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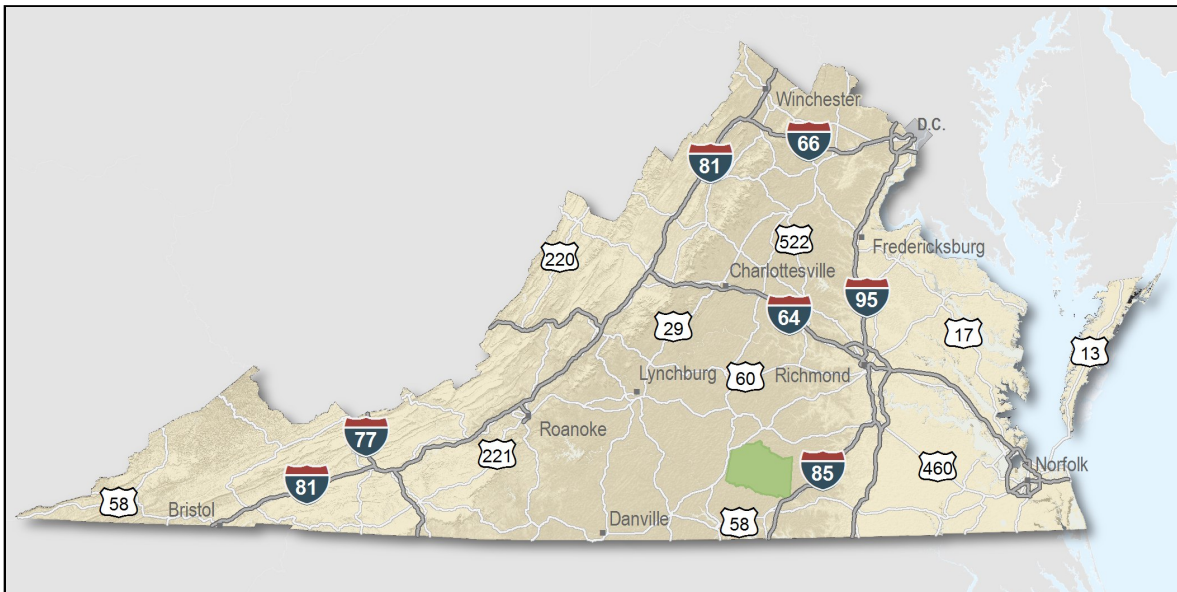
# Lunenburg County, Virginia

# Overview

Only a few locations can guarantee the right combination of resources that are crucial to your business's success. Virginia's premier location offers excellent domestic and international access. Centrally located on the U.S. East Coast, more than 47 percent of the U.S. population is within a day's drive, and our integrated transportation system of highways, railroads, airports and seaports ensures that you can reach every one of your markets efficiently. Close proximity to Washington, D.C. facilitates contact with policy makers and the federal government system.

Virginia continues to rank among America's leading states for business by CNBC and Forbes.com. Business-first values, easy access to markets, stable and competitive operating costs, and a talented workforce all drove Virginia to the top. This unique combination of assets has encouraged businesses to prosper here for more than 400 years. Like you, they searched the world over for that convergence of resources that would help ensure their prosperity. For them, their search ended here. Chances are yours will too.

