

# Harrisonburg MSA, Virginia

# Overview

Only a few locations can guarantee the right combination of resources that are crucial to your business's success. Virginia's premier location offers excellent domestic and international access. Centrally located on the U.S. East Coast, 40 percent of the U.S. population is within a day's drive, and our integrated transportation system of highways, railroads, airports and seaports ensures that you can reach every one of your markets efficiently. Close proximity to Washington, D.C. facilitates contact with policy makers and the federal government system.

Virginia continues to rank among America's leading states for business by CNBC and Forbes.com. Business-first values, easy access to markets, stable and competitive operating costs, and a talented workforce all drove Virginia to the top. This unique combination of assets has encouraged businesses to prosper here for more than 400 years. Like you, they searched the world over for that convergence of resources that would help ensure their prosperity. For them, their search ended here. Chances are yours will too.

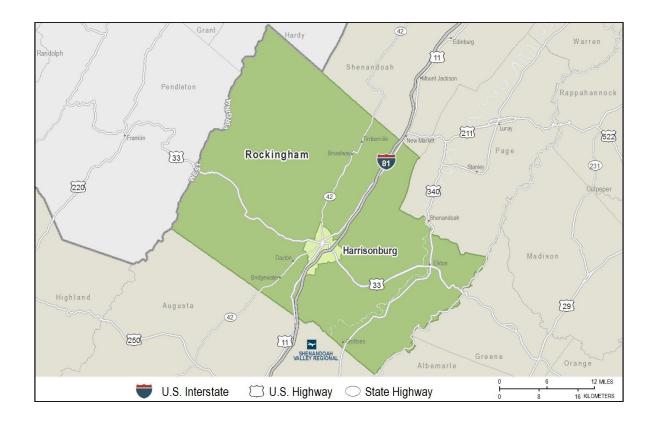
- AAA bond rating- Virginia has maintained a AAA rating since 1938, longer than any other state.
- Right-to-work law allows individuals the right to work regardless of membership in a labor union or organization.
- Corporate income tax rate of 6% has not been increased since 1972.
- Headquarters to 37 Fortune 1000 firms.
- Headquarters to 56 firms each with annual revenue over \$1 billion.
- More than 21,400 high-tech establishments operate in Virginia.
- More than 700 internationally-owned businesses from 40 countries are located in Virginia.
- Ranks third among the 50 states as a recipient of federal R&D funds.
- Streamlined permitting process.
- Recruitment training programs to help new businesses become operational faster.
- Programs at little or no cost to help businesses increase international sales.



# Location

The Harrisonburg Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) is nestled in the heart of the historic and scenic Shenandoah Valley in west central Virginia. The area is bounded on the west by the Allegheny Mountains and on the east by the crest of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Interstate 81 is the major transportation route providing one-day access to two-thirds of the U.S. population.

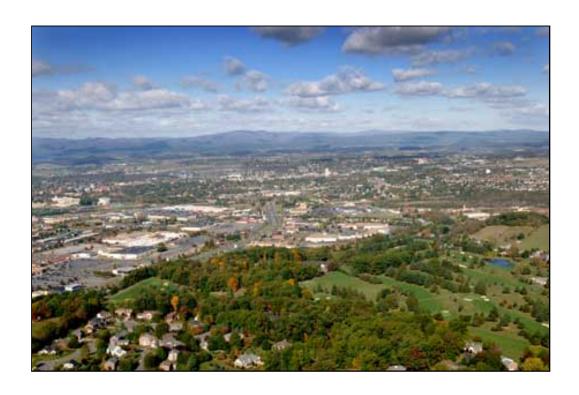
Roanoke is 110 miles to the south; Washington, D.C. is 125 miles to the northeast; and Richmond, the state capital, is 131 miles southeast.



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# Harrisonburg MSA

The Harrisonburg MSA is a hub for technology development. When asked what attracted Serco to the Shenandoah Valley, the management team listed a highly skilled and professional workforce, James Madison University, and affordable labor rates and a climate for technical innovation as key factors. Harrisonburg specializes in growing information technology businesses for health and security solutions. Come see why industry leaders Rosetta Stone, SRI International, Merck and MillerCoors are investing hundreds of millions in this thriving market.



