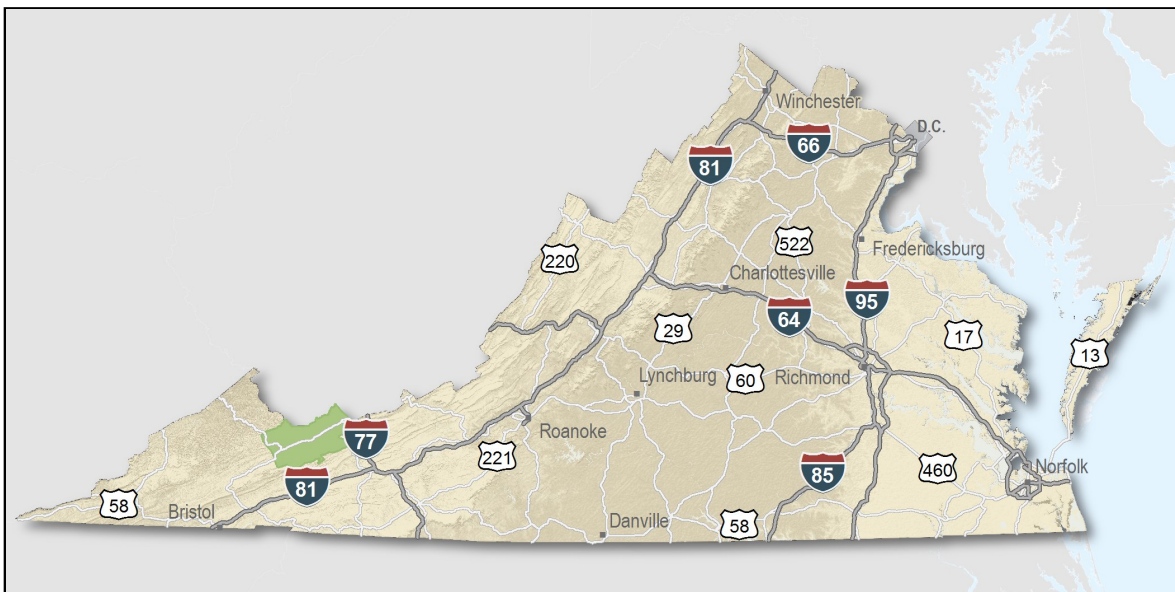

Tazewell County, Virginia

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.

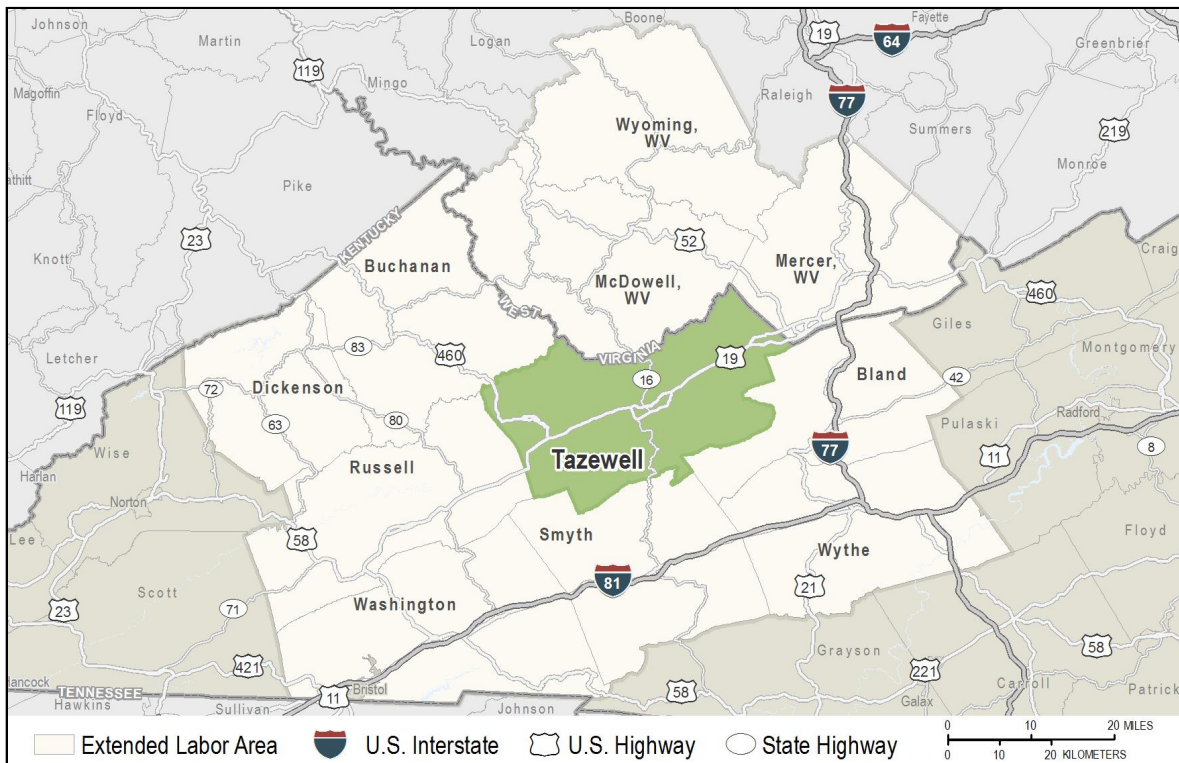
- AAA bond rating- Virginia has maintained a AAA rating since 1938, longer than any other state.
- Right-to-work law allows individuals the right to work regardless of membership in a labor union or organization.
- Corporate income tax rate of 6% has not been increased since 1972.
- Headquarters to 37 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

