



Community Overview

Surrounded by natural beauty, the City of Buena Vista is the traditional manufacturing nucleus of the region and is located on the I-81 Corridor in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. The City is located within 607 miles of 50% of the United States total population and has an extended labor market area of 185,540 workforce participants. Easy access to suppliers, customers, and employees is provided by two interstates within three miles of the community's border.

Major cities within 500 miles of Buena Vista include Washington D.C., Richmond, Philadelphia, New York, Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Charlotte, and Atlanta.

Metro Driving Distances	
Richmond, Virginia	141 Miles
Washington, DC	193 Miles
Charlotte, NC	240 Miles
Philadelphia, PA	329 Miles
Cincinnati, OH	439 Miles
Atlanta, GA	482 Miles

Transportation Network

Interstate Access	
Interstate 81 (North/South)	3 Miles
Interstate 64 (East West)	3 Miles
Route 501	0 Miles
Railroads	
Norfolk Southern, Daily Service	Multiple Locations
Airports	
Charlottesville-Albemarle Airport (CHO)	
Commercial Airport	Yes
General Aviation Airport	Yes
Distance from Buena Vista	78 miles
Eagles Nest	
Commercial Airport	No
General Aviation Airport	Yes
Distance from Buena Vista	43 miles
Richmond International Airport (RIC)	
Commercial Airport	Yes
General Aviation Airport	Yes
Distance from Buena Vista	148 miles
Roanoke Regional Airport (ROA)	
Commercial Airport	Yes
General Aviation Airport	Yes
Distance from Buena Vista	53 miles
Shenandoah Valley Regional Airport (SHD)	
Commercial Airport	Yes
General Aviation Airport	Yes
Distance from Buena Vista	52 miles
Washington Dulles International Airport (IAD)	
Commercial Airport	Yes
General Aviation Airport	Yes
Distance from Buena Vista	178 miles
Ports	
Virginia Inland Port at Front Royal	106 Miles
Port of Richmond	108 Miles

Demographic Composition

Population	2000 Census	2007 Provisional Estimate	2020 Projection
City of Buena Vista	6,349	6,552	6,569
Net Migration		341	
Percent Under 18 Years	22.5%	21.5%	19%
Percentage Over 65 Years	16.3%	17.1%	17%
Median Age	37.9	38.5	--

Race	Number	Percent
White	5940	93.6%
Black or African American	305	4.8%
American Indian	19	0.3%
Asian	27	0.4%
Hispanic or Latino	64	1.0%
Some Other Race	57	0.9%

Education	1990	2000
High School Graduate	55.5%	69%
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	8.7%	10.5%

Total Households	1980	1990	2000
Total Households	2,268	2,404	2,547
Family Households	1,826	1,779	1,749
Percent of Total	80.5%	74%	68.7%
Married Couples	1,489	1,348	1,262
Non-Family Households	442	625	798
Percent of Total	19.5%	26%	31.3%
Persons Per Household	2.88	2.53	2.38
Median Household Income			

* Source: U.S. Census, Weldon Cooper Center

Labor Force & Wage Information

Labor Market Data (Buena Vista Area)	
Civilian Labor Force (2007)	17,197
Extended Labor Area	185,540
Total	202,737
Labor Force Participation (2000 Census)	
Buena Vista Area	57.2%
Extended Labor Area	62.4%
Unemployment Rate (November 2007)	
Buena Vista Area	5.63%
Extended Labor Area	4.74%
Statewide	4.61%
Underemployed (2nd Quarter 2008)	
Buena Vista Area	1,556
Extended Labor Area	26,677
Total	28,233
Commuting Patterns	
Live in Work in Rockbridge Area	12,757 (76.2%)
Total In-Commuters	1,718 (10.3%)
Total Out-Commuters	2,273 (13.6%)
Net Out-Commuters	555

