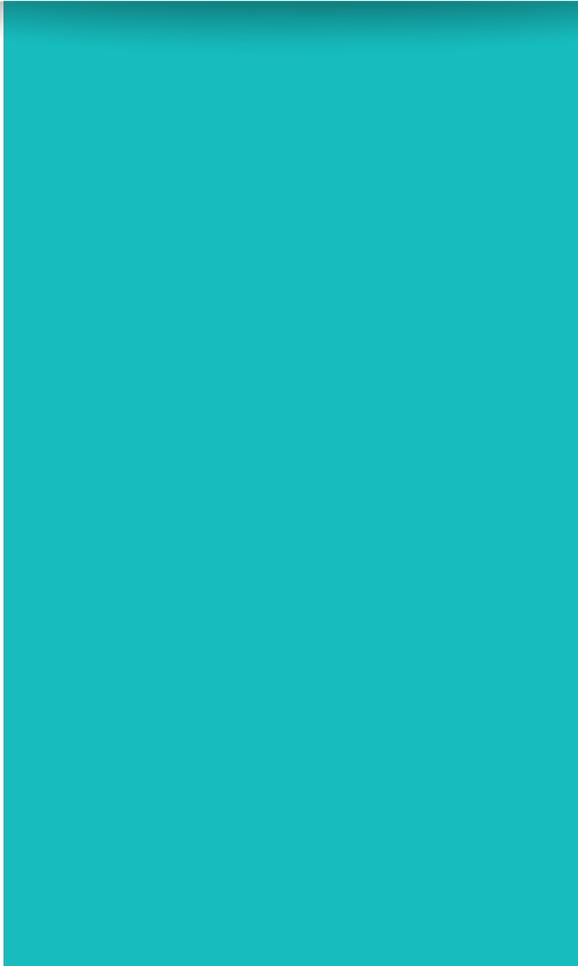


LUNENBURG

COMMUNITY PROFILE



LUNENBURG COUNTY

is located in the south-central Piedmont region of Virginia, halfway between Richmond and Raleigh, North Carolina. The County is bounded by the Nottoway River to the north, the Meherrin River to the south, Brunswick County to the east, and Charlotte County to the west. The rural setting supports agribusiness of all kinds, while maintaining several manufacturing facilities.

Government

The county has a County Administrator and a 7-member elected Board of Supervisors; it has a comprehensive plan and zoning and subdivision ordinances. Lunenburg is the county seat. Incorporated towns of Kenbridge and Victoria are governed by an elected Town Council and Mayor, and a Town Manager.

Taxes

Localities in Virginia collect a 1% sales tax and do not tax other items taxed at the State level. Counties and cities in Virginia are separate taxing entities. Therefore, a company pays taxes either to a county or to a city. If a company is located in a town, it pays town and county taxes except for utility taxes which are paid only to the town and the license tax which is paid only to the town unless town law permits the additional collection of a county tax.

Manufacturers pay real estate, machinery and tools, truck and automobile utility, and sales taxes. Nonmanufacturers pay real estate, tangible personal property, truck and automobile, utility, and sales taxes. They also may pay either a merchants' capital or a license tax.



MAJOR EMPLOYERS

S&M Brands, Inc. *(Cigarettes)*
STEPS, Inc. *(Job training/Contract Sewing Military and Commercial)*
Virginia Marble Corp. *(Marble tops)*
Kenbridge Construction Co. *(Construction)*
Lunenburg Correctional Center
(Correctional institution)

INCOME



\$27,208 per capita
\$43,769 median family



HIGHER EDUCATION

Longwood University
Hampden-Sydney College
Southside Virginia Community College
(Christanna Campus & John H. Daniel Campus)

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT FACILITIES



3 VEC Workforce Centers
in Farmville, South Boston and South Hill
1 Reemployment Center
in Farmville
5 Informational Centers
in Victoria, Alberta, Crewe, Amelia and Cumberland
1 Comprehensive Center
in Charlotte Courthouse
2 Satellite Centers
in Farmville and South Boston



UNEMPLOYMENT

191 unemployed Lunenburg County
5,452 including Extended Labor Market
3.5% Lunenburg County
6.8% Extended Labor Market
2.9% Statewide

LABOR MARKET



5,170 Civillian Labor Market
+ Extended Labor Market Area **66,786**



LOCATION

Lunenburg County is 78 miles southwest of Richmond, the state capital; about 100 miles northeast of Raleigh, NC; and Norfolk is 130 miles to the east. It is also located within 60 miles of Virginia Ports.

TRANSPORTATION

Interstates & Highways

I-85, I-95, I-295, I-195, I-64
Highways 137, 138, 360, 40, 49

Freight Rail Services

Buckingham Branch Railroad
Virginia Southern Railway

Airports

Lunenburg County Airport,
Richmond International

Seaports

Port of Richmond
Port of Virginia
(Multiple Terminals)
Port of Wilmington, NC

Other Ports

Richmond-Petersburg,
Port of Washington -
Dulles

Community Facilities

Hospitals in South Hill and Farmville provide medical service to residents and the Brunswick County Health Department offers a number of services. Virginia Commonwealth University Medical Center in Richmond and Duke Medical Center in Durham are easily accessible. Emergency air transport is available. A privately operated health clinic, centrally located in the county between the towns of Kenbridge and Victoria, complements the public health services provided through the Lunenburg County Health Department. Three physicians offices and two dentist offices are located in the county.

Over 70 Protestant churches representing most major denominations are located in the county. Catholic churches are found in Meherrin and in the neighboring towns of Blackstone and South Hill. The nearest Jewish synagogue is in Petersburg.

The Southside Regional Library System operates branches in Victoria and Kenbridge, and the branch campuses of Southside Virginia Community College have modern library facilities accessible to the public.

Local shopping needs are met through the commercial districts of Victoria and Kenbridge. Nearby cities and towns are conveniently accessible and represent a wide range of retail choices.

Lifestyle

Lectures, dramatic programs and events are available at Longwood University and Hampden-Sydney College. South Hill's The Colonial Theatre, SVCC, and an independent drama club in Farmville, all present dramatic productions and concerts

Organized athletics and recreational activities are generally promoted or sponsored by the school system; churches; or a number of civic, fraternal, and social organizations. Kenbridge and Victoria have athletic fields. Victoria has a private swimming pool and the private Victoria Golf Club. The Lunenburg Country Club near Kenbridge includes a golf course, tennis courts, and swimming pool. A public community center in Victoria hosts skating, dancing, and a number of other functions. The Victoria Railroad Park and Trails offers walking, biking, or horseback riding trails totaling approximately 8 miles, as well as geocaching.

Modest Creek Lake, Lunenburg Lake, and Nottoway Falls Lake offer fishing and watersports. Buggs Island Lake and Lake Gaston are known for water sports, fishing, boating, and camping. Twin Lakes State Park and Staunton River State Park are quite close to the county and offer fishing, camping, and hiking opportunities. Outdoorsmen will find good deer and small game hunting in Lunenburg County and in wildlife management areas in the surrounding region.

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