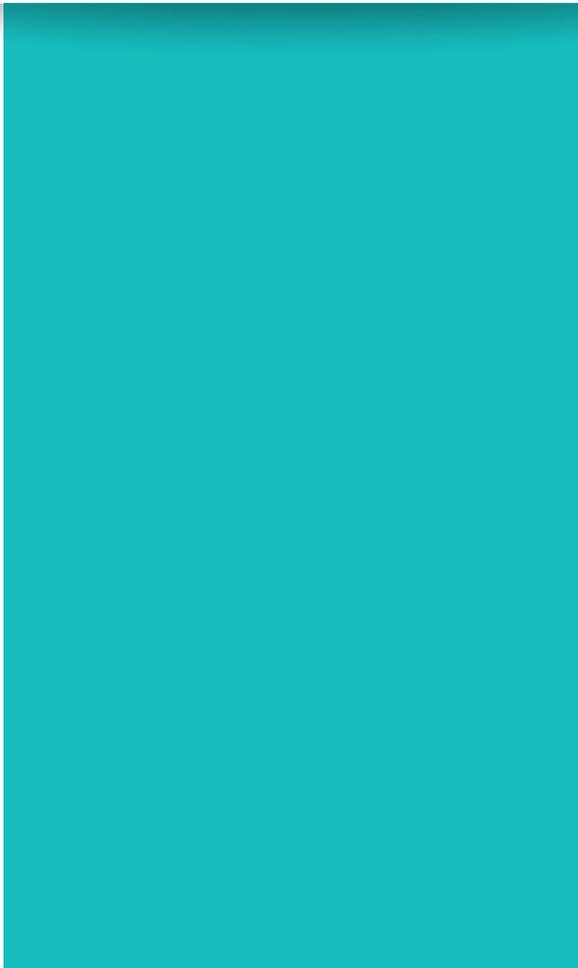


Mecklenburg

COMMUNITY PROFILE



MECKLENBURG COUNTY

located in south-central Virginia on the North Carolina line, is known for its strong agricultural tradition and recreational attractions at Buggs Island Lake and Lake Gaston. Home to several well known data centers, the county's interstate and highway access also makes it perfect for manufacturing.

Government

Mecklenburg County has a County Administrator and a 9-member Board of Supervisors. Boydton is the county seat; other towns are Brodnax, Chase City, Clarksville, LaCrosse and South Hill. The county has a comprehensive plan and zoning, a subdivision ordinance, a zoning ordinance, an Economic Development Strategic Plan, and a Tourism Assessment Plan. Each town, except Brodnax, has zoning ordinances.

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

American Building Company (*Steel buildings*)
Virginia Homes Manufacturing (*Modular homes*)
Community Memorial Health Center
(*Health care*)
HP/Clarksville Data Center (*Data storage*)
Jones Apparel Group (*Distribution center*)
Microsoft Data Center (*Data housing*)

INCOME

\$30,911 per capita **\$47,719** median family



HIGHER EDUCATION

Southside Virginia Community College
(*Christanna Campus*)
Southside Virginia Community College
(*John H. Daniel Campus*)
Southside Virginia Community College

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT FACILITIES

2 Career and Technical Centers
*Estes Community Center & Lake Country
Advanced Knowledge Center*
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



