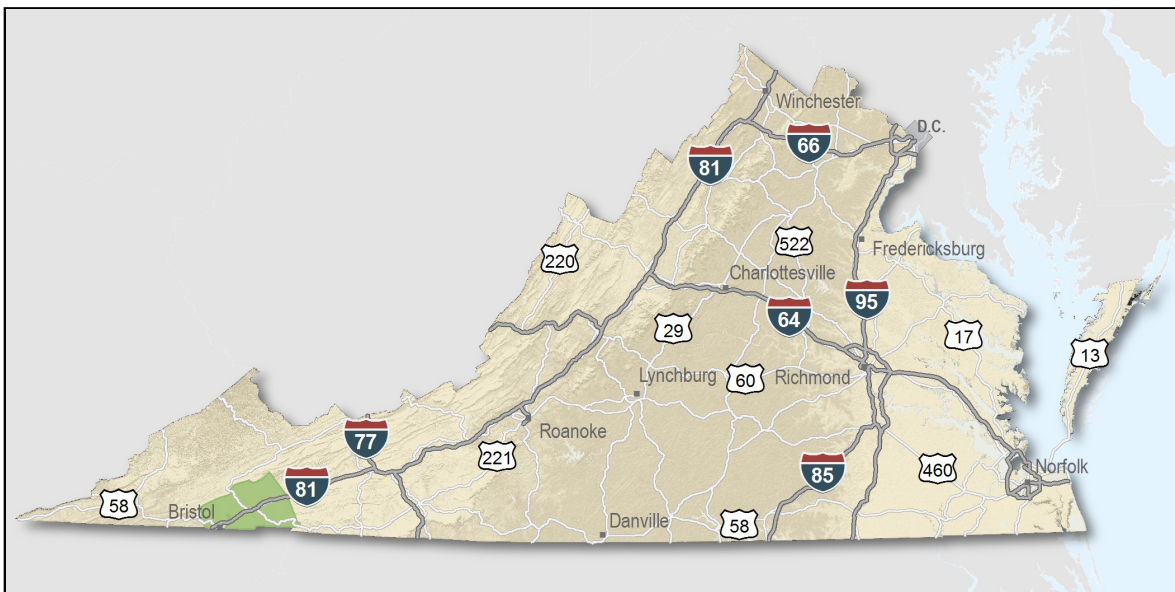

Bristol/Washington, Virginia

Overview

Only a few locations can guarantee the right combination of resources that are crucial to your business's success. Virginia's premier location offers excellent domestic and international access. Centrally located on the U.S. East Coast, more than 47 percent of the U.S. population is within a day's drive, and our integrated transportation system of highways, railroads, airports and seaports ensures that you can reach every one of your markets efficiently. Close proximity to Washington, D.C. facilitates contact with policy makers and the federal government system.

Virginia continues to rank among America's leading states for business by CNBC and Forbes.com. Business-first values, easy access to markets, stable and competitive operating costs, and a talented workforce all drove Virginia to the top. This unique combination of assets has encouraged businesses to prosper here for more than 400 years. Like you, they searched the world over for that convergence of resources that would help ensure their prosperity. For them, their search ended here. Chances are yours will too.

- AAA bond rating- Virginia has maintained a AAA rating since 1938, longer than any other state.
- Right-to-work law allows individuals the right to work regardless of membership in a labor union or organization.
- Corporate income tax rate of 6% has not been increased since 1972.
- Headquarters to 37 Fortune 1000 firms.
- Headquarters to 56 firms each with annual revenue over \$1 billion.
- More than 21,400 high-tech establishments operate in Virginia.
- More than 700 internationally-owned businesses from 40 countries are located in Virginia.
- Ranks third among the 50 states as a recipient of federal R&D funds.
- Streamlined permitting process.
- Recruitment training programs to help new businesses become operational faster.
- Programs at little or no cost to help businesses increase international sales.

