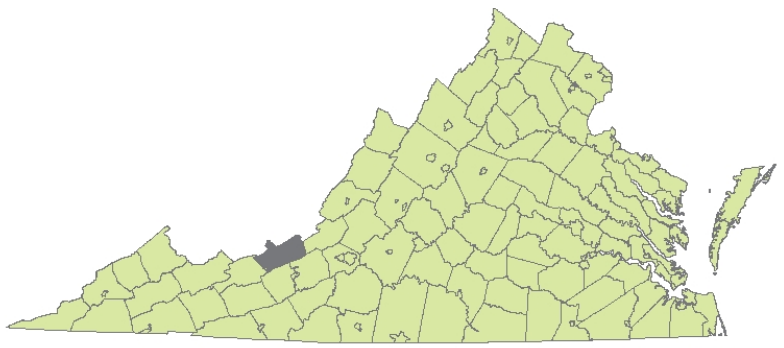




Community Profile

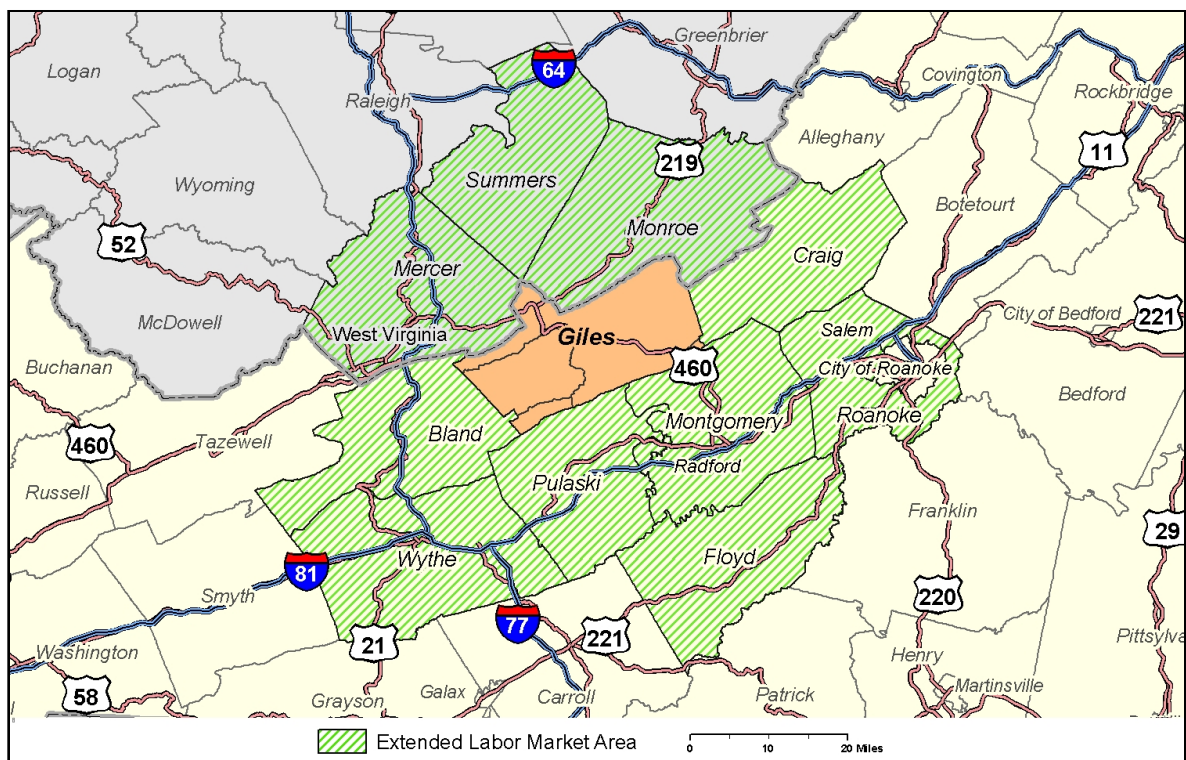
Giles County, Virginia

Location

Thirty-seven miles of the New River flow through the heart of Giles County.