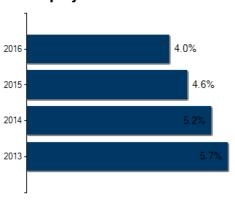
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Population		
Gender Distribution (2016)	Male	Female
Harrisonburg MSA	48.7%	51.3%
Race/Ethnicity (2017)		
		Profile
Classification		Area
White		121,000
Black		6,599
Asian		3,098
Two or More		2,648
American Indian or Alaska Native		891
Pacific Islander		206
Hispanic (may be of any race)		16,341
Median Age (2016)		
Harrisonburg		26 years
Rockingham		41 years

### Population in Thousands



## **Unemployment Rates**



Civilian Labor Force (2017)	
Harrisonburg MSA	65,396

Labor Force Participation (2012-2016)	
Harrisonburg MSA	62.3%

Unemployment	
Unemployment Rate (May 2018)	
Harrisonburg MSA	2.9%
Statewide	2.9%
Unemployed (2017)	
Harrisonburg MSA	2,433
Underemployed (1st Quarter 2018)	
Harrisonburg MSA	8,284

Commute Time (2012-2016)		
Worked from home	2,803	4.6%
Under 15 minutes	23,451	39.9%
15-24 minutes	20,172	34.3%
25-34 minutes	8,996	15.3%
35-44 minutes	2,244	3.8%
45-59 minutes	1,844	3.1%
Over 60 minutes	2,033	3.5%
Mean Travel Time to Work (minutes)		
Harrisonburg		16
Rockingham		22

Additional Labor Resources	
High School Graduates Not Continuing (2016-2017)	306
Two-Year College Graduates (Spring 2017)	979
Two-Year College Enrollees (Fall 2017)	10,898
Other College and University Graduates (Spring 2017)	6,211
Total	18,394

### **Career Readiness Certificate (01/01/2016-08/31/2017)**

Virginia's Career Readiness Certificate (CRC) assists employers by certifying that a recipient possesses core skills in applied math, reading for information, and locating information. The CRC certification is based on established Workeys ® assessment tests. Virginia uses a three-tiered approach (bronze, silver, gold) to credentialing certificate holders that is based on the recipient's level of development skills.

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Educational Attainment	
On-Time Graduation Rate (Class of 2017)	92.4%
Percentage of Harrisonburg MSA population age 25+	83.0%
who are high school graduates (2012-2016)	
Percentage of Harrisonburg MSA population age 25+	28.3%
who have earned a Bachelor's Degree or higher	
(2012-2016)	

Employment by Sector* (4th Qtr. 2017)		
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	1,391	2.1%
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	N.D.	N.D.
Utilities	N.D.	N.D.
Construction	3,638	5.6%
Manufacturing	10,264	15.7%
Wholesale Trade	2,301	3.5%
Retail Trade	7,098	10.9%
Transportation and Warehousing	3,666	5.6%
Information	946	1.4%
Finance and Insurance	1,155	1.8%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	798	1.2%
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	1,864	2.9%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	319	0.5%
Administrative and Support and Waste Management	2,074	3.2%
Educational Services	1,198	1.8%
Health Care and Social Assistance	7,314	11.2%
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	693	1.1%
Accomodation and Food Services	8,085	12.4%
Other Services	1,415	2.2%
Total Government	10,949	16.7%
Federal Government	345	0.5%
State Government	4,981	7.6%
Local Government	5,623	8.6%
Unclassified	94	0.1%
Total	65,371	100.0%

N.D. - Not Disclosed

<sup>\*</sup>By Business Establishment

Employment by Occupation (2017)		
Construction, Extraction & Maintenance	5,780	9.1%
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	480	0.8%
Managerial, Professional & Related	15,710	24.8%
Production, Transportation & Material	12,580	19.8%
Moving		
Sales & Office	15,010	23.7%
Service	13,870	21.9%
Total	63,430	100%

### **Major Employers**

### Manufacturing

### Company

ComSonics, Inc. Georges, Inc.

Graham Packaging Co.

Intrapac, Inc.

LSC Communications Merck & Company Inc.

MillerCoors Shenandoah Brewery

Perdue Farms, Inc.

Pilgrim's Pride Corporation Tenneco Automotive Inc.

Valley Blox, Inc. WhiteWave Foods

### **NonManufacturing**

### Company

James Madison University

Marshalls

Rockingham Mutual Insurance

Rosetta Stone

Sentara/Rockingham Memorial Hospital

Serco Wal Mart

#### Product/Service

Telecommunications equipment

Poultry processing

Plastic bottles

Aluminum extruded products

**Book printing** 

Pharmaceuticals

Malt beverages

Poultry processing

Poultry processing

Motor vehicle parts

Concrete products

Milk, soy products

#### Product/Service

Higher education

Retail distribution

Insurance services

Language learning software

Health care

Patent classification - sciences

Retail distribution

Closings, Re	ductions, La	yoffs (1/2015 to date)		
Date	Туре	Company	Product/Service	Employees
				Affected
4/2/2018	Closing	Rosetta Stone	Foreign language teaching software	12

Union Activity (10/1/2015 - 10/1/2017)	
Petitions filed for representation	2
Elections won by union	1
Elections won by company	1

