

Giles COMMUNITY PROFILE



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I. Introduction

This report provides a community profile of Giles County. It is intended to compliment the information found in our VELMA (Virginia's Electronic Labor Market Access) application, which can be accessed online at:

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The report is divided into three major sections. The first contains a profile of regional demographic characteristics and trends, the second supplies similar information for the regional economy, and the third provides a profile of regional education characteristics.

II. Demographic Profile

Overview

The Demographic Profile is designed to assist Workforce Investment Boards (WIB), economic developers, educators, and other local planners in the development of a vibrant workforce that will continue to meet the needs of the local economy.

The social characteristics of the population that follow are age, race, and ethnicity, and gender from the 2000 Census. Also provided are the projected percentage change and absolute value for the area on a decennial basis through 2030. Of great value are the population projections by age, also through 2030.

Completing this profile is a measure of the population in 2000, in Giles County that lacked English proficiency, and commuting patterns of workers in the area.

Related Census Terms and Definitions

Ability to speak English

For people who speak a language other than English at home, the response represents the person's own perception of his or her ability to speak English. Because census questionnaires are usually completed by one household member, the responses may represent the perception of another household member.

Age

The age classification is based on the age of the person in complete years as of April 1, 2000. The age of the person usually was derived from their date of birth information. Their reported age was used only when date of birth information was unavailable.

Gender

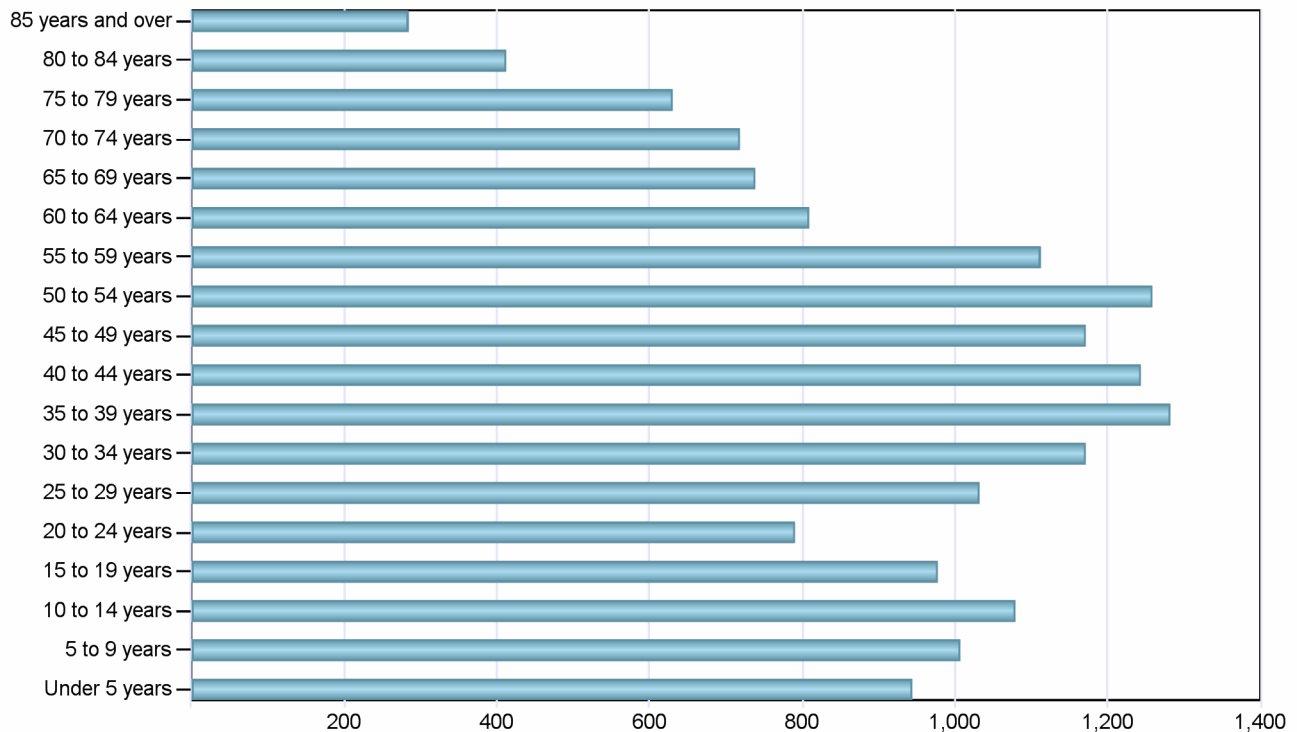
The data on gender were derived from answers to a question that was asked of all people. Individuals were asked to mark either "male" or "female" to indicate their gender. For most cases in which gender was not reported, it was determined by the appropriate entry from the person's given (i.e., first) name and household relationship. Otherwise, gender was imputed according to the relationship to the householder and the age of the person.

Race

The concept of race as used by the Census Bureau reflects self-identification by people according to the race or races with which they most closely identify. The categories are sociopolitical constructs and should not be interpreted as being scientific or anthropological in nature. Furthermore, the race categories include both racial and national-origin groups.



Population by Age



	Giles County	Virginia	United States
Under 5 years	944	461,982	19,175,798
5 to 9 years	1,007	495,084	20,549,505
10 to 14 years	1,079	495,955	20,528,072
15 to 19 years	977	484,065	20,219,890
20 to 24 years	790	480,574	18,964,001
25 to 29 years	1,032	497,172	19,381,336
30 to 34 years	1,171	539,793	20,510,388
35 to 39 years	1,282	610,810	22,706,664
40 to 44 years	1,243	589,880	22,441,863
45 to 49 years	1,171	526,221	20,092,404
50 to 54 years	1,258	473,035	17,585,548
55 to 59 years	1,112	358,442	13,469,237
60 to 64 years	809	273,169	10,805,447
65 to 69 years	738	229,553	9,533,545
70 to 74 years	718	202,903	8,857,441
75 to 79 years	630	166,178	7,415,813
80 to 84 years	412	106,433	4,945,367
85 years and over	284	87,266	4,239,587
	16,657	7,078,515	281,421,906

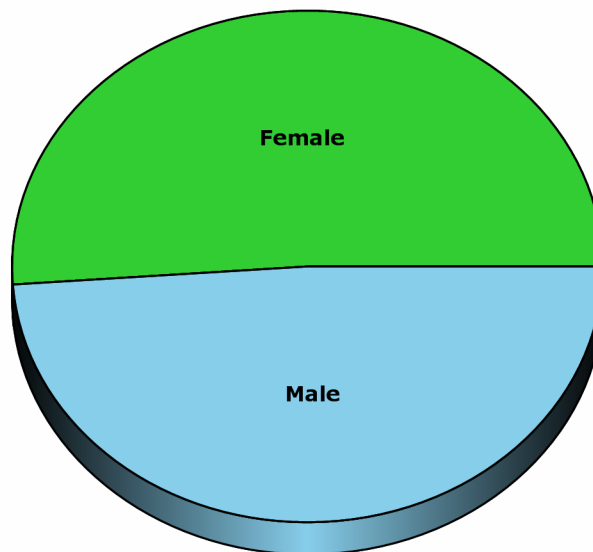
Source: 2000 Census.

Population by Race/Ethnicity

	Giles County	Virginia	United States
Total			
Total Population	16,657	7,078,515	281,421,906
Race			
White	16,226	5,120,110	211,460,626
Black or African American	263	1,390,293	34,658,190
American Indian or Alaska Native	23	21,172	2,475,956
Asian	31	261,025	10,242,998
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander		3,946	398,835
Other and Multi-Race	114	281,969	22,185,301
Ethnicity			
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	105	329,540	35,305,818

Source: 2000 Census.

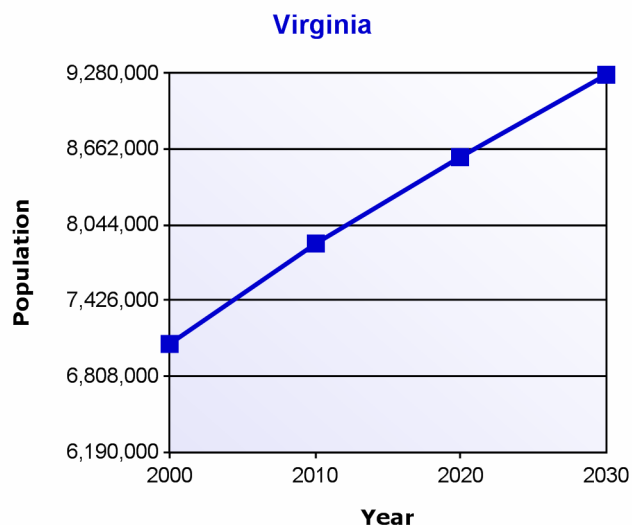
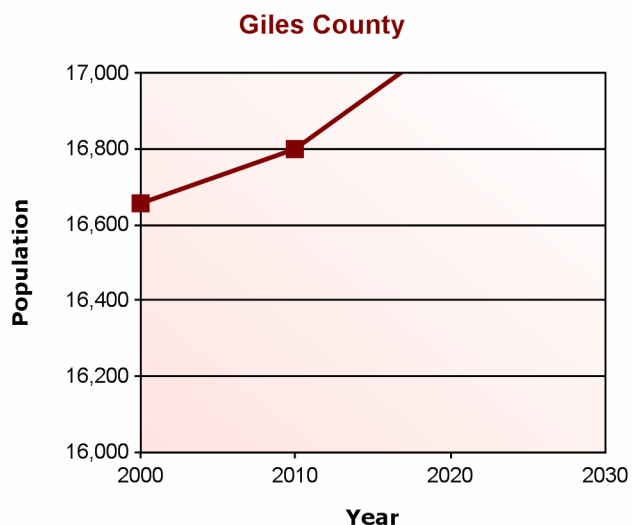
Population by Gender



	Giles County	Virginia	United States
Male	8,141	3,471,895	138,053,563
Female	8,516	3,606,620	143,368,343
	16,657	7,078,515	281,421,906

Source: 2000 Census.

Population Change



	Giles County	(% change)	Virginia	(% change)
1990	16,366		6,187,358	
2000	16,657	1.78 %	7,078,501	14.40 %
2010	16,800	0.86 %	7,892,884	11.51 %
2020	17,099	1.78 %	8,601,896	8.98 %
2030	17,402	1.77 %	9,275,103	7.83 %

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Virginia Employment Commission.

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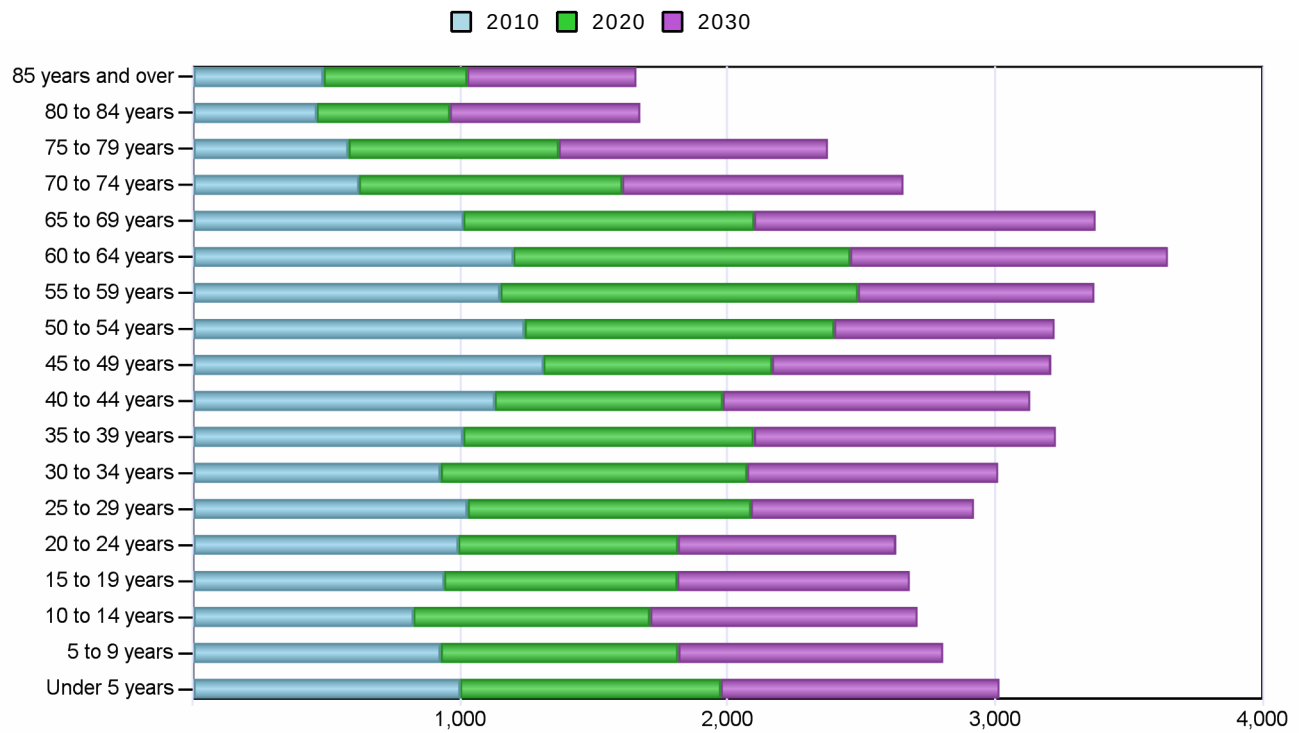
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United States
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Population Projections by Age Cohort