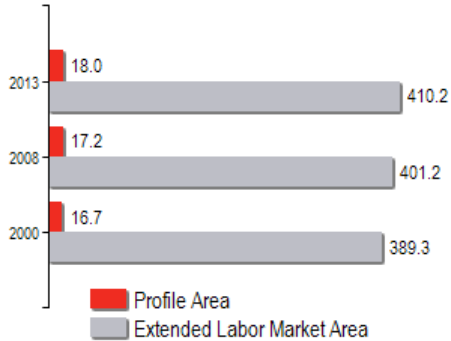
Giles County is located in the Allegheny Mountains in the southwest portion of Virginia, on the border of West Virginia. The county has a long history of industrial development that began with the westward expansion of this country when early settlers developed extensive uses for the area resources.

Roanoke is 70 miles east; Richmond, the state capital, is 244 miles east; and Washington, D.C. is 300 miles northeast.

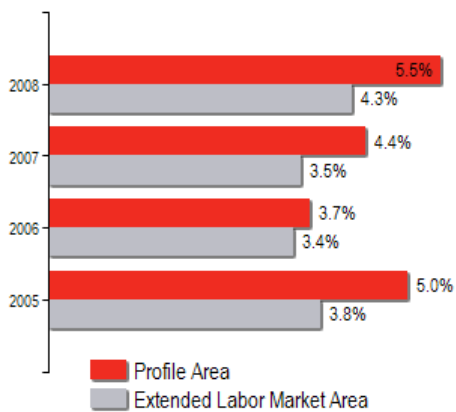


Labor Market Data

Population in Thousands



Unemployment Rates



Population

Gender Distribution (2008)		
	Male	Female
Giles County	49.2%	50.8%
Race/Ethnicity (2008)		
Classification	Profile Area	Labor Area
White	16,785	368,109
Black	301	20,563
Asian	40	7,523
Two or More	100	4,226
American Indian or Alaska Native	23	717
Pacific Islander		108
Hispanic (may be of any race)	158	1,896
Median Age (2008)	41 years	

Civilian Labor Force 2008

Giles County	8,381
Surrounding Labor Area	200,164
Total	208,545

Labor Force Participation 2000 Census

Giles County	58.1%
Surrounding Labor Area	58.6%

Unemployment

Unemployment Rate (November 2009)	
Giles County	8.4%
Labor Area	6.8%
Statewide	6.4%
Unemployed (2008)	
Giles County	461
Labor Area	8,534
Total	8,995
Underemployed (3rd Quarter 2009)	
Giles County	946
Labor Area	21,590
Total	22,536

Labor Market Data

"In the New River Valley, Celanese has benefited from loyal employees with diverse skill sets and tremendous dedication of our success." Perry Aliotti - District Sales Manager/Celanese.

Commuting Patterns -- 2000 Census		
Live and work in Giles County:	3,914	41.4%
Total In-Commuters:	2,148	22.7%
Total Out-Commuters:	3,381	35.8%
Net Out-Commuters:	1,233	
In-Commuters From:		
Monroe Co. WV	889	54.7%
Mercer Co. WV	374	23.0%
Montgomery Co. VA	225	13.8%
Pulaski Co. VA	69	4.2%
Summers Co. WV	69	4.2%
Out-Commuters To:		
Montgomery Co. VA	1,933	63.8%
Pulaski Co. VA	717	23.7%
Radford City VA	173	5.7%
Mercer Co. WV	126	4.2%
Roanoke City VA	82	2.7%

Additional Labor Resources	
High school graduates not continuing (2007-2008)	61
Two-year college graduates (Spring 2008)	464
Two-year college enrollees (Fall 2008)	4,889
Other college and university graduates (Spring 2008)	9,446
Total	14,860

Educational Attainment	
Percentage of Giles County 2004-2005 ninth graders graduating in 2007-2008	88.2%
Percentage of Giles County population age 25+ who are high school graduates	75.9%
Percentage of Giles County population age 25+ who have earned a Bachelor's Degree or higher	12.4%

Labor Market Data

"Chemical Lime is here because of the natural resources we need for our products. But, our New River Valley plant has the best workers, with the best work ethic, in our company. " Jon Passic
 - Virginia Operations/Sales Manager
 Chemical Lime Company of Virginia.

