

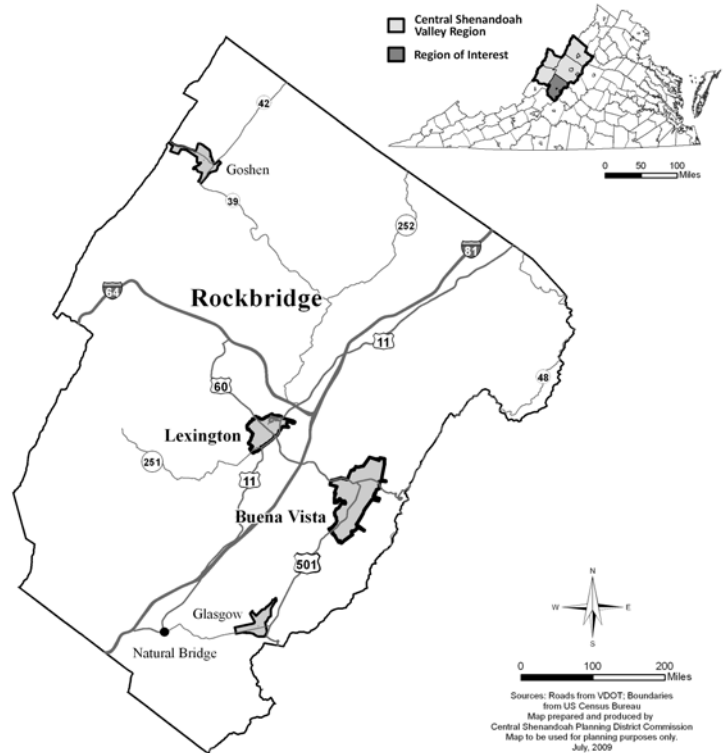
Central Shenandoah Valley Region

Facts and Figures 2010

CITY of LEXINGTON CITY of BUENA VISTA ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY

THE LEXINGTON - BUENA VISTA - ROCKBRIDGE AREA is centrally located in the scenic Shenandoah Valley of west-central Virginia. The Lexington-Buena Vista-Rockbridge Area covers approximately 610 square miles of land and is home to over 35,500 people. Lexington, incorporated in 1778, is the County seat and location of Washington and Lee University and Virginia Military Institute. Buena Vista was granted its city charter in 1892 and is the industrial and manufacturing center of the area. Glasgow and Goshen are the County's incorporated towns.

The County is bounded on the west by the lower elevations of the Allegheny Mountains and on the east by the crest of the Blue Ridge Mountains. The County is situated at the headwaters of the James River and the Maury River. Interstates 81 and 64 bisect the area. The Lexington-Buena Vista-Rockbridge Area is approximately 50 miles north of Roanoke, 135 miles west of Richmond, 180 miles southwest of Washington D.C., and 200 miles northwest of the Port of Hampton Roads.



REGION AT A GLANCE

Population

Lexington-Buena Vista-Rockbridge Area

1990 Census: 31,715
2000 Census: 34,024
2009 Provisional Estimate: 35,740

Population by Locality 2009 Provisional Estimates

Lexington: 7,282
Buena Vista: 6,553
Rockbridge: 21,905

Income

2008 Per Capita: \$33,161

2007 Median Adjusted Gross Income for Married Couples

Lexington: \$70,597
Buena Vista: \$44,051
Rockbridge: \$54,841

Government

Lexington: 6 member City Council
Buena Vista: 7 member City Council
Rockbridge: 5 member Board of Supervisors

Real Estate Tax (per \$100 assessed value)

Lexington: \$0.70
Buena Vista: \$0.90
Rockbridge: \$0.59

Bank Deposits

2009 Total: \$587 million

Communications

Fiber optics, ISDN, and DSL capability

Transportation

Road – Interstates 81 and 64
Rail – CSX and Norfolk Southern
Air – Shenandoah Valley Regional Airport
Port – Virginia Inland Port (75 miles north)

Sources: Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service and the U.S. Census Bureau

