

### LABOR MARKET DATA

#### Population

##### Gender Distribution (2006)

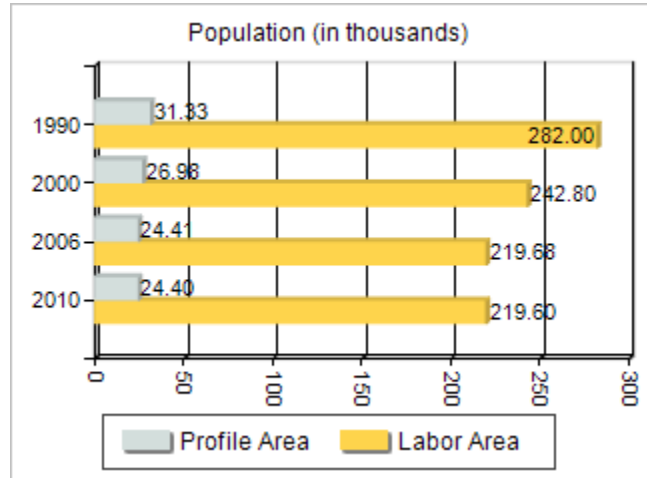
Area	Male	Female
Buchanan County	51.1%	48.9%

##### Race/Ethnicity (2006)

Classification	Profile Area	Labor Area
White	23,441	210,969
Black	785	7,065
Two or More	96	864
Asian	70	630
American Indian or Alaska Native	16	144
Pacific Islander	1	9
Hispanic (may be of any race)	139	1,251

##### Median Age (2006)

Buchanan	42 years
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#### Civilian Labor Force (2006)

Buchanan County	8,393
Surrounding Labor Area	125,986
Total	134,379

#### Labor Force Participation (2000 Census)

Buchanan County	39.8%
Surrounding Labor Area	46.6%

#### Unemployment

##### Unemployment Rate (July 2007)

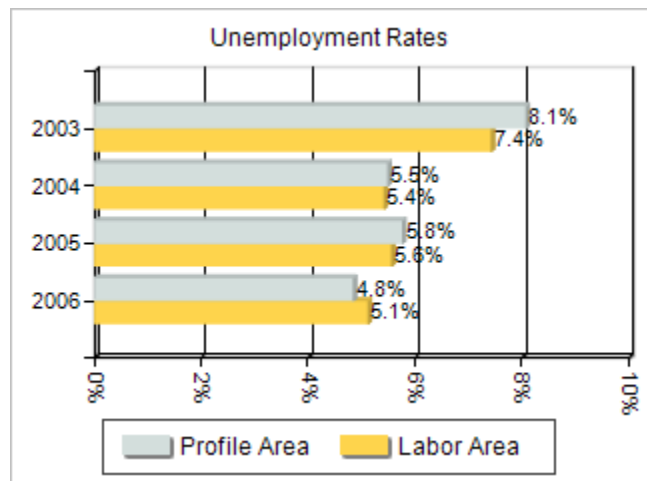
Buchanan County	5.46%
Labor Area	5.7%
Statewide	3.08%

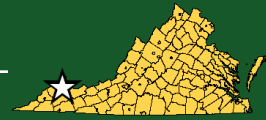
##### Unemployed (2006)

Buchanan County	406
Labor Area	6,442
Total	6,848

##### Underemployed (2nd Quarter 2007)

Buchanan County	795
Labor Area	6,047
Total	6,842





### Commuting Patterns (2000 Census)

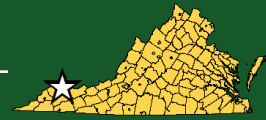
Live and work in Buchanan County:	5,619	54.4%
Total In-Commuters:	2,467	23.9%
Total Out-Commuters:	2,235	21.7%
Net In-Commuters:	232	
<i>In-Commuters From:</i>		
Tazewell Co. VA	886	46.4%
Russell Co. VA	376	19.7%
McDowell Co. WV	284	14.9%
Dickenson Co. VA	216	11.3%
Pike Co. KY	149	7.8%
<i>Out-Commuters To:</i>		
Tazewell Co. VA	614	38.5%
Pike Co. KY	362	22.7%
Russell Co. VA	352	22.1%
Dickenson Co. VA	186	11.7%
Wise Co. VA	80	5.0%