Employment by Sector* (2nd Qtr. 2009)

Natural Resources and Mining	0	0
Construction	352	7.3%
Trade	737	15.4%
Transportation and Utilities	242	5.1%
Manufacturing	1,077	22.5%
Information	40	0.8%
Financial	97	2.0%
Services	1,283	26.8%
Government	968	20.2%
Other	0	0
Total	4,790	100.1%

N.D. - Not Disclosed

*By Business Establishment

Employment by Occupation* (2nd Qtr. 2009)

Construction, Extraction & Maintenance	604	14.1%
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	3	0.1%
Managerial, Professional & Related	1,101	25.6%
Production, Transportation & Material Moving	890	20.7%
Sales & Office	1,072	25.0%
Service	626	14.6%
Total	4,296	100%

*By Business Establishment

Labor Market Data

Celanese Acetate LLC, a maker of Cellulosic manmade fibers, is the largest employer in Giles County. Chemical Lime Company of Virginia, Inc. is the 2nd largest employer.

Major Employers

Manufacturing

<i>Company</i>	<i>Product/Service</i>	<i>Estimated Employment</i>
Bucyrus	Mining Equipment Manufacturing	100 - 299
Celanese Acetate LLC	Cellulosic manmade fibers	600 - 999
Chemical Lime Co. of Virginia, Inc.	Lime	100 - 299
Fairchild International	Mining machinery	50 - 99
Jennmar	Mining related manufacturing	100 - 299
Patrick Enterprises Corporation	Industrial machinery	20 - 49

NonManufacturing

<i>Company</i>	<i>Product/Service</i>	<i>Estimated Employment</i>
American Electric Power	Electric utility	50 - 99
Giles Memorial Hospital	Health care	100 - 299
Mountain Lake Hotel	Resort (Film Location for film "Dirty Dancing")	50 - 99

Union Activity (1/2005 - 9/2009)

Petitions filed for representation	1
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Labor Market Data

Estimated Earnings (May 2008)				
<i>Occupation</i>	<i>Median Wage</i>	<i>Mean Wage</i>	<i>Median Salary</i>	<i>Mean Salary</i>
Laborers and freight, stock, and material movers, hand	\$10.47	\$10.91	\$21,773.75	\$22,690.04
Truck drivers, heavy and tractor-trailer	\$16.03	\$16.98	\$33,336.98	\$35,313.01
Bus drivers, school	\$11.41	\$11.73	\$23,729.58	\$24,393.31
Team assemblers	\$11.93	\$13.25	\$24,811.19	\$27,566.52
Electrical and electronic equipment assemblers	\$14.46	\$14.41	\$30,068.87	\$29,963.21
Maintenance and repair workers, general	\$15.48	\$16.35	\$32,198.38	\$34,011.08
Carpenters	\$14.31	\$14.74	\$29,769.40	\$30,655.74
Office clerks, general	\$11.96	\$12.22	\$24,868.18	\$25,416.59
Stock clerks and order fillers	\$9.20	\$10.04	\$19,133.29	\$20,877.41
Receptionists and information clerks	\$10.54	\$10.75	\$21,927.34	\$22,361.59
Customer service representatives	\$12.65	\$12.93	\$26,313.63	\$26,885.48
Bookkeeping, accounting, and auditing clerks	\$14.16	\$14.31	\$29,457.32	\$29,758.03
First-line supervisors/managers of office & admin support workers	\$18.91	\$20.24	\$39,329.77	\$42,096.30
Nursing aides, orderlies, and attendants	\$10.79	\$10.83	\$22,436.69	\$22,521.37
Teacher assistants	\$10.91	\$11.21	\$22,689.96	\$23,320.83
Teachers and instructors, all other	\$11.29	\$13.02	\$23,473.71	\$27,091.79
Secondary school teachers, except special and vocational education	\$22.67	\$23.44	\$47,163.48	\$48,760.54
Middle school teachers, except special and vocational education	\$23.46	\$24.59	\$48,797.23	\$51,147.45
Elementary school teachers, except special education	\$22.34	\$22.89	\$46,457.19	\$47,613.96
General and operations managers	\$35.62	\$44.43	\$74,092.25	\$92,424.32

Per Capita Personal Income (2007)

\$25,769

Median Family Income (FY 2009)

\$57,309

Education

The mission of the Giles County Adult Education program is to provide educational training to adults, so that they may become productive and functional individuals in society and within their families.

