

Pittsylvania County

Profile 2016

GEOGRAPHIC DESCRIPTION

Pittsylvania County, the largest Virginia county in terms of land area, has the Town of Chatham as its county seat and setting for an urban concentration. Other areas of urban populations are the Towns of Gretna and Hurt. The County is bordered on the north by Campbell and Bedford Counties and to the south by North Carolina. Halifax County lies to the east with Henry and Franklin Counties to the west.

In January 1988, an annexation went into effect whereby territory was lost to the City of Danville, which shifted 10,300 persons from the County to the City. Pittsylvania County's population, according to the 1990 Census, was 55,655; the 2000 population for the County was 61,745; the 2010 population was 63,506, according to the Census Bureau.

DEMOGRAPHICS

Population

1980 Census – 66,147
1990 Census – 55,655
2000 Census – 61,745
2010 Census – 63,506
2010 - 2014 ACS – 62,955

Area Population:

2000 Census / 2010 Census

Pittsylvania County – 61,745 / 63,506
Danville – 48,411 / 43,055
Chatham – 1,338 / 1,269
Gretna – 1,257 / 1,267
Hurt – 1,276 / 1,304

Per Capita Income:

1999 (from 2000 Census) / 2014 ACS

United States - \$21,587 / \$28,555
Virginia - \$23,975 / \$33,958
West Piedmont District - \$17,450 / \$21,111
Pittsylvania County – \$16,991 / \$21,615
Danville - \$17,151 / \$20,569
Chatham - \$20,785 / \$27,849
Gretna - \$14,397 / \$19,104
Hurt - \$16,875 / \$22,626

Median Household Income:

1999 (from 2000 Census) / 2014 ACS

United States - \$41,994 / \$53,482
Virginia - \$46,677 / \$64,792
West Piedmont District - \$32,259 / \$38,224
Pittsylvania County – \$35,153 / \$42,311
Danville - \$26,900 / \$32,173
Chatham - \$38,937 / \$45,000
Gretna - \$23,710 / \$24,093
Hurt - \$36,467 / \$45,956

Source: Census of Population & 2010–2014 American Community Survey (ACS), U.S. Census Bureau.

INFRASTRUCTURE

Government

Pittsylvania – Seven Member Board of Supervisors
Danville – City Council
Towns – Town Councils

Communications

Fiber optics, DSL and ISDN

Transportation

Rail – Amtrak and Norfolk Southern
Roads – U.S. Highways 58, 29 & 360
Virginia Primary Highways - 40, 57, 41, 51, 62, & 360
Future Interstate 785
Air – Danville Regional Airport
Port – Hampton Roads (200 miles east)

2010 COMMUTING PATTERNS

People who live & work in County	6,288
Total Out-commuters	16,901
Total In-commuters	4,539
Net In-commuters (In – Out)	-12,362

Source: U.S. Census Bureau.

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POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS				
Population	2000	2010	2000-2010	
			Change	Percent Change
Total Population	61,745	63,506	1,761	2.9%
Male	30,146	31,226	1,080	3.6%
Female	31,599	32,280	681	2.2%
White	46,311	47,918	1,607	3.5%
Nonwhite	15,434	15,588	154	1.0%
AGE				
Under 5 years	3,514	3,288	-226	-6.4%
5-9	3,812	3,719	-93	-2.4%
10-14	4,231	4,042	-189	-4.5%
15-19	4,143	3,834	-309	-7.5%
20-24	2,977	3,095	118	4.0%
25-29	3,480	3,137	-343	-9.9%
30-34	3,963	3,185	-778	-19.6%
35-39	5,127	3,922	-1,205	-23.5%
40-44	5,195	4,273	-922	-17.7%
45-49	4,937	5,272	335	6.8%
50-54	4,555	5,341	786	17.3%
55-59	3,848	5,035	1,187	30.8%
60-64	3,104	4,447	1,343	43.3%
65-69	2,626	3,711	1,085	41.3%
70-74	2,374	2,704	330	13.9%
75-79	1,809	1,922	113	6.2%
80-84	1,181	1,413	232	19.6%
85 and over	869	1,166	297	34.2%
Median Age	39.6	44.2	4.6	11.6%
Under 20	15,700	14,883	-817	-5.2%
Percent of total	25.4%	23.4%		
20 to 64	37,186	37,707	521	1.4%
Percent of total	60.2%	59.4%		
65 and over	8,859	10,916	2,057	23.2%
Percent of total	14.3%	17.2%		

Source: Census 2000 & 2010, U.S. Census Bureau.

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT Population 25 Years & Over	
Less than 9 th Grade	3,607–7.9%
9 th to 12 th Grade, No Diploma	5,389–11.9%
High School Graduate (includes equivalency)	16,094–35.4%
Some College, No Degree	10,116–22.2%
Associate Degree	3,901–8.6%
Bachelor's Degree	4,305–9.5%
Graduate or Professional Degree	2,064–4.5%
Total Persons 25 Years and Over	45,476

Source: 2010-2014 American Community Survey, U.S. Census Bureau.

HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS				
Household Type	2000	2014	2000-2014	
			Change	Percent Change
Total	24,684	26,029	1,345	5.4%
Married Couple	14,392	13,629	-763	-5.3%
Male Householder	928	1,221	293	31.6%
Female Householder	2,898	3,359	461	15.9%
Non-Family	6,466	7,820	1,354	20.9%
Persons per:				
Household	2.49	2.38		
Family	2.93	2.86		
Housing Occupancy & Tenure				
Total Units	28,011	31,332	3,321	11.9%
Occupied Units	24,684	26,029	1,345	5.4%
Vacant Units	3,327	5,303	1,976	59.4%
Owner Occupied	19,767	20,420	653	3.3%
Percent	80.1%	78.5%		
Renter Occupied	4,917	5,609	692	14.1%
Percent	19.9%	21.5%		
Units in Structure	2000	2014	2000-2014 Change	Percent Change
Single Family	19,707	22,513	2,806	14.2%
Multi-Family	1,020	1,258	238	23.3%
Mobile Homes and Other	7,284	7,561	277	3.8%
Total	28,011	31,332	3,321	11.9%
2010-2014 Financial Characteristics			County	Virginia
Median Gross Rent			\$612	\$1,108
Median Value (Owner-Occupied Units)			\$107,800	\$243,500

Source: Census 2000 and 2010-2014 ACS, U.S. Census Bureau.

