



Natural beauty combined with progressive thinking -- that's Bedford, Virginia.

Bedford is one of the fastest growing areas in Virginia. Located within a day's drive of all major mid-Atlantic markets, the Bedford community is decidedly pro-active, resulting in a healthy, diverse economy. Bedford Area advantages include: Workforce programs that engage business, public schools and community college. Sites ready with infrastructure and zoning in place. Enterprise and Technology Zones plus local incentives. High-speed broadband service. Agricultural economic development program. Historic Centertown Bedford – a Main Street Community. Scenic beauty with unparalleled moun

LOCATION

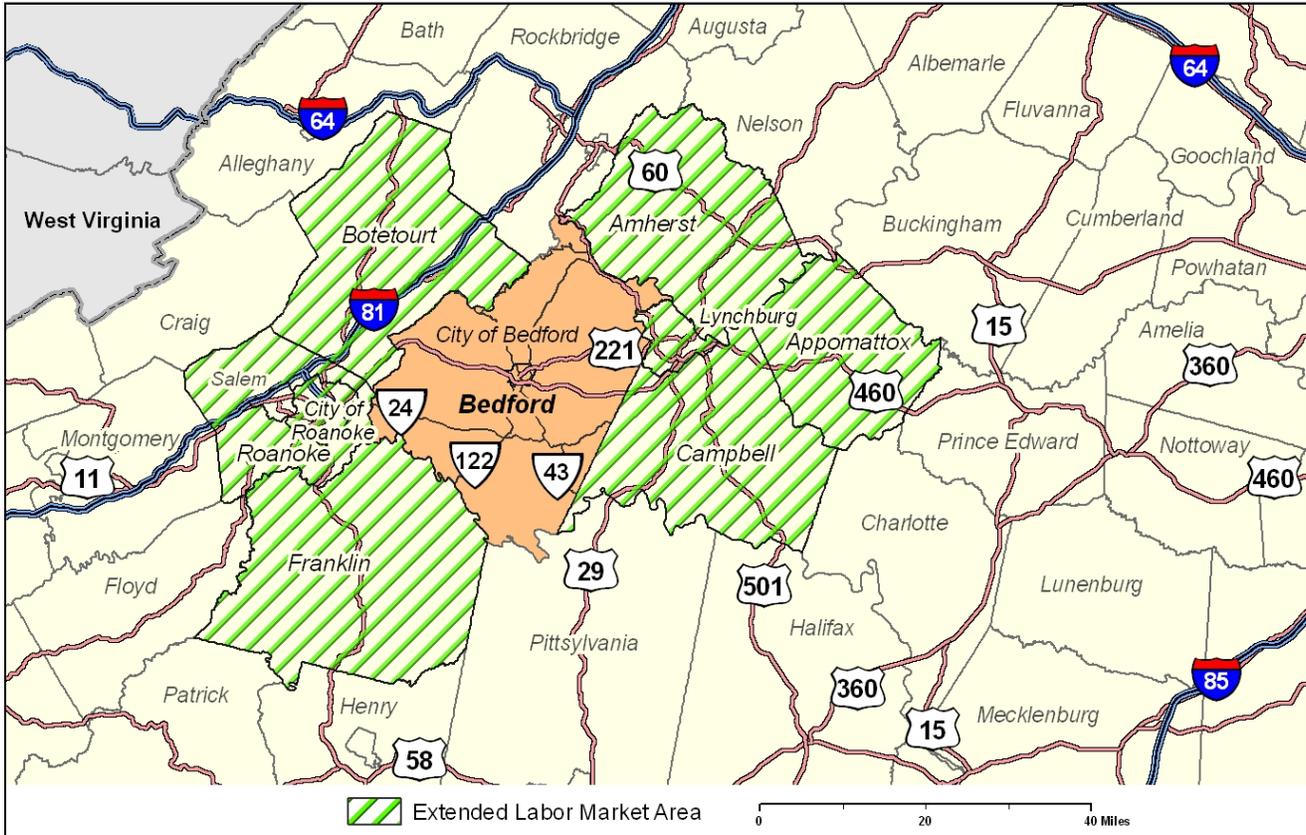
Bedford County consists of 764 square miles located in west-central Virginia just east of the Roanoke metropolitan area. The city of Bedford is situated on the U.S. Route 460 corridor midway between Roanoke to the west and Lynchburg and Campbell County to the east. The scenic Blue Ridge Mountains make up the county's western border. The James River forms the northeast boundary. The 23,400-acre Smith Mountain Lake is situated to the south. The community is home to a diversified industrial base and displays an appealing quality of life.

