



City of Winchester Community Profile

The City of Winchester, nestled at the “top of Virginia,” is an hour from the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area. Winchester is located in Frederick County, which borders Maryland and West Virginia, in the Shenandoah Valley. In Winchester you can get the best of both worlds—small town living with easy access to the amenities of D.C.



With big city amenities and small town charm, Winchester has the welcome mat out for businesses and residents. Walk the Old Town Mall, visit our museums, and take a look at the schools and hospital complex. Visit with our friendly people and tour the rich diversity of our neighborhoods. Discover Winchester as an oasis in time. Appreciate the peace and serenity of our history and see the opportunity in our future. You will quickly recognize that Winchester is more than just another place to live and work. One visit will convince you-- it's the town everyone wants to call home.



Handley Regional Library, built 1913, is considered one of the best examples of Beaux-Arts Architecture in Virginia.

Employment

In 2005, the civilian work force was 14,597 with 97% employed. Winchester-Frederick County's workforce commutes in from a thirteen county area considered our workforce draw area.

Major Employers

	# of employees
Winchester Medical Center	1000-4999
Rubbermaid	1000-4999
Lear Corporation	1000-4999
BB&T	500-999
Shenandoah University	500-999

Education

The City of Winchester operates a K-12 school system with 4 elementary schools, 1 middle school, and 1 high school. As of September 2005 there were 3,743 students enrolled in Winchester Public Schools. The student: teacher ratio was 13.5:1.

John Handley High School is the only privately endowed public high school in Virginia. Handley is recognized as an academically superior school. In addition, Winchester Public Schools participate in the newly organized regional school for the gifted, Mountain Vista Governor's School.

Shenandoah University and Lord Fairfax Community College provide well qualified employees and leaders for the community. LFCC offers two-year programs for an associate degree in Art and Sciences and Applied Science, Career Studies Programs, and Certificate Programs. Shenandoah University, a liberal arts college offers associate and bachelor's degrees in nursing and respiratory care; bachelor's degrees in various liberal arts fields; master's degrees in education, business administration, and physical therapy; and degrees in music, dance, and theater arts through its nationally renowned conservatory of music. The SU business school and schools of pharmacy and nursing have recently expanded, providing even more quality graduates to the area.



Shenandoah University



Lord Fairfax Community College



John Handley High School

Recreation

Jim Barnett Park

Jim Barnett Park is an approximately 180 acre public park. Some of its amenities include lighted softball and baseball fields, indoor and outdoor swimming pool facilities, racquetball court, and fitness room, lighted horseshoe and basketball courts, a three acre fishing lake, playgrounds, picnic areas and shelters. Other features include a twelve station fitness trail, a Paracourse Fitness Trail, and a BMX Dirt Bike Racing Trail.



The Green Circle

The Green Circle is a walking and biking trail following Abrams Creek and the Town Run. A portion of the Green Circle pathway runs through the Abrams Creek Wetlands Preserve.

The surrounding area provides opportunities for hiking and biking in the nearby state park, national park and national forest or canoeing and fishing on The Shenandoah River.



Medical

A 411-bed, non-profit, regional referral hospital, Winchester Medical Center offers a full range of medical, surgical, diagnostic and rehabilitative services to some 400,000 residents in the tri-state area.

Winchester Medical Center employs more than 2,900 people and has a medical staff of over 275 physicians, representing nearly every specialty. The Medical Center's six-story facility, completed in 1990, anchors a 165-acre medical campus, which includes two physician office buildings, cancer center, pharmacy, outpatient diagnostic center, same-day surgery facility, imaging center with MRI, CT and Mobile PET scanning, adult psychiatric center, 250-seat conference facility, employee child care center, restaurant, parks with walking trails, and a 1,600 space parking deck.



Winchester Medical Center is a subsidiary of Valley Health Systems, a nonprofit organization of health care providers serving residents of the northern Shenandoah Valley in Virginia, West Virginia and western Maryland.

Old Town

Old Town Winchester is located within the heart of our 45-block National Register Historic District and features a quaint pedestrian walking mall bursting with outdoor cafes, fun shops, specialty retail shops and family-oriented activities throughout the year.

The Loudoun Street Pedestrian Mall has earned a listing on the National Register of Historic Places Travel Itinerary as a place that successfully combines history, century old buildings and museums with the vitality of an ideal downtown – creating a charming and sophisticated downtown atmosphere.

Come to Old Town Winchester to tour, shop, dine, wander, relax and revel, and experience the best that Winchester has to offer.



The Loudoun Street Pedestrian Mall--a great place to dine, shop, and explore.

Utilities

The City provides water and sewer services to residents and businesses. Electric service is provided by Allegheny Power. Natural gas service is provided by Shenandoah Gas.

Taxes

Real Estate..... \$0.69
per \$100.00 of assessed
value

Personal Property.....\$4.50
per \$100.00 of assessed
value



The Office of Economic Redevelopment wants you to locate your business in the City of Winchester. We can provide information on financing, available properties, business opportunities and access to incentive and financing programs.

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