



# Letcher County

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## Demographics

	<u>2010</u> <sup>1</sup>	<u>2018</u> <sup>2</sup>	<u>2025</u> <sup>3</sup> (Projection)	<b>Families with Own Children</b> <sup>4</sup>	<u>2013-2017</u>
<b>Population</b>					
Total population	24,519	21,899	21,147	... Married couple	1,444 (+/-220)
... Under 20 years old	6,009	5,157	5,048	... Female householder	857 (+/-186)
... Ages 65 and over	3,476	4,277	4,784	... Male householder	205 (+/-106)

## Youth

	<u>2013-2017</u>
# of grandparents who live with and are responsible for grandchildren <sup>4</sup>	585 (+/-213)
% of own children under 6 years old with all parents in the labor force <sup>4</sup>	54.1% (+/-14.0%)
STARS certified and licensed child care: <sup>5</sup>	<u>2018</u>
... Number of Providers	7
... Capacity	376

## Education

	<u>2013-2017</u>
% of population 25 and over with high school or higher <sup>4</sup>	75.0% (+/-2.6%)
% of population 25 and over with bachelor's degree or higher <sup>4</sup>	11.7% (+/-1.8%)
% of 3rd grade students scoring proficient or distinguished on math in the 2017-18 school year <sup>5</sup>	40.9%
# of children enrolled in Head Start during the 2017-18 school year <sup>5</sup>	149
High school graduates in 2017: <sup>7</sup>	
... average high school GPA	3.03
... % earning an industry certificate	40.1%
... % college/career ready	66.8%

## Income/Earnings

Median household income (2017) <sup>6</sup>	\$32,635 (\$29,602-\$35,668)
Median earnings in past 12 months <sup>4</sup>	<u>2013-2017</u>
... Women	\$20,625 (+/- \$1,924)
... Men	\$34,960 (+/- \$5,854)
... High school graduate	\$31,147 (+/- \$4,199)
... Bachelor's degree	\$40,089 (+/- \$12,166)

## Agriculture

	<u>2017</u> <sup>8</sup>		<u>2017</u> <sup>8</sup>
# of farms	103	Farms with food sold directly to consumers	8
% of land in farms	2.6%	Value of food sold directly to consumers	\$18,000
% of farms operated by a family or an individual	97.1%	Processed or value-added agricultural products sold	
% of principal producers under age 35	11.5%	... Farms	4
% of principal producers who are female	27.7%	... Value	\$14,000
# of new and beginning principal producers	54	Food sold directly to retail markets, institutions, and food hubs for local or regionally branded products	
# of farms with income from agri-tourism and recreational services	0	... Farms	0
		... Value	\$0

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## Employment

	<b>2017</b>
Total employment (# of jobs) <sup>9</sup>	5,928
	<b>2016</b>
# of establishments w/ 1-9 employees <sup>10</sup>	255
% of establishments w/ 1-9 employees <sup>10</sup>	78.9%
Nonemployer establishments (w/o employees) <sup>11</sup>	1,201
% of workers ages 16 and over who: <sup>4</sup>	<b>2013-2017</b>
... work inside the county	70.9% (+/-3.9%)
... work outside the county	22.1% (+/-3.9%)
... work outside the state	7.0% (+/-2.0%)

## Coal Employment

	<b>2011</b> <sup>12</sup>	<b>2016</b> <sup>13</sup>
(-- = no data)		
Direct employment at coal mines	1,016	77
% of total employment	12.68%	1.80%

## Health

	<b>2015-2017</b>
% of adults with obesity <sup>14</sup>	38% (30.5-45.53%)
% of adults with diabetes <sup>14</sup>	24% (18.02-30.5%)
% of adults reporting a time in past year they needed to see a doctor but could not because of the cost <sup>14</sup>	14% (9.79-20.22%)

## Substance Abuse

### Drug-related inpatient hospitalizations and emergency department visits for overdose among county residents<sup>15</sup>

	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>		<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>
Heroin	1-4	1-4	0	Benzodiazepines (i.e. Valium, etc.)	15	14	9
Cocaine	1-4	1-4	0	Antidepressants	7	5	7
Opioids other than Heroin	30	27	16	Any Substance	124	104	78

### Drug overdose deaths among county residents<sup>16</sup>

	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>		<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>
All Drug Overdose Deaths	1-4	7	7	Involving Benzodiazepines	1-4	0	1-4
Involving Heroin	0	0	0	Involving Fentanyl	0	0	0

## Poverty/Insecurity

% of workers ages 16 and over who worked full-time year-round and were below poverty (2013-2017) <sup>4</sup>	5.4% (+/-2.4%)
Estimated food insecurity rate (2017) <sup>17</sup>	19.3%
Youth under age 18 who lived in households that received Supplemental Security Income (SSI), cash public assistance, or food stamps/SNAP in the past 12 months (2013-2017) <sup>4</sup>	2,431 (+/-442)
Children determined by the Dept. of Community Based Services to have been victims of child abuse or neglect (2018) <sup>18</sup>	147

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