

# 2007 TAZEWELL COUNTY PROFILE



## POPULATION

### Tazewell County Population:

1980:	50,511
1990:	45,960
2003:	44,011
2004:	43,900
2006:	44,598

### Incorporated Towns: (February 2006)

Bluefield:	5,083
Cedar Bluff:	1,290
Pocahontas:	441
Richlands:	5,639
Tazewell:	5,000

### County Population Projections:

2010	42,600
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### Population Age Breakdown: (2007)

0-19 .... 24.1%	19-24.... 5%
25-34 .... 11.8%	35-44.... 15.4%
45-54 .... 16.2%	55-64.... 11.3%
65-74 .... 8.6%	Over 75 .... 7%
Median age: 42.2	

County Area (Sq. Miles)...522

Population Density (Per Sq. Miles)...84.6

## CLIMATE

Average January Temperature	39
Average July temperature	72

Average Annual Rainfall	44 inches
Average Annual Snowfall	39 inches

Prevailing winds are from the west and southwest and from a secondary northeast direction.

Tazewell County is considered to be an attainment area for all national air quality standards.

## EMPLOYMENT

### Labor Force (December 2006)

County Civilian Labor Force...19,757

Unemployment Rate...3.2% (Dec. 2006)

### County Non-farm Employment by Industry

( Annual Average Employment 2006)

Agriculture.....	36
Mining.....	603
Construction.....	764
Manufacturing.....	1,862
Transportation.....	425
Trade.....	3,260
Fin.,Ins., Real Estate.....	687
Services.....	2,394
Government.....	3,352
Other.....	4,128
Total.....	17,511

## COUNTY TAXES

	Assessment Ratio	Effective Tax Rate
Real Estate	100%	\$0.60

Machinery & Tools		\$2.00
Year 1	80%	1.60
Year 2	70%	1.40
Year 3	60%	1.20
Year 4	50%	1.00
Year 5	40%	.80
Year 6	30%	.60
Year 7+	20%	.40

Merchant Capital	20%	\$4.30/100
Personal Property	100%	\$2.00

Tax on Utility Companies 0.005% of gross receipts

Transient Occupancy Tax 5% of gross receipts

## MAJOR MANUFACTURERS

(February 2006)	#Employees
Joy Technologies, Inc.	202
Pyott-Boone	200
Bluefield Beverage	150
Pemco Corporation	102
Marshall Miller & Associates	125

## UTILITIES

Serving the Industrial Parks:

### *Water*

#### **Bluefield Water System**

Rates are based on consumption and available upon request.

#### **Tazewell County PSA**

Rates are based on consumption and available upon request.

### *Sewer*

#### **Bluefield Sanitary Board**

Rates are based on consumption and available upon request.

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### *Electric*

#### **American Electric Co.**

204 V 3-Phase Service  
\$0.04 kw @ 400,000 kw/hr per month.  
Location determines other rates.

### *Gas*

#### **Bluefield Gas Company\***

#### **Heritage Propane Company\***

\*Industrial and commercial rates are based on consumption and available upon request.

### *Telephone*

**Verizon** – Both conventional and fiber-optic cable facilities are available.

## EDUCATION

February 2007	2006-2007
Schools	Enrollment
9 Elementary (K-6)	3,612
7 Middle & High (7-12)	3,177
Total County	6,789

The Tazewell County School System is fully accredited by the Southern Association of Schools and Colleges. Special education for handicapped students and gifted courses are offered.

### Vocational/Technical School

The Tazewell County Career and Technical Center, in Tazewell, offers courses in auto mechanics, building trades, welding, carpentry, sewing, nursing, cosmetology, printing, masonry, computer system technology, CISCO, CAD, and Manufacturing Technology.

### Higher Education

#### Community Colleges

Tazewell County is home to Southwest Virginia Community College, a part of the state community system.

Accredited by Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award the associate degree, SVCC offers 70 different programs of study leading to associate degrees, diplomas, certificates and career studies certificates. Programs are available in college transfer courses, occupational technical courses, continuing adult education and specialized training/retaining programs for business and industry. SVCC works closely with new and existing industry to train/retain employees in a variety of programs through a vigorous continuing education program.

Other institutions conveniently located around Tazewell County include:

\*Bluefield College, Bluefield, VA  
Bluefield State College, Bluefield, WV  
Clinch Valley College, Wise, VA  
Concord College, Athens, WV  
Emory & Henry College, Emory, VA

\*National College of Business & Technology, Bluefield, VAA  
Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg, VA  
Radford University, Radford, VA  
Virginia Intermont College, Bristol, VA  
King College, Bristol, TN

East TN State Univ., Johnson City, TN

\*located in Tazewell County

## QUALITY OF LIFE

### Health Care

Clinch Valley Medical Center is a 200 bed acute care hospital in Richlands. The County is also served by Tazewell Community Hospital, a 56 bed facility. The eastern end of the County is served by the Bluefield Regional Medical Center, a 240 bed, nonprofit, acute care hospital and St. Luke's Hospital, which houses 73 acute care and 6 intensive care beds.

There are three long term care facilities and six clinics.

### Hotels/Meeting Rooms

Twenty hotel/bed & breakfasts are located in the county. Fourteen facilities offer meeting rooms. The Community Center at Southwest Community College is available for business and industry meetings, seminars and workshops. Three meeting rooms are available with a maximum capacity of 150 people for business and community use. The entire Community Center can accommodate large trade shows serving the business and industrial community.

### Libraries

The Tazewell County Public Library has three branches over 118,000 volumes. Residents also have access to Southwest VA Community College library.

### Recreation

Outdoor recreational opportunities are available at the Richlands Recreational Park, the Jefferson National Forest and Clinch Mountain Wildlife Management Areas, Graham Recreational Park, Lincolnshire Park and Lake Witten at Cavitt's Creek.

The Historic Crab Orchard Museum and Pioneer Park is open year round and sponsors several festivals and programs.

The Pocahontas Exhibition Mine is open from April through October of each year.

Richwood Golf Course, in Bluefield, VA is a public nine hole regulation golf course. Two private courses are also available.

Nearby attractions include Wards Cove, Winter Place Ski Resort, The Bluefield Orioles, and Burkes Garden.

Annual events include Bluefield's Autumn Jamboree, The Tazewell County Fair, the Burke's Garden Festival, Tazewell's Main Street Moments and the Cedar Bluff Heritage Festival.

### Religion

Tazewell County has 132 churches representing most major denominations.

### Shopping

Three malls and ten shopping centers provide a variety of shops and stores.

## TRANSPORTATION

### Highways

Tazewell County is served by US Routes 19 and 460 and State Routes 16 and 67.

### Intestates

I-77	10 miles
I-81	45 miles
I-64	45 miles

### Air

#### Commercial Air Service

Mercer County Airport, 8 miles from Bluefield provides airline service through Colgan Air (US Airways). There are four flights per day to Dulles Airport in the Washington, D.C. area. The Roanoke Regional Airport and the Tri-City Regional Airport are both approximately 90 miles from Bluefield. Airline service is provided at these facilities by USAir, ComAir, American Airlines, Atlantic Southeast and Delta.

#### General Aviation Services

Tazewell County, 36 miles from Bluefield, has a 4,300 foot runway, REILS and PAPIS lighting, T-Hangars and fueling services.

### Trucking

Sixteen motor freight and eight air freight companies provide services to Tazewell County.

## INDUSTRIAL PARKS

### Bluefield Industrial Park\*

### Cedar lands Industrial Park\*

### Wardell Industrial Park\*

\*Designated as a VA Enterprise Zone