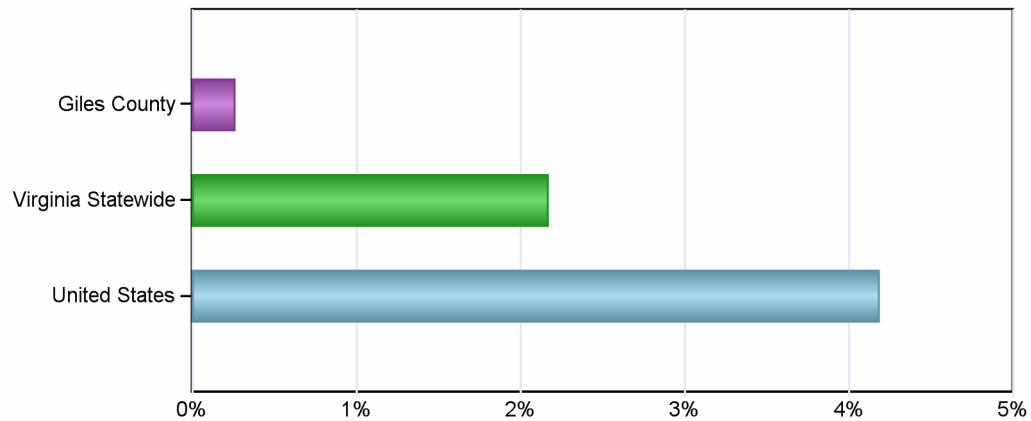


	2010	2020	2030
Under 5 years	998	975	1,042
5 to 9 years	924	889	992
10 to 14 years	823	885	1,001
15 to 19 years	937	872	870
20 to 24 years	991	821	816
25 to 29 years	1,025	1,060	835
30 to 34 years	924	1,146	940
35 to 39 years	1,008	1,088	1,130
40 to 44 years	1,127	853	1,150
45 to 49 years	1,308	856	1,044
50 to 54 years	1,238	1,158	825
55 to 59 years	1,147	1,339	885
60 to 64 years	1,197	1,259	1,189
65 to 69 years	1,009	1,088	1,278
70 to 74 years	618	986	1,052
75 to 79 years	579	788	1,007
80 to 84 years	461	498	713
85 years and over	486	538	633
	16,800	17,099	17,402

Source: Virginia Employment Commission.

English Language Skills

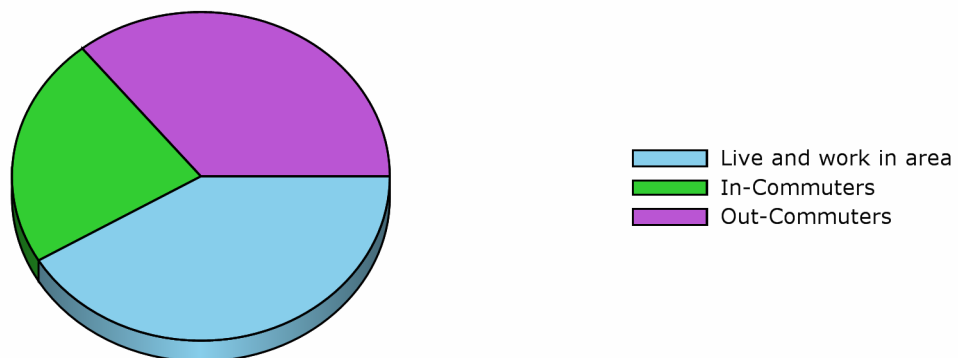
(Age 5 and over that speak English less than well)



	Total	Speak English less than well	Percent
Giles County	15,713	42	0.27%
Virginia Statewide	6,616,533	143,865	2.17%
United States	262,246,108	10,986,851	4.19%

Source: 2000 Census.

Commuting Patterns



Commuting Patterns	
People who live and work in the area	3,914
In-Commuters	2,148
Out-Commuters	3,381
Net In-Commuters (In-Commuters minus Out-Commuters)	-1,233

Source: 2000 Census.

Top 10 Places Residents are Commuting To

Area	Workers
Montgomery County, VA	1,933
Pulaski County, VA	717
Radford city, VA	173
Mercer County, WV	126
Roanoke city, VA	82
Bland County, VA	66
Monroe County, WV	43
Roanoke County, VA	33
Washington County, VA	22
Salem city, VA	19

Top 10 Places Workers are Commuting From

Area	Workers
Monroe County, WV	889
Mercer County, WV	374
Montgomery County, VA	225
Pulaski County, VA	69
Summers County, WV	69
Raleigh County, WV	68
Hampton city, VA	47
Newport News city, VA	46
Tazewell County, VA	46
Craig County, VA	45

Source: 2000 Census.

III. Economic Profile

Overview

The Economic Profile of Giles County will provide a selection of workforce data collected and developed by the Virginia Employment Commission (VEC), along with data stemming from a partnership with the U.S. Census Bureau.

In its central concentration, economic data provides insight into the area's industrial strengths and weaknesses. Viewing our historical and current Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) data, one can track employment levels as industry reacts to domestic and foreign exogenous effects. Industry's need for workers will, in time, be reflected in the Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) data; this series is a useful gauge on the health of the overall economy. The Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed is an accurate depiction of the social and economic attributes of the worker that is available for hire. This data is a valuable resource for economic developers in marketing the unemployed workers to prospective companies, especially where mass layoffs have occurred. The LAUS and Characteristics of the Insured Unemployment data are useful in viewing the surpluses and shortages of labor, and also who this labor is. Unemployment Insurance Payments data is a temporal series designed to track the dollar amount of payments made to claimants of unemployment insurance. It is yet another measure of the wellness of the local workforce and area.

The Occupational Employment Statistics (OES) program is a survey of the businesses in Virginia in relation to the occupations of the people they employ. This data is a vital segment of the long-term Industry and Occupational Projections that are prepared every other year. These data are aggregated at the state and WIB levels. Recently, the VEC and the U.S. Census Bureau partnered to produce a new workforce data series that would possess a dimensional quality. The aptly named Local Employment Dynamics (LED) data describes the workforce not only by industry but also by demographic qualities such as gender and age brackets. LED also enumerates the flow of the workforce within the local and state economies. Lastly, this profile chronicles ten years of the monthly Consumer Price Index (CPI) and the Local Option Sales Tax.

Related Terms and Definitions

Average Weekly Wage

Computed as average quarterly wages divided by 13.

Consumer Price Index (CPI)

The Consumer Price Index measures the average change over time in the prices paid by urban consumers for a representative market basket of consumer goods and services.

Local Employment Dynamics (LED)

The Local Employment Dynamics Program at the Census Bureau, together with its state partners, provides employment information at the county, city, and Workforce Investment Area level. This information tracks workers in different industries by age and gender and provides statistics on job creation, separation, turnover, and wages.

Quarterly Census of Employment & Wages (QCEW)

A federal/state cooperative program that collects and compiles employment and wage data for workers covered by state unemployment insurance (UI) laws and the federal civilian workers covered by Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employees (UCFE). These data are maintained at the state in micro and macro levels and also sent to BLS quarterly.

Unemployment Insurance (UI)

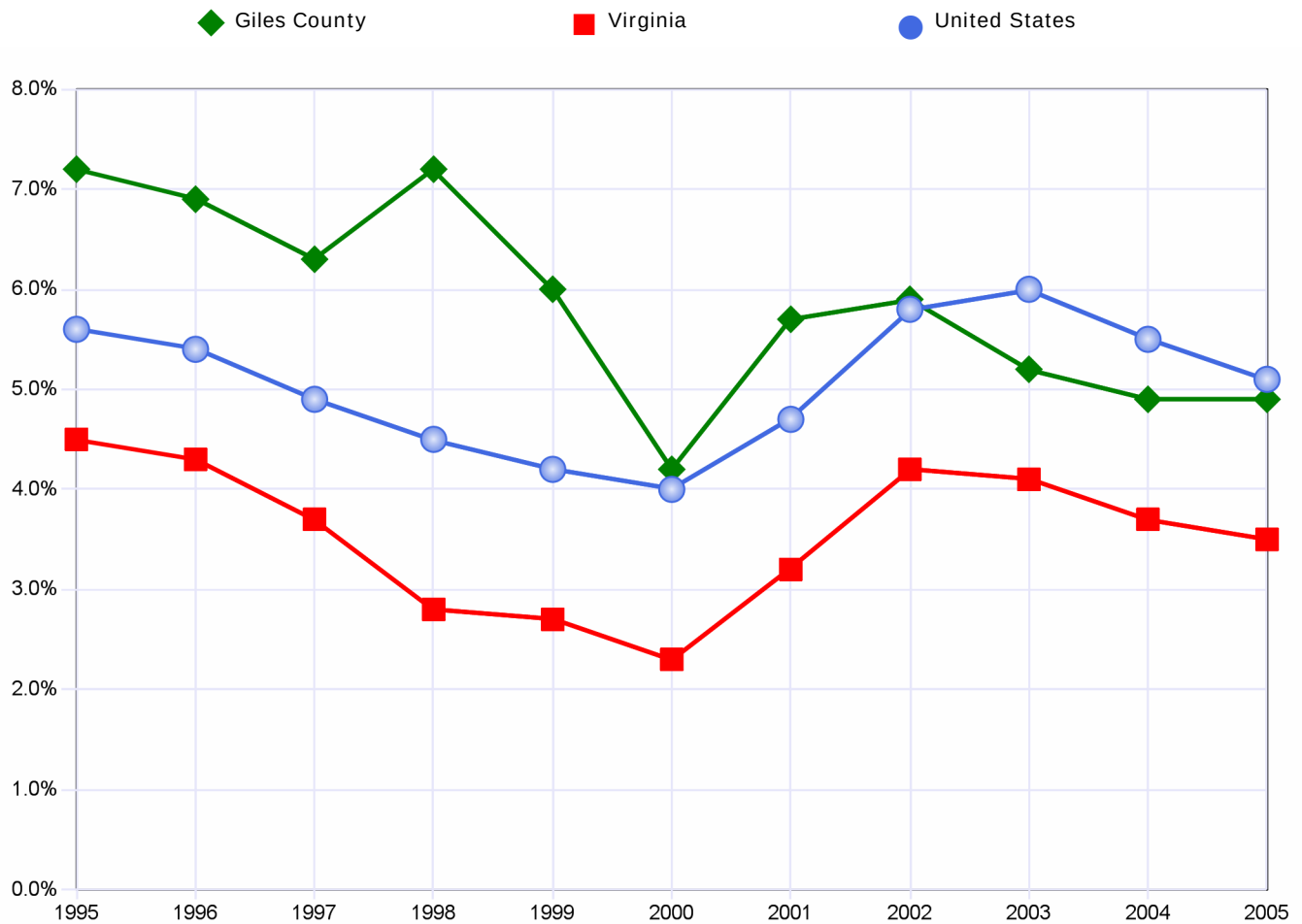
Unemployment insurance is a program for the accumulation of funds paid by employers to be used for the payment of unemployment insurance to workers during periods of unemployment which are beyond the workers' control. Unemployment insurance replaces a part of the worker's wage loss if he becomes eligible for payments. UI serves as an economic stabilizer by maintaining an individual's purchasing power when unemployed.

Unemployment Rate

The number of unemployed people as a percentage of the labor force.