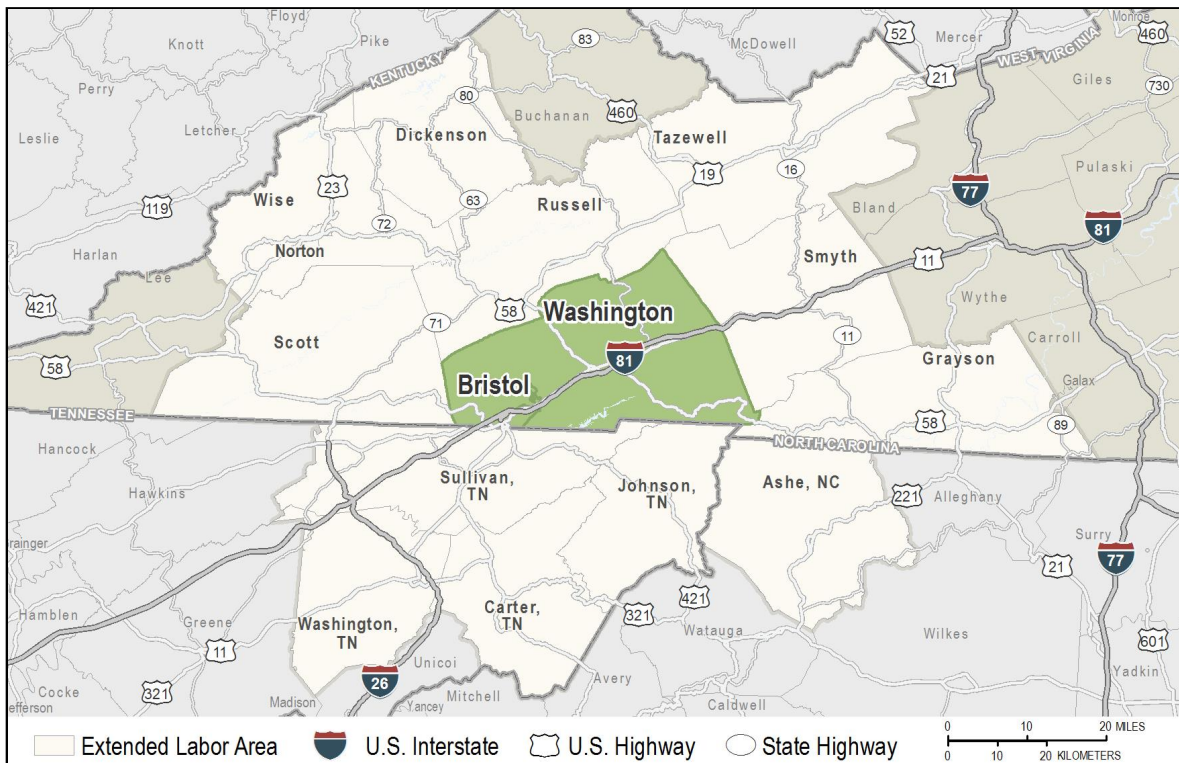


Location

The independent city of Bristol is located in far southwestern Virginia and lies directly on the Virginia-Tennessee state line. Washington County surrounds the city to the west, north, and east. An excellent transportation network, utilities, and a complete array of supporting services make the community most attractive for continued economic expansion.

Roanoke, Virginia via Interstate 81, is 143 miles east; Knoxville, Tennessee is 118 miles west; Atlanta, Georgia is 300 miles south and the Port of Norfolk is 397 miles east.

The community is part of the Johnson City-Kingsport-Bristol Combined Statistical Area (CSA).





Bristol/Washington

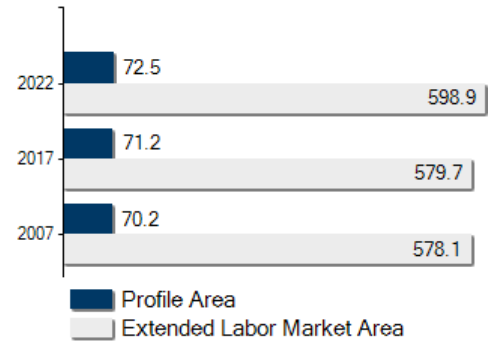
The City of Bristol and Washington County is recognized for its strong, mixed industry base and outstanding transportation connections. Both are a part of the Tri-Cities TN/VA region that was recognized in 1999 as the first region in America to be named an All-American City. The Tri-Cities MSA Region includes nearly 500,000 and has amenities that enhance the quality of life for its citizens. Home of the world famous Barter Theatre and Bristol Motor Speedway is just a couple of those amenities.