Tazewell County is in the southwestern portion of Virginia, on the border of West Virginia. It is a region of beautiful green mountains, rolling hills and wide-open valleys that covers 522 square miles. The county's accessibility to Interstates 77 and 81 makes it a convenient location for all markets east of the Mississippi and the Midwest.

Richmond, the state capital, is 281 miles northeast; Roanoke is 110 miles east; and Bristol is 70 miles southwest.



Tazewell County

Virginia's Business and Technology Gateway

The Tazewell County Industrial Development Authority (IDA) is dedicated to aggressively pursuing opportunities that enhance the quality of life for citizens of the county. The County's diversified existing industry base, outstanding skilled workforce, and business-friendly atmosphere provides an excellent location for business expansion.



Labor Market

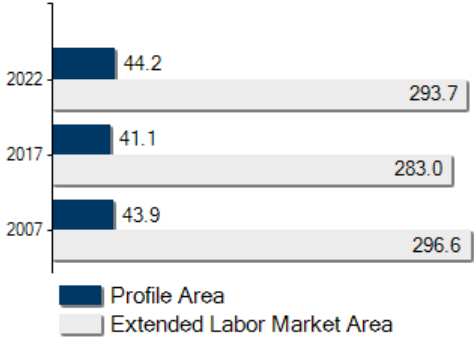
Population		
Gender Distribution (2017)		
Tazewell County	Male	Female
	49.7%	50.3%
Race/Ethnicity (2017)		
Classification	Profile Area	Extended Labor Area
White	38,957	268,804
Black	1,298	9,019
Two or More	480	3,282
Asian	276	1,243
American Indian or Alaska Native	75	628
Pacific Islander	9	62
Hispanic (may be of any race)	395	3,950
Median Age (2017)		45 years

Civilian Labor Force (2017)	
Tazewell County	15,866
Extended Labor Market Area	111,929
Total	127,795

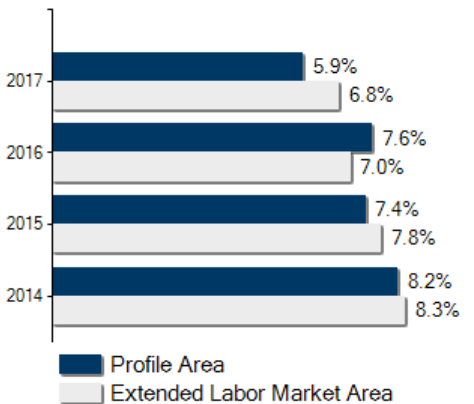
Labor Force Participation (2013-2017)	
Tazewell County	49.8%
Extended Labor Market Area	47.9%