Unemployment Rates

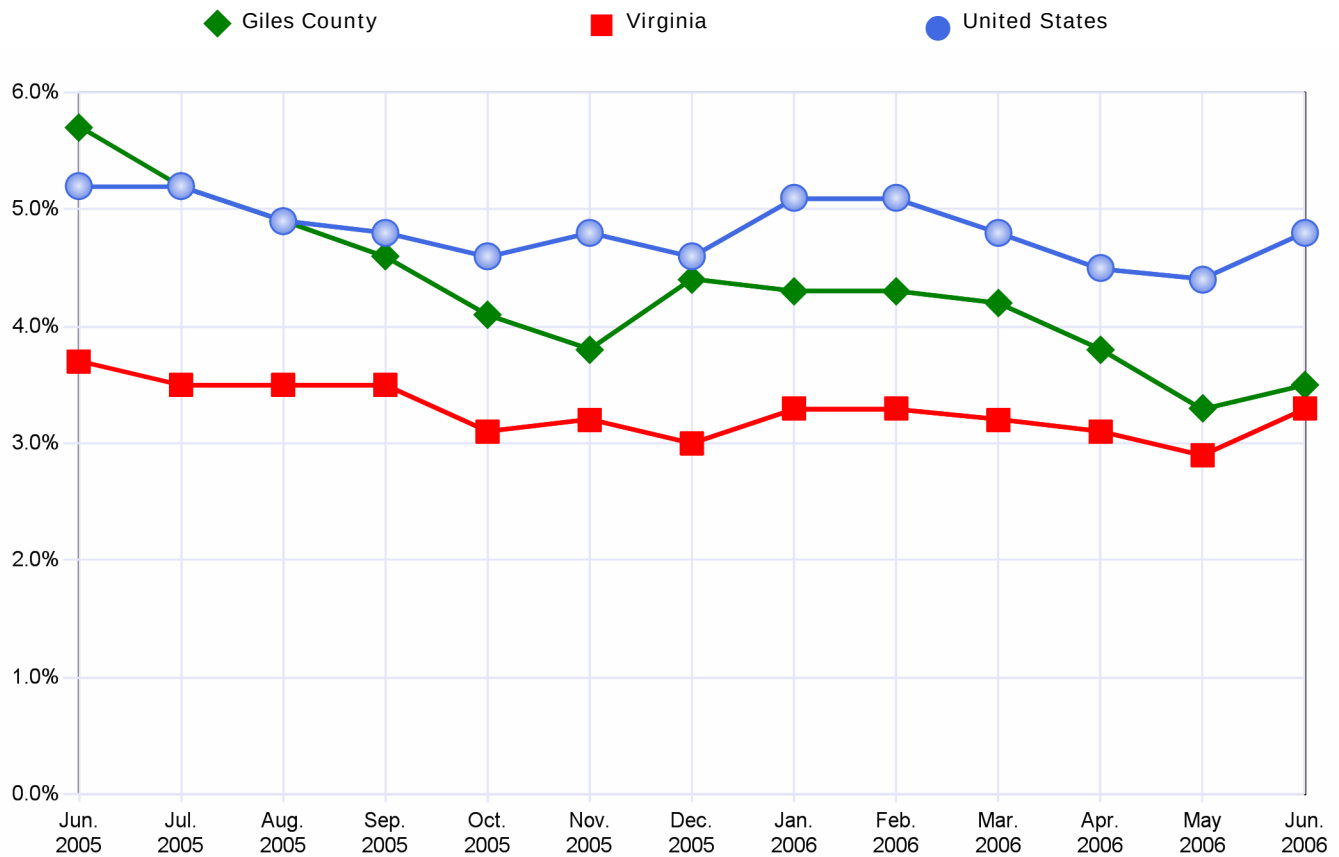
Trends



	Giles County	Virginia	United States
1995	7.2%	4.5%	5.6%
1996	6.9%	4.3%	5.4%
1997	6.3%	3.7%	4.9%
1998	7.2%	2.8%	4.5%
1999	6.0%	2.7%	4.2%
2000	4.2%	2.3%	4.0%
2001	5.7%	3.2%	4.7%
2002	5.9%	4.2%	5.8%
2003	5.2%	4.1%	6.0%
2004	4.9%	3.7%	5.5%
2005	4.9%	3.5%	5.1%

Source: Virginia Employment Commission,
Local Area Unemployment Statistics.

Unemployment Rates Past 12 Months



	Giles County	Virginia	United States
Jun. 2005	5.7%	3.7%	5.2%
Jul. 2005	5.2%	3.5%	5.2%
Aug. 2005	4.9%	3.5%	4.9%
Sep. 2005	4.6%	3.5%	4.8%
Oct. 2005	4.1%	3.1%	4.6%
Nov. 2005	3.8%	3.2%	4.8%
Dec. 2005	4.4%	3.0%	4.6%
Jan. 2006	4.3%	3.3%	5.1%
Feb. 2006	4.3%	3.3%	5.1%
Mar. 2006	4.2%	3.2%	4.8%
Apr. 2006	3.8%	3.1%	4.5%
May 2006	3.3%	2.9%	4.4%
Jun. 2006	3.5%	3.3%	4.8%

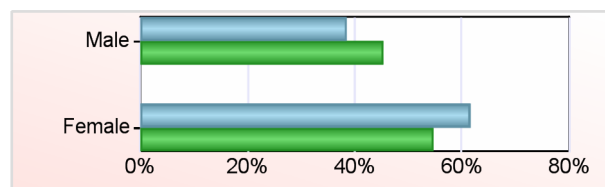
Source: Virginia Employment Commission,
Local Area Unemployment Statistics.

Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed

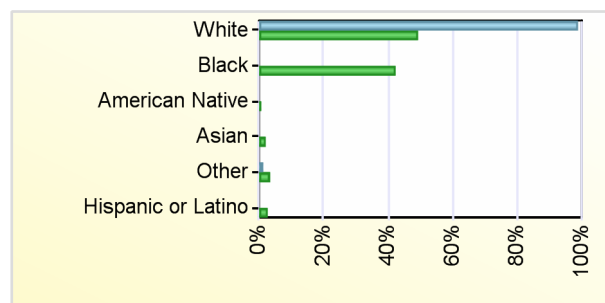
■ Giles County - (78 claimants)

■ Virginia - (32,738 claimants)

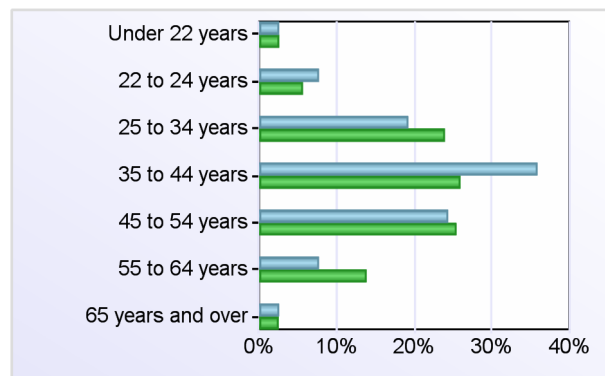
Gender	Giles County	Virginia
Male	30	14,841
Female	48	17,897
Unspecified		



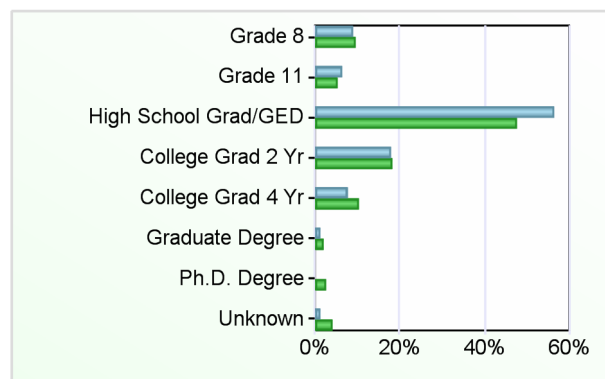
Race	Giles County	Virginia
White	77	16,116
Black		13,845
American Native		178
Asian		645
Other	1	1,092
Hispanic or Latino		862



Age	Giles County	Virginia
Under 22 years	2	849
22 to 24 years	6	1,849
25 to 34 years	15	7,838
35 to 44 years	28	8,501
45 to 54 years	19	8,329
55 to 64 years	6	4,541
65 years and over	2	831
Unknown		



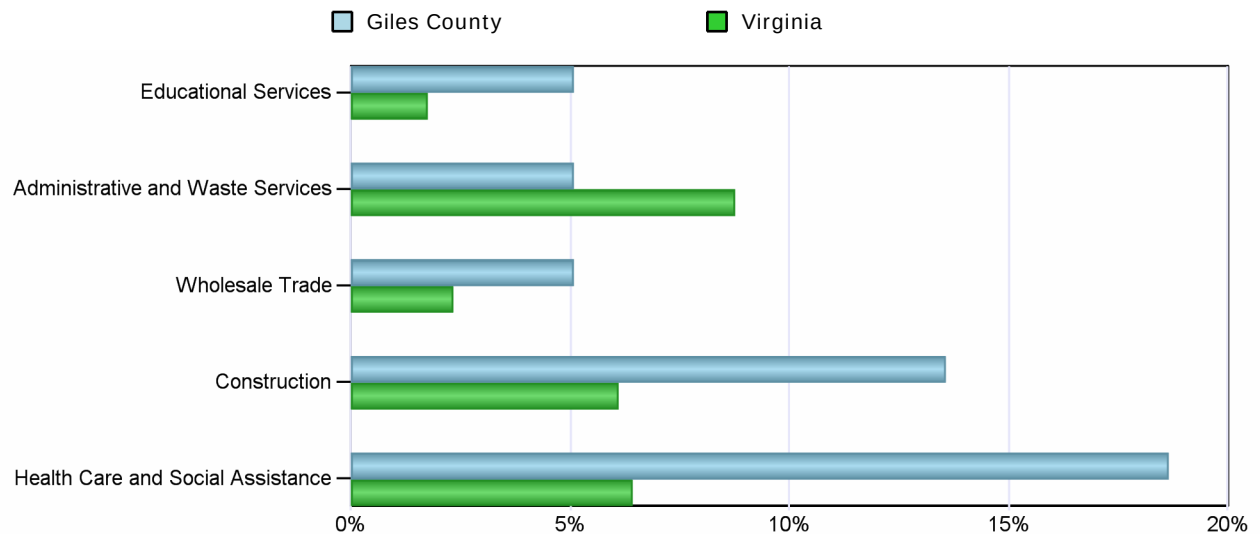
Education	Giles County	Virginia
Grade 8	7	3,133
Grade 11	5	1,734
High School Grad/GED	44	15,606
College Grad 2 Yr	14	5,991
College Grad 4 Yr	6	3,396
Graduate Degree	1	670
Ph.D. Degree		861
Unknown	1	1,347



Source: Virginia Employment Commission,
Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed, June 2006.

Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed

Top 5 Industries With Largest Number of Claimants in Giles County
(excludes unclassified)

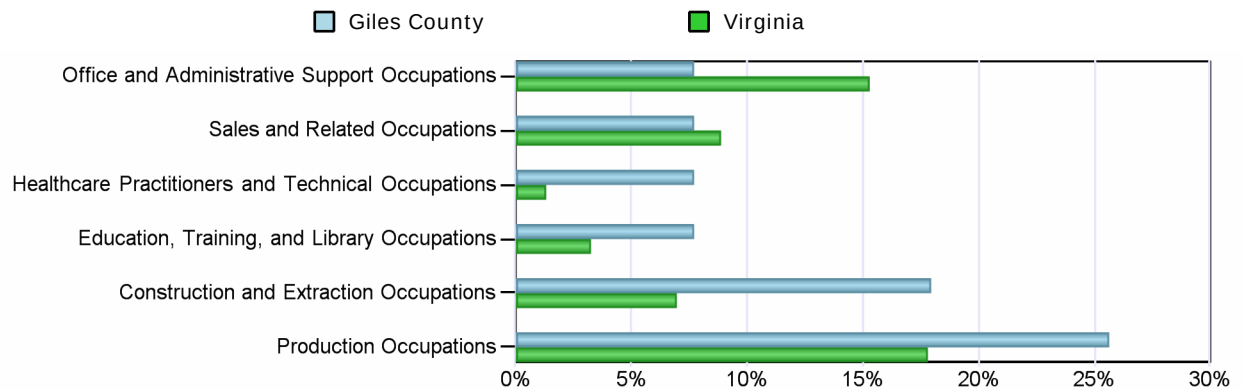


Industry	Giles County	Virginia
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting		81
Mining		135
Utilities		19
Construction	8	1,763
Manufacturing		2,207
Wholesale Trade	3	674
Retail Trade	2	1,156
Transportation and Warehousing		601
Information		519
Finance and Insurance	1	511
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing		325
Professional and Technical Services	1	1,401
Management of Companies and Enterprises		62
Administrative and Waste Services	3	2,532
Educational Services	3	506
Health Care and Social Assistance	11	1,856
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation		167
Accommodation and Food Services		1,915
Other Services, Ex. Public Admin		839
Unclassified	27	11,650

Source: Virginia Employment Commission,
Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed, June 2006.

Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed

Top 5 Occupation Groups With Largest Number of Claimants in Giles County (excludes unclassified)

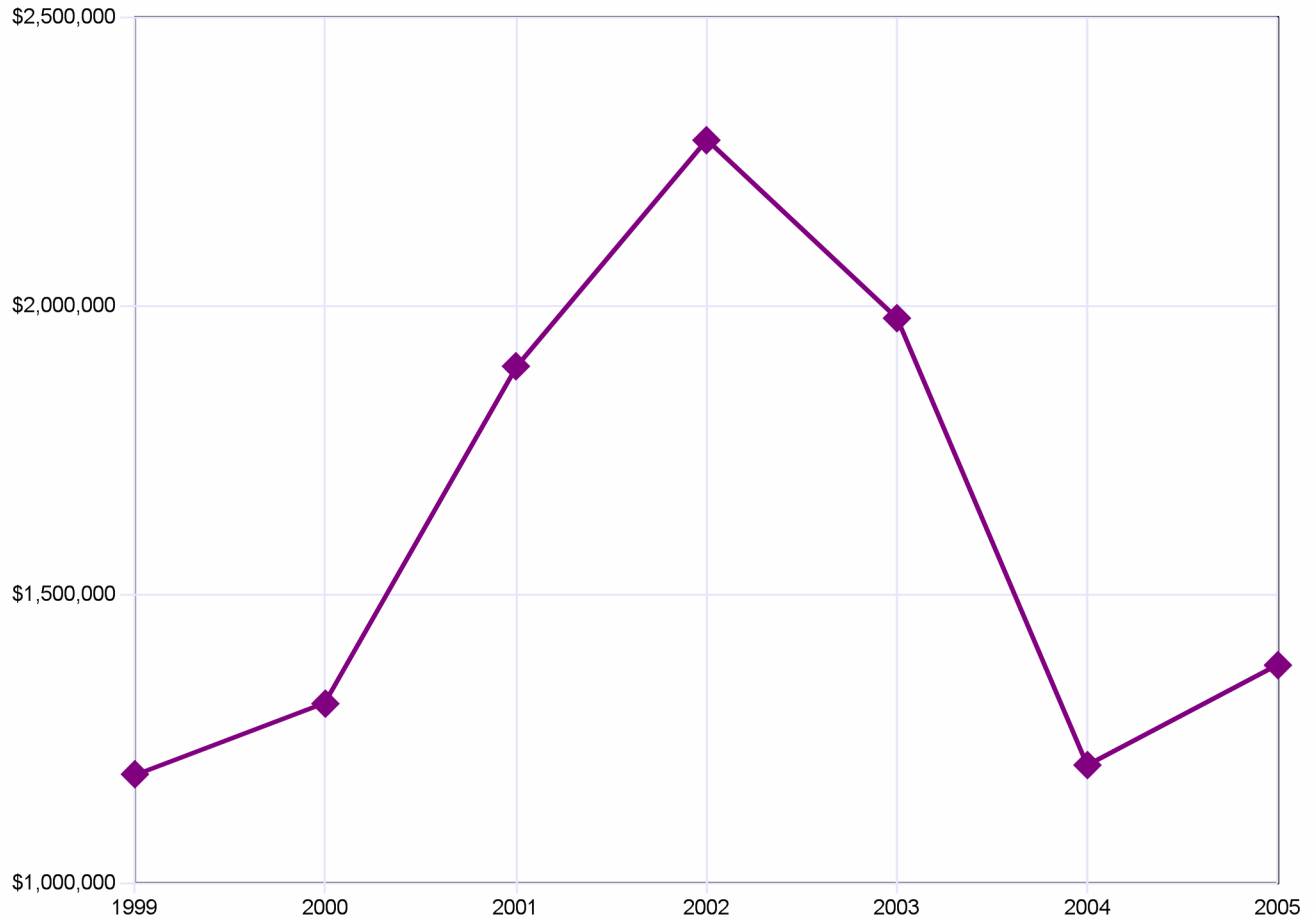


Occupation	Giles County	Virginia
Management Occupations	1	2,709
Business and Financial Operations Occupations	1	1,161
Computer and Mathematical Occupations	1	966
Architecture and Engineering Occupations	1	356
Life, Physical, and Social Science Occupations		142
Community and Social Services Occupations	1	291
Legal Occupations		193
Education, Training, and Library Occupations	6	1,060
Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media Occ		393
Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations	6	429
Healthcare Support Occupations	1	808
Protective Service Occupations	1	408
Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations	3	2,133
Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance Occu	5	877
Personal Care and Service Occupations		400
Sales and Related Occupations	6	2,904
Office and Administrative Support Occupations	6	5,006
Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations		88
Construction and Extraction Occupations	14	2,278
Installation, Maintenance, and Repair Occupations	1	1,374
Production Occupations	20	5,827
Transportation and Material Moving Occupations	4	2,818
Military Specific Occupations		101
Unknown Occupational Code		16

Source: Virginia Employment Commission,
Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed, June 2006.

Unemployment Insurance Payments

Trends

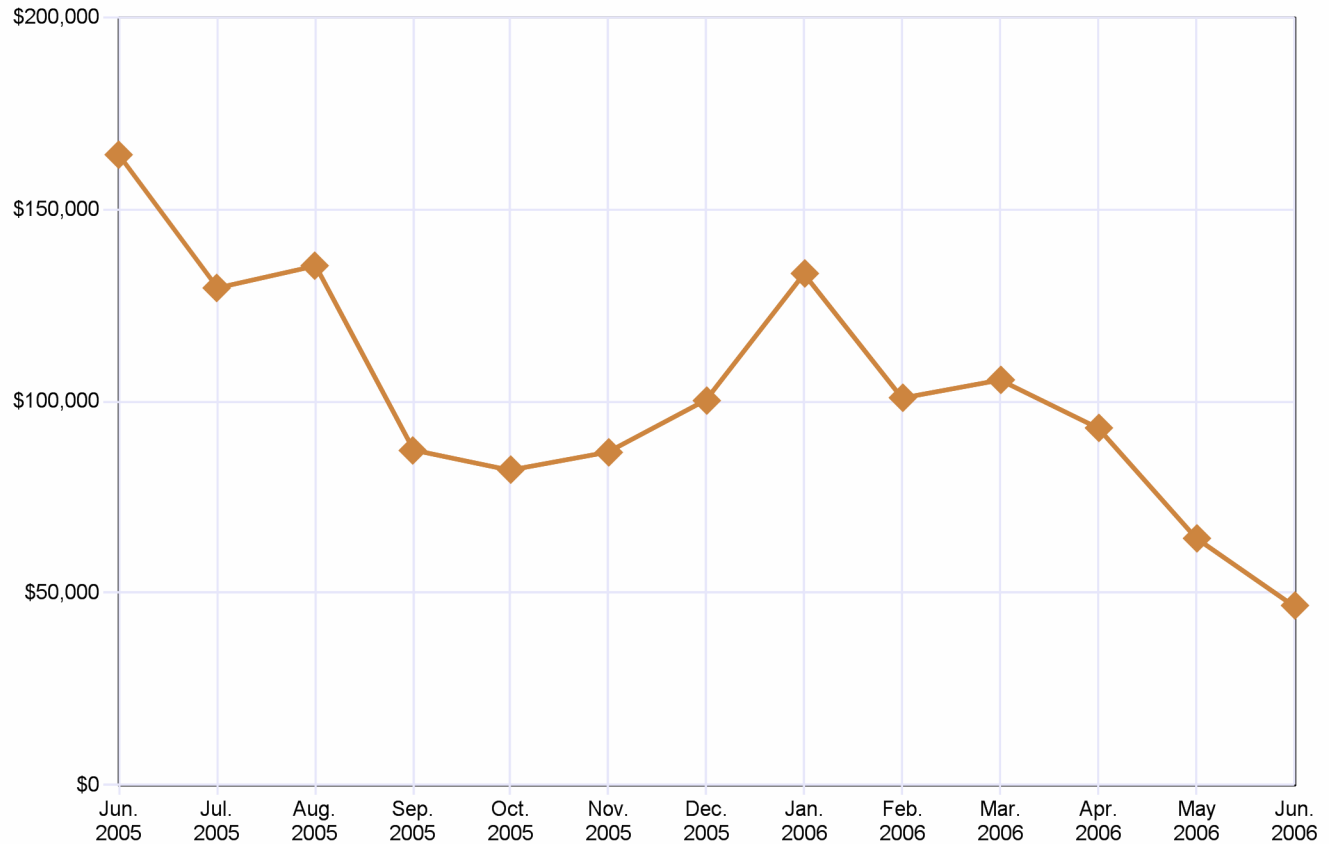


	Giles County		Virginia	
	Weeks Paid	Amount Paid	Weeks Paid	Amount Paid
1999	6,062	\$1,188,905	846,080	\$150,487,201
2000	6,173	\$1,311,073	841,397	\$165,958,616
2001	7,904	\$1,895,376	1,382,207	\$330,438,798
2002	7,877	\$2,286,824	2,167,763	\$633,612,578
2003	7,475	\$1,978,608	2,017,738	\$519,599,853
2004	5,339	\$1,204,751	1,422,869	\$320,142,800
2005	5,473	\$1,377,797	1,213,268	\$280,130,941

Source: Virginia Employment Commission,
Unemployment Insurance Program.

Unemployment Insurance Payments

Past 12 Months



	Giles County		Virginia	
	Weeks Paid	Amount Paid	Weeks Paid	Amount Paid
Jun. 2005	591	\$164,265	109,360	\$25,131,839
Jul. 2005	479	\$129,561	91,875	\$21,007,384
Aug. 2005	500	\$135,358	104,157	\$24,172,631
Sep. 2005	308	\$87,214	81,462	\$19,360,800
Oct. 2005	292	\$82,219	74,992	\$17,942,007
Nov. 2005	366	\$86,726	94,383	\$22,231,675
Dec. 2005	434	\$100,209	92,697	\$21,691,387
Jan. 2006	602	\$133,331	123,552	\$28,897,353
Feb. 2006	449	\$100,952	105,821	\$25,182,423
Mar. 2006	452	\$105,598	106,395	\$25,533,087
Apr. 2006	395	\$93,085	85,981	\$20,663,957
May 2006	262	\$64,312	97,797	\$23,592,524
Jun. 2006	189	\$46,828	86,972	\$20,711,215

Source: Virginia Employment Commission,
Unemployment Insurance Program.

Employers by Size of Establishment

	Giles County	Virginia
Zero; no employment	24	19,825
1 to 4 employees	130	96,646
5 to 9 employees	84	37,346
10 to 19 employees	47	26,695
20 to 49 employees	28	19,337
50 to 99 employees	7	6,631
100 to 249 employees	***	3,739
250 to 499 employees	0	1,079
500 to 999 employees	***	413
1000 and over employees	0	243
	328	211,954

Employment by Size of Establishment

	Giles County	Virginia
Zero; no employment	23	8,302
1 to 4 employees	295	193,837
5 to 9 employees	535	245,735
10 to 19 employees	632	357,549
20 to 49 employees	854	582,448
50 to 99 employees	646	449,097
100 to 249 employees	***	551,618
250 to 499 employees	0	364,243
500 to 999 employees	***	277,104
1000 and over employees	0	592,073
	5,170	3,622,006

Note: Asterisks (***) indicate non-disclosable data.

'Zero; no employment' typically represents new startup firms or sole-proprietorships.

Source: Virginia Employment Commission,
Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW), 4th Quarter (October, November, December) 2005.