We have always placed a strong emphasis on our outstanding business and industry sectors.

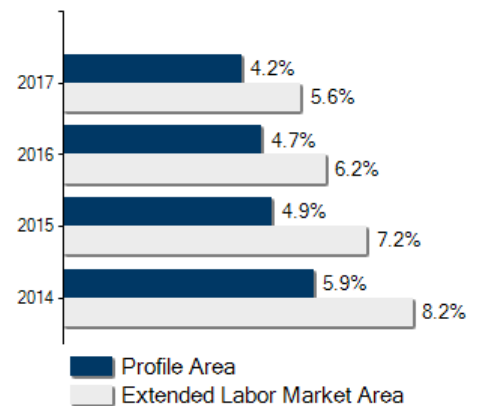
Labor Market

Population		
Gender Distribution (2017)		
Bristol/Washington	Male	Female
	48.7%	51.3%
Race/Ethnicity (2017)		
	Profile Area	Extended Labor Area
Classification	Area	Labor Area
White	67,779	548,449
Black	1,787	16,675
Two or More	854	8,056
Asian	514	4,469
American Indian or Alaska Native	210	1,855
Pacific Islander	33	229
Hispanic (may be of any race)	1,267	13,306
Median Age (2017)		
Bristol		43 years
Washington		46 years

Population in Thousands



Unemployment Rates





Labor Market

Civilian Labor Force (2017)

Bristol/Washington	34,379
Extended Labor Market Area	249,514
Total	283,893

Labor Force Participation (2013-2017)

Bristol/Washington	56.1%
Extended Labor Market Area	53.2%

Unemployment

Unemployment Rate (September 2018)	
Bristol/Washington	3.0%
Extended Labor Market Area	3.9%
Statewide	2.8%
Unemployed (2017)	
Bristol/Washington	1,445
Extended Labor Market Area	11,232
Total	12,677
Underemployed (3rd Quarter 2018)	
Bristol/Washington	3,594
Extended Labor Market Area	23,732
Total	27,326



Labor Market

Commute Time (2013-2017)

Worked from home	1,360	4.4%
Under 15 minutes	9,512	32.5%
15-24 minutes	9,297	31.8%
25-34 minutes	5,490	18.8%
35-44 minutes	1,372	4.7%
45-59 minutes	2,115	7.2%
Over 60 minutes	1,481	5.1%
Mean Travel Time to Work (minutes)		
Bristol		21
Washington		24

Additional Labor Resources

High School Graduates Not Continuing (2017-2018)	97
Two-Year College Graduates (Spring 2017)	2,303
Two-Year College Enrollees (Fall 2017)	22,914
Other College and University Graduates (Spring 2017)	3,605
Total	28,919

Career Readiness Certificate (06/30/2017-06/30/2018)

Virginia's Career Readiness Certificate (CRC) assists employers by certifying that a recipient possesses core skills in applied math, reading for information, and locating information. The CRC certification is based on established Workkeys® assessment tests. Virginia uses a three-tiered approach (bronze, silver, gold) to credentialing certificate holders that is based on the recipient's level of development skills.

Bristol/Washington	11
Extended Labor Market Area	2,616
Total	2,627

Educational Attainment

On-Time Graduation Rate (Class of 2017)	91.0%
Percentage of Bristol/Washington population age 25+ who are high school graduates (2013-2017)	84.5%
Percentage of Bristol/Washington population age 25+ who have earned a Bachelor's Degree or higher (2013-2017)	23.3%

Labor Market

Employment by Sector* (2nd Qtr. 2018)

Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	156	0.5%
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	64	0.2%
Utilities	40	0.1%
Construction	833	2.8%
Manufacturing	4,723	15.7%
Wholesale Trade	918	3.1%
Retail Trade	4,925	16.4%
Transportation and Warehousing	1,293	4.3%
Information	314	1.0%
Finance and Insurance	701	2.3%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	169	0.6%
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	752	2.5%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	651	2.2%
Administrative and Support and Waste Management	743	2.5%
Educational Services	500	1.7%
Health Care and Social Assistance	3,412	11.3%
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	337	1.1%
Accommodation and Food Services	3,547	11.8%
Other Services	1,018	3.4%
Total Government	4,914	16.3%
Federal Government	216	0.7%
State Government	1,078	3.6%
Local Government	3,620	12.0%
Unclassified	73	0.2%
Total	30,084	100.0%

