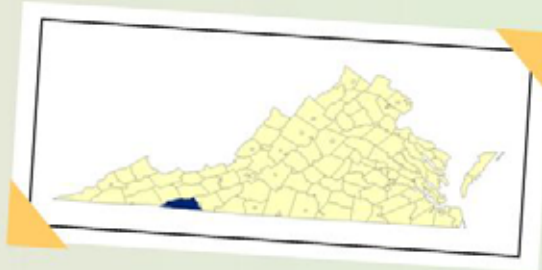


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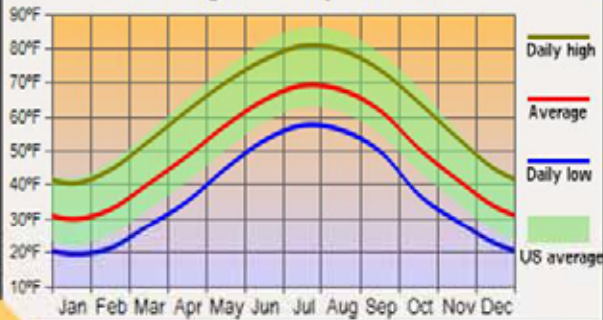
County seat:	Independence
Area:	443 mi ²
Population (2006):	16,433
Median Age (2006):	44.3
Average Family Size:	2.77
Median Home Value:	\$65,800
Median Household Income (2004):	\$30,260
Unemployment Rate (October 2007):	5.0%
% Employment Growth (2005-2006):	-1.9%
Average Commute Time:	29.0 min
Cost-of-Living Index:	89.5*

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



Southwest of Southwestern Virginia

Average Temperatures



Climate

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

Geography

Towns & Communities: Elk Creek, Fries, Independence, Mouth of Wilson, Troutdale, Whitetop

Bodies of Water: New River

Major Roads: I 77, US 16, US 21, US 48, US 52, US 58, US 89, US 93, US 94, US 97, US 100, US 148, US 221, US 274

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Synopsists of Southwest Virginia

2006 Population: 16,433

Gender Distribution:

Male - 49.0%
Female - 51.0%

Ethnic Distribution:

White - 97.4%
Black - 2.1%
American Indian - 0.1%
Asian - 0%
Native Pacific Islander - 0.2%
Other - 0.2%
Hispanic (of any race) - 2.2%

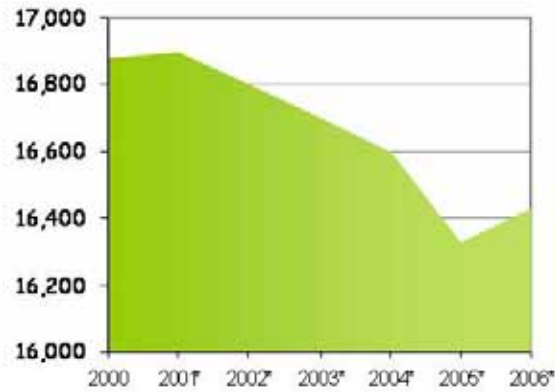
Marital Status (Ages 15+):

Never Married - 16.5%
Married - 60.9%
Separated/Divorced - 11.3%
Widowed - 11.2%

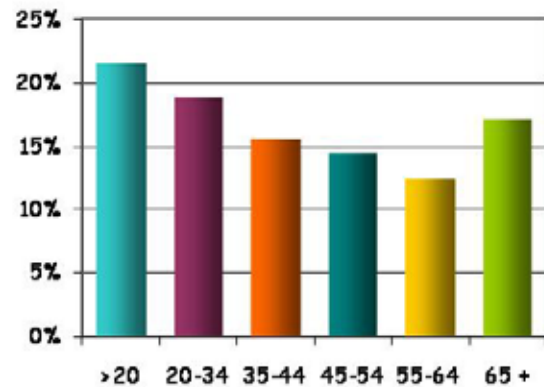
Households:

Families - 70.1%
Families w/ Children - 26.4%
Living Alone - 26.8%

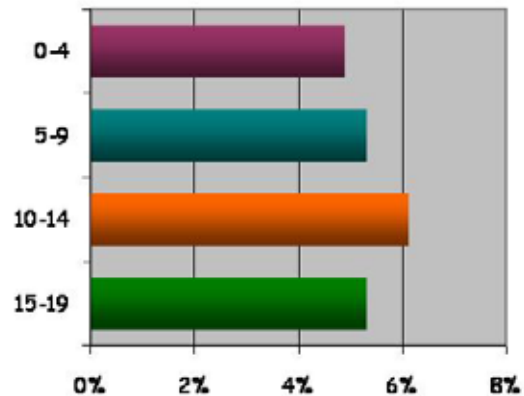
Population



Distribution by Age



Distribution by Age (Under 20)



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Suburbs of Southwest Virginia

Housing:

- Occupied Housing - 79.6%
 - Occupied by Owner - 81.4%
 - Occupied by Renter - 18.6%
- Vacant Housing - 20.4%
 - For Recreational User - 12.0%

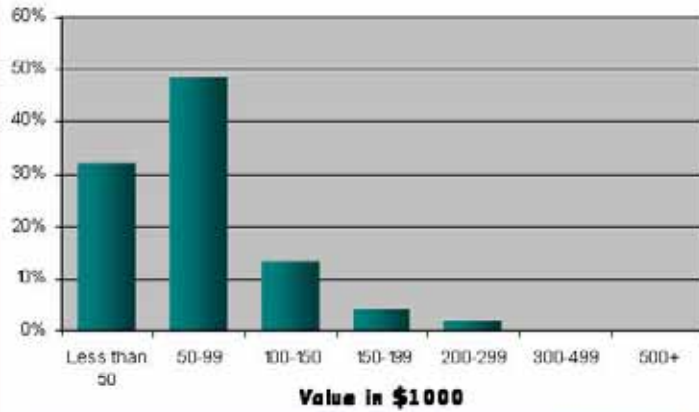
Median Home Value - \$65,800

Median Monthly Rent - \$318

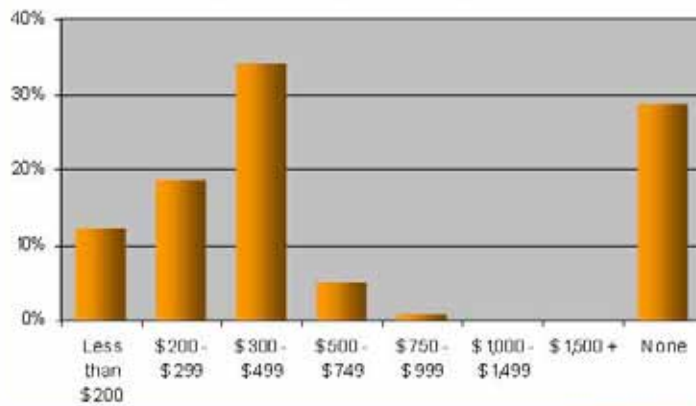
Median Ownership Costs - \$587
(with a mortgage)

Median Ownership Costs - \$156
(without a mortgage)

