CHARLOTTE COMMUNITY PROFILE

CHARLOTTE COUNTY

is located in south-central Virginia. The Roanoke / Staunton River and Buggs Island Lake form the county's southwestern boundary. The area is known for its strong agricultural heritage and its rich forest resources.

Government

Charlotte County has a County Administrator and a seven-member Board of Supervisors. The county has a comprehensive plan, subdivision ordinance, and zoning ordinance. Charlotte Court House is the county seat. Drakes Branch, Keysville, and Phenix are the other incorporated towns.

Taxes

Localities in Virginia collect a 1% sales tax and do not

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.

tax other items taxed at the State level. Counties and

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

Cardinal Homes (Modular Homes) Genesis Products, Inc. (Wood products) Tate Lumber Company, Inc. (Sawmill) Southside Virginia Community College (Higher education)

United Parcel Service (Courier)



HIGHER EDUCATION

Longwood University Southside Virginia Community College (John H. Daniel Campus) Hampen-Sydney College Southern Virginia Higher Education Center **INCOME**

\$21,111 \$48,108 per capita median family

WORKFORCE **DEVELOPMENT FACILITIES**



- 1 Career and Technical Center *in Amelia-Nottoway*
- 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

207 unemployed Charlotte County **8,007** *including Extended Labor Market*

3.8% Charlotte County

6.4% Extended Labor Market

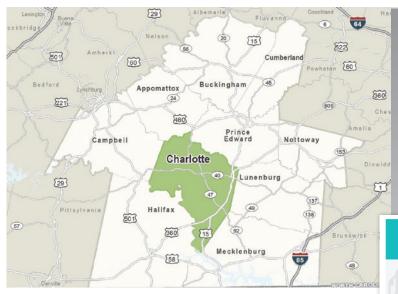
2.9 % Statewide

LABOR MARKET

5,419 Civilian Labor Market

+ Extended Labor Market Area 101,668





Community Facilities

Hospitals in Farmville, South Boston, and Lynchburg provide medical service to residents and the Charlotte County Health Department offers a number of services. Six physicians, three dentists, one orthodontist, two nurse practitioners, one counselor, and one dietitian practice in the county.

The Charlotte County public library system includes a main library in Charlotte Court House and branches in Keysville, Phenix, and Wylliesburg. Southside Virginia Community College in Keysville also opens its library to the public.

71 places of worship represent the predominant Protestant denominations in the county. Catholic churches are in Farmville and Brookneal, and a Jewish synagogue is located in Lynchburg.

Over 50 retail and service-related stores are located in the county. The downtown areas of Charlotte Court House, Keysville, Drakes Branch, and Phenix support a variety of retail establishments. The county's close proximity to Lynchburg and Farmville provides additional shopping and entertainment options, including a mall and numerous neighborhood retail centers.

Lifestyle

Buggs Island Lake, at the southern tip of the county, provides fishing, swimming, camping, boating, and picnic areas.

Two other nearby facilities, Staunton River Battlefield State Park and Twin Lakes State Park, also offer water sports, fishing, and picnicking.

LOCATION

Charlotte County is located 90 miles southwest of Richmond, the state capital; 192 miles southwest of Washington, D.C.; and 98 miles northeast of Raleigh, N.C. It is also located within 100 miles of Virginia Ports.

TRANSPORTATION

Interstates & Highways I-85, I-81 Highways 15, 360, 40, 47, 59, 92 Port of Virginia

Freight Rail Services **Buckingham Branch Railroad**

Norfolk Southern Railway Virginia Southern Railway

Airports

Chase City Municipal Lynchburg Regional Richmond International Seaports

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

Other Ports Richmond-Petersburg, Port of Washington -Dulles

There are 14 community ballparks, four private swimming pools, and five public tennis courts. Briery Country Club is a private 9-hole golf course in Keysville. The Charlotte County Recreation program offers a variety of programs directed toward the county's youth throughout the year, including youth football, cheerleading, softball, baseball, volleyball, karate, wrestling, and 4-H programs.

An annual Fourth of July celebration featuring arts and crafts, music, picnicking, and fireworks is held at historic Red Hill, the burial place of Patrick Henry. Another annual event during the summer is Dixie Days. This event features jazz music, games, crafts, and home-cooked foods.

Charlotte County Celebration & Earth Day Festival is a Charlotte County community and environmental awareness day held the second Saturday each May with participation from local agencies and organizations featuring arts and crafts, contests, fireworks, music, and community pride.

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