* Source: VEDP Community Profile

Employment By Sector (1st Quarter 2008)	Number	Percentage
Natural Resources & Mining	148	1%
Construction	609	4.3%
Trade	1,817	12.8%
Transportation & Utilities	230	1.6%
Manufacturing	2,522	17.7%
Information	97	0.7%
Financial Services	345	2.4%
Services	5,684	39.9%
Government	2,780	19.5%

Estimated Earnings (May 2007)				
Occupation	Med Wage	Mean Wage	Med. Salary	Mean Salary
Laborers and freight, stock, and material movers, hand.	9.81	10.34	20,400.00	21,500.00
Industrial truck and tractor operator	12.64	12.93	26,300.00	26,900.00
Truck drivers, light or delivery services	10.96	11.44	22,800.00	23,800.00
Truck drivers, heavy or tractor-trailer	14.28	15.29	29,700.00	31,800.00
Team assemblers	14.86	15.19	30,900.00	31,600.00

First line supervisors/managers of production and workers	20.96	21.92	43,600.00	45,600.00
Maintenance and repair workers, general	15.14	15.14	31,500.00	31,500.00
Carpenters	13.7	14.62	28,500.00	30,400.00
Office clerks, general	10.67	11.11	22,200.00	23,100.00
Secretaries, except legal, medical, and executive	12.93	13.13	26,900.00	27,300.00
Stock clerks and order fillers	9.23	9.95	19,200.00	20,700.00
Customer service representatives	12.02	12.4	25,000.00	28,800.00
Bookkeeping, accounting, and auditing clerks	12.79	13.22	26,600.00	27,500.00
First-line supervisors/managers of admin support workers	18.27	19.86	38,000.00	41,300.00
Sales reps, wholesale and manufacturing, ex technical	19.76	22.07	41,100.00	45,900.00
Nursing aides, orderlies, and attendants	9.62	9.57	20,000.00	19,900.00
Registered nurses	23.8	24.18	49,500.00	50,300.00
Elementary school teachers, except special education	21.97	22.4	45,700.00	46,600.00
General and operations managers	31.78	35.34	66,100.00	73,500.00

* Source: VEDP Community Profile

Workforce Development & Placement Facilities	Location	Type
Career Café/Virginia Employment Commission	Buena Vista	Satellite Center, Limited
People Link Staffing Solutions	Buena Vista	Work Placement
Hamilton Personnel	Buena Vista	Work Placement
Dabney S. Lancaster Community College, Rockbridge Regional Center	Buena Vista	Training Programs

Public Schools (Buena Vista Area)

Pubic School Enrollment (Buena Vista Area)	Number	Fall 2008
Elementary	8	2,036
Middle	4	1,118
High School	2	1,376
Student Teacher Ratio		
Elementary		10.4:1
Secondary		10.4:1
Per Pupil Expenditure		\$9,156

* Source: VEDP Community Profile

Conducting Business in the Best State for Business

Every state talks about its positive business climate. In Virginia, we've let others do the talking. For the third straight year, Virginia is ranked the Best State for Business by Forbes.com. And, Virginia is among the Top States for Business according to CNBC. In each analysis, cost of doing business, quality of workforce, and regulatory environment all drove Virginia to the top. A Virginia business location will positively impact your bottom line. Let us show you how.

- a. Streamlined permitting process
- b. Recruitment training programs to help new businesses become operational faster
- c. Right-to-work law allows individuals the right to work regardless of membership in a labor union or organization
- d. AAA bond rating
- e. 6 percent corporate income tax rate has not been increased since 1972
- f. Programs at little or no cost to help businesses increase international sales
- g. In *Governing Magazine's* Government Performance Project, *Grading the States 2008* survey, Virginia earned an overall grade of A- for management of state government. This is a testament to Virginia's long term planning and management of money, people, infrastructure, and information. Two other states, Utah and Washington, received an A- grade, and the national average was B-. Virginia also received an A- ranking in the most recent "Grading the States" assessment in 2005.
- h. *Chief Executive Magazine* ranked Virginia as the 4th Best State for Business in its 2008 CEO Confidence Index.

