Bath County and Highland County are nestled in the Allegheny Mountains of west-central Virginia. The region is home to about 6,700 people. Bath, formed in 1790 and known for its soothing mineral waters, is recognized as a major resort center. Highland, formed in 1847, is known as “Little Switzerland” because of its pristine mountain beauty. It is also the southernmost commercial maple syrup producing region in the nation. Warm Springs is the County seat of Bath. Monterey, an incorporated town, is the County seat of Highland. The area’s landscape offers a picturesque backdrop for any outdoor recreation adventure.


Attractions: Bath County Historical Society Museum, Confederate Breastworks, Garth Newel Music Center, Highland Museum & Heritage Center, McDowell Civil War Battlefield, and The Omni Homestead Resort.

Bath County & Highland County 2019 Facts & Figures

Bath County
4,429 People

Highland County
2,265 People
### Jobs

**Median Household Income, 2017**
- Bath County: $44,483
- Highland County: $45,094

**Top 5 Employment Sectors**
- Accommodations & Food Services
- Health Care & Social Assistance
- Construction
- Educational Services
- Public Administration

#### Number of Business Establishments:
**All Industries, 2017**
- Bath County: 112
- Highland County: 223

**Tourism/Travel, 2018**
- Traveler Spending: $307,966,771
- Travel Generated Employment: 1,955

#### Labor Force, 2017
- Number Employed: 3,733
- Civilian Labor Force: 3,852

#### Unemployment Rate, 2017
3.1%

### People

**Age of Population, 2017**
- 0-19: 339 (5%)
- 20-39: 1,282 (19%)
- 40-59: 1,147 (17%)
- 60-79: 1,898 (29%)
- 80+: 2,005 (30%)

**Population Change, 2008-2018**
- Total: 7,299
- 2008: 7,299
- 2018: 6,694

**Highest Level Education Attainment, 2017**

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**Public Schools, 2017-2018**
- K-12 Student Enrollment: 761
- Total Graduates & Completers: 55
- Percent Continuing Education: 78.2%

### Region

**Median Home Value, 2017**
- Bath County: $151,100
- Highland County: $184,000

**Total Housing Units, 2017**
- 5,422

**Number of Households, 2017**
- 3,010

**Transportation**
- Road: U.S. Routes 250 and 220
- Rail: CSX Transportation and Buckingham Branch
- Air: Ingalls Field and Shenandoah Valley Regional Airport
- Port: Virginia Inland Port (125 miles northeast)

**Bath Community Hospital & Highland Medical Center**
provide healthcare services

- 1 All-Seasons Resort
- 15 Maple Sugar Farms
- 2,896 Sheep
- 1 Stoplight

**Local Government**
- www.bathcountyva.org
- www.highlandcova.org

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