as of June 2020: 5,241 students.

Private Schools

The following private schools are located in Warren County or within a reasonable distance of County residents:

- Randolph-Macon Academy
- Chelsea Academy
- Divinum Auxilium Academy
- Royal Christian Academy
- Front Royal Christian School
- Wakefield Country Day School
- Mountain Laurel Montessori School
- Seton Home Study School

Colleges

Warren County is the home to Christendom College, located at 134 Christendom Drive, Front Royal, which offers 4 year and 2 year degrees (www.christendom.edu). Lord Fairfax Community College and LFCC Workforce Solutions is located 2.3 miles away in Middletown, VA (www.lfcc.edu and www.lfccworkforce.com). Shenandoah University located in the City of Winchester, Frederick County, offers both 4 year and graduate degrees in various areas of study. (<https://www.su.edu/>).

Budgetary Expenditures - FY 2019-2020

Budgetary Expenditures	Budgeted	% of Total
General Government Admin.	\$3,214,872	2.74%
Judicial Administration	\$1,493,988	1.27%
Public Safety	\$12,410,927	10.59%
Public Works	\$5,205,797	4.44%
Health/Welfare	\$6,758,077	5.77%
Education	\$61,944,460	52.86%
Parks, Recreation & Cultural	\$3,888,542	3.32%
Community Development	\$2,636,689	2.25%
Non-Departmental	\$1,617,648	1.38%
Capital Outlay	\$16,138,506	13.77%
Sanitary Districts	\$1,886,750	1.61%
Total Expenditures	\$117,196,256	100.00%

Parks and Recreation

Recreation sites, facilities, and open spaces are important components of Warren County's quality of life. Warren County has an excellent Parks and Recreation system. In 2006, the County adopted a Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Facilities Plan that provides a framework for implementing new programs and facilities. New community parks, playgrounds, and walking and biking trails are being established in the County. A variety of recreation programs are offered for residents, existing parks are being improved, and new parks are planned. To find out more information about our recreation programs. Please visit: www.warrencountyva.net/parks-and-rec or www.parksandrecreation.warrencountyva.net.

Vision Retreat

A primary outcome of this process is the development and affirmation of a new Vision for the future of the County. This Vision was vetted and affirmed by the participants of a Vision Retreat, which convened several community leaders on September 13, 2018 including the Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission to review citizen input and craft the following Vision. The new Vision for the future of Warren County is presented below:

Our Vision

Warren County will be a thriving community that retains its safe, scenic, friendly and inviting character with leadership that puts community first and works cooperatively to:

- * Preserve the quality of our clean water, air, natural resources and scenic landscape;
- * Grow Gradually at a rate that supports the local economy but does not place stress on County services or natural resources. This has historically meant a 2% to 3% annual growth rate.
- * Maintain our small-town character and rural lifestyle while providing quality amenities for shopping, recreation and entertainment;
- * Enhance opportunities for quality wage jobs that allow residents to live, work and raise families in the County;
- * Support an excellent school environment that retains quality teachers and graduates the next generation of leaders;
- * Provide a variety of housing choices to allow our citizens and workforce to live prosperously and age with dignity within their community;
- * Deliver quality services such as fire, safety, and law enforcement, and provide safe and modern road and other infrastructure within a framework of balanced taxes and sound fiscal management.
- * Make Warren County a place of choice in Virginia, where people choose to live, prosper, raise families, grow businesses and stay a lifetime.

Rivers of Opportunity, Mountains of Success