Public School Enrollment — Fall 2009

<i>Level</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Enrollment</i>
Combined	3	1,557
High School	2	1,003

Student Teacher Ratio (2007-08)

Elementary	13.6:1
Secondary	10.9:1
Percentage of 2004-2005 ninth grade membership graduating 2007-2008	88.2%
Percentage of high school graduates continuing education 2007-2008 (including military)	68.6%

Per Pupil Expenditure (FY 2008)

\$9,188.00

Workforce Development Facilities

<i>Facility</i>	<i>Type</i>
Bristol Workforce Center	VEC Workforce Center
Galax Workforce Center	VEC Workforce Center
Giles County Partnership For Excellence	Satellite Center
Giles County Technology Center	Career and Technical Center
Marion Workforce Center	VEC Workforce Center
People Incorporated Workforce Development	Satellite Center
Radford Workforce Center	VEC Workforce Center
Workforce Development Center - Christiansburg	Satellite Center
Workforce Development Center - Dublin	Satellite Center
Workforce Development Center - Floyd	Satellite Center
Wytheville Workforce Center	VEC Workforce Center

Education

Giles County Technology Center, a vocational school, focuses primarily on providing formal preparation for skilled, technical, or professional occupations.

Higher Education Facilities — Fall 2008

<i>Facility</i>	<i>Enrollment</i>
Virginia Tech	30,739
Radford University	9,157
New River Community College	4,889
Concord University	2,837
Bluefield State College	1,943
Bluefield College	745

Transportation

Roanoke Regional Airport provides commercial flight service and air cargo transportation and is under an hour away.

Interstates

Name	Distance
I-77	3.6 miles (5.8 km.)
I-81	8.6 miles (13.8 km.)
I-64	21.4 miles (34.5 km.)
I-581	23.9 miles (38.5 km.)

Note: Measured from border of locality/region.

Highways

Highway 100	Highway 219	Highway 42	Highway 460	Highway 61
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Note: 4-Lane US Highways located within locality/region.

Commercial Air Service

Roanoke Regional Airport, Roanoke -- 61.5 miles (99.0 km.)

Delta Connection	Northwest Airlin	United Express
US Airways	Allegiant Air	

Greenbrier Valley Airport, Lewisburg, WV -- 61.9 miles (99.6 km.)

Continental Airlines	
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Raleigh County Memorial Airport, Beckley, WV -- 62.7 miles (100.9 km.)

United Express	
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Note: Within a 75-mile drive of the center of the locality/region.

Transportation

Norfolk Southern Railroad provides service throughout the area and remains a leader in rail transportation.

General Aviation Service

<i>Name</i>	<i>Runway Length</i>
New River Valley Airport, Dublin	6,201 ft (1,890 m)

Freight Rail Service

Norfolk Southern Railway Company

Seaports

<i>Name</i>	<i>Distance</i>
Port of Virginia	314.0 miles (505.3 km)

Note: Driving distance from the center of the locality/region to Port of Virginia and any other seaports within 100 miles.

Other Ports of Entry

<i>Name</i>	<i>Distance</i>
New River Valley Airport (Virginia TradePort)	61.5 miles (99.0 km)
Port of Washington - Dulles	276.1 miles (444.3 km)

Note: Driving distance from the center of the locality/region to Port of Washington - Dulles and any other port of entry within 100 miles.

Utilities

The New River Valley is served by a very active technology council (NCTC) that serves both the Roanoke and New River Valleys.