Buena Vista Area Employers

AUTO RECYCLERS

1400 Sycamore Avenue
Buena Vista, Virginia 24416

Employment Range: 25-50

Union: No

AutoRecyclers is an automotive salvage and recycling company that opened in Buena Vista in 2007. The company undertook a substantial rehabilitation in the former Reeves building and partnered with the City on the first curbside recycling program in the area.



ADVANCED DRAINAGE SYSTEMS

520 Factory Street
Buena Vista, VA 24416

Employment Range: 25-50

Union: No

At ADS we have established a reputation for leadership in the drainage industry by meeting the needs of our customers, employees, shareholders and other stakeholders. We remain committed to the development of state-of-the-art products and services that set industry standards, and help solve water management challenges. **Learn more at:**

<http://www.ads-pipe.com/>>>



ARAMARK

1664 Magnolia Avenue
Buena Vista, Virginia 24416

Employment Range: 25-50

Union: No

ARAMARK continues to be a global leader in professional services, providing award-winning food, hospitality, facility management services and high-quality uniform and work apparel. **Learn more at:** <http://www.aramark.com/>>>



BONTEX

One Bontex Drive
Buena Vista, Virginia 24416

Employment Range: 75-100

Union: No

BONTEX® has, for over 50 years, supplied the global marketplace with world-class, innovative, environmentally friendly, specialty materials. BONTEX's ongoing effort to identify opportunities and invest in research and development will continue to result in pioneering specialty materials for a variety of industries and applications. **Learn more at:** www.bontex.com>>



Des Champs Laboratories was founded in East Hanover, New Jersey in 1973 by Nicholas H. Des Champs, Ph.D. for the purpose of developing a patented, vacuum brazed aluminum heat exchanger that could be easily formed into any shape. The company now produces products for the Commercial, Institutional, Industrial, and Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) markets.

Learn more at: www.deschamps.com>>
www.munters.com>>

**MUNTERS/
DES CHAMPS TECHNOLOGIES**
225 South Magnolia Avenue
Buena Vista, Virginia 24416

Employment Range: 125-150
Union: No



Everbrite is a global leader in the design, engineering and manufacturing of quality visual identification products. **Learn more at:**

<http://www.everbrite.com/>>>

EVERBRITE
200 30th Street
Buena Vista, Virginia 24416

Employment Range: 100-125
Union: No

Fitzgerald Lumber produces wholesale rough, dressed & finished lumber; local trucking without storage services and also has a sawing & planning mill; hardwood dimension & flooring mill. **Learn more at:** www.fitzgeraldlumber.com>>

FITZGERALD LUMBER
29th Street
Buena Vista, Virginia 24416

Employment Range: 25-50
Union: No



A leading Global supplier of high quality converted Cigarette Tipping, Perforated and Non-Perforated Cork and White Papers for use in the manufacture of Cigarettes and Cigarette Tubes. **Learn more at:** <http://www.mundet.com/>>>

MUNDET INDUSTRIES--HERMETITE DIVISION
21st Street
Buena Vista, Virginia 24416

Employment Range: 25-50
Union: No

MODINE MANUFACTURING CO.

1221 Magnolia Avenue
Buena Vista, Virginia 24416

Employment Range: 150-175

Union: No

Modine Manufacturing Company has been a worldwide leader in thermal management for almost 90 years. We design, engineer, test, and manufacture heat transfer products for a wide range of applications and markets. We're at work in practically every corner of the world, inside the things you see every day. Learn **more at:**

www.modine.com>>



SAYRE ENTERPRISES

324 E. 32nd Street
Buena Vista, Virginia 24416

Employment Range: 100-125

Union: No

Sayre Enterprises has been providing products and services worldwide since 1987. Today the company manufactures, embellishes and distributes a wide range of goods including, but not limited to: promotional products, collegiate items, safety reflective items, tactical accessories and outdoor gear. Learn **more at:**

www.sayreinc.com>>

RAOC

1913 Sycamore Avenue
Buena Vista, Virginia 24416

Employment Range: 1-25

Union: No

For businesses seeking ways to control costs, remain competitive, and maintain quality--outsourcing labor and short term projects is the cost effective approach to stability and growth. Over 20 Virginia businesses, universities, and agencies utilize our specialized business!