N.D. - Not Disclosed

*By Business Establishment



Labor Market

Major Employers	
Manufacturing	
Company	Product/Service
Bristol Compressors	Hermetic compressors
Columbus McKinnon Corporation	Electric & hand hoists
HAPCO	Aluminum poles
Mid-Mountain Foods	Grocery distribution
Paramont Manufacturing	Molded truck components
Snack Alliance, Inc.	Snack foods
Strongwell	Plastic products
Universal Fibers, Inc.	Man-made fibers
Utility Trailer Manufacturing Inc.	Truck trailers
NonManufacturing	
Company	Product/Service
Dutt & Wagner of Virginia, Inc.	Poultry & egg processing
Emory & Henry College	Higher education
Johnston Memorial Hospital	Health care
Office Depot Inc.	Customer service center
Virginia Highlands Community College	Higher education

Closings, Reductions, Layoffs (1/2015 to date)

Date	Type	Company	Product/Service	Employees Affected
5/22/2015	Reduction	Office Depot, Inc.	Customer service center	143
12/31/2015	Layoff	Range Resources-Pine Mountain, Inc.	Independent oil and natural gas producer	158
5/1/2016	Closing	Ball Corporation	Beverage packaging and end-making	200
5/20/2016	Layoff	Bristol Compressors International	Manufacturer of air conditioning components	120
7/8/2016	Layoff	Bristol Compressors International	Manufacturer of compressors for air conditioning and heating	60
9/30/2016	Closing	Sandvik*	Manufactures mineral ground tool products for mining and construction	49
9/28/2018	Closing	Bristol Compressors International	Compressors; air conditioning, heating	470
10/18/2018	Closing	Coca-Cola Bottling Co. Consolidated	Warehouse and logistics center	10

*Internationally-owned

Union Activity (8/1/2015 - 8/1/2018)

Petitions filed for decertification	0
Petitions filed for representation	0
Petitions filed for raid	0
Elections won by union	0
Elections won by company	0

Labor Market

Estimated Earnings (May 2017)

Occupation	Median Wage (US\$)	Mean Wage (US\$)	Median Salary (US\$)	Mean Salary (US\$)
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators	12.40	13.16	25,786	27,374
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	17.14	17.33	35,636	36,059
Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, and Weighers	18.35	19.13	38,167	39,795
Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	16.01	16.63	33,306	34,591
Machinists	17.24	17.64	35,862	36,677
First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers	18.54	19.07	38,565	39,652
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	25.63	27.23	53,302	56,627
Industrial Machinery Mechanics	14.49	15.49	30,137	32,218
Bus and Truck Mechanics and Diesel Engine Specialists	20.31	21.13	42,240	43,961
Office Clerks, General	19.39	19.80	40,320	41,184
Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive	13.09	14.30	27,226	29,744
Receptionists and Information Clerks	14.23	14.77	29,595	30,714
Customer Service Representatives	11.97	12.84	24,886	26,698
Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks	9.89	12.90	20,573	26,833
First-Line Supervisors of Office and Administrative Support Workers	14.76	15.53	30,695	32,288
Mechanical Engineers	19.69	20.90	40,965	43,475
Computer User Support Specialists	36.11	36.40	75,100	75,731
Accountants and Auditors	19.81	21.06	41,203	43,812
Human Resources Specialists	31.24	34.22	64,989	71,179
	23.70	25.87	49,286	53,810

Per Capita Personal Income (2016)

\$39,321

Median Family Income (2013-2017)

Washington	\$59,425
Bristol	\$50,198

Education

Public School Enrollment (Fall 2017)

Level	Number	Enrollment
Elementary	11	4,441
Middle	5	2,137
High School	5	2,932

Student Teacher Ratio (FY 2017)

Elementary	12:1
Secondary	12:1

Per Pupil Expenditure (FY 2017) (US\$)

10,530.03

On-Time Graduation Rate (Class of 2017)

91.0%

High School Graduates Continuing Education (2017-2018)