Utilities	
Electric	American Electric Power
Natural Gas	Columbia Gas of Virginia
Telecommunications	Verizon South
Telecommunications	Verizon-Virginia
Telecommunications	Pembroke Telephone Cooperative
Water	Town of Pearisburg
Water	Town of Rich Creek
Water	Town of Glen Lyn
Water	Giles County Public Service Authority
Water	Town of Pembroke
Waste Water Treatment	Town of Pearisburg
Waste Water Treatment	Town of Rich Creek
Waste Water Treatment	Town of Glen Lyn
Waste Water Treatment	Town of Pembroke
Waste Water Treatment	Town of Narrows
Solid Waste Disposal	Montgomery County Sanitary Landfill
Solid Waste Disposal	New River Resource Authority Sanitary Landfill

Financial Institutions

BB&T is one of the nation's largest financial-holding company.

Financial Institutions — 2nd Qtr 2009 Assets

<i>Bank</i>	<i>Assets (millions)</i>
Branch Banking and Trust Company	\$147,643.9
StellarOne Bank	\$3,034.6
The National Bank of Blacksburg	\$980.8

Giles County

The emergency department medical director at Giles Memorial Hospital was recognized with the Preceptor of the Year Award from Jefferson College of Health Sciences (JCHS) in Roanoke for 2007.

Government

Giles County has a County Administrator and a five-member Board of Supervisors.

The county has a comprehensive plan and a subdivision ordinance.

Pearisburg is the county seat. Other incorporated towns are Glen Lyn, Narrows, Pembroke and Rich Creek.

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 (Giles) [pdf](#)

Non-Manufacturer's Tax Profile (Giles) [pdf](#)

Giles County

The magnificent New River glides long and clean through Giles County for 37 beautiful miles.

Community Facilities

Giles Memorial Hospital in Pearisburg is a 65-bed facility offering general medical services that include 24-hour emergency care and a newly completed 21-bed intermediate care facility for the elderly. The Roanoke Memorial Hospital helicopter transport unit also services the hospital.

Giles County also has a 60-bed nursing home in Rich Creek that provides long-term care to elderly residents and a retirement home in Narrows that accommodates 31 residents.

Twelve physicians and eight dentists practice in the county.

The county has four independent library systems in Pearisburg, Narrows, Glen Lyn and Pembroke with a combined collection of over 40,000 volumes. Area residents can also utilize the library facilities at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg and nearby Radford University.

Giles County has over 70 places of worship representing most Protestant denominations and the Roman Catholic faith. A Jewish synagogue is located approximately 25 miles away in Bluefield.

A variety of shopping opportunities are available to area residents. Approximately 200 retail outlets are dispersed throughout the county. A broad mix of retail establishments can be found in the downtown areas of Pearisburg, Narrows, Rich Creek and Pembroke, and in the two shopping centers located in the county.

Giles County

Giles hosts 92.4 square miles of Jefferson National Forest which are perfect for hunting and hiking.

Lifestyle

Giles County, renowned for its scenic beauty, offers numerous cultural and recreational activities for the enjoyment of area residents. The Giles Little Theater in Pearisburg produces several plays during the year. The Giles County Historical Society conducts tours of area historical sites and organizes special shows throughout the year that highlight the county's rich heritage.

The Jefferson National Forest and the Appalachian Trail offer hiking, camping, and picnicking for visitors and residents. Hunting and fishing opportunities are also available in the vast forests and numerous streams located throughout the county.

Area residents can participate in a variety of public and private recreational pursuits. Castle Rock Recreational Facility in Pembroke has an 18-hole golf course, swimming, camping, and tennis facilities. Another nine-hole golf course is located in Pearisburg at the Giles Country Club. Mountain Lake Resort, which has conference facilities, offers swimming, boating, fishing, tennis, golf, and horseback riding.

Town festivals are held during the summer and fall that celebrate folk art, community heritage, and various seasonal events.

Nearby Virginia Tech and Radford University sponsor lectures, concerts, art exhibits, and numerous athletic events which the general public can attend.

New River Valley Economic Development Alliance