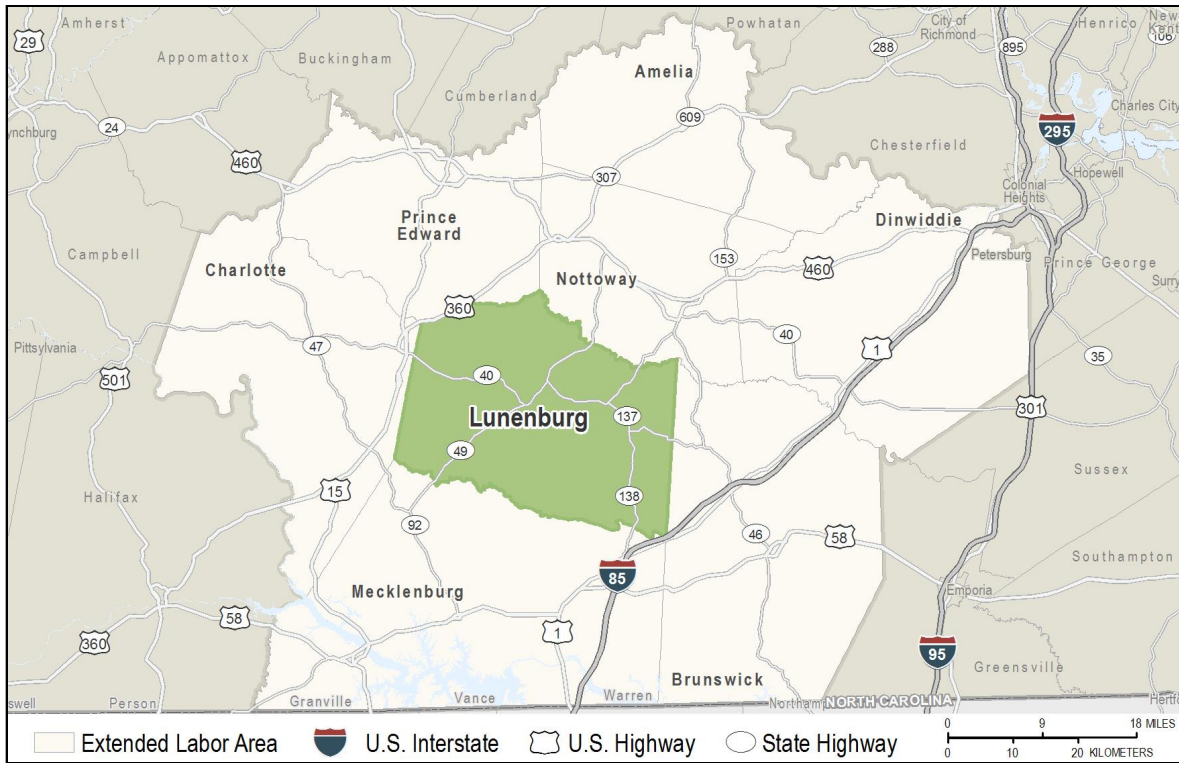
- AAA bond rating- Virginia has maintained a AAA rating since 1938, longer than any other state.
- Right-to-work law allows individuals the right to work regardless of membership in a labor union or organization.
- Corporate income tax rate of 6% has not been increased since 1972.
- Headquarters to 37 Fortune 1000 firms.
- Headquarters to 56 firms each with annual revenue over \$1 billion.
- More than 21,400 high-tech establishments operate in Virginia.
- More than 700 internationally-owned businesses from 40 countries are located in Virginia.
- Ranks third among the 50 states as a recipient of federal R&D funds.
- Streamlined permitting process.
- Recruitment training programs to help new businesses become operational faster.
- Programs at little or no cost to help businesses increase international sales.



# Location

Lunenburg County, located in the south-central Piedmont region of Virginia is 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 continues to support agribusiness of all kinds, while maintaining several manufacturing facilities in the county's incorporated towns of Victoria and Kenbridge.

Home to families who have generations of history in the "Old Free State", Lunenburg gladly welcomes newcomers whether visiting, conducting business, or choosing our slower pace of life as a place to live. Low taxes, bountiful land, and beautiful homes draw many new families every year.