SHENANDOAH HARDWOOD LUMBER CO.

750 Linden Avenue
Buena Vista, Virginia 24416

Employment Range: 50-75

Union: No

Shenandoah Hardwood Lumber Company manufactures kiln dried lumber

Additional Area Employers:

BARR MARINE BY EDM

BEA MAURER, INC.

BURKE-PARSONS-BOWLBY

BURLINGTON INDUSTRIES

Natural Bridge Station, VA

Fairfield, VA

Goshen, VA

Glasgow, VA

Marine Engines

Tents, Bags, Cases

Treated/Untreated Lumber

Tufted & Woven Carpet

DEACON, W.R. & SONS TIMBER	Lexington, VA	Lumber
ENCHANTED CASTLE STUDIOS	Natural Bridge, VA	Fiberglass Figurines
FEI LTD.	Natural Bridge Station, VA	Steel Beams
NATIONAL HORSE STALLS	Buena Vista, VA	Horse Stalls
NORTH FORK LUMBER CO.	Lexington, VA	Lumber
POWER SYSTEMS INTERNATIONAL	Natural Bridge Station, VA	Mobile Power Generating Systems
RIGEL CORP.	Lexington, VA	Data Management
R J CORMAN CO.	Glasgow, VA	Derailment Mitigation and Repair
SHENANDOAH FRAMING INC.	Lexington, VA	Framing
SOUTHERN VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY	Buena Vista, VA	Higher Education
SPACERS	Lexington, VA	Styrofoam
STILLWATER INC.	Goshen, VA	Dyeing & Finishing
STONEWALL JACKSON HOSPITAL	Lexington, VA	Healthcare
TAYLOR-RAMSEY CORP.	Natural Bridge Station, VA	Lumber
VIRGINIA MILITARY INSTITUTE	Lexington, VA	Higher Education
WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY	Lexington, VA	Higher Education
YELLOW FREIGHT SYSTEM INC.	Raphine, VA	Truck Terminal

New and Expanding Employers:

Company Name	Location	Month Announced	New/Expansion	New Jobs	Investment (M\$)
PowerSystems International, Inc.	Rockbridge County	December, 2008	E	50	0.15
Munters Corporation*	Buena Vista	October, 2008	E	125	1.75
Auto Recyclers LLC	Buena Vista	October, 2008	E	25	1.00
Modine Manufacturing Company	Buena Vista	April, 2006	E	35	1.50
Lees Commercial Carpet	Rockbridge County	February, 2006	E	25	26.60

Utility Capacity and Rates

Utility	Provider	Contact	Capacity	Rate	Connection Fee	Notes
Water	City of Buena Vista	2039 Sycamore Avenue Buena Vista, Virginia	Capacity--1.42 Million GPD	\$4.88/ 1000 Gallons	\$500	
		Telephone: 540-261-8613	Usage—403,000 GPD			
Sewer	City of Buena Vista	2039 Sycamore Avenue Buena Vista, Virginia	Capacity: 2.25 Million GPD	\$5.39/ 1000 Gallons	\$338 Connection Fee	Deposit refunded after two years.
		Telephone: 540-261-8613	Usage: .5 Million GPD baseline			
Electric	Dominion Virginia Power	(t) 1-888-667-3000 www.dom.com	Capacity--24 MVA Load—12 MVA	\$.05-.08/kWh	Connection fee may apply	Generation is from multiple sources including coal, hydro, and nuclear.
Gas	Columbia Gas of Virginia	(t) 1-800-543-8911 www.columbiagasva.com	N/A	Columbia Gas of Virginia is an open access system and offers a variety of rate structures for large volume customers	Connection fee may apply	

Telecommunications:

Embarq

Embarq offers many business services including leased line, Business DSL, and fiber connections to businesses in Buena Vista.

