If you moved to Tucker County from somewhere else why did you move?

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- Work over in Grant County.
- I just loved the Thomas/The Forests.
- Retired Returned hometown.
- Loved the area.
- Wife passed away.
- Job/work/employment/employment opportunity. (13)
- My father moved to manage chain store.
- Owned home.
- Job relocated/came back to home state.
- Moved with parents/Parents moved. (2)
- Moved closer to family.
- Marriage/Married/Got Married. (6)
- Retired. (4)
- Mother in Law needed help.
- Retirement leave urban expansion.
- Moved to spouse's home town.
- Dad working in coal mines.
- Retired, mountains, not overly crowded.
- To retire here and escape city life; to be close to nature.
- Summer home.
- Parents' job.
- A simpler life.
- Outdoor life.
- Retirement. (7)
- Nature, hiking.
- Was "undiscovered" at the time. Great appeal in that.
- Parents came back due to job loss.
- Parents came due to Dad's job.
- Scenic beauty and tourism business opportunity.
- Husband from here.
- My dad was born and grew up here.
- We love it here! Came for recreational (outdoor) opportunities, but love the social network in CV.
- Liked the outdoors: skiing, hunting, and fishing.
- Family. (4)
- To retire was born/raised/high school in Davis.
- Opportunity to live in a gorgeous home (rented while owners were away for 3 years).
- To open gift shop.
- · Quality of life.

- Job change.
- Get out of big city.
- Retired moved into 2nd home.
- Job transfer.
- Outdoor recreation opportunity, outdoor community, country life.
- Business.
- Bought a business in Davis.
- Outdoor activities, quality of life.
- To enjoy outdoor opportunities.
- Natural beauty, summer climate, community values, a feeling of being at home when we were still tourists.
- The beautiful mountains.
- Retirement in a less congested area and climate.
- So one parent could stay home with children.
- Occupy vacation home, sports, skiing.
- Back country access.
- Work/Employment. (4)
- Tourism job, seasonal work.
- Back to home place.
- Outdoor recreation, quality of life.
- I retired came home to my home and farm.
- We returned to our former home.
- Married a local.
- Because I loved the land, the beauty, the relative remoteness and thought I could make a living.
- Husband's job here.
- Been here since childhood Moved because I love it.
- Met my husband and got married.
- Hay fever is less here.
- It felt like home.
- We found a house and land we could afford and still be close to work opportunities.
- Born here, loved the scenery.
- Wanted to get back to the mountains peaceful.
- To marry my spouse who lived here.
- Moved with family.
- New life adventures for second career/retirement.
- Grew up in area.
- Husband was here. I like the area.
- To prepare for retirement.

- Childhood hometown. Thomas
- Snow and nature and hiking and excellent skiing. Canaan Valley
- Friendly climate, people, painter friendly. Canaan Valley
- Cool climate, recreational activity, WV native. Canaan Valley
- Grew up in Davis and wanted to move back. Davis
- Divorce. Canaan Valley
- Wanted to retire in heaven. Canaan Valley
- Father's employment. Red Creek
- My grandma was alone. Canaan Valley
- Retirement. Canaan Valley
- College in Elkins. Canaan Valley
- I owned a vacation home here for 20+ years. Canaan Valley
- Lived in Fayette County, got too developed by tourism! Davis
- Work related. Canaan Valley
- Job Canaan Valley
- Seeking peace and quiet and crime free place, good people. Canaan Valley
- For the peace and beauty of the area. Canaan Valley
- Family troubles. Thomas
- Moved with new husband. Red Creek
- City life. Thomas
- Marriage. Thomas
- Family. Parsons
- To be with daughter. Parsons
- To retire, but returned to workforce. Davis
- Because? Mom and dad moved here. Dad was from here! Parsons
- Getting married and husband employed in Davis. Canaan Valley
- Husband is from Grant County and I wanted to live here.- Parsons
- Military life with my husband. Parsons
- Retired and moved back to where I grew up. Thomas
- I used to live here and wanted to move back. Thomas
- Come back home. Parsons
- Lived in Tucker moved to Randolph came back to Tucker. Parsons
- Career move. Thomas
- Returned home. Thomas
- Returned home. Canaan Valley
- Most of my family reside here. Parsons
- Childhood. Ledmine
- To be closer to family. Davis

- I had problems with invasion of my home and property (ignorance of my constitutional rights). Parsons
- A change of professional experience. Thomas
- Went to WVU, found my way out here! Thomas
- I hate New York City. Canaan Valley
- To be closer to parents (in PA).
- Come back to help family. Parsons
- Husband's family lives here, great place to raise a family. Parsons
- Dad retired from Air Force. Parsons
- Get out of heat and traffic, recreation opportunity. Canaan Valley
- Got married to a man from Tucker County. Parsons
- For the love of Tucker County. Davis
- Was born here in '81 my family moved in '86 then eventually moved back. Hendricks
- Moved from Hagerstown, Md., came home. Hambleton
- Family. Hambleton
- Husband's occupation. Parsons
- Got married to someone who lived here. Hendricks
- For better access to outdoor activities for peace and quiet to live on a large tract of land; cost of living in Mon. County does not equate with job market. St. George
- Retirement. Canaan Valley
- Job related transfer. Parsons
- Employment. Parsons
- I was reared in Davis so I come once a year. I would love to move home. Canaan Valley
- For the wild nature. St. George
- Work. Canaan Valley
- Job, rivers, people. Davis
- Affordable. Thomas
- To get away from city mentality of needing everything. Parsons
- Family. Parsons
- Met husband and moved here to live. Parsons
- To be closer to family. Parsons
- Lifestyle. Canaan Valley
- Retirement. Parsons
- Job as conservation officer/Natural Resources Police. Thomas
- I moved in order to marry the man of my prayers. Parsons
- Gang warfare, to be near family. Hambleton
- Back country experiences and landscape photography. Canaan Valley
- I was going to spend a summer here before moving out west. Davis
- Married. Hambleton