Unemployment	
Unemployment Rate (September 2018)	
Tazewell County	4.2%
Extended Labor Market Area	4.3%
Statewide	2.8%
Unemployed (2017)	
Tazewell County	939
Extended Labor Market Area	6,243
Total	7,182
Underemployed (3rd Quarter 2018)	
Tazewell County	1,610
Extended Labor Market Area	11,604
Total	13,214

Population in Thousands



Unemployment Rates





Labor Market

Commute Time (2013-2017)

Worked from home	581	3.7%
Under 15 minutes	5,668	37.5%
15-24 minutes	4,051	26.8%
25-34 minutes	2,479	16.4%
35-44 minutes	816	5.4%
45-59 minutes	831	5.5%
Over 60 minutes	1,285	8.5%
Mean Travel Time to Work (minutes)		24

Additional Labor Resources

High School Graduates Not Continuing (2017-2018)	68
Two-Year College Graduates (Spring 2017)	1,440
Two-Year College Enrollees (Fall 2017)	4,980
Other College and University Graduates (Spring 2017)	636
Total	7,124

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.

Tazewell County	28
Extended Labor Market Area	152
Total	180

Educational Attainment

On-Time Graduation Rate (Class of 2017)	89.5%
Percentage of Tazewell County population age 25+ who are high school graduates (2013-2017)	79.7%
Percentage of Tazewell County population age 25+ who have earned a Bachelor's Degree or higher (2013-2017)	15.2%



Labor Market

Employment by Sector* (2nd Qtr. 2018)

Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	42	0.3%
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	768	5.2%
Utilities	N.D.	N.D.
Construction	585	3.9%
Manufacturing	1,074	7.2%
Wholesale Trade	472	3.2%
Retail Trade	2,784	18.7%
Transportation and Warehousing	176	1.2%
Information	60	0.4%
Finance and Insurance	363	2.4%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	148	1.0%
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	381	2.6%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	293	2.0%
Administrative and Support and Waste Management	244	1.6%
Educational Services	N.D.	N.D.
Health Care and Social Assistance	2,022	13.6%
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	179	1.2%
Accommodation and Food Services	1,198	8.0%
Other Services	427	2.9%
Total Government	3,332	22.4%
Federal Government	66	0.4%
State Government	796	5.3%
Local Government	2,470	16.6%
Unclassified	50	0.3%
Total	14,890	100.0%

N.D. - Not Disclosed

*By Business Establishment



Labor Market

Major Employers

Manufacturing

Company

Joy Global
 Pemco - AMR
 Pyott-Boone Electronics, Inc.
 Tadano Mantis Corporation

Product/Service

Mining machinery
 Electrical equipment
 Electrical equipment
 Overhead cranes

NonManufacturing

Company

Ammars Incorporated
 Aramark Services, Inc.
 Bluefield College
 Clinch Valley Medical Center
 Pounding Mill Quarry
 Southwest Virginia Community College

Product/Service

Retail distribution
 Industrial launderer
 Higher Education
 Health care
 Limestone
 Higher education

Labor Market

Union Activity (8/1/2015 - 8/1/2018)	
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 2017)