50 Largest Employers

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|---|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Celanese Acetate | 26. Patrick Enterprises Corporation |
| 2. Giles County School Board | 27. Narrows Livestock Auction |
| 3. Industrial Contractors Inc | 28. American Plus |
| 4. Wal Mart | 29. Burger King |
| 5. Giles Memorial Hospital | 30. Food Lion |
| 6. New River Healthcare Comp Inc | 31. Carilion Healthcare |
| 7. Mundy Maintenance Service | 32. Hardee's |
| 8. County of Giles | 33. Commonwealth Bolt Company |
| 9. Greenbrier Engineering | 34. Pearisburg Dairy Queen |
| 10. Chemical Lime Company | 35. New River Community Action |
| 11. Appalachian Power Company | 36. Virginian Leader Corporation |
| 12. Fairchild International | 37. B.B. & T. |
| 13. Universal Forest Products | 38. Rich Creek Foodland |
| 14. Mountain Lake Hotel | 39. The William G. Simmons Company |
| 15. DBT America, Inc. | 40. Eastern Gun and Supply Company |
| 16. Southern Tank Transport | 41. Rite Aid |
| 17. United Hydraulics Inc | 42. Rage Administrative & Marketing |
| 18. Town of Narrows | 43. Annas Restaurant LLC |
| 19. Town of Pearisburg | 44. Super Aid Pharmacy LLC |
| 20. Wades Supermarket | 45. Dollar General |
| 21. Cinergy Solutions of Narr | 46. Celco Federal Credit Union |
| 22. Service Authority | 47. Wendy's |
| 23. Southern Electric & Machine Corporation | 48. Rich Creek Carrier Service |
| 24. Magic Mart | 49. Newberry Ford and Mercury |
| 25. Stop In Food Store | 50. US Crane & Rigging Inc |

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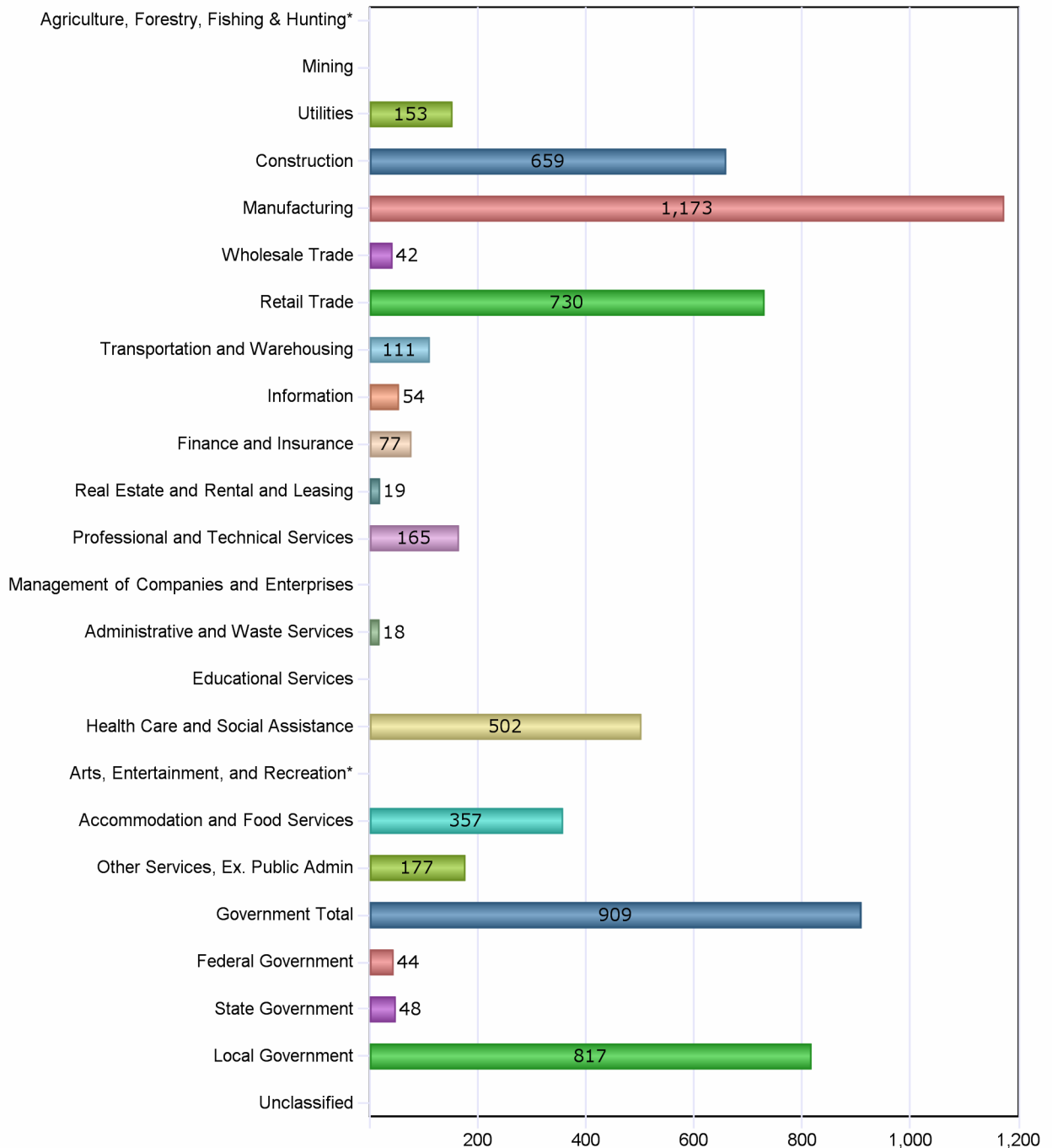
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Employment by Industry

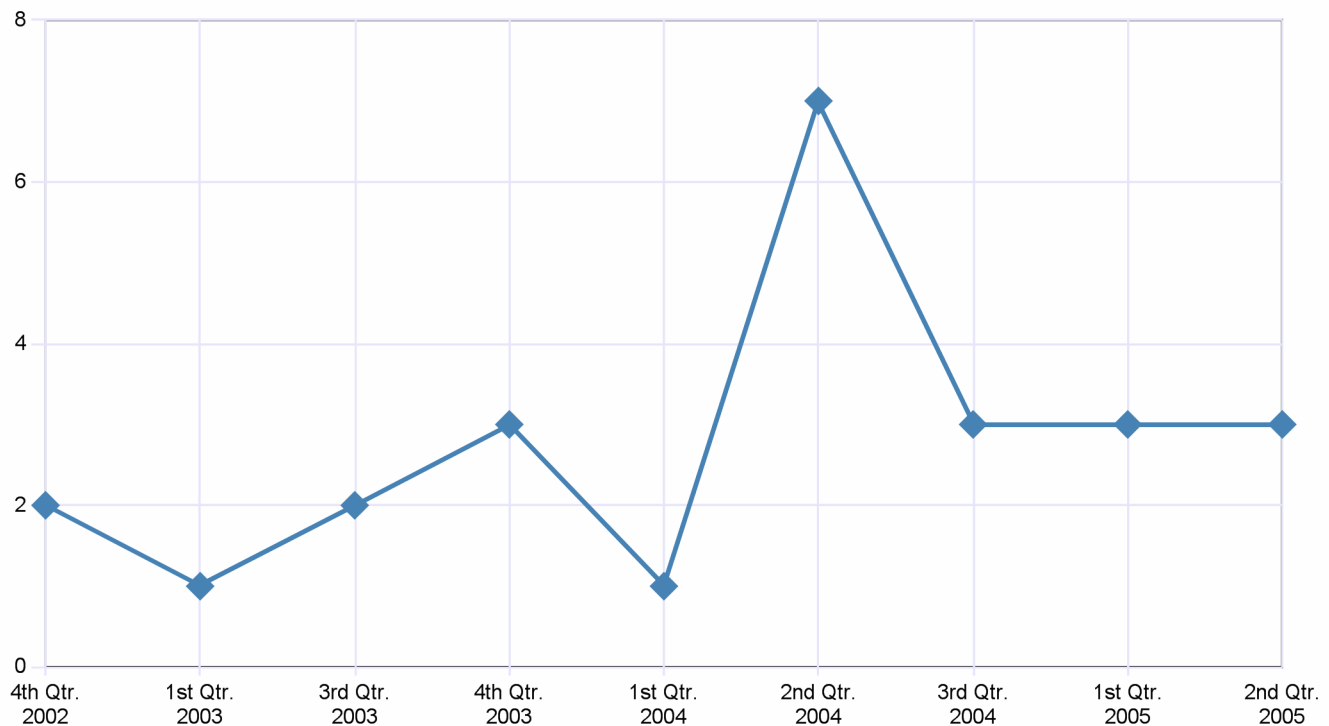


Total: 5,171

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Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW), 4th Quarter (October, November, December) 2005.

New Startup Firms



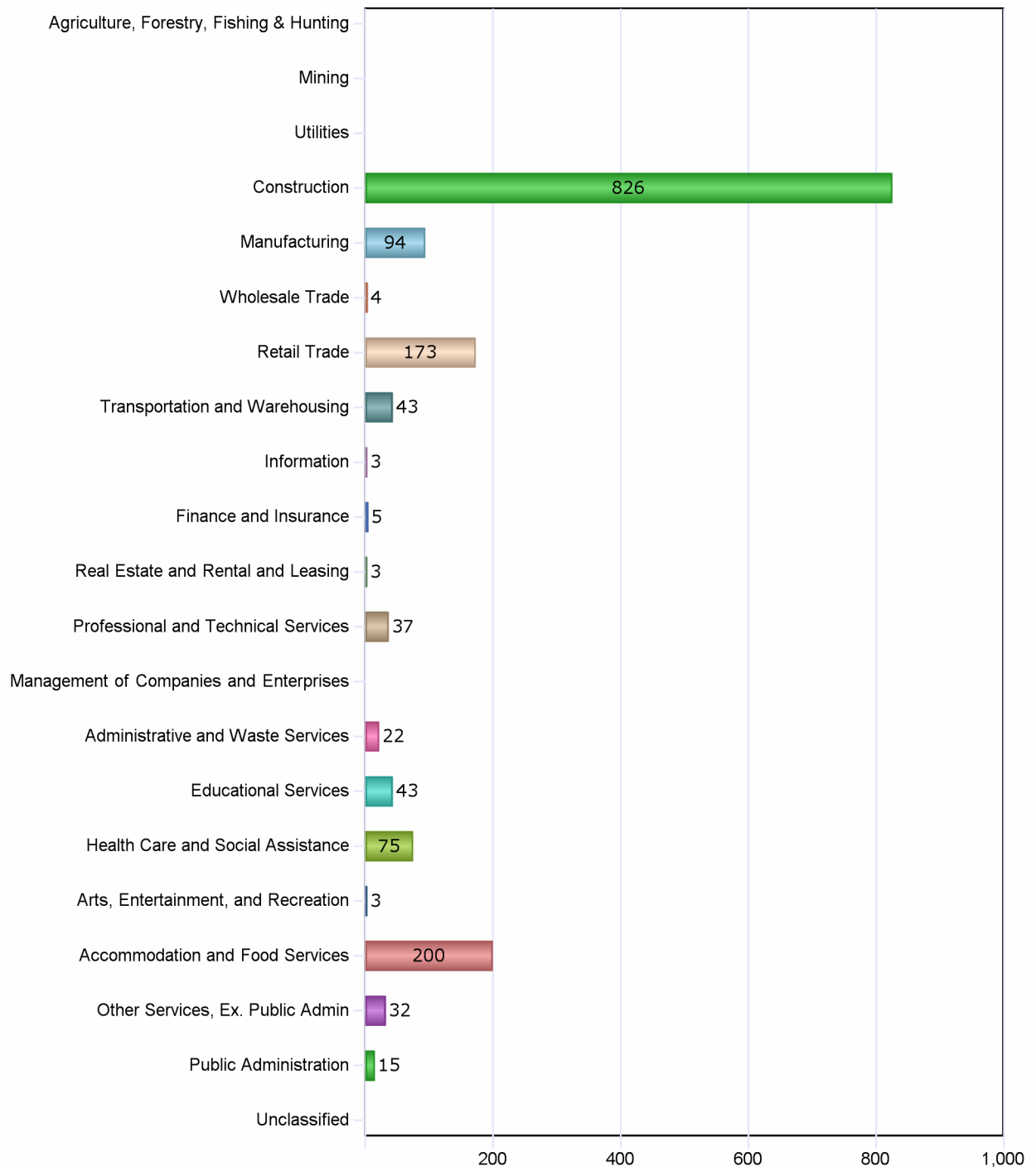
	Giles County	Virginia
4th Qtr. 2002	2	1,411
1st Qtr. 2003	1	1,652
3rd Qtr. 2003	2	1,420
4th Qtr. 2003	3	1,341
1st Qtr. 2004	1	1,761
2nd Qtr. 2004	7	1,812
3rd Qtr. 2004	3	1,568
1st Qtr. 2005	3	3,948
2nd Qtr. 2005	3	1,926

Note: The following criteria was used to define new startup firms:

- 1.) Setup and liability date both occurred during 4th Quarter (October, November, December) 2005
- 2.) Establishment had no predecessor UI Account Number
- 3.) Private Ownership
- 4.) Average employment is less than 250
- 5.) For multi-unit establishments, the parent company must also meet the above criteria.