- Extended family. Parsons
- Job opportunity. Parsons
- Retired. Canaan Valley
- Natural richness and the people of the area. Canaan Valley
- Married. St. George
- Employment. Parsons
- Love to ski, hike, bike, kayak but it turned out to be a socially perfect place for us. –
 Canaan Valley
- I am a retired postmaster. Red Creek
- Job. Canaan Valley
- Married a man from Parsons his job. Hambleton
- Retire. Red Creek
- Friendly, caring, beautiful place. Parsons
- Secured employment. Parsons
- God moved us. St. George
- Quiet, skiing, biking, privacy, beauty. Canaan Valley
- Bought business. St. George
- Could not get in and out due to others and bad road. Hendricks
- Better lifestyle for our family. Parsons
- Job Canaan Valley
- Retirement. Canaan Valley
- Quality of outdoors. Thomas
- Lifestyle, outdoors, climate. Davis
- Family. Parsons
- Fell in love with a local man and he would not leave WV. St. George
- Family. Parsons
- To get away from the city and the crowds. Davis
- Job/marriage. Canaan Valley
- Family moved. Thomas
- To relocate back to my husband's roots. Thomas
- Appalachia is my home. Colorado is overrated. Davis
- Retire. Davis
- Federal job at CVNWR (Wildlife Refuse) Seasonal. Canaan Valley
- 1st as vacation home site, then as a part-time resident and participant in arts community. Canaan Valley
- Beautiful, scenic, quiet, good neighbors as far as I know. Eglon
- No Response. (129)
- I love this state my family has been in this state since 1784. I have a deep love for this state and my home. Hendricks

- Vacation home. Canaan Valley
- More fun in Tucker County. Canaan Valley
- My husband's Forest Service job. Parsons
- Family, beautiful area. Parsons
- Outdoor recreation. Canaan Valley
- Beauty of the area. Canaan Valley
- Cooler summer weather and proximity to family. Davis
- Family. Davis
- Employment of winter and lifestyle! Canaan Valley
- To be in an outdoor wonderland. Canaan Valley
- Retire. Canaan Valley
- Retired. Dryfork
- Loved the area. St. George
- Lived here most of my life by choice. Canaan Valley
- Tire of city moved home. Hambleton
- Work on site at work. St. George
- Peace and quiet Beauty of the mountains. Davis
- Spouse. Employment opportunity to come home. Dryfork
- Lived in Florida 20 years returned to Randolph County. Dryfork
- Moved back twice from SC and Bahamas. Davis
- Ability to own a business. Thomas
- Outdoor activities, people. Canaan Valley
- Born here returned after high school here.
- Parents moved here Father was born and raised here. Thomas
- Fell in love with Parsons Natural beauty and the people. Parsons
- Less hay fever. Davis
- Family roots. St. George
- Job. Hambleton
- My husband's job shut down. Hambleton
- Got married to Tucker County lady. Hambleton
- To retire, love mountains and wildlife. Parsons
- Retirement. Canaan Valley
- Its home. Canaan Valley
- Retired to enjoy the outdoors. Canaan Valley
- Because of mom and dad. Hambleton
- For a job. Parsons
- Husband retired from Air Force. Parsons
- Love the mountains. Parsons
- Work St. George

- Own residence here. Davis
- Work. Parsons
- For outdoor recreation ski and biking. Davis
- Location for work. Parsons
- To enjoy outdoor amenities in the area. Davis
- To work at Blackwater Falls. Davis
- Father's job Railroad. Davis
- Nature. Thomas
- For the nature and outdoor activities here. Canaan Valley
- Nature. Thomas
- For employment. Thomas
- God moved me lived here '69-'71. Thomas
- To get married. Parsons
- Seeking more self-sufficient farming life style close to public land for recreation. –
 Dryfork
- Helping with events in family business graduated to moving here when falling in love with mountains. – Thomas
- Retired to area where we "summered" for **years**. Red Creek
- To be in the mountains of WV. Canaan Valley
- For retirement. Davis
- Job opportunity. Davis
- Beauty of nature, peaceful. Canaan Valley
- To get away from the city/to be in small mountain community. Thomas
- Transferred to a new job. Canaan Valley
- The town of Thomas appealed to me because it is a small town, but there is music, art, and nature which you don't find in many small towns in WV. Thomas
- Retired. Canaan Valley
- Outdoor activities. Davis
- Love the place. Canaan Valley
- Husband's work. Thomas
- Wife took teaching position. I commuted to Elkins. Hambleton
- Come back home. Davis
- Husband's job. Parsons
- Family and farming. Red Creek
- Moved away from military service, returned to be near family. St. George
- Retired, getting away from it all! Canaan Valley
- Work opportunity. Canaan Valley

- There was an opportunity here that I didn't want to pass up any longer and then as I've gotten to know CV homeowners, I realized I'm more of an asset here than I felt I was back in Wisconsin. St. George
- Opportunities to give urban exposure to the natural world. The Resort had some really good programs years ago but has cut back. Canaan Valley
- Came home. St. George
- Left Davis age 18 Returned to care for mother. Davis
- Retired. Thomas
- Quality of life, great trails. Opportunity for small biz (low barrier to entry). Love Thomas's infrastructure. Thomas