Verizon

Verizon offers many business services including leased line, Business DSL, and fiber connections to businesses.

Comcast Cable

Comcast provides cable TV services throughout the county, and offers triple play (voice, video, and Internet).

Rockbridge Global Village / VGCS

Rockbridge Global Village is a regional provider of Internet and VoIP services. Internet access methods include DSL in the Lexington and Buena Vista areas, dial up throughout the county, and ISDN in some limited areas. The firm also offers business class Internet services and VoIP telephone services.

nTelos

Business Services offered by nTelos include business DSL and Fiber ethernet services.

ShenTel/ValleyNet

ValleyNet is a regional fiber consortium with a POP (Point of Presence) in Lexington. ValleyNet offers a wide range of high capacity circuits (DS1, DS3, OC3, OC12, and up). While ValleyNet does not market business and residential services in the Rockbridge area, the ValleyNet POP does provide redundant fiber routes out of the region to the north and to the south.

Cost of Doing Business in Buena Vista

Locality	Overall	Grocery	Housing	Utilities	Transportation	Health Care	Misc. Goods
Buena Vista	98.7	93.3	110.1	95.7	88.9	92.4	95.9
Richmond, Va	106.2						
Newark, NJ	126.4						
Ashville, NC	99.6						
National Average	100						

*Source: 2007 ACCRA

State and Local Taxes

Virginia's moderate corporate income tax has not been raised in more than thirty years. At 6 percent, our rate is one of the lowest in the nation. The combined state and local sales tax is 5.0 percent. Counties and cities are separate taxing entities. Consequently, companies pay taxes to either a county or a city, not to both. In some instances towns do assess local taxes which would be added to county taxes. Virginia's long tradition of fiscal discipline has earned the Commonwealth a coveted AAA bond rating.

Corporate Income Tax

- Tax rate of 6%, not raised in over thirty years
- Has a three-factor apportionment formula of payroll, property and sales (with sales double-weighted)
- A double-weighted sales factor, which has the effect of reducing tax liability for firms with significant sales to customers outside Virginia
- Tax credits for job creation and investment in economically stressed areas
- No franchise or net worth tax

Sales and Use Tax

- The total tax is 5 percent (4 percent state and 1 percent local)
- A seller is subject to a sales tax on gross receipts derived from retail sales or leases of taxable tangible personal property.
- Manufacturers do not pay tax on purchases used for production; distributors do not pay tax on items purchased for resale.

Virginia Tax Structure			
Taxes	Rates		
	Virginia	U.S. (Median)	South Atlantic (Median)
Income Taxes:			
Corporate Income Tax	6.00%	6.90%	6.90%
Sales and Use Taxes:			
State Tax	4.00%	5.50%	5.75%
State and Typical Local Tax (combined)	5.00%	6.00%	6.00%
Source: Research Institute of America, State and Local Taxes: All States Tax Guide, 12/18/2007 and 1/15/2008			

Buena Vista Tax Structure			
Taxes (Per \$1000)	Rates	Assessment %	Nominal Rate
Real Estate	\$0.0845	95%	\$.0802
Machinery & Tools	\$0.425	20% (1-10 yrs)	\$.085
	\$0.425	15% (11-20 yrs)	\$.064
	\$0.425	10% (21+ yrs)	\$.043
	\$0.425	1% (Idle)	\$.006
Personal Property	\$0.585	100%	\$.585
Business License (BPOL)	\$0.005	Revenue	\$.005

Local & State Incentive Policies

City of Buena Vista Incentives

The Buena Vista Public Private Policy is designed to enhance economic development opportunities by developing partnerships with business and industry that create new wealth and jobs for the future of our community that also provides an appropriate return on the City of Buena Vista's investments.