# Labor Market

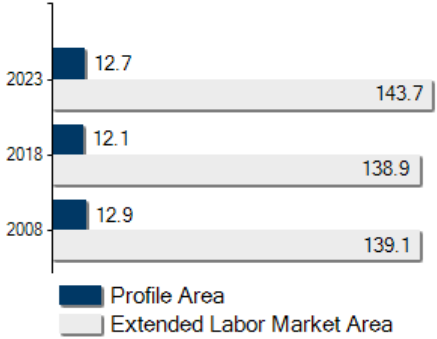
Population		
<b>Gender Distribution (2018)</b>		
Lunenburg County	Male	Female
	53.0%	47.0%
<b>Race/Ethnicity (2018)</b>		
<b>Classification</b>	<b>Profile Area</b>	<b>Extended Labor Area</b>
White	7,585	85,908
Black	4,129	48,611
Two or More	244	2,399
American Indian or Alaska Native	65	601
Asian	38	1,269
Pacific Islander	25	96
Hispanic (may be of any race)	580	4,060
<b>Median Age (2018)</b>		45 years

Civilian Labor Force (2018)	
Lunenburg County	5,340
Extended Labor Market Area	61,117
Total	66,457

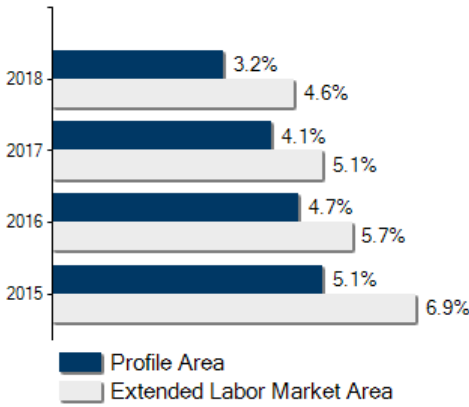
Labor Force Participation (2013-2017)	
Lunenburg County	48.0%
Extended Labor Market Area	53.7%

Unemployment	
<b>Unemployment Rate (December 2019)</b>	
Lunenburg County	2.8%
Extended Labor Market Area	3.3%
Statewide	2.5%
<b>Unemployed (2018)</b>	
Lunenburg County	173
Extended Labor Market Area	2,288
Total	2,461
<b>Underemployed (4th Quarter 2019)</b>	
Lunenburg County	467
Extended Labor Market Area	6,186
Total	6,653

**Population in Thousands**



**Unemployment Rates**





# Labor Market

## Commute Time (2013-2017)

Worked from home	219	4.8%
Under 15 minutes	1,101	25.3%
15-24 minutes	979	22.5%
25-34 minutes	1,179	27.1%
35-44 minutes	226	5.2%
45-59 minutes	379	8.7%
Over 60 minutes	483	11.1%
Mean Travel Time to Work (minutes)		29

## Additional Labor Resources

High School Graduates Not Continuing (2017-2018)	7
Two-Year College Graduates (Spring 2018)	1,111
Two-Year College Enrollees (Fall 2018)	3,980
Other College and University Graduates (Spring 2018)	1,350
Total	6,448

**Career Readiness Certificate (06/30/2017-06/30/2018)**

Virginia’s Career Readiness Certificate (CRC) assists employers by certifying that a recipient possesses core skills in applied math, reading for information, and locating information. The CRC certification is based on established Workeys® assessment tests. Virginia uses a three-tiered approach (bronze, silver, gold) to credentialing certificate holders that is based on the recipient’s level of development skills.

Lunenburg County	6
Extended Labor Market Area	40
<b>Total</b>	<b>46</b>

**Educational Attainment**

On-Time Graduation Rate (Class of 2018)	79.8%
Percentage of Lunenburg County population age 25+ who are high school graduates (2013-2017)	76.3%
Percentage of Lunenburg County population age 25+ who have earned a Bachelor's Degree or higher (2013-2017)	10.6%



# Labor Market

Employment by Sector* (4th Qtr. 2018)		
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	68	2.6%
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	0	0
Utilities	0	0
Construction	178	6.9%
Manufacturing	N.D.	N.D.
Wholesale Trade	174	6.7%
Retail Trade	184	7.1%
Transportation and Warehousing	68	2.6%
Information	10	0.4%
Finance and Insurance	N.D.	N.D.
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	4	0.2%
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	36	1.4%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	N.D.	N.D.
Administrative and Support and Waste Management	49	1.9%
Educational Services	0	0
Health Care and Social Assistance	246	9.5%
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	N.D.	N.D.
Accommodation and Food Services	77	3.0%
Other Services	133	5.2%
Total Government	796	30.8%
Federal Government	20	0.8%
State Government	345	13.4%
Local Government	431	16.7%
Unclassified	4	0.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,582</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