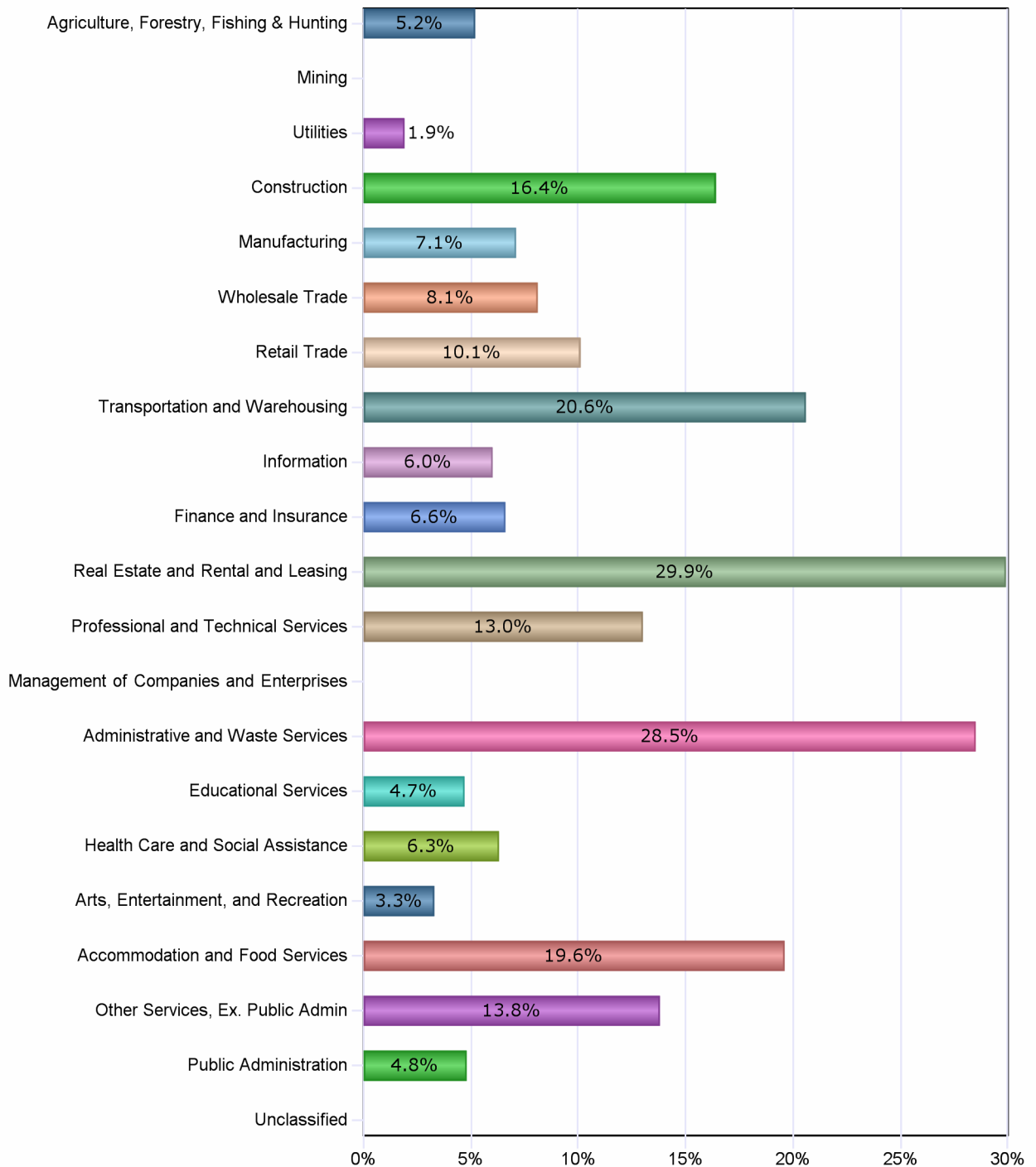
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New Hires by Industry

**Total: 1,584**

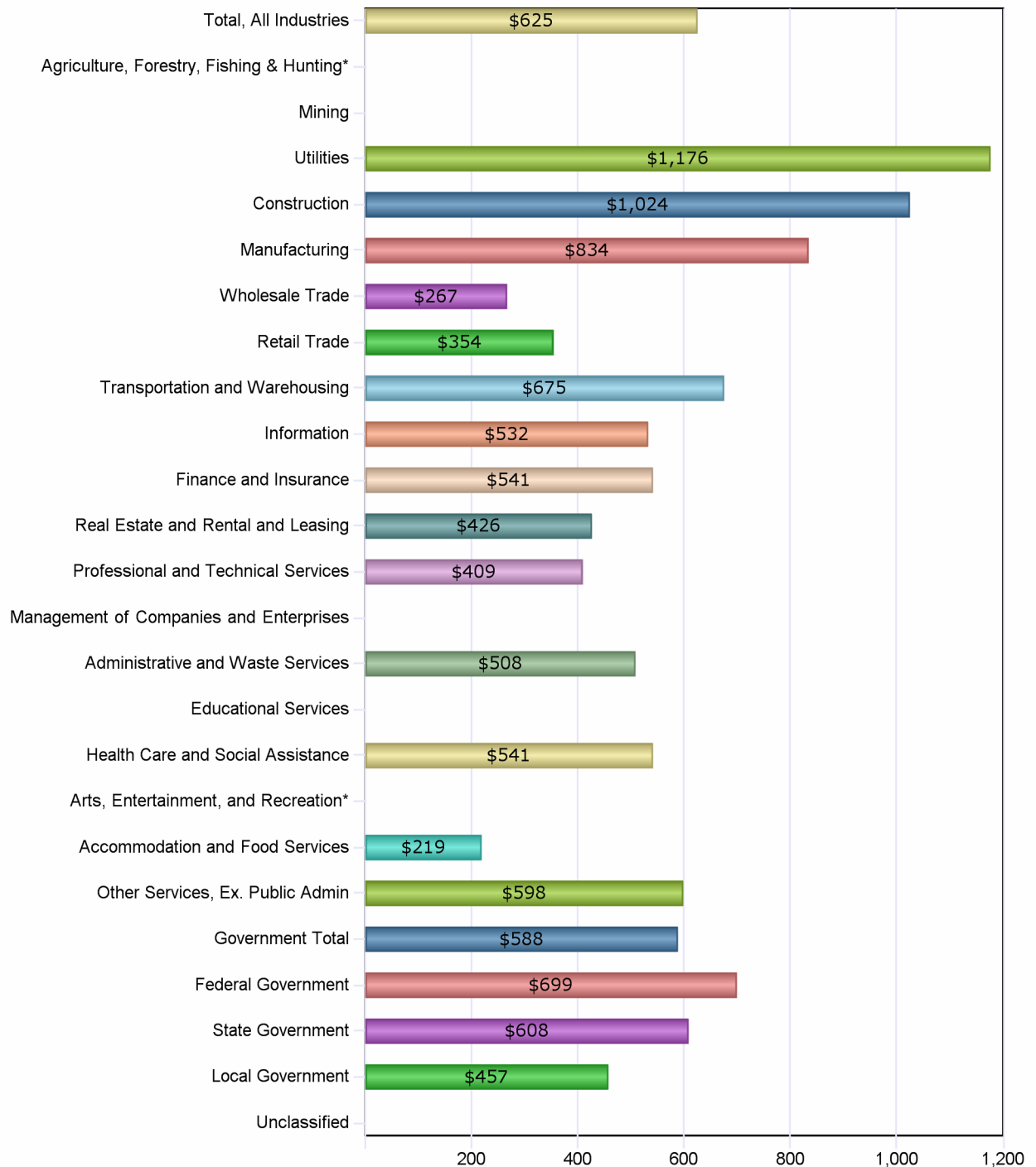
Source: U.S. Census Bureau,
Local Employment Dynamics (LED) Program, 3rd Quarter (July, August, September) 2005, all ownerships.

Turnover by Industry



Source: U.S. Census Bureau,
Local Employment Dynamics (LED) Program, 2nd Quarter (April, May, June) 2005, all ownerships.

Average Weekly Wage by Industry



Note: Asterisk (*) indicates non-disclosable data.

Source: Virginia Employment Commission,
Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW), 4th Quarter (October, November, December) 2005.

Age of Workers by Industry

	14 - 18	19 - 21	22 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 44	45 - 54	55 - 64	65+
Total, All Industries	198	260	206	868	1,154	1,229	758	146
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting								
Mining								
Utilities				12	58	87	30	
Construction	7	21	10	52	60	61	37	10
Manufacturing	6	26	29	158	346	497	282	13
Wholesale Trade	4		3	9	17	13	9	
Retail Trade	54	76	59	186	171	135	99	30
Transportation and Warehousing	3	4	3	36	24	26	19	6
Information		3	4	9	15	8	5	4
Finance and Insurance		3	5	19	25	14	14	4
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing				4			3	
Professional and Technical Services	9	13	15	53	29	31	20	3
Management of Companies and Enterprises								
Administrative and Waste Services					11		3	
Educational Services				27	27	41	20	4
Health Care and Social Assistance	4	20	16	124	143	146	98	17
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	6	3	3		5	4		
Accommodation and Food Services	84	71	43	92	94	68	29	18
Other Services, Ex. Public Admin	3		7	35	66	48	38	14
Public Administration	12	15	6	47	56	47	47	16

Source: U.S. Census Bureau,
Local Employment Dynamics (LED) Program, 3rd Quarter (July, August, September) 2005, all ownerships.

What is LED?

Developed by the U.S. Census Bureau, the Local Employment Dynamics (LED) program merges Virginia's quarterly unemployment insurance wage records and QCEW business establishment records with their demographic data. This allows us to provide statistical data that was not possible before.

Read more about LED on the following website:

<http://lehd.dsd.census.gov>



Total Employment by Industry

	Employment			Percent	
	Estimated 2002	Projected 2012	Change	Total	Annual
Total, All Industries	141,045	160,881	19,836	14.06%	1.32%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting	119	84	-35	-29.41%	-3.42%
Mining	283	264	-19	-6.71%	-.69%
Utilities	432	317	-115	-26.62%	-3.05%
Construction	5,697	6,386	689	12.09%	1.15%
Manufacturing	34,174	32,235	-1,939	-5.67%	-.58%
Wholesale Trade	3,584	4,333	749	20.9%	1.92%
Retail Trade	18,387	20,849	2,462	13.39%	1.26%
Transportation and Warehousing	2,685	3,284	599	22.31%	2.03%
Information	1,555	1,777	222	14.28%	1.34%
Finance and Insurance	2,318	2,124	-194	-8.37%	-.87%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	1,318	1,747	429	32.55%	2.86%
Professional and Technical Services	3,608	5,299	1,691	46.87%	3.92%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	1,170	1,438	268	22.91%	2.08%
Administrative and Waste Services	5,186	9,241	4,055	78.19%	5.95%
Educational Services	19,194	19,612	418	2.18%	.22%
Health Care and Social Assistance	12,966	16,797	3,831	29.55%	2.62%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	1,170	1,891	721	61.62%	4.92%
Accommodation and Food Services	12,265	15,509	3,244	26.45%	2.37%
Other Services, Ex. Public Admin	3,507	4,368	861	24.55%	2.22%
Public Administration	3,439	3,543	104	3.02%	.3%

Note: Asterisks (***) indicate non-disclosable data.

Projections data is for New River/Mt. Rogers (LWIA II). No data available for Giles County.

Source: Virginia Employment Commission,
Industry and Occupational Projections, 2002-2012.

Employment by Major Occupation Group

	Employment			Openings		
	Estimated 2002	Projected 2012	% Change	Replaces -ments	Growth	Total
Total All occupations	141,045	160,881	14.06%	3,497	2,256	5,753
Management Occupations	6,115	7,236	18.33%	117	112	229
Business and Financial Operations Occupations	3,992	4,820	20.74%	73	84	157
Computer and Mathematical Occupations	2,049	3,227	57.49%	27	118	145
Architecture and Engineering Occupations	1,960	2,080	6.12%	44	15	59
Life, Physical, and Social Science Occupations	947	1,119	18.16%	24	19	43
Community and Social Services Occupations	1,715	2,245	30.9%	34	53	87
Legal Occupations	536	648	20.9%	6	11	17
Education, Training, and Library Occupations	12,397	13,501	8.91%	262	127	389
Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media Occupations	1,040	1,219	17.21%	20	21	41
Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations	5,838	7,240	24.02%	111	141	252
Healthcare Support Occupations	2,876	3,837	33.41%	46	96	142
Protective Service Occupations	3,105	3,997	28.73%	85	89	174
Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations	12,346	15,222	23.3%	492	290	782
Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance Occupations	4,107	4,265	3.85%	82	20	102
Personal Care and Service Occupations	2,375	3,354	41.22%	59	98	157
Sales and Related Occupations	15,613	18,497	18.47%	552	290	842
Office and Administrative Support Occupations	20,441	22,846	11.77%	472	272	744
Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations	205	188	-8.29%	5	1	6
Construction and Extraction Occupations	5,948	6,819	14.64%	121	89	210
Installation, Maintenance, and Repair Occupations	6,039	6,719	11.26%	136	74	210
Production Occupations	20,849	19,676	-5.63%	496	73	569
Transportation and Material Moving Occupations	10,552	12,126	14.92%	232	163	395

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Source: Virginia Employment Commission,
Industry and Occupational Projections, 2002-2012.

