

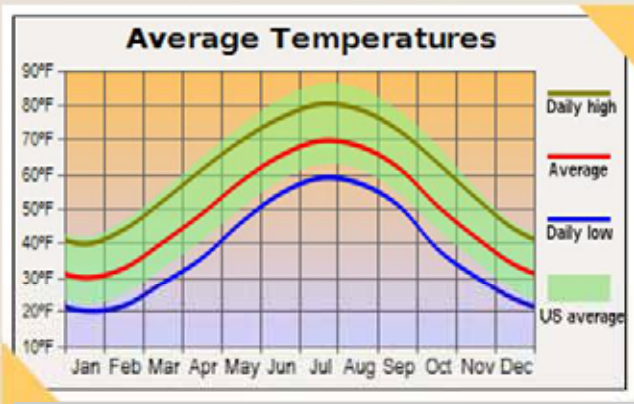
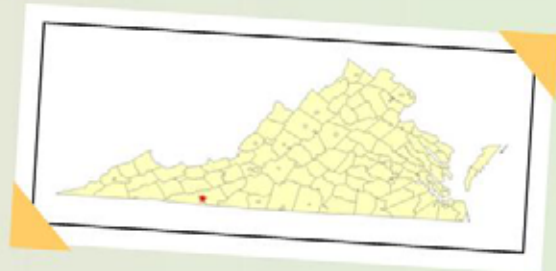
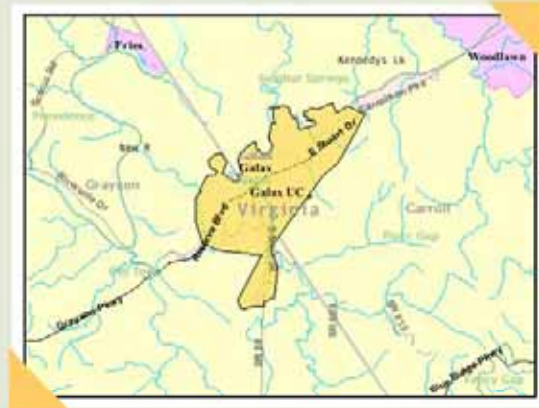
City of Galax

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Southwest of SouthWest Virginia

Area:	8 mi ²
Population (2006):	6,873
Median Age (2006):	40.4
Average Family Size:	2.90
Median Home Value:	\$70,300
Median Household Income (2004):	\$30,136
Unemployment Rate (October 2007):	5.8%
% Employment Growth (2005-2006):	-0.8%
Average Commute Time:	15.7 min
Cost-of-Living Index:	89.5*

* Winston-Salem, NC (the closest reporting metro area)



Geography

Towns & Communities: Galax

Major Roads: US 21, US 58, US 89, US 221

Climate

Average Temperature	Average Annual Precipitation
January -33°F	Rainfall -40.84 "
July -70°F	Snowfall -22.70 "

Data Sources: ACCRA, City-data.com, US Census Bureau, Weldon Cooper Center, Virginia Economic Development Partnership, Virginia Employment Commission

Data Compiled by: Virginia Economic Bridge, Inc.

January 2008

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Synchrodata of Southwest Virginia

2006 Population: 6,873

Gender Distribution:

Male - 47.8%
Female - 52.2%

Ethnic Distribution:

White - 91.0%
Black - 7.4%
American Indian - 0.5%
Asian - 0.8%
Native Pacific Islander - 0%
Other - 0.3%
Hispanic (of any race) - 13.7%

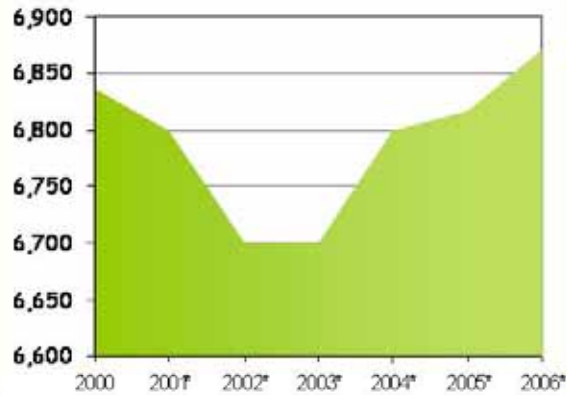
Marital Status (Ages 15+):

