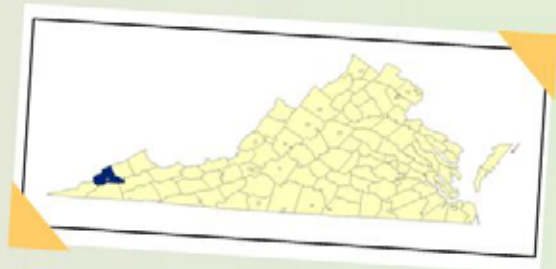


# Wise County

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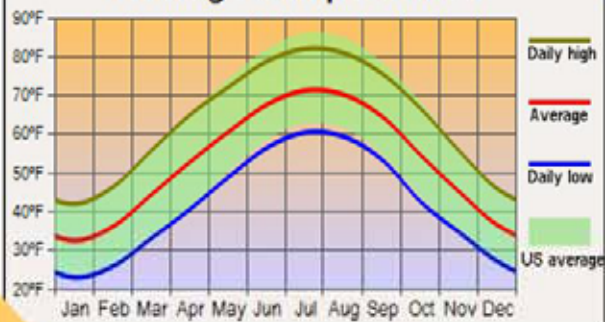
County seat:	Wise
Area:	404 mi <sup>2</sup>
Population (2006):	41,560
Median Age (2006):	37.5
Average Family Size:	2.91
Median Home Value:	\$65,700
Median Household Income (2004):	\$30,203
Unemployment Rate (October 2007):	3.8%
% Employment Growth (2005-2006):	0.8%
Average Commute Time:	23.6 min
Cost-of-Living Index:	87.6*

\* Kingsport/Bristol (the closest reporting metro area)



*Southwest Virginia*

## Average Temperatures



## Geography

Towns & Communities: Andover, Appalachia, Big Stone Gap, Coeburn, East Stone Gap, Exeter, Pound, Saint Paul, Stonega, Wise

Bodies of Water: Big Cherry Reservoir, Clinch River, Pound Lake, Pound River

Major Roads: US 23, US 63, US 68, US 72, US 74, US 78, US 83, US 158, US 160, US 270, US 283

## Climate

Average Temperature	Average Annual Precipitation
January -32°F	Rainfall -46.30 "
July -70°F	Snowfall -37.30 "

2006 Population: 41,560

**Gender Distribution:**

Male - 48.6%  
Female - 51.4%

**Ethnic Distribution:**

White - 93.5%  
Black - 5.5%  
American Indian - 0.2%  
Asian - 0.4%  
Native Pacific Islander - 0%  
Other - 0.4%  
Hispanic (of any race) - 1.0%

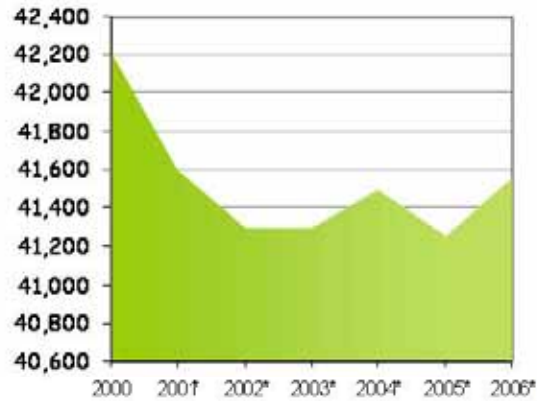
**Marital Status (Ages 15+):**

Never Married - 21.0%  
Married - 59.1%  
Separated/Divorced - 11.5%  
Widowed - 8.5%