Growth Occupations

	Employment			Openings			Median Annual Wage
	Estimated 2002	Projected 2012	% Change	Replacements	Growth	Total	
Fitness Trainers and Aerobics Instructors	149	277	85.91%	3	13	16	\$25,917
Computer Software Engineers, Applications	312	577	84.94%	3	27	30	\$64,862
Medical Assistants	323	581	79.88%	6	26	32	\$24,091
Network Systems and Data Communications Analysts	95	169	77.89%	1	7	8	\$46,379
Personal and Home Care Aides	288	493	71.18%	5	21	26	\$17,133
Computer Software Engineers, Systems Software	222	377	69.82%	2	16	18	\$116,526
Occupational Therapist Assistants	23	39	69.57%	0	2	2	\$42,674
Physical Therapist Aides	46	78	69.57%	1	3	4	\$20,126
Database Administrators	78	132	69.23%	1	5	6	\$81,667
Chiropractors	35	59	68.57%	1	2	3	\$94,013
Physical Therapist Assistants	59	97	64.41%	1	4	5	\$36,814
Bill and Account Collectors	476	769	61.55%	9	29	38	\$26,604
Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education	418	675	61.48%	5	26	31	\$26,997
Computer and Information Systems Managers	177	284	60.45%	3	11	14	\$96,279
Education Administrators, Preschool and Child Care Center/Program	62	99	59.68%	2	4	6	\$36,414
Hazardous Materials Removal Workers	28	44	57.14%	1	2	3	N/A
Demonstrators and Product Promoters	32	50	56.25%	1	2	3	\$21,562
Medical Transcriptionists	135	210	55.56%	3	8	11	\$25,381
Amusement and Recreation Attendants	218	337	54.59%	6	12	18	\$19,941
Network and Computer Systems Administrators	224	346	54.46%	3	12	15	\$48,947

Note: Asterisks (***) indicate non-disclosable data.

Projections and OES wage data are for New River/Mt. Rogers (LWIA II). No data available for Giles County.

Source: Virginia Employment Commission,
Industry and Occupational Projections, 2002-2012
Occupational Employment Statistics (OES) Survey, 2005.

Declining Occupations

	Employment			Openings		
	Estimated 2002	Projected 2012	% Change	Replaces -ments	Growth	Total
Sewing Machine Operators	1,509	871	-42.28%	19	0	19
Pest Control Workers	28	17	-39.29%	0	0	0
Tree Trimmers and Pruners	26	16	-38.46%	1	0	1
Fabric and Apparel Patternmakers	26	17	-34.62%	1	0	1
Textile Bleaching and Dyeing Machine Operators and Tenders	107	71	-33.65%	3	0	3
Loan Interviewers and Clerks	109	76	-30.28%	2	0	2
Textile Knitting and Weaving Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders	170	119	-30%	2	0	2
Logging Equipment Operators	61	43	-29.51%	1	0	1
Textile Winding, Twisting, and Drawing Out Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders	205	145	-29.27%	4	0	4
Extruding and Forming Machine Setters, Operators,	142	102	-28.17%	3	0	3
Credit Authorizers, Checkers, and Clerks	56	42	-25%	1	0	1
Electrical and Electronic Equipment Assemblers	624	473	-24.2%	15	0	15
Upholsterers	173	133	-23.12%	4	0	4
Chemical Plant and System Operators	108	84	-22.22%	3	0	3
Broadcast Technicians	27	21	-22.22%	1	0	1
Prepress Technicians and Workers	34	27	-20.59%	1	0	1
Electrical and Electronics Repairers, Powerhouse,	41	33	-19.51%	1	0	1
Coil Winders, Tapers, and Finishers	176	142	-19.32%	4	0	4
Meter Readers, Utilities	52	42	-19.23%	2	0	2
Tellers	277	232	-16.25%	14	0	14

Note: Asterisks (***) indicate non-disclosable data.

Projections data is for New River/Mt. Rogers (LWIA II). No data available for Giles County.

Source: Virginia Employment Commission,
Industry and Occupational Projections, 2002-2012.

Consumer Price Index (CPI)

All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Ann.	% chg
1996	154.4	154.9	155.7	156.3	156.6	156.7	157.0	157.3	157.8	158.3	158.6	158.6	156.9	3.0
1997	159.1	159.6	160.0	160.2	160.1	160.3	160.5	160.8	161.2	161.6	161.5	161.3	160.5	2.3
1998	161.6	161.9	162.2	162.5	162.8	163.0	163.2	163.4	163.6	164.0	164.0	163.9	163.0	1.6
1999	164.3	164.5	165.0	166.2	166.2	166.2	166.7	167.1	167.9	168.2	168.3	168.3	166.6	2.2
2000	168.8	169.8	171.2	171.3	171.5	172.4	172.8	172.8	173.7	174.0	174.1	174.0	172.2	3.4
2001	175.1	175.8	176.2	176.9	177.7	178.0	177.5	177.5	178.3	177.7	177.4	176.7	177.1	2.8
2002	177.1	177.8	178.8	179.8	179.8	179.9	180.1	180.7	181.0	181.3	181.3	180.9	179.9	1.6
2003	181.7	183.1	184.2	183.8	183.5	183.7	183.9	184.6	185.2	185.0	184.5	184.3	184.0	2.3
2004	185.2	186.2	187.4	188.0	189.1	189.7	189.4	189.5	189.9	190.9	191.0	190.3	188.9	2.7
2005	190.7	191.8	193.3	194.6	194.4	194.5	195.4	196.4	198.8	199.2	197.6	196.8	195.3	3.4
2006	198.3	198.7	199.8	201.5	202.5	202.9								

Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W)

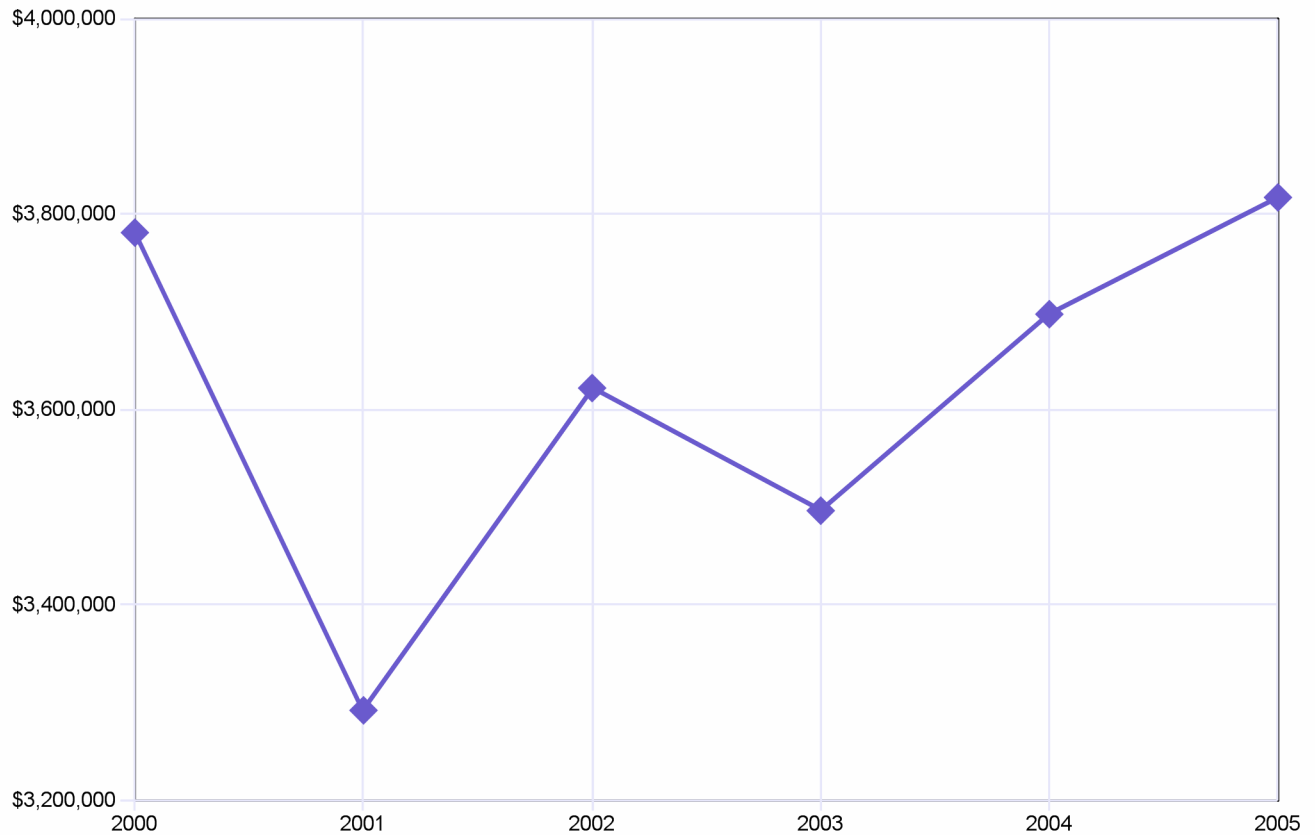
	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Ann.	% chg
1996	151.7	152.2	152.9	153.6	154.0	154.1	154.3	154.5	155.1	155.5	155.9	155.9	154.1	2.9
1997	156.3	156.8	157.0	157.2	157.2	157.4	157.5	157.8	158.3	158.5	158.5	158.2	157.6	2.3
1998	158.4	158.5	158.7	159.1	159.5	159.7	159.8	160.0	160.2	160.6	160.7	160.7	159.7	1.3
1999	161.0	161.1	161.4	162.7	162.8	162.8	163.3	163.8	164.7	165.0	165.1	165.1	163.2	2.2
2000	165.6	166.5	167.9	168.0	168.2	169.2	169.4	169.3	170.4	170.6	170.9	170.7	168.9	3.5
2001	171.7	172.4	172.6	173.5	174.4	174.6	173.8	173.8	174.8	174.0	173.7	172.9	173.5	2.7
2002	173.2	173.7	174.7	175.8	175.8	175.9	176.1	176.6	177.0	177.3	177.4	177.0	175.9	1.4
2003	177.7	179.2	180.3	179.8	179.4	179.6	179.6	180.3	181.0	180.7	180.2	179.9	179.8	2.2
2004	180.9	181.9	182.9	183.5	184.7	185.3	184.9	185.0	185.4	186.5	186.8	186.0	184.5	2.6
2005	186.3	187.3	188.6	190.2	190.0	190.1	191.0	192.1	195.0	195.2	193.4	192.5	191.0	3.5
2006	194.0	194.2	195.3	197.2	198.2	198.6								

Note: CPI data is for the United States only. No data available for Giles County.

The CPI-U includes expenditures by urban wage earners and clerical workers, professional, managerial, and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, retirees and others not in the labor force. The CPI-W only includes expenditures by those in hourly wage earning or clerical jobs.

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics,
Consumer Price Indexes (CPI) Program.