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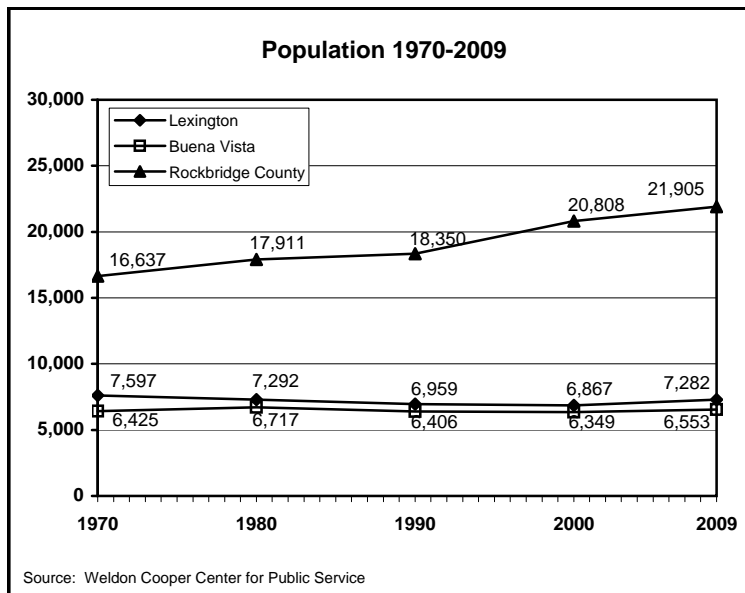
POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

Population			Number	Percent
	1990	2000	Change	Change
Total Population	31,715	34,024	2,309	7.3%
Male	16,125	17,162	1,037	6.4%
Female	15,590	16,862	1,272	8.2%
Age				
	1990	2000		
Under 5 years	1,644	1,720	76	4.6%
5 to 17 years	4,757	5,090	333	7.0%
18 to 24 years	5,480	5,154	-326	-5.9%
25 to 44 years	8,393	8,300	-93	-1.1%
45 to 64 years	6,830	8,341	1,511	22.1%
65 to 74 years	2,767	3,013	246	8.9%
75 to 84 years	1,465	1,798	333	22.7%
85 years and over	379	608	229	60.4%
Percent under 18 years	20.2%	20.0%	-0.2%	-0.8%
Percent 65 years and over	14.5%	15.9%	1.4%	9.5%
Median Age	33.6	36.5	2.9	8.6%

Education Attainment Highest Level

Persons 25 years and older	1990	2000		
Less than high school grad	7,438	6,296	-1,142	-15.4%
High school graduate	5,998	6,721	723	12.1%
Some college, no degree	2,506	3,479	973	38.8%
Associate degree	873	1,028	155	17.8%
Bachelor's degree	1,679	2,459	780	46.5%
Graduate/professional degree	1,322	2,108	786	59.5%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 1990 and 2000 U.S. Census of Population and Housing



HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

Housing			Number	Percent
	2000	2008	Change	Change
Total Housing Units	14,705	16,379	1,674	11.4%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2008 Housing Units Estimate

New Single-Family Housing Units Authorized

2000: 248	2006: 245
2001: 237	2007: 227
2002: 269	2008: 107
2003: 134	2009: 65
2004: 175	Total 2000-2009: 1,934
2005: 227	

Source: Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service

Units in Structure	1990	2000		
1-unit, detached	9,812	11,322	1,510	15.4%
1-unit, attached	104	188	84	80.8%
2 to 4 units	750	654	-96	-12.8%
5 or more units	733	905	172	23.5%
Manufactured home, trailer, and other	1,381	1,573	192	13.9%

Occupancy and Tenure	1990	2000		
Occupied Units	11,778	13,265	1,487	12.6%
Owner Occupied	8,322	9,615	1,293	15.5%
Percent	70.7%	72.5%	1.8%	2.6%
Average Household Size	2.51	2.4	-0.11	-4.4%
Renter Occupied	3,456	3,650	194	5.6%
Average Household Size	2.36	2.25	-0.11	-4.7%
Vacant Units	1,002	1,377	375	37.4%
Homeowner Vacancy Rate	1.07%	1.71%	0.64%	59.8%
Renal Vacancy Rate	3.52%	6.81%	3.29%	93.5%

Value	1990	2000		
Specified owner-occupied units				
Median (\$)	55,200	94,483	39,283	71.2%

Contract Rent	1990	2000		
Specified renter-occupied units				
Median (\$)	240	431	191	79.6%

Households by Type	1990	2000		
Total Households	11,778	13,265	1,487	12.6%
Family Households	8,317	8,901	584	7.0%
Non-family Households	3,461	4,364	903	26.1%
Percent of Total	29.4%	32.9%	3.5%	12.0%
Average Household Size	2.63	2.36	-0.27	-10.3%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 1990 and 2000 U.S. Census of Housing

ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS

			Number	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	2000	2009	Change	Change
Civilian Labor Force	16,047	17,428	1,381	8.6%
Number Employed	15,667	16,105	438	2.8%
Number Unemployed	380	1,323	943	248.2%
Unemployment Rate	3.5%	7.6%	4.1%	117.1%