Never Married - 18.0%
Married - 55.5%
Separated/Divorced - 15.1%
Widowed - 11.4%

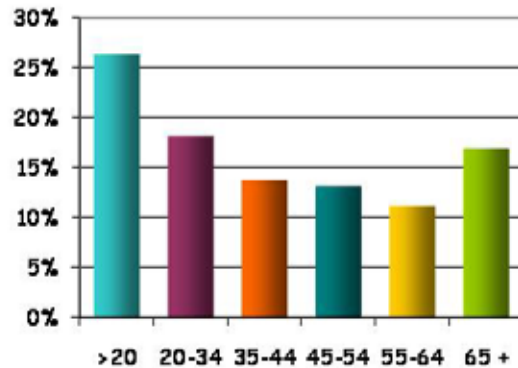
Households:

Families - 62.5%
Families w/ Children - 27.6%
Living Alone - 34.2%

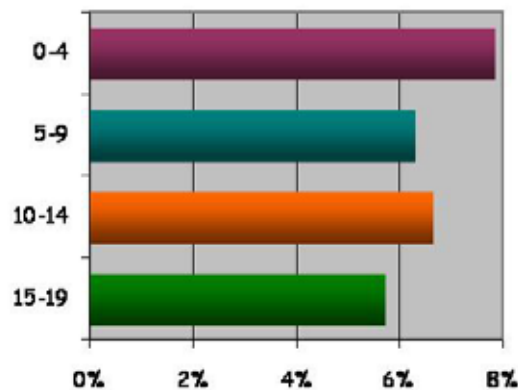
Population



Distribution by Age



Distribution by Age (Under 20)



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Suburbs of Southwest Virginia

Housing:

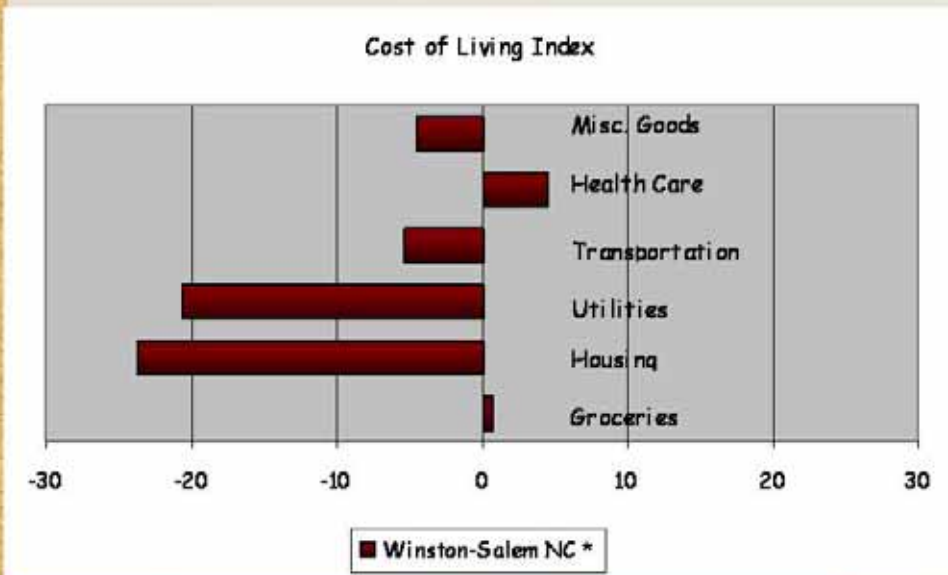
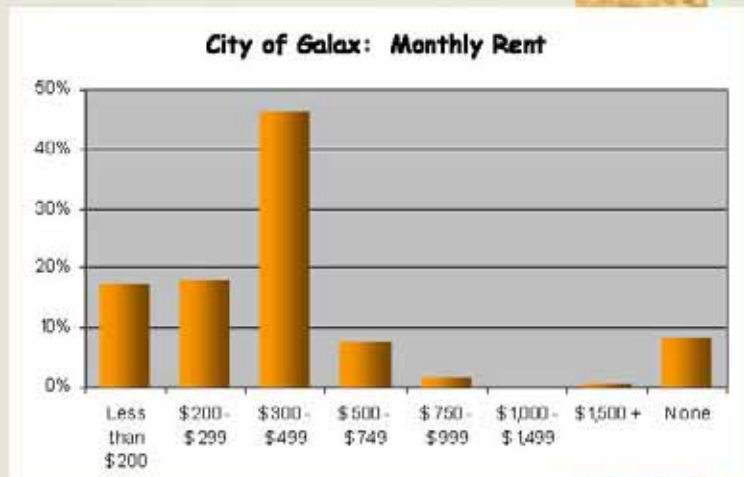
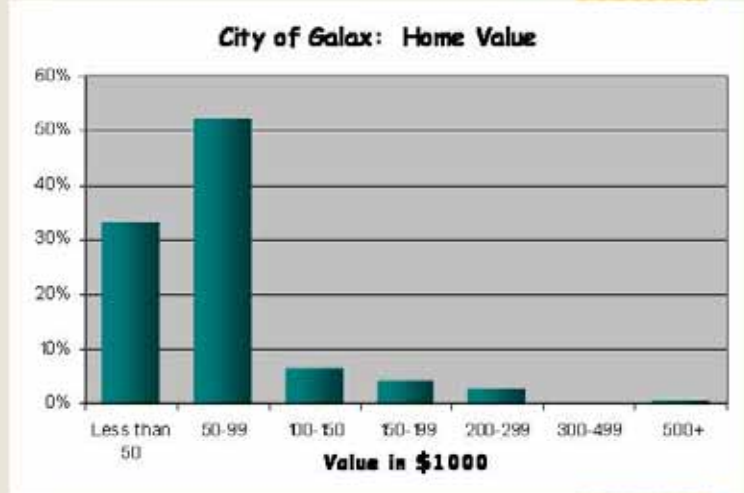
- Occupied Housing - 91.7%
 - Occupied by Owner - 66.2%
 - Occupied by Renter - 33.8%
- Vacant Housing - 8.3%
 - For Recreational User - 0.9%

Median Home Value - \$70,300

Median Monthly Rent - \$346

Median Ownership Costs - \$650
(with a mortgage)

Median Ownership Costs - \$196
(without a mortgage)

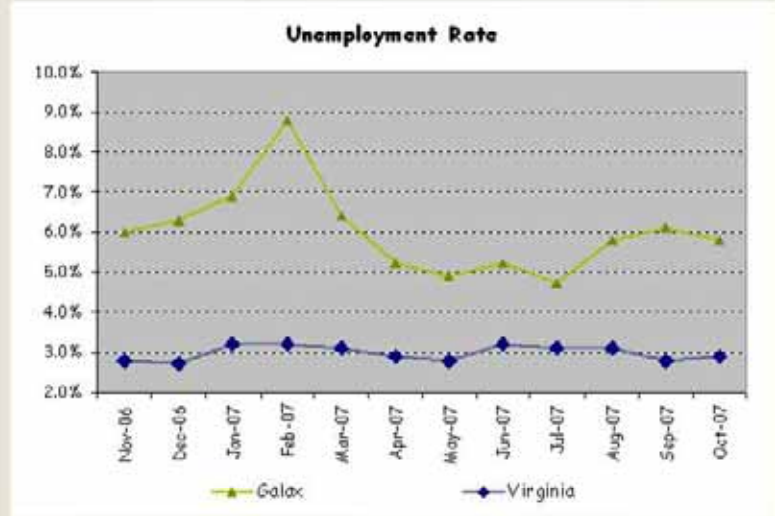


On the Cost of Living Graph, the National Average is set to zero. The numbers on the horizontal axis represent the percent difference in the cost of an item in the region versus the National Average cost.