Typical Areas of Assistance

- Cash contributions
- Tax Reimbursement
- Matching funds for incentives provided by the Commonwealth of Virginia.
- Water and sewer line extensions
- Water, fire, and sewer utility connection fees
- Water and sewer fees
- Tipping fees
- Building permit fees
- Public road construction and required drainage structures
- Traffic control devices such as signals and related equipment
- Storm water management facilities
- Land acquisition for public purposes such as industrial rail, road access, road widening, or easement acquisition.
- Extension of fiber optic line to site.
- Fast track approval process.
- Employment and Training/ Retraining

Commonwealth of Virginia Incentives

Virginia works enthusiastically with new and expanding Virginia employers that create a higher standard of living for Virginians, enhance the local and state economies, and increase revenues to state and local governments. Incentives are Virginia's investment in its economic future and a business decision for both the Commonwealth and the company. As a result, they must make good fiscal sense for all parties.

Designed to target the needs of the company and the development plans of localities and the state, Virginia offers a variety of performance-based incentives. From tax credits to tax exemptions, Virginia continues to demonstrate its willingness to invest in those who invest and reinvest in the Commonwealth.

Governor's Opportunity Fund

Discretionary funds available to the Governor to secure a business location or expansion project for Virginia. Grants are awarded to localities on a local matching basis with the expectation that the grant will result in a favorable location decision for the Commonwealth.

Virginia Jobs Investment Program (VJIP)

A program that offers customized recruiting and training assistance to companies that are creating new jobs or experiencing technological change. The program is designed to reduce the human resource development cost of new and expanding companies.

Virginia Investment Partnership Grant Fund

A discretionary investment performance grant program for existing Virginia manufacturers, research and development services supporting manufacturing, and large basic employers. The program is targeted to companies that have operated in Virginia for at least five years, which are proposing expansion projects meeting certain criteria.

Sales and Use Tax Exemptions

Virginia offers some of the broadest sales and use tax exemptions in the U.S.

Property Tax Exemptions

Virginia does not tax intangible property, manufacturers' inventory, and manufacturers' furniture, fixtures and corporate aircraft.

Virginia Small Business Financing Authority (VSBFA)

VSBFA offers programs to provide businesses with access to capital needed for growth and expansion.

Technology Zones

Virginia authorizes its communities to establish technology zones to encourage growth in targeted industries. The City of Buena Vista has two technology zones.

Education & Workforce Training

Excellent education and training opportunities exist for businesses and employees in Buena Vista. Three universities, Southern Virginia, Washington and Lee, and the Virginia Military Institute are within eight miles of the community. In addition, Dabney Lancaster Community College and the Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Center offer instruction and training courses to assist in creating a successful business environment.

Southern Virginia University

*One University Hill Drive
Buena Vista, Virginia*

Private, Four Year Institution

Student Population: 650

Degrees Offered: Bachelor's

Degrees Conferred: 82

Top Programs: Business Management, Family & Consumer Science, Liberal Arts

Washington & Lee University

*204 W. Washington St.
Lexington, Virginia*

Private, Four Year Institution

Student Population: 1,753

Degrees Offered: Bachelor's, Master's, First Professional

Degrees Conferred: 425

Top Programs: Business Management, Social Sciences, Biological & Biomedical Sciences

Virginia Military Institute

*204 W. Washington St.
Lexington, Virginia*

Public, Four Year Institution

Student Population: 1,397

Degrees Offered: Bachelor's

Degrees Conferred: 325

Top Programs: Social Sciences, Engineering, History

* Source: www.scholarships.com

Dabney S. Lancaster Community College Rockbridge Regional Center, Buena Vista.

P.O. Box 1000
Clifton Forge, VA 24422

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Current Programs:

Business/Industry Courses and Seminars

- ↳ Aviation Programs
- ↳ Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Training
- ↳ Truck Driving (Certified Driver's License) Training

■ Continuing Education / Workforce Services Home Page

■ Customized Training

■ Information Technology (IT) Certifications

- ↳ Pearson Vue Testing Services

■ MeadWestvaco Pre-Employment Training Program

■ Small Business Development/Entrepreneur Resources

■ Virginia Packaging Applications Center (VAPAC)

- ↳ Advanced Manufacturing and Packaging Technology
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Buena Vista Public Schools HVAC/R Training Center

HVAC I is an introduction to HVACR (heating, ventilation, air-conditioning, and refrigeration) providing one with basic knowledge and skills of the trade.