N.D. - Not Disclosed

\*By Business Establishment



# Labor Market

## Major Employers

### Manufacturing

#### Company

ABC Recycling, Inc.  
 America Bluesky  
 Fellowship Furniture  
 Global Refining Group Inc.  
 Lignetics of Virginia, Inc.  
 Pennington Seed  
 S&M Brands, Inc.  
 STEPS, Inc.  
 Virginia Marble Corp.

#### Product/Service

Recycling of metals  
 Lumber  
 Furniture assembly  
 Recycling of Catalytic Convertors  
 Wood pellet fuel production  
 Seed product distribution  
 Cigarettes  
 Job training/Contract Sewing / Commercial  
 Marble tops

### NonManufacturing

#### Company

Coast 2 Coast Trucking  
 Kenbridge Construction Co.  
 Lancaster Leaf  
 Lunenburg Correctional Center  
 Lunenburg County Public Schools  
 Three Rivers Treatment Center

#### Product/Service

contract long haul  
 Construction  
 Tobacco processing/storage  
 Correctional institution  
 Pre K- 12th grade educational services  
 Residential/ educational center for teenage  
 males with behaviorial issues



# Labor Market

<b>Union Activity (8/1/2015 - 8/1/2018)</b>	
Petitions filed for decertification	0
Petitions filed for representation	0
Petitions filed for raid	0
Elections won by union	0
Elections won by company	0

# Labor Market

## Estimated Earnings (May 2018)

Occupation	Median Wage (US\$)	Mean Wage (US\$)	Median Salary (US\$)	Mean Salary (US\$)
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators	11.32	12.14	23,550	25,263
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	20.09	18.82	41,784	39,137
Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, and Weighers	18.27	18.95	37,994	39,413
Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	14.64	15.72	30,452	32,695
First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers	19.05	19.50	39,621	40,552
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	25.90	26.50	53,876	55,115
Industrial Machinery Mechanics	16.56	18.06	34,448	37,570
Bus and Truck Mechanics and Diesel Engine Specialists	22.41	23.28	46,603	48,419
Office Clerks, General	22.92	23.53	47,675	48,949
Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive	12.36	13.70	25,719	28,486
Receptionists and Information Clerks	15.17	16.26	31,550	33,820
Customer Service Representatives	13.86	13.70	28,825	28,494
Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks	13.57	14.82	28,220	30,829
First-Line Supervisors of Office and Administrative Support Workers	16.52	16.81	34,358	34,957
Computer User Support Specialists	23.04	25.57	47,928	53,183
Network and Computer Systems Administrators	22.74	23.05	47,289	47,962
Computer Systems Analysts	33.64	36.26	69,957	75,425
Accountants and Auditors	38.14	38.67	79,336	80,445
Human Resources Specialists	31.01	33.01	64,491	68,654
	24.85	26.00	51,697	54,095

## Per Capita Personal Income (2017)

\$32,149

## Median Family Income (2013-2017)

\$47,313



# Education

## Public School Enrollment (Fall 2018)

Level	Number	Enrollment
Elementary	2	733
Middle	1	384
High School	1	434

## Student Teacher Ratio (FY 2018)

Elementary	11:1
Secondary	13:1

## Per Pupil Expenditure (FY 2018) (US\$)

10,701.00
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## On-Time Graduation Rate (Class of 2018)

79.8%
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## High School Graduates Continuing Education (2017-2018)

90.8%
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## Advanced Programs (2017-2018)