86.0%

Advanced Programs (2017-2018)

Governor's Schools

A. Linwood Holton Governor's School

Governor's School Enrollment	27
Students taking 1 or more Advanced Placement (AP) Courses	226
Students taking 1 or more AP Exams	180
Students taking 1 or more Dual Enrollment Courses	530

Education

Workforce Development Facilities

Facility	Type
Bristol Workforce Center	Satellite Center
Galax Workforce Center	Satellite Center
Goodwill Industries of the Valleys-Giles	Satellite Center
Goodwill Workforce Services-Christiansburg/Floyd	Satellite Center
People Inc. of Virginia - Abingdon	Satellite Center
Pulaski Workforce Center	Satellite Center
Southwest Virginia Alliance for Manufacturing Center of Excellence	Center of Excellence
Virginia Workforce Center-Radford	Satellite Center
Virginia Workforce Center-Wytheville	Comprehensive Center
Washington County Skill Center	Career and Technical Center
Washington County Technical School	Career and Technical Center
William N. Neff Center for Science and Technology	Career and Technical Center

Higher Education Facilities – Fall 2017

Facility	Enrollment
East Tennessee State University	14,128 [◇]
Northeast State Community College - Blountville Main Campus	6,124 [‡]
Northeast State Community College - Bristol Campus	6,124 [‡]
Northeast State Community College - Elizabethton Campus	6,124 [‡]
King University	2,804 [◇]
Southwest Virginia Community College	2,304
Virginia Highlands Community College	2,238
Emory and Henry College	1,228
Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center	*
Virginia Tech - Southwest Virginia Center	*
National College - Bristol Campus	†

* Enrollment figures are included in participating colleges and universities.

† Enrollment figures are not available.

‡ Enrollment figures are for all campuses.

◇ Fall 2016 Enrollment

Transportation

Interstates	
Name	Distance
I-381	0.0 miles (0.0 km.)
I-81	0.0 miles (0.0 km.)
I-26	15.9 miles (25.6 km.)
I-77	35.7 miles (57.5 km.)

Note: Measured from border of locality/region.

Highways				
Highway 11	Highway 113	Highway 140	Highway 19	Highway 381
Highway 421	Highway 58	Highway 75	Highway 80	Highway 91

Commercial Air Service
Tri-Cities Regional Airport, Blountville, TN -- 21.4 miles (34.4 km.)
American Airlines Delta Connection Allegiant Air

Note: Within a 75-mile drive of the center of the locality.



Transportation

General Aviation Service

Name	Runway Length
Virginia Highlands Airport, Abingdon	4,471 ft (1,363 m)

Freight Rail Service

Norfolk Southern Railway Company

Seaports

Name	Distance
Port of Virginia	376.0 miles (605.1 km)

Note: Driving distance from the center of the locality to Port of Virginia and any other seaports within 100 miles.

Other Ports of Entry

Name	Distance
Tri Cities	21.4 miles (34.4 km)
New River Valley Airport (Virginia TradePort)	84.9 miles (136.7 km)
Port of Washington - Dulles	345.1 miles (555.4 km)

Note: Driving distance from the center of the locality to Port of Washington - Dulles and any other port of entry within 100 miles.



Utilities	
Electric	Bristol Virginia Utilities Board
Electric	Appalachian Power
Natural Gas	Atmos Energy
Natural Gas	Virginia Natural Gas
Natural Gas	Tennessee-Virginia Energy Corporation
Telecommunications	Bristol Virginia Utilities
Telecommunications	Sprint/United Telephone-Southeast
Telecommunications	iGo Technology
Water	Bristol Virginia Utilities Board
Water	City of Bristol
Water	Town of Abingdon
Water	Washington County Service Authority
Waste Water Treatment	Bristol Virginia Utilities Board
Waste Water Treatment	Town of Abingdon
Waste Water Treatment	Town of Damascus
Waste Water Treatment	Washington County Regional Service Authority
Solid Waste Disposal	City of Bristol Landfill
Solid Waste Disposal	Washington County Landfill



Financial Institutions

Financial Institutions – 1st Qtr 2018 Assets

Bank	Assets (US\$ Millions)
Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.	1,716,532.0
Branch Banking and Trust Company	215,012.0
Carter Bank & Trust	4,112.8
Hometrust Bank, N.A.	3,264.1
First Community Bank, N.A.	2,424.3
The First Bank and Trust Co.	1,740.1
The National Bank of Blacksburg	1,267.6
New Peoples Bank, Inc.	670.6
Highlands Union Bank	596.1
TruPoint Bank	426.0
The Bank of Marion	388.4
Grundy National Bank	310.8
Lee Bank & Trust Co.	150.0

Government and Taxes

Government

Washington County has a County Administrator and a seven-member Board of Supervisors. Bristol has a City Manager and a five-member City Council.