The city of Bedford is 115 miles west of Richmond, the state capital; 210 miles southwest of Washington, D.C.; and 215 miles west of Norfolk. Lynchburg is about 24 miles east and Roanoke is 29 miles west.

Bedford County and the city of Bedford are part of the Lynchburg Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA).

Bedford Area, Virginia

Community Profile



LABOR MARKET DATA

Population

Gender Distribution (2006)

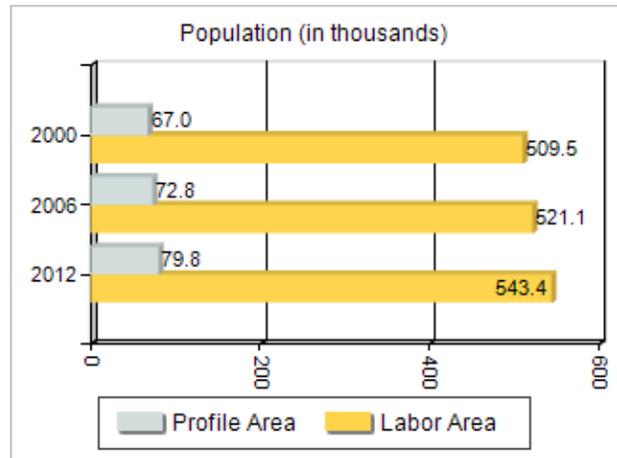
Area	Male	Female
Bedford Area	49.7%	50.3%

Race/Ethnicity (2006)

Classification	Profile Area	Labor Area
White	65,854	420,547
Black	5,527	87,948
Asian	488	5,733
Two or More	711	5,434
American Indian or Alaska Native	163	1,265
Pacific Islander	13	168
Hispanic (may be of any race)	649	8,422

Median Age

Bedford	41 years
Bedford City	43 years



Civilian Labor Force (2006)

Bedford Area	37,616
Surrounding Labor Area	266,443
Total	304,059



Labor Force Participation (2000 Census)

Bedford Area	65.1%
Surrounding Labor Area	63.2%

Unemployment

Unemployment Rate (December 2007)

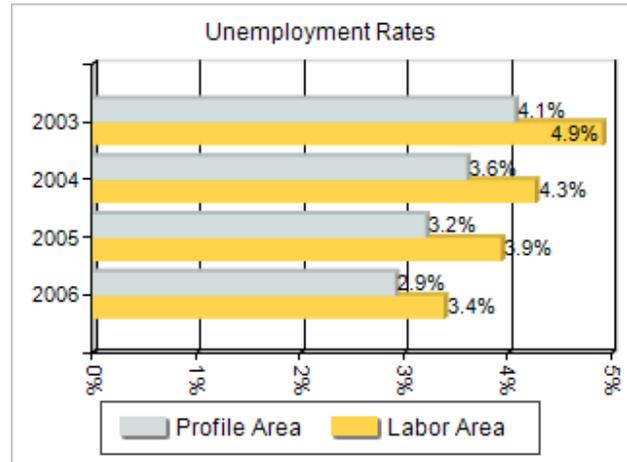
Bedford Area	3.09%
Labor Area	3.75%
Statewide	3.27%

Unemployed (2006)

Bedford Area	1,097
Labor Area	9,025
Total	10,122

Underemployed (4th Quarter 2007)

Bedford Area	7,475
Labor Area	31,339
Total	38,814



Commuting Patterns (2000 Census)