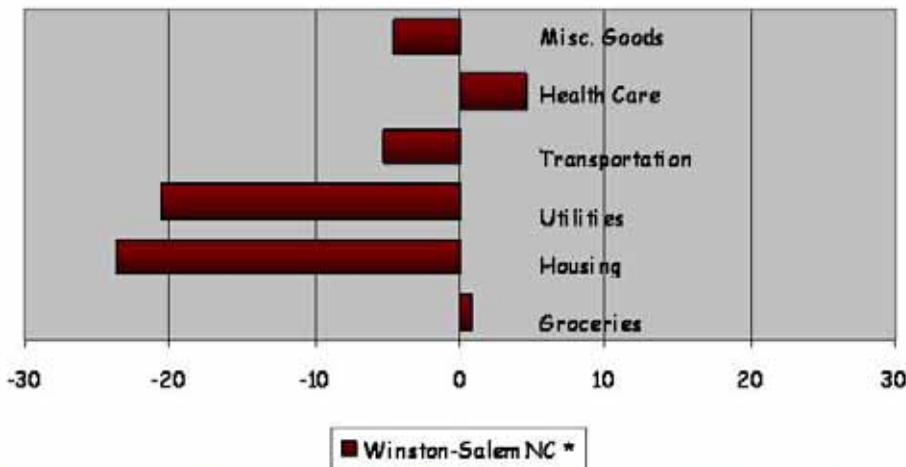
Grayson County: Home Value



Grayson County: Monthly Rent



Cost of Living Index



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.

* The closest reporting metro area

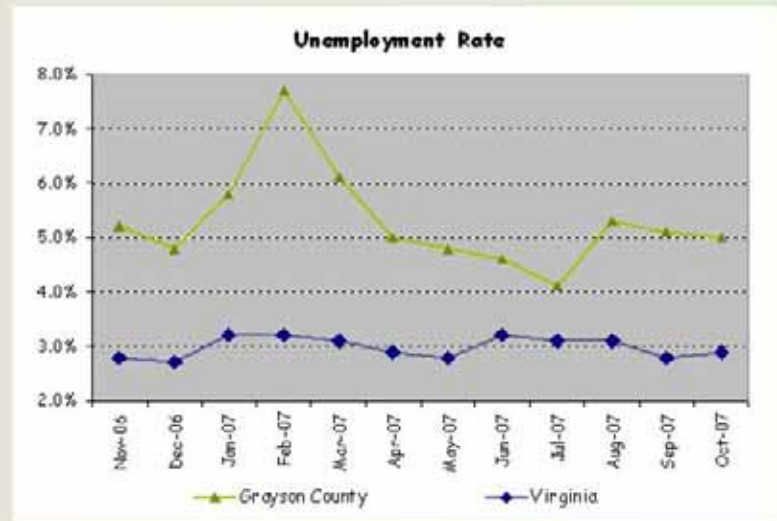
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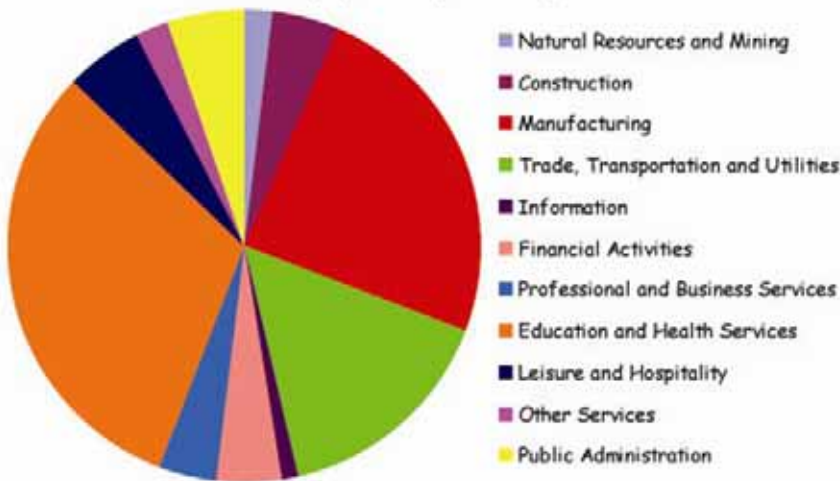
Southwest Virginia

Civilian Labor Force
(October 2007)

7,329



Employment by Industry



Labor Force by Education

H.S. Diploma	37.7%
Some College	14.0%
Associates	4.3%
Bachelors	5.5%
Graduate	2.5%

Largest Employers

Grayson County School Board
The Nautilus Group
Independence Lumber Company
Grayson SP, LLC
Grayson County

Industry

Educational Services
Manufacturing
Manufacturing
Nursing Facility
Public Administration

Employees

250-499
100-249
100-249
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100-249