Both have a comprehensive plan and zoning and subdivision ordinances.

Abingdon is the county seat. Damascus and Glade Spring are other incorporated towns within the county. A very small portion of the town of Saltville is located in Washington County.

Taxes

Localities in Virginia collect a 1% sales tax. They do not tax other items taxed at the State level.

Counties and cities in Virginia are separate taxing entities. Therefore, a company pays taxes to either a county or to a city.

If a company is located in a town, it pays town and county taxes except for utility taxes which are paid only to the town and the license tax which is paid only to the town unless town law permits the additional collection of a county tax.

Manufacturers pay real estate, machinery and tools, truck and automobile, utility, and sales taxes.

Nonmanufacturers pay real estate, tangible personal property, truck and automobile, utility, and sales taxes. They also may pay either a merchants' capital or a license tax.

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Non-Manufacturer's Tax Profile (Bristol) [pdf](#)

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Community Facilities

Bristol Regional Medical Center is a comprehensive regional medical center with 337 beds and 24-hour emergency room care. Complete general hospital service is provided with modern laboratory, surgical, and clinical facilities. The hospital is noted as a teaching hospital and offers its facilities to East Tennessee State University medical students. Johnston Memorial Hospital in Abingdon has a patient capacity of 154 beds with a medical staff of 40 physicians. Both Bristol and Washington County operate public health centers where clinics and other health services are rendered.

Over 100 doctors and 60 dentists practice in the region.

Extended care needs for 80 residents can be met at Memorial Hall near the hospital in Bristol. Additional nursing homes are available in the community.

Two public libraries, containing over 100,000 volumes, are located in the community. In addition, library collections of King College, Virginia Intermont College, Emory and Henry College, and Virginia Highlands College are publicly available.

More than 100 places of worship representing most Protestant denominations, Roman Catholic, and Jewish faiths are located in the region.

Choices for area shopping and services are widely varied with both downtown and suburban shopping centers offering a broad retail mix. The historic center of Abingdon boasts a number of boutiques and specialty shops in an attractive setting. Regional climate-controlled shopping malls exist in this area.

The community is a major cultural center for the region. The Bristol Ballet Company is recognized throughout the Southeast for its quality productions. Theatre Bristol presents some 170 performances annually at the Paramount Theatre. Additional offerings include the Bristol Concert Choir, the Bristol Art Museum, and performing arts at area colleges. The world-famous Barter Theater in Abingdon continues to delight its audiences with quality drama following more than a half-century of performances. Also in Abingdon, the Williams King Regional Arts Center, an affiliate of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, houses several galleries and studios and a museum store, and holds classes, workshops and lectures.

The Bristol Parks and Recreation Department operates 15 parks and two 650-acre recreational areas and presents arts and sports instruction throughout the year. The community offers two country clubs with 18-hole golf courses and four public golf courses. Area forests, lakes and streams provide outstanding opportunities for outdoor recreation. The Mount Rogers National Recreation Area, Clinch Mountain Wildlife Area, South Holston Lake, Grayson Highlands State Park, Hidden Valley Wildlife Management Area, and the Virginia Creeper Trail are but a few of the major outdoor attractions. The Appalachian Trail winds through Washington County and snow skiing is within an easy drive. Each summer Abingdon is the site of the Virginia Highlands Festival that draws thousands of visitors for this gathering of artists, writers, craftsmen, and performers. The Bristol Spring Arts Festival has also developed into a successful annual occasion.

Area residents can enjoy professional baseball, as Bristol home to the Bristol Sox, minor league team of the Chicago White Sox. Bristol International Speedway is home to NASCAR sanctioned auto racing.

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