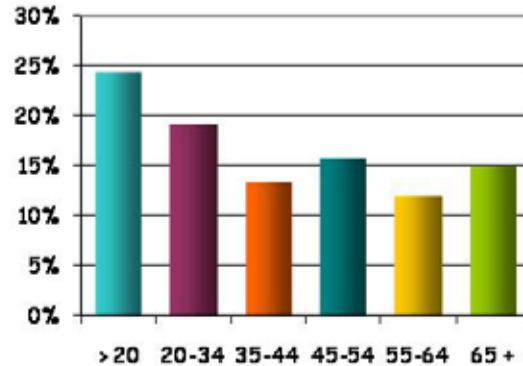
**Households:**

Families - 71.9%  
Families w/ Children - 34.3%  
Living Alone - 25.5%

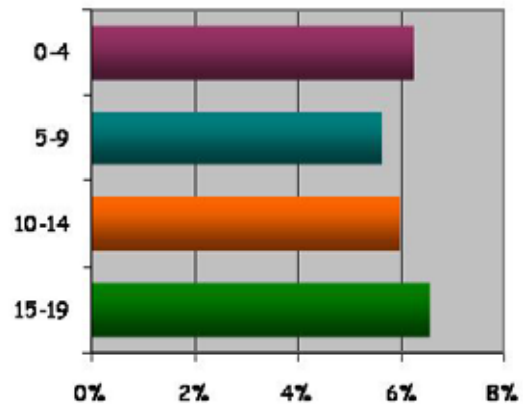
**Population**



**Distribution by Age**



**Distribution by Age (Under 20)**



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*Summaries of Southwest Virginia*

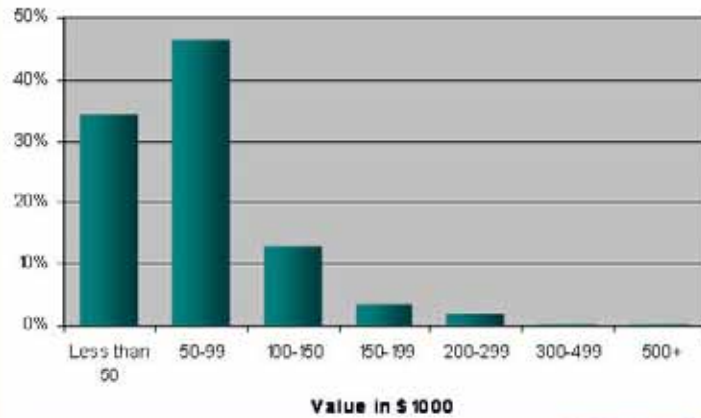
## Housing:

Occupied Housing - 90.0%  
 Occupied by Owner - 75.3%  
 Occupied by Renter - 24.7%  
 Vacant Housing - 10.0%  
 For Recreational User - 0.5%

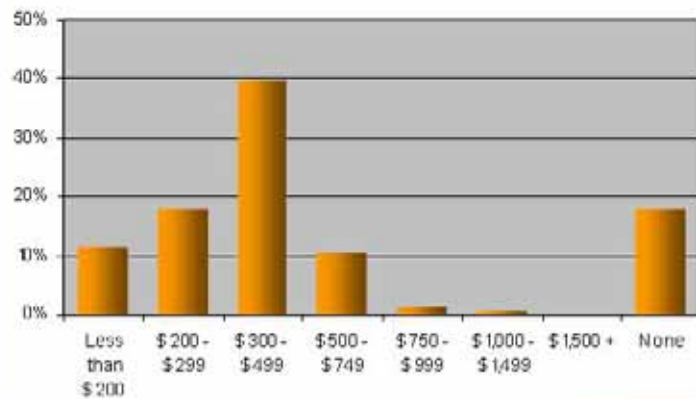
Median Home Value - \$65,700  
 Median Monthly Rent - \$353

Median Ownership Costs - \$703  
 (with a mortgage)  
 Median Ownership Costs - \$195  
 (without a mortgage)