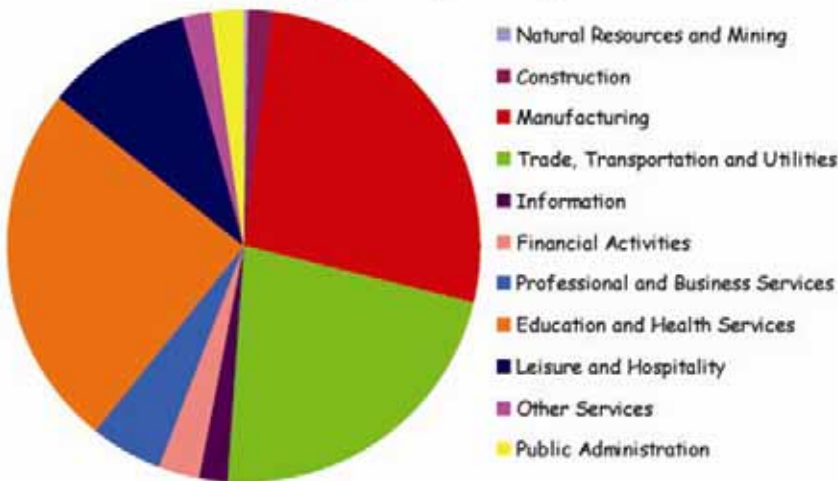
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Civilian Labor Force
(October 2007)

3,092



Employment by Industry



Labor Force by Education

H.S. Diploma	28.6%
Some College	15.3%
Associates	5.4%
Bachelors	7.5%
Graduate	3.6%

Largest Employers

Vaughan Bassett Furniture
Twin County Community Hospital
Wal Mart
Vaughan Furniture Company
Consolidated Glass and Mirror

Industry

Manufacturing
Hospital
Retail Sales
Manufacturing
Manufacturing

Employees

500-999
500-999
250-499
250-499
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Data as of: 4th Quarter 2006

Galax City Public Schools

Superintendent: Mr. Samuel S. Cook
223 Long Street, Galax, VA 24333
(276) 236-2911

Elementary/Middle School

Galax Elementary
225 Academy Drive
Galax, VA 24333
(276) 236-6159
Principal: Mr. Brian Stuart

Grades: K-4
2007-08: Fully Accredited
Fall 2007 enrollment: 588
<http://www.gcps.k12.va.us/ges/>

Galax Middle
Maroon Tide Drive
Galax, VA 24333
(276) 236-6124
Principal: Ms. Kristina Legg

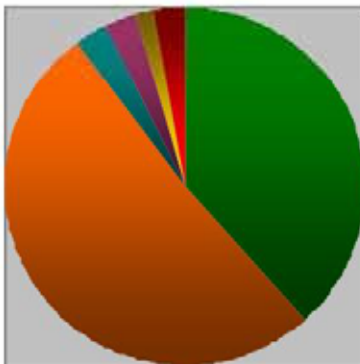
Grades: 5-7
2007-08: Accredited w/ warning
Fall 2007 enrollment: 312
<http://www.gcps.k12.va.us/gms/>

High School

Galax High
Maroon Tide Drive
Galax, VA 24333
(276) 236-2991
Principal: Mr. William Sturgill

Grades: 8-12
2007-08: Fully Accredited
Fall 2007 enrollment: 468
www.gcps.k12.va.us/ghs/

Post High School Graduation Plans



- 2-year College
- 4-year College
- Other Education
- Employment
- Military
- No Plans

LOCAL COLLEGES

Wytheville Community College
New River Community College
Radford University
Virginia Tech