POVERTY STATUS - 2014	
Persons for Whom Poverty was Determined	61,936
Persons Below Poverty Level	9,001
Percent of Persons Below Poverty Level	14.5%
Percent of Families Below Poverty Level	11.1%

Source: 2010-2014 American Community Survey, U.S. Census Bureau.

AGRICULTURE 2007 - 2012			
	2007	2012	Change
Number of Farms	1,356	1,354	-0.1%
Land in Farms (acres)	274,289	287,262	4.7%
Average Size (acres)	202	212	5.0%
Market Value of			
Products Sold (\$1000)	\$62,644	\$86,942	38.8%

Source: Census of Agriculture, USDA, NASS.

2010- 2014 ANNUAL AVERAGE EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

	2010	% of Total	2011	% of Total	2012	% of Total	2013	% of Total	2014	% of Total
Agriculture	250	2.2%	263	2.3%	245	2.1%	245	2.1%	286	2.4%
Mining	D	N/A	D	N/A	D	N/A	D	N/A	D	N/A
Utilities	84	0.8%	83	0.7%	82	0.7%	81	0.7%	82	0.7%
Construction	1,045	9.3%	1,023	8.8%	1,092	9.2%	1,135	9.6%	1,110	9.3%
Manufacturing	2,095	18.7%	2,335	20.1%	2,258	19.1%	2,096	17.7%	2,028	17.0%
Transportation/Warehousing	271	2.4%	282	2.4%	257	2.2%	309	2.6%	314	2.6%
Wholesale Trade	745	6.7%	799	6.9%	780	6.6%	746	6.3%	817	6.9%
Retail Trade	1,095	9.8%	1,058	9.1%	1,086	9.2%	1,088	9.2%	1,082	9.1%
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	214	1.9%	201	1.7%	186	1.6%	187	1.6%	191	1.6%
Services	4,714	42.1%	4,912	42.3%	5,166	43.7%	5,252	44.2%	5,329	44.8%
State Government	357	3.2%	350	3.0%	361	3.1%	371	3.1%	362	3.0%
Local Government	277	2.5%	284	2.4%	284	2.4%	287	2.4%	287	2.4%
Federal Government	36	0.3%	17	0.1%	12	0.1%	11	0.1%	11	0.1%
Nonclassifiable	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total Employment	11,193	100%	11,618	100%	11,818	100%	11,873	100%	11,905	100%

"D" indicates disclosure suppression. Data is only included in the total. Figures may not always total correctly due to rounding. In 2005, reporting methods for Government and Service sectors were changed. Therefore, there may be noticeable differences reflected in prior years versus 2005 figures.

Source: Virginia Employment Commission.

COMPONENTS OF LABOR FORCE

	2011	2015	Change
Civilian Labor Force	32,321	30,102	-6.9%
Employed	29,576	28,493	-3.7%
Unemployed	2,745	1,609	-41.4%
Percent Unemployed	8.5%	5.3%	-3.2%

Source: Virginia Employment Commission.

TAXABLE SALES (\$1000) 2011 – 2015

2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
\$155,499	\$161,237	\$162,888	\$166,410	\$169,037

Source: Virginia Department of Taxation.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Industrial Parks: Brosville Business Centre, Chatham North Industrial Park, Chatham South Industrial Park, East Bowles Industrial Park*, Gretna Industrial Park*, Key Industrial Park, Cane Creek Centre*, Ringgold Industrial Park East*, Ringgold Industrial Park West*, Berry Hill Industrial Park*. See Map Appendix 1 for locations.

*Within Enterprise Zone.

Contact: Pittsylvania County Economic Development, (434) 432-7974, Website:

<http://pittsylvaniacountyva.gov/392/Economic-Development>

Building/Site information also available at:

<http://yesvirginia.org/ToolsResources/SiteSelection>

COMMUNITY

Recreation/Attractions: 1767 County Clerk's Office, 1767 County Courthouse, 1813 Pittsylvania County Clerk's Office, Birch Creek Motorcross Park, Callands War Memorial, Callands Clerk's Office, Courthouse & Gaol, Cedar Forest Mill, Chatham Hall, Chatham Street Car Diner, Elkhorn Lake & Campground, Gretna's Historic Railroad Park, John L. Hurt Memorial Gardens, National Tank Museum, Pittsylvania County Courthouse (1853), Pittsylvania County Genealogy Research, Ringgold Depot Trail, Smith Mountain Lake & Dam Visitors Center, Yates Tavern, White Oak Wildlife Management Area.

Education/Job Training: Area schools include Pittsylvania

County Public Schools; Piedmont Governor's School for Mathematics, Science, and Technology; Southside Virginia Regional Governor's School for Global Economics and Technology; Averett University; Danville Community College (DCC); Old Dominion University Satellite Program at DCC; American National University; and New College Institute. Other job training: Genedge Alliance; Workforce Services at DCC; Regional Center for Advanced Technology & Training (RCATT); Institute for Advanced Learning & Research (IALR); and the West Piedmont Workforce Development Board.

Healthcare: Danville Regional Medical Center.

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