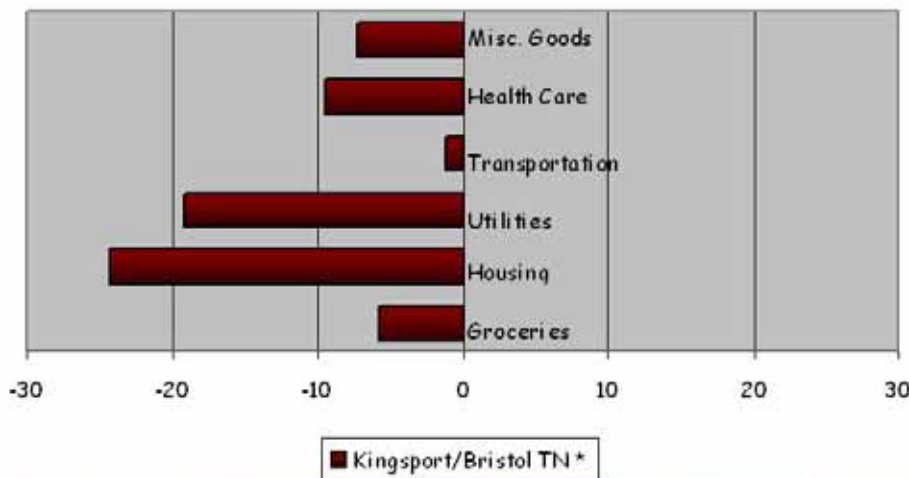
Wise County: Home Value



Wise County: Monthly Rent



Cost of Living Index



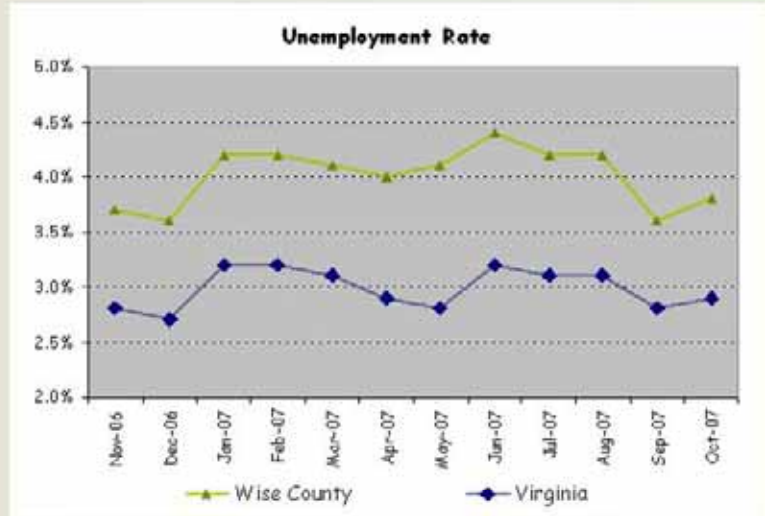
On the Cost of Living Graph, the National Average is set to zero. The numbers on the horizontal axis represent the percent difference in the cost of an item in the region versus the National Average cost.

\* The closest reporting metro area

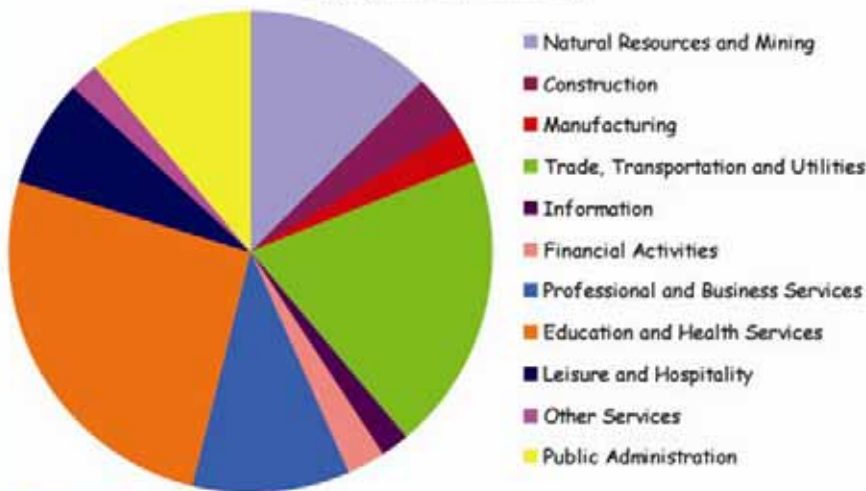


Civilian Labor Force  
(October 2007)