Occupation	Median Wage (US\$)	Mean Wage (US\$)	Median Salary (US\$)	Mean Salary (US\$)
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	10.91	11.73	22,689	24,410
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	17.59	18.53	36,588	38,555
Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, and Weighers	15.90	16.54	33,064	34,406
Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	18.12	18.63	37,684	38,756
Machinists	18.17	19.29	37,784	40,132
First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers	25.73	27.33	53,524	56,844
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	14.36	15.53	29,871	32,291
Industrial Machinery Mechanics	17.88	19.25	37,199	40,041
Bus and Truck Mechanics and Diesel Engine Specialists	20.15	20.10	41,914	41,811
Office Clerks, General	12.76	13.68	26,558	28,445
Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive	13.94	14.76	29,007	30,695
Receptionists and Information Clerks	11.11	11.76	23,104	24,454
Customer Service Representatives	11.12	11.92	23,120	24,805
Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks	16.31	17.26	33,908	35,901
First-Line Supervisors of Office and Administrative Support Workers	21.43	22.62	44,575	47,058
Computer User Support Specialists	18.02	18.74	37,492	38,979
Software Developers, Applications	30.26	32.61	62,945	67,827
Computer Systems Analysts	28.00	30.10	58,227	62,600
Accountants and Auditors	28.99	33.73	60,290	70,163
Human Resources Specialists	20.12	24.26	41,832	50,452

Per Capita Personal Income (2016)

\$33,908

Median Family Income (2013-2017)

\$52,395

Education

Public School Enrollment (Fall 2017)

Level	Number	Enrollment
Elementary	9	2,662
Middle	3	1,386
High School	3	1,750

Student Teacher Ratio (FY 2017)

Elementary	11:1
Secondary	11:1

Per Pupil Expenditure (FY 2017) (US\$)

9,934.00

On-Time Graduation Rate (Class of 2017)

89.5%

High School Graduates Continuing Education (2017-2018)

82.8%

Advanced Programs (2017-2018)

Governor's Schools

A. Linwood Holton Governor's School

Governor's STEM Academies and Health Academies

STEM for LIFE (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math for Life-Long Initiatives for Future Education)

Students taking 1 or more Advanced Placement (AP) Courses	230
Students taking 1 or more AP Exams	37
Students taking 1 or more Dual Enrollment Courses	218

Education

Workforce Development Facilities

Facility	Type
Appalachian Workforce Center and Business Incubator	Comprehensive Center
Bluestone Workforce Training Center	Satellite Center
Dickenson Center for Education and Research	Satellite Center
Pioneer Center for Business Opportunity	Satellite Center
Southwest Virginia Alliance for Manufacturing Center of Excellence	Center of Excellence
SWCC Booth Center	Satellite Center
Tazewell County Career & Technical Center	Career and Technical Center
The Castle Building	Satellite Center

Higher Education Facilities – Fall 2017

Facility	Enrollment
Wytheville Community College	2,676
Southwest Virginia Community College	2,304
Bluefield State College	1,362 ^o
Emory and Henry College	1,228
Bluefield College	1,041



Transportation

Interstates	
Name	Distance
I-77	6.0 miles (9.6 km.)
I-81	8.7 miles (13.9 km.)
I-64	28.6 miles (46.0 km.)
I-381	31.9 miles (51.3 km.)

Note: Measured from border of locality/region.

Highways				
Highway 102	Highway 16	Highway 19	Highway 460	Highway 61
Highway 67	Highway 91			

Commercial Air Service
Raleigh County Memorial Airport, Beckley, WV -- 73.6 miles (118.4 km.)
ViaAir

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



Transportation

General Aviation Service

Name	Runway Length
Tazewell County Airport, Richlands	4,299 ft (1,310 m)

Freight Rail Service

Norfolk Southern Railway Company

Seaports

Name	Distance
Port of Virginia	387.0 miles (622.8 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
New River Valley Airport (Virginia TradePort)	66.9 miles (107.7 km)
Tri Cities	85.8 miles (138.0 km)
Port of Washington - Dulles	335.9 miles (540.5 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

Utilities	
Electric	Town of Richlands
Electric	Appalachian Power
Natural Gas	Bluefield Gas Company
Natural Gas	Atmos Energy
Natural Gas	Virginia Natural Gas
Telecommunications	Verizon South
Telecommunications	Burke's Garden Telephone Company
Telecommunications	iGo Technology
Water	Tazewell County Public Service Authority
Water	Town of Richlands
Water	Town of Tazewell
Water	Bluefield Water System
Waste Water Treatment	Tazewell County Public Service Authority
Waste Water Treatment	Town of Richlands
Waste Water Treatment	Town of Tazewell
Waste Water Treatment	Bluefield Sanitary Board
Solid Waste Disposal	Tazewell County Sanitary Landfill