Live and work in Bedford Area:	12,375	33.2%
Total In-Commuters:	4,884	13.1%
Total Out-Commuters:	19,977	53.6%
Net Out-Commuters:	15,093	

In-Commuters From:

Lynchburg City VA	1,510	40.9%
Campbell Co. VA	1,407	38.1%
Amherst Co. VA	302	8.2%
Roanoke Co. VA	245	6.6%
Roanoke City VA	229	6.2%

Out-Commuters To:

Lynchburg City VA	7,986	44.9%
Roanoke City VA	5,227	29.4%
Roanoke Co. VA	2,500	14.1%
Campbell Co. VA	1,410	7.9%
Salem City VA	654	3.7%

Additional Labor Resources

High school graduates not continuing (2006-2007)	61
Two-year college graduates (Spring 2005)	568
Two-year college enrollees (Fall 2005)	5,554
Other college and university graduates (Spring 2005)	1,297
Total	7,480

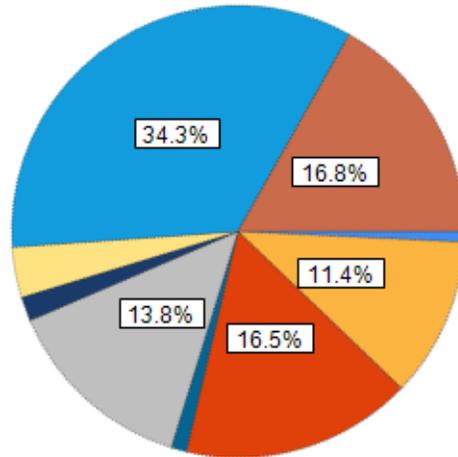


Educational Attainment

Percentage of Bedford Area 2003-2004 ninth graders graduating in 2006-2007	87.6%
Percentage of Bedford Area population age 25+ who are high school graduates	79.2%
Percentage of Bedford Area population age 25+ who have earned a Bachelor's Degree or higher	20.4%

Employment by Sector* (2nd Qtr. 2007)

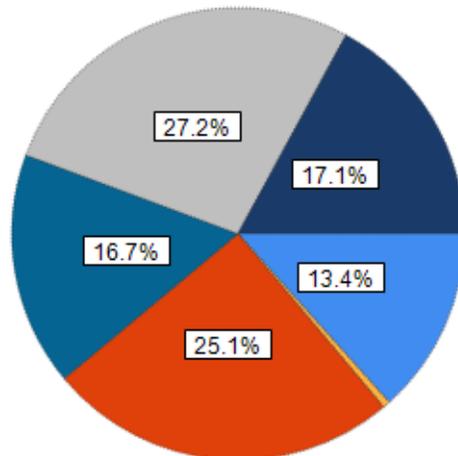
■ Natural Resources and Mining	145	0.7%
■ Construction	2,212	11.4%
■ Trade	3,192	16.5%
■ Transportation and Utilities	214	1.1%
■ Manufacturing	2,669	13.8%
■ Information	336	1.7%
■ Financial	697	3.6%
■ Services	6,635	34.3%
■ Government	3,256	16.8%
Total	19,356	100%



*By Business Establishment

Employment by Occupation* (2nd Qtr. 2007)

■ Construction, Extraction & Maintenance	2,584	13.4%
■ Farming, Fishing & Forestry	97	0.5%
■ Managerial, Professional & Related	4,842	25.1%
■ Production, Transportation & Material Moving	3,232	16.7%
■ Sales & Office	5,263	27.2%
■ Service	3,301	17.1%
Total	19,319	100%