HVAC II is a 70-80% hands-on lab class with introduction to gas, oil, and electric heating. Students complete the course with EPA Certification

HVAC III This advanced course details PLC (programmable logic control), motor control, and building automation, and psychrometry.

Quality of Life

Access is easy to the county's extensive inventory of natural environmental areas. Choices include the George Washington and Jefferson National Forests, the Goshen Wildlife Management Area, Goshen National Area, Little North Mountain Wildlife Management Area, and the renowned Blue Ridge Parkway. These natural assets provide excellent locations for hunting, fishing, hiking, picnicking, and other outdoor pursuits.

In addition to the great outdoors, Buena Vista offers developed recreational areas. Glen Maury Park consists of 315 acres of scenic, level and rolling land, and is owned and operated by the City of Buena Vista. The park has a 52 site campground, group camping area with 250 units, Olympic-size pool and wading pool, tennis courts, playgrounds, pavilions and picnic shelters, roller skating rink, trails, river fishing, and baseball fields.

A new 18-hole, par-72 executive golf course developed by Rick Jacobson is owned by the City of Buena Vista. This new course features all the amenities of a fine golf course including: driving range, practice greens, pro-shop, and more! A full irrigation system ensures that the Vista Links is kept green year-round and a full-time maintenance crew stands by to keep everything in pristine condition.

The horse industry is a major part of life in the community. Consequently, the Rockbridge Area is home to the Virginia Horse Center located on a 361-acre site near Lexington. The center provides a centrally located site for year-round activities including major horse sales, competition events, equine events, instructional classes, and recreation.

Recreation Facilities

Performing Arts Centers: 5

Parks: 29

Tennis Courts: 7

Campgrounds: 12

Swimming Pools: 11

Picnic Sites: 18

Golf Courses: 2

Historical Sites: 100

Natural Recreation Areas: 58,000 acres

Police Protection

Number of State Police: 14

Number of City Police: 14

Ratio of Police to Residents: 1:423

Health Facilities and Personnel

Number of Hospitals & Private Clinics:

Total Number of Beds: 100

Number of Medical Doctors: 31

Number of Dentists: 17

Number of Nurses: 48

There are over 30 churches in the Rockbridge community. Major Protestant denominations and the Roman Catholic Church are represented. Jewish synagogues are located in Lynchburg, Roanoke, and Staunton.

Climate

Average Temperatures

January 35°F (2°C)

July 75°F (24°C)

Average Annual Precipitation

Rainfall 37.86" (96.16 cm)

Snowfall 22.90"

Crime Statistics

Buena Vista's property crime levels tend to be much lower than Virginia's average level. The same data shows violent crime levels in Buena Vista tend to be about the same as Virginia's average level.

Crime Statistics	Buena Vista, VA	Virginia	United States
Personal Crime Risk	23	56	100
Murder Risk	6	94	100
Rape Risk	74	73	100
Robbery Risk	5	61	100
Assault Risk	34	51	100
Property Crime Risk	29	74	100
Burglary Risk	22	52	100
Larceny Risk	37	85	100
Motor Vehicle Theft Risk	14	54	100
Total Crime Risk	28	71	100

The data for Buena Vista, VA may also contain data for the following areas: Buena Vista

Personal Crime Risk: Index score (100 = National Average) that represents the combined risk of rape, murder, assault and robbery.

Property Crime Risk: Index score (100 = National Average) that represents the combined risks of burglary, larceny and motor vehicle theft.

Total Crime Risk: Index score (100 = National Average) for an area is compared to the national average of 100. A score of 200 indicates twice the national average total crime risk, while 50 indicates half the national risk. The different types of crime are given equal weight in this score, so murder, for example, does not count more than vehicle theft. Scores are based on demographic and geographic analyses of crime over seven years.