Local Option Sales Tax *Trends*

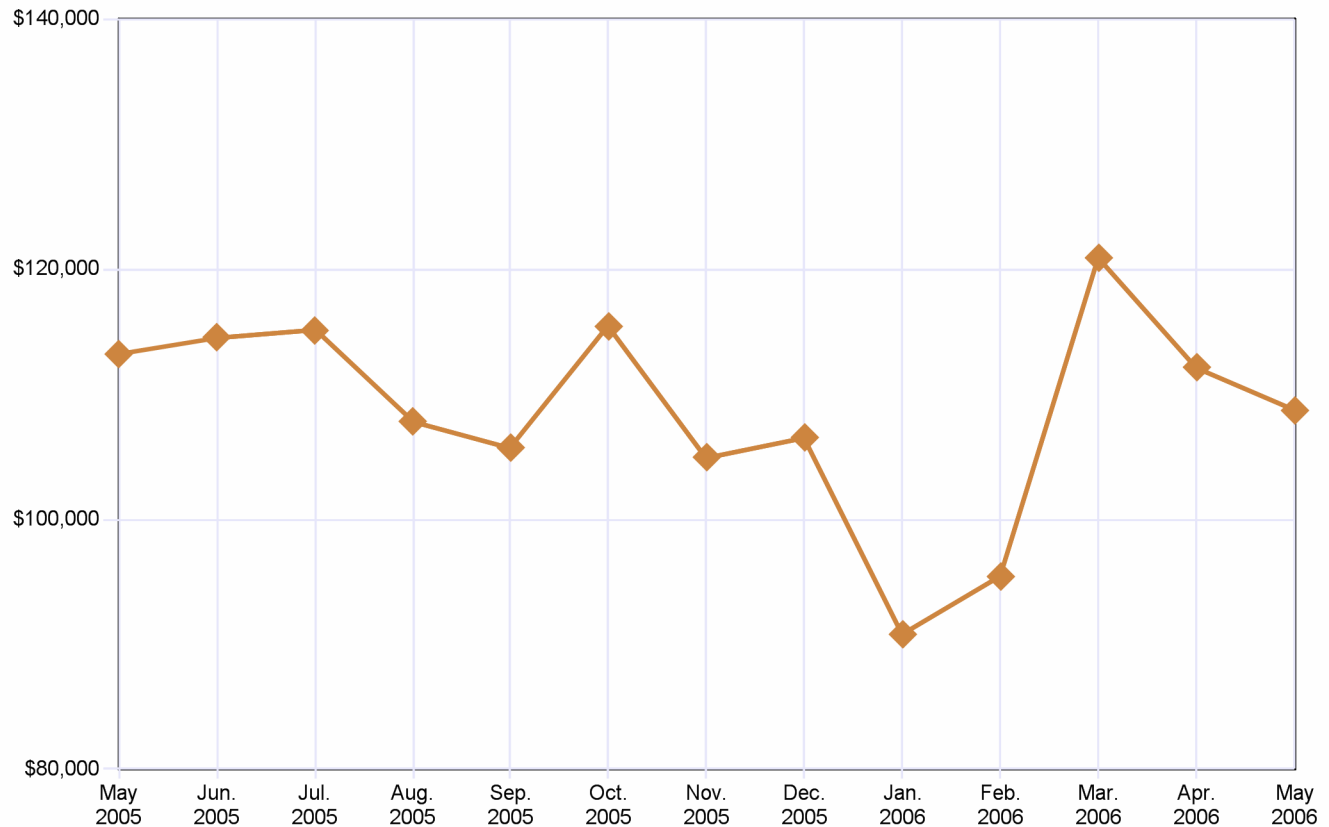


	Giles County	Virginia
2000	\$3,781,116	\$2,333,552,880
2001	\$3,292,431	\$2,331,885,322
2002	\$3,622,110	\$2,369,715,510
2003	\$3,496,701	\$2,514,825,177
2004	\$3,697,686	\$2,743,499,058
2005	\$3,817,119	\$2,930,770,731

Note: This data is based on Virginia sales tax revenues deposited, rather than the actual taxable sales figures as reported on a dealer's return.

*Source: Virginia Department of Taxation,
Revenue Forecasting.*

Local Option Sales Tax Past 12 Months



	Giles County	Virginia
May 2005	\$113,196	\$80,601,558
Jun. 2005	\$114,546	\$86,524,212
Jul. 2005	\$115,080	\$80,948,410
Aug. 2005	\$107,820	\$78,053,176
Sep. 2005	\$105,724	\$82,400,656
Oct. 2005	\$115,404	\$85,406,448
Nov. 2005	\$104,959	\$80,718,638
Dec. 2005	\$106,535	\$103,919,422
Jan. 2006	\$90,805	\$71,820,882
Feb. 2006	\$95,418	\$73,945,439
Mar. 2006	\$120,888	\$86,765,929
Apr. 2006	\$112,147	\$85,856,905
May 2006	\$108,689	\$86,381,550

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Source: Virginia Department of Taxation,
Revenue Forecasting.

IV. Education Profile

Overview

The Education Profile for Giles County provides an assortment of data collected from the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) and the United States Census Bureau.

Education levels for individuals ages 25 and over are broken down by the following categories: high school graduate/GED, some college, associate's degree, bachelor's degree, post-graduate degree. Also provided are the annual graduate data trends for the past 10 years. The program completion data is taken from a database that includes information from over 2,300 schools across the Commonwealth of Virginia and is broken down into 10 degree/certificate levels. Completing this profile is a sample of the various training providers in Giles County offering post-secondary instructional programs. The sample includes the top 10 schools with the largest number of graduates for the 2003-2004 academic year.

Related Terms and Definitions

Associate's degree

An award that normally requires at least two but less than four years of full-time equivalent college work.

Bachelor's degree

An award that normally requires at least four but not more than five years of full-time equivalent college-level work.

Post-baccalaureate certificate

An award that requires completion of an organized program of study equivalent to 18 semester credit hours beyond the bachelor's. It is designed for persons who have completed a bachelor's degree, but do not meet the requirements of a master's degree.

Master's degree

An award that requires the successful completion of a program of study of at least the full-time equivalent of one but not more than two academic years of work beyond the bachelor's degree.

Post-master's certificate

An award that requires completion of an organized program of study equivalent to 24 semester credit hours beyond the master's degree, but does not meet the requirements of academic degrees at the doctor's level.

Doctor's degree

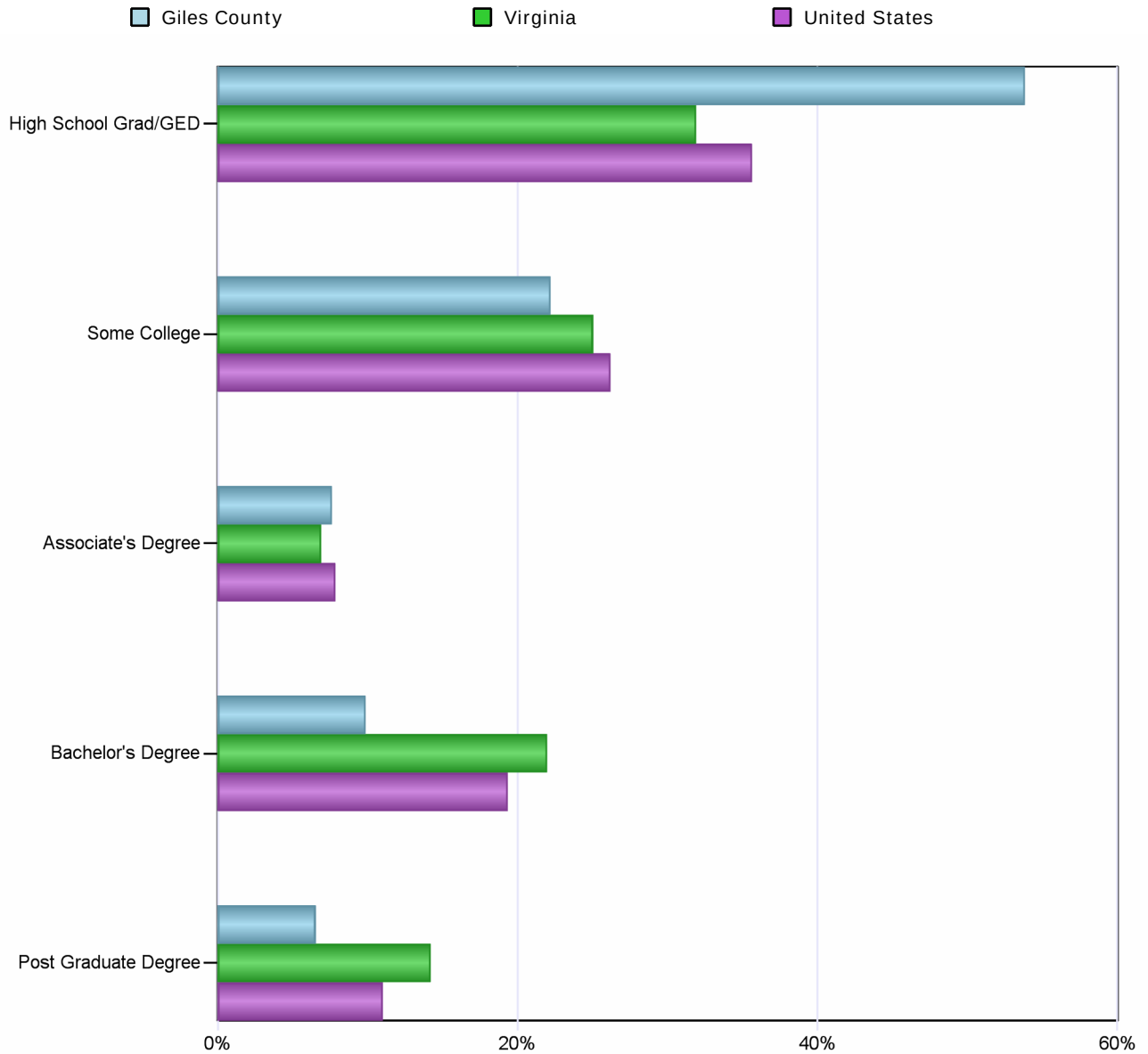
The highest award a student can earn for graduate study.

First-professional degree

An award that requires completion of a program that meets all of the following criteria: (1) completion of the academic requirements to begin practice in the profession; (2) at least two years of college work prior to entering the program; and (3) a total of at least six academic years of college work to complete the degree program, including prior required college work plus the length of the professional program itself.



Education Level (Population 25 years and over)



	Giles County	Virginia	United States
High School Grad/GED	4,842	1,212,463	52,168,981
Some College	1,997	951,700	38,351,595
Associate's Degree	686	262,813	11,512,833
Bachelor's Degree	887	835,011	28,317,792
Post Graduate Degree	589	539,977	16,144,813

Source: 2000 Census.

Graduate Data Trends

Giles County

	Cert. <1 yr.	Cert. 1-2 yrs.	Assoc.	Cert. 2-4 yrs.	BA	Cert. Post-BA	MA	Cert. Post-MA	Ph.D.	1st Prof.
1994										
1995										
1996										
1997										
1998										
2000										
2001										
2002										
2003										
2004										

Note: This table only reflects the degrees completed from institutions within Giles County.

Virginia Statewide

	Cert. <1 yr.	Cert. 1-2 yrs.	Assoc.	Cert. 2-4 yrs.	BA	Cert. Post-BA	MA	Cert. Post-MA	Ph.D.	1st Prof.
1994	1,751	2,510	10,960	383	30,701	107	9,718	154	1,003	1,804
1995	3,083	3,682	10,660	353	30,450	128	10,407	163	1,073	1,801
1996	2,840	3,743	10,847	396	30,891	225	10,549	201	1,059	1,836
1997	3,315	3,730	11,305	455	30,207	291	10,897	217	1,145	1,902
1998	3,773	3,989	10,931	528	30,350	227	10,670	226	1,083	1,919
2000	4,426	4,156	11,086	442	32,815	495	10,777	142	1,122	2,181
2001	5,361	3,935	11,453	431	34,553	382	10,989	131	1,094	2,134
2002	5,941	4,281	12,256	412	34,665	496	10,691	124	1,167	2,213
2003	5,392	3,880	12,355	309	34,253	181	10,639	451	1,056	2,133
2004	4,522	5,145	12,913	358	35,057	253	11,394	388	1,116	2,407

Source: U.S. Department of Education,
Institute of Education Sciences (IES).

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Training Providers

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State

Blacksburg, VA 24061-0131

Phone: (540) 023-6000

www.vt.edu

Number of 2004 graduates: 6,203

Virginia Highlands Community College

Route 372, Off Route 140

Abingdon, VA 24212-0828

Phone: (276) 673-2400

www.vhcc.edu

Number of 2004 graduates: 343

Radford University

East Main Street

Radford, VA 24141-0672

Phone: (540) 083-5000

www.radford.edu

Number of 2004 graduates: 1,849

Emory and Henry College

One Garnand Drive

Emory, VA 24327-0947

Phone: (276) 694-4121

www.ehc.edu

Number of 2004 graduates: 198

Wytheville Community College

1000 E Main St

Wytheville, VA 24382-3308

Phone: (276) 622-4700

www.wcc.vccs.edu

Number of 2004 graduates: 424

Washington County Adult Skill Center

848 Thompson Dr

Abingdon, VA 24210

Phone: (276) 667-1948

wccskillcenter.org

Number of 2004 graduates: 126

Virginia Intermont College

1013 Moore St

Bristol, VA 24201

Phone: (276) 666-6101

www.vic.edu

Number of 2004 graduates: 354

VA College of Osteopathic Medicine

2265 Kraft Dr

Blacksburg, VA 24060

Phone: (540) 023-4000

www.vcom.vt.edu

Number of 2004 graduates:

New River Community College

5251 College Drive

Dublin, VA 24084-1127

Phone: (540) 067-3600

www.nr.edu

Number of 2004 graduates: 347

Life Bible College-East

900 Life Dr

Christiansburg, VA 24073

Phone: (540) 038-7100

www.life-east.edu

Number of 2004 graduates:

Source: U.S. Department of Education,
Institute of Education Sciences (IES), 2004.