17,294



Employment by Industry



Labor Force by Education

H.S. Diploma	29.9%
Some College	16.6%
Associates	5.2%
Bachelors	6.8%
Graduate	4.1%

**Largest Employers**

Wise County School Board

A & G Coal Corporation

Sykes Enterprises

Red Onion Correctional Center

Wallen Ridge Correctional Center

**Industry**

Educational Services

Coal Mining

Employment Services

Correctional Institution

Correctional Institution

**Employees**

1000+

250-499

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Data as of: 4th Quarter 2006

## Wise County Public Schools

Superintendent: Dr. Gregory N. Killough  
PO Box 1217, Wise, VA 24293  
(276) 328-8017

### Elementary/Middle Schools

**Appalachia Elementary**  
3965 Kent Junction Road  
Appalachia, VA 24216  
(276) 565-1115  
Principal: Dr. Alice Hughes

Grades: PK-7  
2007-08: Fully Accredited  
Fall 2007 enrollment: 395  
[www.wise.k12.va.us/aes](http://www.wise.k12.va.us/aes)

**Coeburn Primary**  
P. O. Box 1337  
Coeburn, VA 24230  
(276) 395-6100  
Principal: Mr. Barry Williams

Grades: PK-4  
2007-08: Fully Accredited  
Fall 2007 enrollment: 604  
[www.wise.k12.va.us/cps](http://www.wise.k12.va.us/cps)

**Coeburn Middle**  
518 Centre Avenue  
Coeburn, VA 24230  
(276) 395-2135  
Principal: Ms. Haydee Robinson

Grades: 5-8  
2007-08: Fully Accredited  
Fall 2007 enrollment: 401  
[www.wise.k12.va.us/cms](http://www.wise.k12.va.us/cms)

**J.W. Adams Combined**  
10824 Orby Cantrell Highway  
Pound, VA 24279  
(276) 796-5419  
Principal: Mr. George Barton

Grades: PK-8  
2007-08: Fully Accredited  
Fall 2007 enrollment: 595  
[www.wise.k12.va.us/jwa](http://www.wise.k12.va.us/jwa)

**L.F. Addington Middle**  
342 School Street  
Wise, VA 24293  
(276) 328-8821  
Principal: Mr. James Bryant

Grades: 5-8  
2007-08: Fully Accredited  
Fall 2007 enrollment: 476  
[www.wise.k12.va.us/lfa](http://www.wise.k12.va.us/lfa)

**Powell Valley Primary**  
2945 Second Avenue East  
Big Stone Gap, VA 24219  
(276) 523-4900  
Principal: Ms. Carol Grace

Grades: PK-4  
2007-08: Fully Accredited  
Fall 2007 enrollment: 707  
[www.wise.k12.va.us/pvp](http://www.wise.k12.va.us/pvp)

**Powell Valley Middle**  
3137 2nd Avenue East  
Big Stone Gap, VA 24219  
(276) 523-0195  
Principal: Mr. David Dowdy

Grades: 5-8  
2007-08: Fully Accredited  
Fall 2007 enrollment: 484  
[www.wise.k12.va.us/pvm](http://www.wise.k12.va.us/pvm)

**St. Paul Elementary**  
3200 Deacon Avenue  
St. Paul, VA 24283  
(276) 762-5941  
Principal: Mr. Larry Greear

Grades: PK-7  
2007-08: Fully Accredited  
Fall 2007 enrollment: 300  
[www.wise.k12.va.us/spe](http://www.wise.k12.va.us/spe)