### Additional Labor Resources

High school graduates not continuing (2005-2006) .....	44
Two-year college graduates (Spring 2005) .....	528
Two-year college enrollees (Fall 2005) .....	3,666
Other college and university graduates (Spring 2005) .....	217
Total .....	4,455

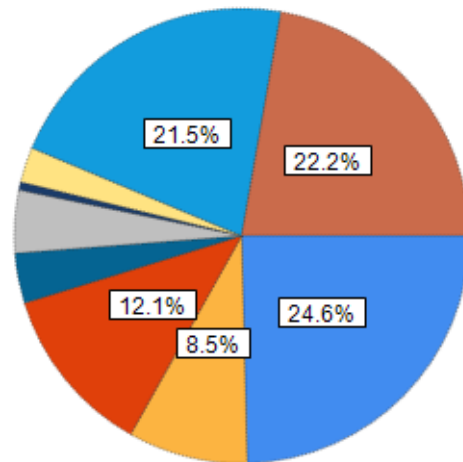
### Educational Attainment

Percentage of Buchanan County 2002-2003 ninth graders graduating in 2005-2006 .....	74.8%
Percentage of Buchanan County population age 25+ who are high school graduates .....	52.9%
Percentage of Buchanan County population age 25+ who have earned a Bachelor's Degree or higher .....	8.0%



### Employment by Sector\* (4th Qtr. 2006)

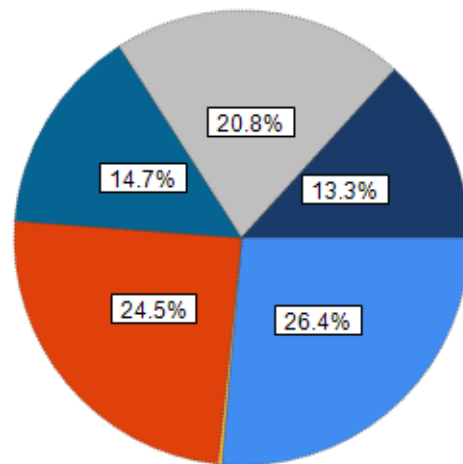
Natural Resources and Mining	1,868	24.6%
Construction	645	8.5%
Trade	919	12.1%
Transportation and Utilities	270	3.6%
Manufacturing	338	4.5%
Information	44	0.6%
Financial	190	2.5%
Services	1,628	21.5%
Government	1,687	22.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,589</b>	<b>100%</b>



\*By Business Establishment

### Employment by Occupation\* (4th Qtr. 2006)

Construction, Extraction & Maintenance	1,566	26.4%
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	18	0.3%
Managerial, Professional & Related	1,454	24.5%
Production, Transportation & Material Moving	875	14.7%
Sales & Office	1,235	20.8%
Service	787	13.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,935</b>	<b>100%</b>



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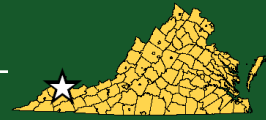
### Major Employers

#### Manufacturing

Company	Product/Service	Est. Employment
Excel Mining Systems, Inc.	Mining machinery	100 - 299
Jewell Coal & Coke Company	Coal products	50 - 99

#### Nonmanufacturing

Company	Product/Service	Est. Employment
Consolidated Coal Company	Bituminous coal	300 - 599
Keen Mountain Correctional Center	Correctional institution	100 - 299
VEC Call Center	Customer service	50 - 99