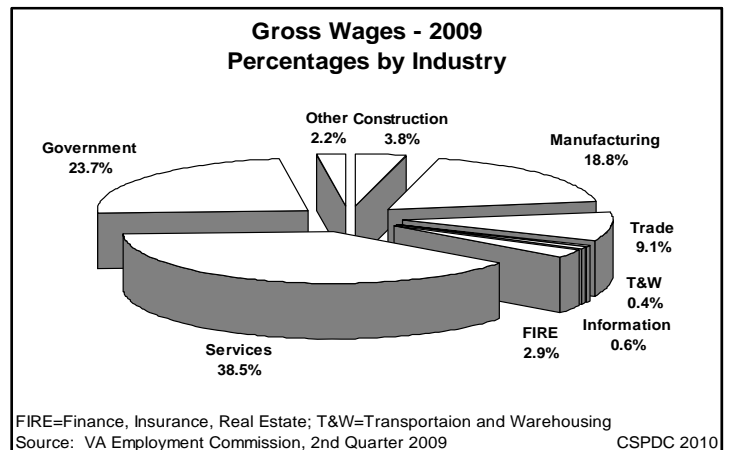
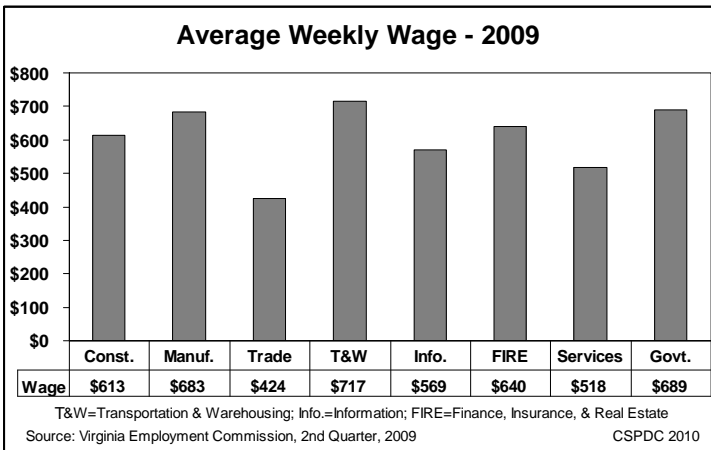
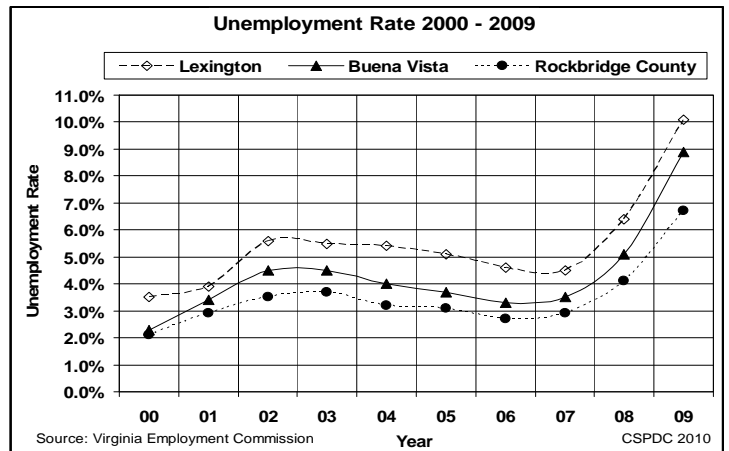
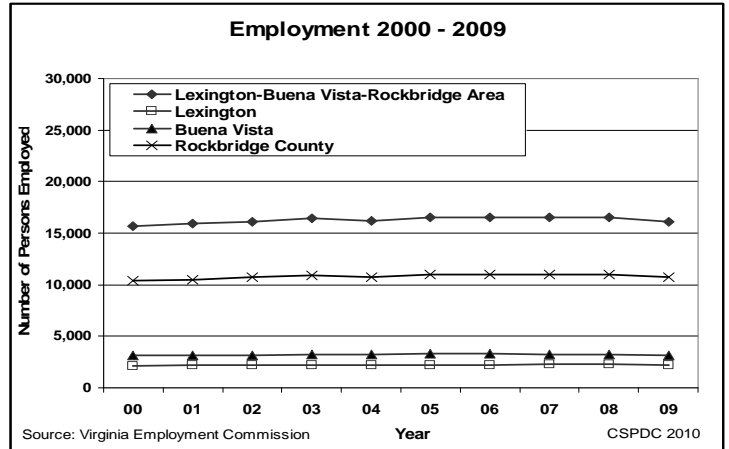
Source: Virginia Employment Commission, 2nd Quarter

Agriculture	2002	2007
Number of Farms	789	805
Land in Farms (acres)	157,308	138,315
Average Size of Farms (acres)	199	172
Market Value of Products Sold (\$000)	\$18,545	\$19,680
Number of Farm Operators	1,140	1,194
Number of Hired Farm Workers	400	323
Payroll of Hired Farm Workers (\$000)	\$1,651	\$1,882