Data as of: 4th Quarter 2006

Grayson County Public Schools

Superintendent: Ms. Elizabeth Thomas
412 East Main Street , Independence, VA 24348
(276) 773-2832

Elementary/Middle Schools

Baywood Elementary

247 Grammar Lane
Galax, VA 24333
(276) 236-4868
Principal: Mr. John Alexander

Grades: K-5
2007-08: Conditionally Accredited
Fall 2007 enrollment: 137
https://www.edline.net/pages/Special_Education

Bridle Creek Elementary

77 Bridle Creek Road
Independence, VA 24348
(276) 773-2611
Principal: Mr. Clark Nuckolls

Grades: K-5
2007-08: Fully Accredited
Fall 2007 enrollment: 97
https://www.edline.net/pages/Bridle_Creek_Elementary_School

Fairview Elementary

2323 Fairview Road
Galax, VA 24333
(276) 236-2365
Principal: Mr. Mike Reavis

Grades: K-5
2007-08: Fully Accredited
Fall 2007 enrollment: 128
https://www.edline.net/pages/Fairview_Elementary_School

Fries Middle

PO Box 446
Fries, VA 24330
(276) 744-7548
Principal: Ms. Ellen Copenhaver

Grades: 6-8
2007-08: Fully Accredited
Fall 2007 enrollment: 160
https://www.edline.net/pages/Fries_Middle_School

Independence Elementary

915 East Main Street
Independence, VA 24348
(276) 773-2722 Fax
Principal: Ms. Susan Mitchell

Grades: K-5
2007-08: Fully Accredited
Fall 2007 enrollment: 277
<https://www.edline.net/pages/3879573391532394674>

Independence Middle

100 Blue Devil Drive
Independence, VA 24348
(276) 773-3020
Principal: Mr. Bobby Cheeks

Grades: 6-8
2007-08: Accredited w/ Warning
Fall 2007 enrollment: 398
<https://www.edline.net/pages/3762479801193806290>

Mt. Rogers Combined*

11337 Highlands Parkway
Whitetop, VA 24292
(276) 388-3489
Principal: Ms. Judy Greear

Grades: K-8
2007-08: Conditionally Accredited
Fall 2007 enrollment: 69
https://www.edline.net/pages/Mt_Rogers_Combined

Providence Elementary

56 Bainbridge Road
Fries, VA 24330
(276) 744-7228
Principal: Ms. Elizabeth Brown

Grades: K-5
2007-08: Conditionally Accredited
Fall 2007 enrollment: 158
https://www.edline.net/pages/Providence_Elementary_School

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High Schools

Grayson County High
110 Blue Devil Drive
Independence, VA 24348
(276) 773-2131
Principal: Ms. Diane Haynes

Grades: 9-12
2007-08: Fully Accredited
Fall 2007 enrollment: 657
https://www.edline.net/pages/Grayson_County_High

Mt. Rogers Combined*
11337 Highlands Parkway
Whitetop, VA 24292
(276) 388-3489
Principal: Ms. Judy Greear

Grades: 9-12
2007-08: Conditionally Accredited
Fall 2007 enrollment: 28
https://www.edline.net/pages/Mt_Rogers_Combined

* Information for Mt. Rogers Combined School has been broken into two categories.

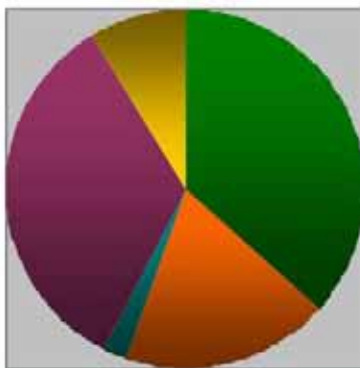
Vocational Schools

Grayson County Career & Technical Education Center
PO Box 707
Independence, VA 24348
(276) 773-2951
Principal: Ms. Angela Lawson

https://www.edline.net/pages/Grayson_County_HCTE

Program offerings: Agriculture Education, Business & Information Technology, Family & Consumer Science, Health & Medical Science, and Trade & Industrial Education

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