**Wise Primary**  
323 Railroad Avenue  
Wise, VA 24293  
(276) 328-8019  
Principal: Mr. Mark Giles

Grades: PK-4  
2007-08: Fully Accredited  
Fall 2007 enrollment: 696  
[www.wise.k12.va.us/wps](http://www.wise.k12.va.us/wps)

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### High Schools

#### Appalachia High

205 Lee Street  
Appalachia, VA 24216  
(276) 565-0214  
Principal: Mr. Buzz Akridge

Grades: 8-12  
2007-08: Fully Accredited  
Fall 2007 enrollment: 302  
[www.wise.k12.va.us/ahs](http://www.wise.k12.va.us/ahs)

#### Coeburn High

P. O. Box 2036  
Coeburn, VA 24230  
(276) 395-3389  
Principal: Mr. Dante Lee

Grades: 9-12  
2007-08: Fully Accredited  
Fall 2007 enrollment: 382  
[www.wise.k12.va.us/chs](http://www.wise.k12.va.us/chs)

#### J.J. Kelly High

716 Birchfield Road  
Wise, VA 24293  
(276) 328-8015  
Principal: Mr. Charles Collins

Grades: 9-12  
2007-08: Fully Accredited  
Fall 2007 enrollment: 503  
[www.wise.k12.va.us/jjk](http://www.wise.k12.va.us/jjk)

#### Pound High

11531 Wildcat Drive  
Pound, VA 24279  
(276) 796-4432  
Principal: Ms. Marcia Shortt

Grades: 9-12  
2007-08: Fully Accredited  
Fall 2007 enrollment: 252  
[www.wise.k12.va.us/phs](http://www.wise.k12.va.us/phs)

#### Powell Valley High

One Avenue of Champions  
Big Stone Gap, VA 24219  
(276) 523-1290  
Principal: Mr. David Lee

Grades: 9-12  
2007-08: Fully Accredited  
Fall 2007 enrollment: 542  
[www.pvonline.org](http://www.pvonline.org)

#### St. Paul High

3207 Fourth Avenue  
St. Paul, VA 24283  
(276) 762-5221  
Principal: Mr. Walt Padgett

Grades: 8-12  
2007-08: Fully Accredited  
Fall 2007 enrollment: 194  
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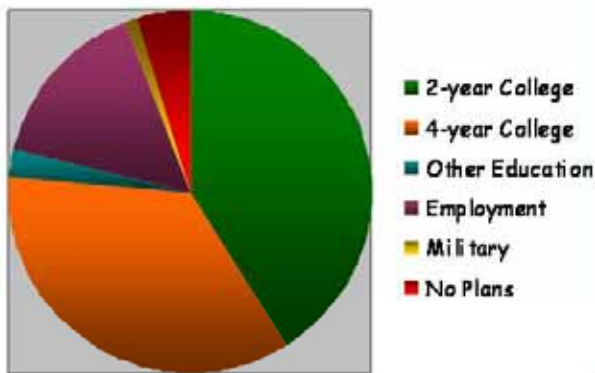
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### Vocational Schools

**Wise County Career-Technical Center**  
621 Wise, VA 24293  
(276) 328-6113  
Principal: Mr. Larry Hamilton  
[www.wise.k12.va.us/wcctc](http://www.wise.k12.va.us/wcctc)

Program offerings: Auto Body Technology, Auto Service Technology, Brick Masonry, Carpentry, Computer Systems Technology, Cosmetology, Criminal Justice, Culinary Arts, Drafting, Early Childhood Education, Electricity & HVAC, Graphic Imaging, Practical Nursing, and Welding.

Post High School Graduation Plans



### LOCAL COLLEGES

Mountain Empire Community College  
Southwest Virginia Community College  
Virginia Highlands Community College  
University of Virginia at Wise  
Appalachian School of Law  
Pikeville College