Source: U.S. Census of Agriculture, 2002 and 2007

Tourism/Travel	2008
Total Travel Expenditures	\$136,353,978
Travel Related Payroll	\$22,723,049
Travel Generated Employment	1,281
Local Tax Receipts	\$3,546,199

Source: Virginia Tourism Corporation



Employment by Industry Classification - 2009

	Lexington	Buena Vista	Rockbridge	L-BV-RB Area	% of Area	% of VA
Agricultural, Forestry	*	*	74	*	*	0.3%
Mining & Quarrying	*	*	*	*	*	0.2%
Utilities	*	*	*	*	*	0.3%
Construction	82	20	394	496	3.6%	5.4%
Manufacturing	25	522	1,642	2,189	15.8%	6.7%
Trade, Wholesale & Retail	423	161	1,132	1,716	12.4%	14.3%
Transportation & Warehousing	*	*	45	*	*	2.7%
Information	43	*	35	*	*	2.3%
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	176	45	142	363	2.6%	4.9%
Services	3,064	990	1,860	5,914	42.8%	43.3%
Government	1,160	434	1,141	2,735	19.8%	19.5%
TOTAL	5,031	2,286	6,502	13,819	100.0%	100.0%

Source: Virginia Employment Commission, 2nd Quarter, 2009

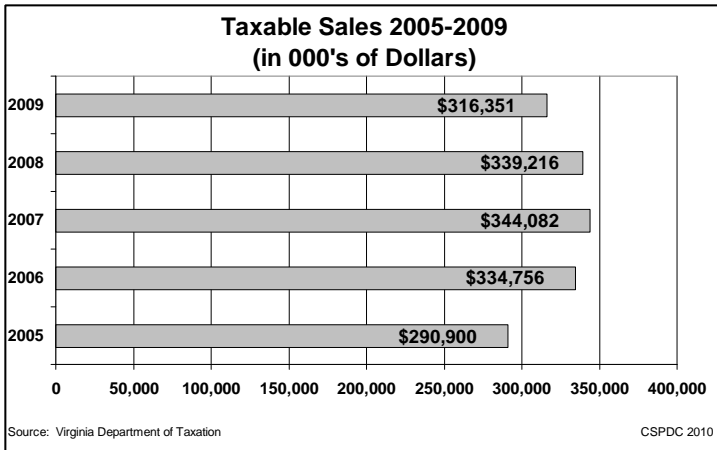
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Number of Business Establishments: All Industries					
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Lexington	364	374	372	372	370
Buena Vista	127	135	138	135	132
Rockbridge County	450	456	485	489	482
Lexington-Buena Vista-Rockbridge	941	965	995	996	984

Source: Virginia Employment Commission
Covered Employment and Wages, 2nd Quarter 2009

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Public Schools		2008-2009
Average Daily Membership		4,404
Total Expenditures per Pupil		\$10,326
Local Share		\$4,238
Ratio of Pupils per Classroom Teacher		
Elementary (K-7)		9.4
Secondary (8-12)		10.3
Total Graduates		330
Percent Continuing Education		68.5%

Source: Virginia Department of Education

COMMUNITY

Recreation: Blue Ridge Parkway, Washington-Jefferson National Forest, Lake Robertson, Glen Maury Park, and Goshen Pass. Local parks and recreation programs, golf courses, tennis courts, swimming pools, and ball fields are abundant.

Attractions: Virginia Horse Center, Natural Bridge, Stonewall Jackson House, Lee Chapel and Museum, George C. Marshall Museum, Theater at Lime Kiln, Rockbridge Arts Guild, Hull's Drive-in Theater, Cyrus McCormick Farm, VMI Museum, and the Lexington Historic District.

Events: National, state and regional horse shows, Rockbridge Wine Festival, Mountain Day, Lee-Jackson Day, Harvest Festival, Maury River Fiddlers' Convention, and the 4th of July Hot Air Balloon Rally are just a few of the region's many events.

Colleges: Washington and Lee University, Virginia Military Institute, Southern Virginia University, and Dabney S. Lancaster Community College. Other regional schools include James Madison University, Eastern Mennonite University, Bridgewater College, Mary Baldwin College and Blue Ridge Community College. Virginia Tech and the University of Virginia are nearby.

Healthcare: Carilion Stonewall Jackson Hospital provides healthcare services.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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Central Shenandoah Valley's Regional Data Center

An extensive database of regional demographic and economic data may be accessed by following the links on the Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission website (www.cspdc.org) or the Shenandoah Valley Partnership website (www.shenandoah-valley.biz).