### Union Activity (1/2004 - 6/2007)

No Union Activity

### Estimated Earnings (May 2006)

Occupation	Med. Wage	Mean Wage	Med. Salary	Mean Salary
Laborers and freight, stock, and material movers, hand	\$9.34	\$9.45	\$19,418.15	\$19,650.09
Industrial truck and tractor operators	\$13.33	\$13.37	\$27,735.11	\$27,804.59
Truck drivers, heavy and tractor-trailer	\$13.82	\$14.86	\$28,735.39	\$30,898.41
Maintenance and repair workers, general	\$13.70	\$13.86	\$28,489.94	\$28,819.62
Mine cutting and channeling machine operators	\$18.13	\$17.64	\$37,702.40	\$36,695.19
Operating engineers and other construction equipment operators	\$14.38	\$14.70	\$29,904.45	\$30,569.10
Construction laborers	\$9.75	\$10.20	\$20,283.28	\$21,224.03
First-line supervisors/managers of construction trades & extraction wrkrs	\$22.03	\$25.50	\$45,817.35	\$53,039.62
Office clerks, general	\$9.59	\$10.27	\$19,952.59	\$21,360.24
Stock clerks and order fillers	\$7.97	\$9.20	\$16,571.16	\$19,142.94
Customer service representatives	\$10.74	\$11.65	\$22,336.34	\$24,226.90
Bookkeeping, accounting, and auditing clerks	\$12.95	\$13.23	\$26,940.47	\$27,513.80
First-line supervisors/managers of office & admin support workers	\$17.58	\$19.85	\$36,558.69	\$41,278.93
Nursing aides, orderlies, and attendants	\$8.89	\$9.01	\$18,496.73	\$18,748.13
Licensed practical and licensed vocational nurses	\$13.96	\$14.69	\$29,036.07	\$30,553.93
Registered nurses	\$21.85	\$22.57	\$45,457.35	\$46,939.14
Teacher assistants	\$8.55	\$10.26	\$17,775.29	\$21,331.38
Secondary school teachers, except special and vocational education	\$23.37	\$25.82	\$48,618.78	\$53,707.15
Elementary school teachers, except special education	\$23.94	\$26.29	\$49,801.74	\$54,690.20
General and operations managers	\$34.60	\$40.57	\$71,965.51	\$84,378.08

### Per Capita Personal Income (2005)

\$23,425

### Median Family Income (2005)

\$32,950

## EDUCATION

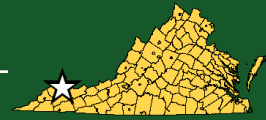
### Public School Enrollment

Level	Number	Fall 2006 Enrollment
Elementary	3	442
Combined	3	1,735
High School	4	1,259

### Student Teacher Ratio (2004-05)

Elementary	11.1:1
Secondary	11.2:1

Percentage of 2002-2003 ninth grade membership graduating 2005-2006	74.8%
Percentage of high school graduates continuing education 2005-2006 (including military)	80.8%



### Per Pupil Expenditure (FY 2006)

\$9,636.00

### Workforce Development Facilities

Facility	Type
Buchanan County Workforce Center	Satellite Center
Dickenson County Workforce Center	Satellite Center
Lee County Workforce Center	Satellite Center
Russell County Workforce Center	Satellite Center
Scott County Workforce Center	Satellite Center
Tazewell County Workforce Center	Satellite Center
Virginia Employment Commission Field Office: Cedar Bluff	Comprehensive Center
Virginia Employment Commission Field Office: Norton	Comprehensive Center

### Higher Education Facilities

Facility	Fall 2005 Enrollment
Southwest Virginia Community College	3,666
Pikeville College	1,066
Appalachian School of Law	372
University of Appalachia College of Pharmacy	77

## TRANSPORTATION

### Interstates

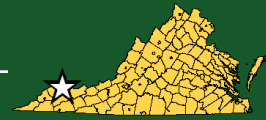
Name	Distance
I-81	22.4 miles (36.0 km.)
I-381	28.6 miles (46.0 km.)
I-77	33.3 miles (53.6 km.)
I-181	41.2 miles (66.3 km.)
I-64	42.4 miles (68.2 km.)

Note: Measured from border of locality/region.

### Highways

Highway 460                      Highway 67                      Highway 80                      Highway 83

Note: 4-Lane US Highways located within locality/region.