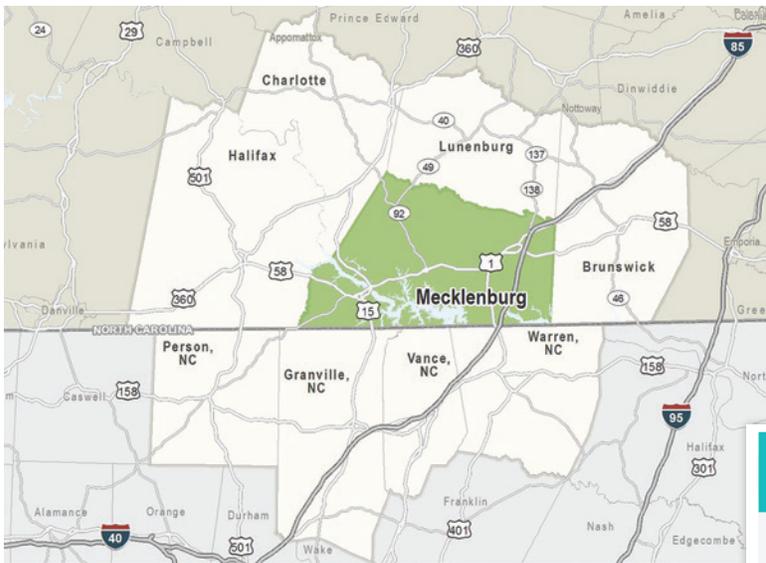
UNEMPLOYMENT

541 *unemployed Mecklenburg County*
12,461 *including Extended Labor Market*
4.2% Mecklenburg County
7.7% Extended Labor Market
2.9% Statewide

LABOR MARKET

13,151 Civilian Labor Market
+ Extended Labor Market Area **120,476**





LOCATION

Mecklenburg County is 85 miles southeast of Richmond, the state capital; about 70 miles north of Raleigh, NC; and Norfolk is 100 miles to the east. It is also located within 100 miles of Virginia Ports. 4-lane US Route 58 runs across the county.

TRANSPORTATION

Interstates & Highways

I-85, I-95, I-40, I-295, I-440
Hwys 1, 138, 15, 4, 47, 49, 58, 92

Freight Rail Services

Buckingham Branch Railroad
Virginia Southern Railway

Airports

General aviation airports including
Mecklenburg-Brunswick Regional.
Richmond International
Raleigh-Durham International

Seaports

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

Other Ports

Richmond-Petersburg,
Port of Washington -
Dulles

Community Facilities

Community Memorial Health Center in South Hill is a 284-bed community owned non-profit hospital offering services in cardia intensive care, nuclear medicine, physical therapy, and radiology. The hospital provides 24-hour emergency treatment and operates a nursing school. 182-bed Halifax Regional Hospital is within a short drive. Public health services are administered through the Mecklenburg Health Department, an private medic clinics are located in Chase City and Clarksville.

The Southside Regional Library System operates libraries in Clarksville, Chase City, South Hill, and Boydton. Estes Center in Chase City and the Advanced Knowledge Center in South Hill provide internet access and web-related educational opportunities for the county's residents. Southside Virginia Community College provides many opportunities for continued education and employer training at both facilities.

Over 20 Protestant churches and 2 Roman Catholic churches are located in the county. A Jewish synagogue is located in Danville.

Lifestyle

Community centers in Alberta and Lawrenceville offer facilities for dances, exhibits, and meetings. Local cultural activities often center on regular events and programs at Southside Virginia Community College. Metropolitan areas in South Hampton Roads, Richmond, and North Carolina are easily accessible for a wide range of entertainment and cultural offerings. Organized athletics include Little League baseball, football, and soccer; adult softball leagues; and fishing competitions. A public golf course is available, and the Brunswick Country Club offers golf, swimming, and

other amenities for members. Several private clubs and associations in the county have swimming and tennis facilities.

Athletic facilities at the county's public schools are used for organized and individual sports. Other publicly owned facilities include tennis courts, parks, swimming pools, and playgrounds. South Hill has tournament level baseball/softball facilities, and the Clarksville and South Hill YMCAs offer an assortment of athletic and instructional programs. Golf and swimming are available at five local country clubs.

The MacCallum More Gardens contain over 20,000 English and American boxwoods, thousands of azaleas, dogwoods, and other flowering shrubs, and works of art collected from around the world. Prestwold Plantation is a Virginia Historic Landmark, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and houses the Roanoke River Museum. South Hill's The Colonial Center for Performing Arts is a 400-seat theater with art gallery and conference center.. It was constructed in the 1920's as a vaudeville theater and has recently been restored.

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