*By Business Establishment



Major Employers

Manufacturing

Company	Product/Service	Est. Employment
Andrew Corporation	repeaters/equipment for wireless industry	100 - 299
Barr Laboratories Inc.	Pharmaceuticals	300 - 599
Bedford Weaving Mills, Inc.	Textiles	100 - 299
Brooks Food Group/Golden West	Frozen foods	100 - 299
Frank Chervan, Inc.	Furniture frames	100 - 299
Georgia-Pacific	Paperboard	300 - 599
M/A Com	Radio communications systems	100 - 299
Sam Moore Furniture, LLC	Upholstered furniture	300 - 599
Seckman Printing	Printing	50 - 99
Sentry Equipment Erectors	Conveyor systems	100 - 299
Smyth Company	Lithographer	100 - 299
Sterling Blower	Blowers and Aux. Systems	100 - 299

Nonmanufacturing

Company	Product/Service	Est. Employment
Bedford Memorial Hospital	Health Care	300 - 599
Cintas	Clean and rent uniforms	100 - 299
Coleman-Adams Construction Co.	Construction	100 - 299
Innovative Wireless Technologies	Wireless Design	20 - 49
Inservice America Inc.	Telemarketing	300 - 599
Mail America	Printing & mass mailing	100 - 299
RST Marketing	Direct Mail	100 - 299

Union Activity (1/2004 - 6/2007)

No Union Activity

Estimated Earnings (May 2006)

Occupation	Med. Wage	Mean Wage	Med. Salary	Mean Salary
Packers and packagers, hand	\$9.05	\$9.57	\$18,814.30	\$19,902.46
Laborers and freight, stock, and material movers, hand	\$10.19	\$10.46	\$21,205.17	\$21,765.09
Truck drivers, light or delivery services	\$9.36	\$9.84	\$19,464.13	\$20,461.35
Truck drivers, heavy and tractor-trailer	\$13.18	\$14.13	\$27,408.15	\$29,389.30
Team assemblers	\$12.76	\$12.64	\$26,538.94	\$26,294.79
Maintenance and repair workers, general	\$15.74	\$16.98	\$32,742.05	\$35,317.20
Construction laborers	\$10.68	\$11.50	\$22,206.70	\$23,913.33
Carpenters	\$14.08	\$15.07	\$29,292.96	\$31,350.33
Office clerks, general	\$11.27	\$11.64	\$23,431.63	\$24,210.46
Stock clerks and order fillers	\$9.34	\$10.05	\$19,422.42	\$20,894.79
Customer service representatives	\$10.59	\$11.67	\$22,037.35	\$24,278.28
Bookkeeping, accounting, and auditing clerks	\$13.67	\$14.08	\$28,431.34	\$29,284.15
First-line supervisors/managers of office & admin support workers	\$17.94	\$20.29	\$37,305.67	\$42,205.71
Sales reps, wholesale & manufacturing, ex technical & scientific products	\$23.57	\$30.80	\$49,035.75	\$64,069.24
Nursing aides, orderlies, and attendants	\$10.29	\$10.23	\$21,399.68	\$21,282.78
Licensed practical and licensed vocational nurses	\$17.02	\$17.00	\$35,401.17	\$35,367.17
Registered nurses	\$23.36	\$24.04	\$48,581.68	\$50,006.80
Secondary school teachers, except special and vocational education	\$19.47	\$20.61	\$40,487.48	\$42,864.74
Elementary school teachers, except special education	\$19.37	\$20.59	\$40,289.64	\$42,828.67
General and operations managers	\$40.74	\$43.26	\$84,747.87	\$89,970.94

Per Capita Personal Income (2005)

\$32,333



EDUCATION

Public School Enrollment

Level	Number	Fall 2006 Enrollment
Elementary	15	5,251
Middle	3	2,352
High School	3	3,553

Student Teacher Ratio (2005-06)

Elementary	14.3:1
Secondary	9.9:1
Percentage of 2003-2004 ninth grade membership graduating 2006-2007	87.6%
Percentage of high school graduates continuing education 2006-2007 (including military)	92.4%

Per Pupil Expenditure (FY 2006)

\$7,802.64

Workforce Development Facilities

Facility	Type
Bedford Science & Technology Center	Career and Technical Center
Region 2000 Career Center	Comprehensive Center

Higher Education Facilities

Facility	Fall 2005 Enrollment
Central Virginia Community College	4,787
Lynchburg College	2,428
Roanoke College	1,936
Hollins University	1,123
Randolph College	713
Southern Virginia University	702
National College of Business & Technology - Roanoke Valley Campus	409
National College of Business & Technology - Lynchburg Campus	358

TRANSPORTATION

Interstates

Name	Distance
I-81	3.2 miles (5.2 km.)
I-581	4.3 miles (7.0 km.)
I-64	12.4 miles (20.0 km.)