### Governor's Schools

The Governor's School of Southside Virginia

Governor's School Enrollment	14
Students taking 1 or more Advanced Placement (AP) Courses	38
Students taking 1 or more AP Exams	38
Students taking 1 or more Dual Enrollment Courses	24

# Education

## Workforce Development Facilities

Facility	Type
Southern Virginia Center Of Manufacturing Excellence	Center of Excellence
Virginia Workforce Center - Victoria	Informational Center
Virginia Workforce Center-Charlotte Courthouse	Satellite Center
Virginia Workforce Center-Farmville	Satellite Center
Virginia Workforce Center-South Boston	Satellite Center
Virginia Workforce Center-South Hill	Satellite Center
Workforce Information Center - Alberta	Informational Center
Workforce Information Center - Crewe	Informational Center
Workforce Information Site - Amelia	Informational Center
Workforce Information Site - Cumberland	Informational Center

## Higher Education Facilities – Fall 2018

Facility	Enrollment
Longwood University	4,911
Southside Virginia Community College - John H. Daniel Campus	2,130
Southside Virginia Community College - Christanna Campus	1,850
Hampden-Sydney College	1,072



# Transportation

Interstates	
Name	Distance
I-85	0.1 miles (0.2 km.)
I-95	26.8 miles (43.1 km.)
I-295	37.2 miles (59.9 km.)
I-195	46.4 miles (74.7 km.)
I-64	47.6 miles (76.6 km.)

Note: Measured from border of locality/region.

Highways				
Highway 137	Highway 138	Highway 360	Highway 40	Highway 49

Commercial Air Service		
<b>Richmond International Airport, Sandston -- 85.6 miles (137.7 km.)</b>		
American Airlines	Delta Air Lines	Southwest Airlines
Spirit Airlines	United Airlines	JetBlue Airways
Allegiant Air		

Note: Within a 75-mile drive of the center of the locality.



# Transportation

## General Aviation Service

Name	Runway Length
Lunenburg County Airport, Kenbridge	3,000 ft (914 m)

## Freight Rail Service

Buckingham Branch Railroad Virginia Southern Railway
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## Seaports

Name	Distance
Port of Virginia (Richmond Marine Terminal)	86.0 miles (138.4 km)
Port of Virginia	148.0 miles (238.2 km)

Note: Driving distance from the center of the locality to Port of Virginia and any other seaports within 100 miles.

## Other Ports of Entry

Name	Distance
Richmond-Petersburg	85.6 miles (137.7 km)
Port of Washington - Dulles	184.5 miles (297.0 km)

Note: Driving distance from the center of the locality to Port of Washington - Dulles and any other port of entry within 100 miles.



Utilities	
Electric	Southside Electric Cooperative
Electric	Dominion Energy
Electric	Mecklenburg Electric Cooperative
Natural Gas	Not Available
Telecommunications	Verizon South
Telecommunications	CenturyLink
Telecommunications	Mid-Atlantic Broadband Cooperative
Water	Town of Kenbridge
Water	Town of Victoria
Waste Water Treatment	Town of Kenbridge
Waste Water Treatment	Town of Victoria
Solid Waste Disposal	Lunenburg County Landfill

# Financial Institutions

<b>Financial Institutions – 4th Qtr 2018 Assets</b>	
<b>Bank</b>	<b>Assets (US\$ Millions)</b>
Benchmark Community Bank	643.9





# Government and Taxes

## Government

Lunenburg County has a County Administrator and a seven-member elected Board of Supervisors.

The County and Towns have a joint comprehensive plan.

Lunenburg is the county seat.

Incorporated towns include Kenbridge and Victoria; each town is governed by an elected Town Council and Mayor and a Town Manager.

The Town offices for Kenbridge are located in the renovated Kenbridge Community Center, part of the Fifth Avenue Historic District.

The Town offices for Victoria are recently renovated and are located at 1802 Main Street.

## Taxes

Localities in Virginia collect a 1% sales tax. They do not tax other items taxed at the State level.