Financial Institutions

Financial Institutions – 1st Qtr 2018 Assets

Bank	Assets (US\$ Millions)
Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.	1,716,532.0
Branch Banking and Trust Company	215,012.0
WoodForest National Bank	5,699.6
Carter Bank & Trust	4,112.8
First Community Bank, N.A.	2,424.3
Summit Community Bank, Inc.	2,127.7
The National Bank of Blacksburg	1,267.6
New Peoples Bank, Inc.	670.6
TruPoint Bank	426.0
Grundy National Bank	310.8
MCNB Bank and Trust Co.	295.1
First Sentinel Bank	254.4



Government and Taxes

Government

Tazewell County has a County Administrator and a five-member Board of Supervisors.

The county has a comprehensive plan and a subdivision ordinance.

Tazewell is the county seat. Other incorporated towns within the county are Bluefield, Cedar Bluff, Pocahontas and Richlands.

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 (Tazewell) [pdf](#)

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



Community Facilities

Clinch Valley Medical Center is a 200-bed facility located in the town of Richlands. This medical facility is staffed by 75 physicians and offers general medical services that include emergency care, surgery, coronary care, extensive diagnostic capabilities, pre-natal and obstetrical care. County residents can also utilize the Tazewell Community Hospital, which is a 56-bed facility offering general medical services.

Extended care needs for approximately 100 elderly residents can be met at the two nursing home facilities located in the county.

Forty-five physicians and 11 dentists practice in the county.

The county operates a three-branch library system with a circulation of 192,788. Branches are located in the towns of Bluefield; Richlands; and Tazewell, the main office. Library facilities are also open to the public at Southwest Virginia Community College.

Retail and service needs of area residents are met through two shopping centers and the downtown business districts in the towns of Bluefield, Richlands and Tazewell.

Approximately 125 churches representing most Protestant denominations and the Catholic faith are located in Tazewell County. A Jewish synagogue is located in Bluefield, West Virginia.

Numerous cultural and recreational opportunities are available year-round in Tazewell County. Residents can enjoy performing artist series, speaker series, and plays produced by the Tazewell Theater Group and Richlands area Citizens for the Arts (CART). The Appalachian Arts Center is a retail gallery and exhibition space featuring the work of local/regional artists, craftspeople, authors, and musicians. The Arts Center, a member and trail-site of 'Round the Mountain, Southwest Virginia's Artisan Network, offers educational workshops, demonstrations, professional development seminars as well as an assortment of evening craft classes.

The Appalachian Trail, Virginia Birding and Wildlife Trail, Virginia Coal Heritage Trail, Wilderness Road: Virginia's Heritage Migration Route, Lake Whitten recreational area, Jefferson National Forest and the Clinch Mountain Wildlife Management area offer scenic views, hiking, hunting, and fishing. Throughout the county streams and rivers are stocked with bass, muskie, and trout. Organized athletics are popular in Tazewell County where residents can participate in softball, baseball, football, and volleyball leagues. Public tennis courts and swimming pools are scattered around the county. Two private 18-hole golf courses and a public 9-hole course are located in the county. Spectators can enjoy minor league baseball with the Bluefield Orioles.

The Historic Crab Orchard Museum and Pioneer Park chronicles the history of the area from prehistoric to present times. The park highlights the lifestyle of the early pioneers with an exhibition of log and stone structures. The Pocahontas Exhibition Coal Mine, the only exhibition coal mine designated as a National Historic Landmark, is a part of the Original Pocahontas Mine. Visitors can walk through the mine with a tour guide and experience the methods of mining used in the 1880's to present day. The Town of Pocahontas is a reflection of its mining history where immigrants of Hungarian, Welsh, Russian, Polish, German, French English and Irish descent and more came to work in the coal industry. This cultural diversity is evident in the Pocahontas Cemetery, Saint Elizabeth's Catholic Church, Opera House, and other sites and structures.

[Southwest Virginia's e-Region Profile](#)

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