Note: Measured from border of locality/region.

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Highways

Highway 122 Highway 221 Highway 24 Highway 43 Highway 460 Highway 48
Highway 501

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

Commercial Air Service

Lynchburg Regional Airport, Lynchburg **3.7 miles (6.0 km.)**

Delta Connection/ Atlantic Southeast Airlines US Airways Express

Roanoke Regional Airport, Roanoke **7.1 miles (11.4 km.)**

Atlantic Southeast Airlines Comair Northwest AirlinK United Express
US Airways

Greenbrier Valley Airport, Lewisburg, WV **44.8 miles (72.2 km.)**

Delta Air Lines US Airways

Shenandoah Valley Regional Airport, Staunton **53.1 miles (85.4 km.)**

US Airways Express

Charlottesville-Albemarle Airport, Charlottesville **60.5 miles (97.4 km.)**

Comair/ Delta Connection Northwest Airlines United Express US Airways Express

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

General Aviation Service

Name	Runway Length
New London Airport, Forest	3,164 ft (964 m)
Smith Mountain Lake Airport, Moneta	3,050 ft (930 m)

Freight Rail Service

CSX Transportation
Norfolk Southern Railway Company

Ports

Name	Distance
Port Of Richmond	116.0 miles (186.7 km)
Virginia Inland Port At Front Royal	135.0 miles (217.3 km)
Norfolk International Terminals	180.0 miles (289.7 km)

Note: Measured from center of locality/region

UTILITIES

Electric

Southside Electric Cooperative City of Bedford
Appalachian Power



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Natural Gas

Columbia Gas of Virginia

Telecommunications

nTelos

Verizon-Virginia

JetBroadband

Water

Bedford County Service Authority

City of Bedford

Montvale Water Company

Waste Water Treatment

Bedford County Service Authority

City of Bedford

Solid Waste Disposal

Bedford County Sanitary Landfill

City of Bedford Sanitary Landfill

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Bank

3rd Qtr 2007 Assets (in millions)

Wachovia Bank, N.A.	\$557,018.0
SunTrust Bank	\$171,510.8
Branch Banking and Trust Company	\$126,290.2
First-Citizens Bank & Trust Co.	\$13,629.2
Carter Bank & Trust	\$2,568.8
WoodForest National Bank	\$2,455.5
The First Bank and Trust Co.	\$904.7
Planters Bank & Trust Co. of Virginia	\$816.7
American National Bank & Trust Co.	\$766.8
The First National Bank of Altavista	\$277.7
Bank of the James	\$261.7
The Bank of Fincastle	\$166.5
HomeTown Bank	\$124.5
Select Bank	\$25.8

GOVERNMENT

Bedford County has a County Administrator and a seven-member Board of Supervisors. Bedford City has a City Manager and a seven-member City Council.

Bedford City and Bedford County have comprehensive plans and zoning and subdivision ordinances.

Bedford is the county seat. There are no incorporated towns within the county.

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 (Bedford) [51019 MFG.PDF](#)

Non-Manufacturer's Tax Profile (Bedford) <http://virginiascan.yesvirginia.org/TaxProfiles/Profiles/51019NMFG.PDF>

Manufacturer's Tax Profile (Bedford City) [51515 MFG.PDF](#)

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CLIMATE

Average Temperatures

January 37°F (3°C)
July 76°F (24°C)

Average Annual Precipitation

Rainfall 42.10" (106.93 cm)
Snowfall 16.10" (40.89 cm)

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Convenient medical care is available at Bedford Memorial Hospital located in the city of Bedford. This facility provides 178 patient beds of which 111 beds are for long-term care. In addition, both neighboring Lynchburg and Roanoke have five major hospitals to serve the vast majority of health care requirements of the region. The Bedford County Health Department also provides public health services to the community. Emergency transport is provided by rescue squad ambulances and the Life Guard 10 medical helicopter.

