

# *County Description*

## Geographic

- Van Buren County is located in the Upper Cumberland Region of middle Tennessee.
- Van Buren County is located 60 miles from Chattanooga, and 28 miles from Cookeville.
- This county is predominantly rural and is surrounded by rolling hills and valleys.
- Warren, White, Bledsoe, Sequatchie, and Cumberland counties in Tennessee surround Van Buren County.
- The county is 28 miles from Interstate 40 and 44 miles from Interstate 24.
- The annual average precipitation for Van Buren County is 53.4 inches.
- Van Buren County is located 1,920 feet above sea level.

## Land Area

- Fall Creek Falls State Park is located in Van Buren County.
- Van Buren County consists of 273.5 square miles of land area with population per square mile being 17.7.
- The nearest navigable waterway is the Tennessee River located 60 miles away in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

## Economic Base

- The county's median family personal income is \$23,242.
- The county's median household personal income is \$20,676.
- Van Buren County's per capita personal income is \$13,610.
- The individual poverty rate for Van Buren County is 19.2%.
- The family poverty rate for Van Buren County is 16.1%.
- The 1998 average labor-force total was 2,370, of those, 2,210 were employed and 160 were unemployed giving Van Buren County an unemployment rate of 6.8%.
- The major manufacturers in Van Buren County include Townsend Engineered Products, Spencer Shirt Mfg. Co., Hastings & Son Lumber Co., and Caldwell Mfg. Co.