### Commercial Air Service

<b>Mercer County Airport, Bluefield, WV</b> .....	<b>29.5 miles (47.5 km.)</b>
Colgan Air (US Airways Express)	
<b>Tri-Cities Regional Airport, Blountville, TN</b> .....	<b>41.6 miles (66.9 km.)</b>
Delta Connection/ Atlantic Southeast Airlines	Northwest Airlin US Airways Express
<b>Beckley Raleigh County Memorial Airport, Beckley, WV</b> .....	<b>47.8 miles (77.0 km.)</b>
US Airways	
<b>Yeager Airport, Charleston, WV</b> .....	<b>61.1 miles (98.3 km.)</b>
Continental Express	Delta Connection
US Airways Express	Northwest Airlines
	United Express

Note: Within 75 miles of nearest locality/region boundary.

### General Aviation Service

Name	Runway Length
Grundy Municipal Airport, Grundy .....	2,350 ft (716 m)

### Freight Rail Service

Norfolk Southern Railway Company

### Ports

Name	Distance
Huntington .....	83.0 miles (133.6 km)
Virginia Inland Port At Front Royal .....	242.0 miles (389.5 km)
Port Of Richmond .....	254.0 miles (408.8 km)
Norfolk International Terminals .....	317.0 miles (510.2 km)

Note: Measured from center of locality/region

## UTILITIES

#### Electric

Appalachian Power

#### Natural Gas

Virginia Natural Gas

#### Telecommunications

Verizon South

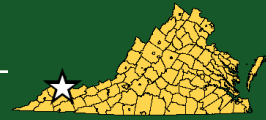
Verizon-Virginia

#### Water

Buchanan County Public Service Authority

#### Waste Water Treatment

Buchanan County Public Service Authority



**Solid Waste Disposal**  
Cumberland Plateau Regional Waste Authority

## FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Bank	4th Qtr 2006 Assets (in millions)
Wachovia Bank, N.A.	\$518,123.0
New Peoples Bank, Inc.	\$635.1
TruPoint Bank	\$469.5
Grundy National Bank	\$386.4

## GOVERNMENT

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

The county has a comprehensive plan.

Grundy is the county seat and the county's only incorporated town.

## 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 (Buchanan) [51027 MFG.PDF](#)*

*Non-Manufacturer's Tax Profile (Buchanan) [51027 NMFG.PDF](#)*

## CLIMATE

### Average Temperatures

January .....	36°F (2°C)
July .....	76°F (24°C)

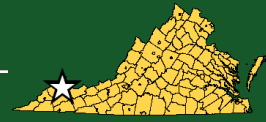
### Average Annual Precipitation

Rainfall .....	40.95" (104.01 cm)
Snowfall .....	23.00" (58.42 cm)

## COMMUNITY FACILITIES

With a total of 170 beds, the Buchanan County Medical Center serves area residents. This





well-equipped medical facility offers a wide range of services that include diagnostic and emergency care.

There are 22 physicians and six dentists who maintain practices in the county.

The Buchanan County Public Library with 68,377 volumes circulates over 122,000 items such as books, magazines, records, and videos to area residents each year. The library also offers a variety of services that include reading programs for children and adults and interlibrary loan capabilities.

There are over 30 churches representing the leading Protestant denominations and the Catholic faith located in the county. A Jewish synagogue is located in Bluefield, West Virginia.

Independent shopping establishments offering a variety of retail goods and services are located throughout the county. The county has one shopping center with 12 retail outlets. The downtown area of Grundy has approximately 30 retail establishments. Additional shopping opportunities are available in nearby communities such as Tazewell and Richlands.

## LIFESTYLE

Buchanan County offers area residents extensive recreational opportunities. The 23-acre county park has picnic facilities, hiking trails, swimming pool, tennis and basketball courts, playing fields and playground facilities. Publicly maintained recreational facilities that are located throughout the county include 18 tennis courts, two horse rinks, four swimming pools, 11 softball fields and a nine-hole golf course.

The Willowbrook Country Club also offers additional recreational facilities that include a nine-hole golf course.

The Buchanan County YMCA offers an array of classes, indoor tennis, and conference facilities.

Other recreational attractions in the area include the Jefferson National Forest and the Breaks Interstate Park. Both facilities offer extensive opportunities for camping, hiking, picnicking and fishing. The Breaks Interstate Park has a visitor's center and offers overnight lodge accommodations and dining facilities.

Buchanan County also supports the New Mountain Players. This local theater group presents plays for the public throughout the year.

*Virginia Coalfield Economic Development Authority*