Twenty-four physicians practice in the Bedford area representing eight specialties. Thirteen dentists have local practices in either the city or the county.

Nine retirement and nursing homes provide intermediate and extended care for 302 residents. The Carriage Hill Retirement Center offers 64 rooms for independent retirement living. In addition, the Elks National Home is located in the city of Bedford.

About 123 Protestant churches of many denominations are found in the Bedford area. Two Catholic churches are located in the community. Greek Orthodox churches and Jewish synagogues are located in nearby Lynchburg and Roanoke.

The Bedford Public Library, with a collection of more than 150,000 volumes, is based in the city of Bedford and maintains five branch operations. The library offers special homebound service to persons confined to their homes.

Shopping needs of residents can be easily met through five shopping centers in the county and in Bedford's revitalized Centertown--its central business district. In addition, the close proximity of both Roanoke and Lynchburg to Bedford provides residents a vast array of retail options ranging from regional malls to neighborhood shopping centers and specialty shops.



LIFESTYLE

The Bedford area offers a complete leisure services package for residents of all ages. Both the county and city operate comprehensive recreation programs including organized athletics, special events, and excursions outside the community for outlet shopping and dramatic theater and to visit tourist attractions such as Colonial Williamsburg. Local school facilities are used for holding many athletic programs. Liberty Lake Park is the centerpiece for recreational activity in Bedford. This 59-acre park includes a lighted multi-purpose ball field, baseball field, softball field, tennis courts, children's playgrounds, picnic shelters, and an outdoor racquetball court, the first of its kind in Virginia.

Roughly 20 acres of the park are being reserved for future passive recreation development. Bedford has an expanding YMCA program with an indoor junior Olympic-size swimming pool, weight room, and gymnasium. Golfers will find one public and three private golf courses in the community.

The county's location adjacent to the Blue Ridge Mountains puts the community in close contact with the Blue Ridge Parkway. One of America's most scenic roads, the Parkway offers numerous overlooks, campgrounds, picnic areas, and hiking trails. Just ten miles northwest of Bedford City are the Peaks of Otter with lodging facilities offering travelers and visitors delicious food and fine accommodations in a beautiful, rustic setting. To the south, the 23,400-acre Smith Mountain Lake provides numerous opportunities to enjoy water sports of all types. Numerous recreational developments and several resorts can be found along the lake's 500 miles of shoreland. A 1,200-acre state park provides camping and swimming amenities along the shore.

Sport fishermen will enjoy the smallmouth bass in the James River, which forms the county's northern boundary. Also, miles of stocked mountain trout streams are available including many in the Jefferson National Forest in western Bedford County.

The Little Town Players perform live theatre in Bedford at the Elks National Home Theatre. This successful community theatre group is beginning its third decade of producing popular drama for residents of Central Virginia. The nearby Roanoke and Lynchburg metropolitan areas add to the cultural enrichment of Bedford residents.

Roanoke's Center in the Square houses science and history museums, a planetarium, a playhouse, and a fine arts center. The Lynchburg Fine Arts Center hosts two art galleries, a theater, and two dance studios and is the site of a full calendar of cultural events. Eight colleges in the region also help contribute to a high level of cultural sophistication.

In the midst of Bedford Centertown, the Bedford City/County Museum provides two floors of exhibits from Bedford's heritage including Indian artifacts, Revolutionary and Civil War memorabilia, examples of native wildlife, and a library of historical and genealogical information.

Bedford is the site for the National D-Day Memorial, and was chosen because of its distinction as the community that sustained the highest per capita loss of lives during the invasion.

*Virginia's Region 2000 Economic Development Partnership
Bedford County*