Counties and cities in Virginia are separate taxing entities. Therefore, a company pays taxes to either 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.

*Manufacturer's Tax Profile (Lunenburg) [pdf](#)*

*Non-Manufacturer's Tax Profile (Lunenburg) [pdf](#)*



# Community Facilities

Hospital facilities for county residents include the nearby Centra Southside Community Hospital in Farmville with 116 patient beds and the VCU Community Memorial Hospital in South Hill with 70 beds. Construction of a new VCU Health Community Memorial Health facility began in the fall of 2015 and should be completed in Fall 2017. The renowned medical centers of the Virginia Commonwealth University Medical Center in Richmond and Duke University in Durham, North Carolina are easily accessible for area residents. For emergency transport, air ambulance service 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.

Fourteen physicians and 10 dentists 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 Lunenburg County Public Library System operates branches in both the towns of Victoria and Kenbridge. The nearby branch campuses of Southside Virginia Community College at Keysville and Alberta each have modern library facilities with collections available to the public.



# Community Facilities

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Local shopping needs, such as clothing, appliances, food, hardware, gifts, and pharmacies are met through the commercial districts of both Victoria and Kenbridge. Nearby cities and towns, including Blackstone, Farmville, South Boston, South Hill, the Richmond-Petersburg metropolitan area, and the Raleigh-Durham area are conveniently accessible and represent a wide range of retail choices from distinctive boutiques to major department stores or brand-name outlets.

Both Kenbridge and Victoria have public parks with walking trails, playground equipment, and other amenities.

The county's location enables residents to take advantage of numerous premier cultural events. Longwood College and Hampden-Sydney College in adjacent Prince Edward County sponsor many lectures, dramatic programs and events which the public is encouraged to attend. Southside Virginia Community College also presents a regular series of dramatic productions. Farmville is home to an independent drama club with its own theater. The Colonial Theater in South Hill promotes regular plays, concerts, and special events as well as displaying the work of local artists. Citizens enjoy several "big name" concerts in Crewe scheduled from April to September. Nearby Richmond hosts the Richmond Symphony, the Richmond Ballet, and the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, among a wide range of other cultural amenities. Closer to home, the Kenbridge Community Center annually hosts several concerts in its 300 seat auditorium.

Organized athletics and recreational activities are generally promoted or sponsored by the school system; churches; or a number of civic, fraternal, and social organizations. Both Kenbridge and Victoria have athletic fields. Victoria has a public swimming pool and the private Victoria Golf Club. The Lunenburg Country Club near Kenbridge includes a golf course, tennis courts, and swimming pool that is open to members and their guests. A public community center in Victoria hosts skating, dancing, and a number of other functions.

The Victoria Railroad Park and Trails offers opportunities for walking, biking, or horseback riding trails totaling approximately 8 miles at this time. Geocaching is another fun activity found in the VRPT.

The rivers and lakes of Southside Virginia provide an excellent setting for the full complement of water sports. Superior fishing can be found in the county at Modest Creek Lake, Lunenburg Lake, and Nottoway Falls Lake. The Buggs Island Reservoir, in nearby Mecklenburg County to the south, is well known for its excellent bass fishing along with its boating and camping. Lake Gaston, located to the south and east in Brunswick County, is known for its water sports, boating, fishing, camping, and beautiful Lake homes. 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 several wildlife management areas in the surrounding region.

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The Town of Victoria sponsors several events on an annual basis: National Cowboy Day is celebrated on the fourth Saturday of July; Autumn Days is held in October and "Small Town Christmas" is celebrated in mid-December and offering pictures and visits with Santa.

The Lunenburg Chamber of Commerce sponsors an annual concert in May of each year at the Kenbridge Community Center Auditorium.

Memorial Day Weekend is celebrated by a Remembrance Service sponsored by the Lunenburg County Historical Society.

Christmas is also celebrated each year with a parade alternating between Kenbridge and Victoria.

*Virginia's Growth Alliance Profile*

*Virginia's Heartland Partnership*