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Estimated Earnings (May 2017)				
	Median	Mean Wage	Median	Mean
Occupation	Wage (US\$)	(US\$)	Salary	Salary
			(US\$)	(US\$)
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	13.61	14.35	28,324	29,843
Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators	17.10	18.94	35,545	39,408
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	19.86	21.63	41,309	44,996
Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, and Weighers	16.48	18.24	34,268	37,943
Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	18.69	18.39	38,885	38,250
First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating	25.17	27.28	52,354	56,745
Workers				
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	17.90	18.82	37,239	39,128
Industrial Machinery Mechanics	26.16	26.84	54,402	55,834
Bus and Truck Mechanics and Diesel Engine Specialists	21.82	22.83	45,394	47,496
Office Clerks, General	14.18	14.81	29,490	30,810
Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal,	15.39	15.93	32,018	33,134
Medical, and Executive				
Receptionists and Information Clerks	13.46	13.85	28,005	28,814
Customer Service Representatives	14.92	15.85	31,056	32,960
Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks	17.60	18.18	36,604	37,811
First-Line Supervisors of Office and Administrative	22.62	24.02	47,044	49,962
Support Workers				
Network and Computer Systems Administrators	34.70	35.30	72,179	73,408
Software Developers, Applications	40.08	39.47	83,360	82,101
Accountants and Auditors	32.70	33.99	68,003	70,698
Management Analysts	30.08	36.76	62,563	76,464
Human Resources Specialists	26.02	27.26	54,113	56,695

## Per Capita Personal Income (2016)

\$36,021

## Median Family Income (2012-2016)

\$61,838

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Public School Enrollment (Fall 2017)			
Level	Number	Enrollment	
Elementary	20	8,113	
Middle	6	4,024	
High School	5	5,501	
Alternative	1	485	

Student Teacher Ratio (FY 2016)	
Elementary	12:1
Secondary	10:1

Per Pupil Expenditure (FY 2016) (US\$)	
11,263.63	

<b>On-Time Grad</b>	duation Rate (Class of 2017)
92.4%	

## High School Graduates Continuing Education (2016-2017) 76.8%

Advanced Programs (2016-2017)		
Governor's STEM Academies and Health Academies		
Governor's STEM Academy at Harrisonburg High School		
Governor's School Enrollment	I	32

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Students taking 1 or more Advanced Placement (AP) Courses	1,134
Students taking 1 or more AP Exams	682
Students taking 1 or more Dual Enrollment Courses	180

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Workforce Development Facilities		
Facility	Туре	
Massanutten Technical Center	Career and Technical Center	
Valley Workforce Center - Harrisonburg	Comprehensive Center	
Valley Workforce Center - Luray	Satellite Center	
Valley Workforce Center - Rockbridge	Satellite Center	
Valley Workforce Center - Staunton	Satellite Center	
Valley Workforce Center - Winchester	Satellite Center	

Higher Education Facilities — Fall 2017	
Facility	Enrollment
James Madison University	21,836
Piedmont Virginia Community College - Eugene Giuseppe	5,608 <sup>‡</sup>
Center	
Blue Ridge Community College	4,200
Bridgewater College	1,889
Mary Baldwin College	1,654
Eastern Mennonite University	1,530
American National University - Harrisonburg Campus	1,090 <sup>‡</sup>
Lord Fairfax Community College - Luray-Page County	†§
Center	

<sup>†</sup> Enrollment figures are not available.
† Enrollment figures are for all campuses.
§ Enrollment counted at a main campus.
† Fall 2016 Enrollment

# Transportation

Interstates		
Name	Distance	
I-81	0.0 miles (0.0 km.)	
I-64	11.0 miles (17.7 km.)	
I-66	33.1 miles (53.2 km.)	

Note: Measured from border of locality/region.

Highways				
Highway 11	Highway 211	Highway 256	Highway 257	Highway 259
Highway 276	Highway 290	Highway 33	Highway 340	Highway 42
Highway 48				

Commercial Air Service				
Shenandoah Valley Regional Airport, Weyers Cave 15.1 miles (24.2 km.)				
ViaAir				
Charlottesville-Albemarle Airport, Charlottesville 46.2 miles (74.4 km.)				
American Airlines	Delta Connection	United Airlines		

Note: Within a 75-mile drive of the center of the closest locality in the MSA.

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# Transportation

General Aviation Service	
Name	Runway Length
Bridgewater Air Park, Bridgewater, VA	2,745 ft (837 m)

# Freight Rail Service Chesapeake & Western Railroad Norfolk Southern Railway Company Shenandoah Valley Railroad

Seaports		
Name	Distance	
Port of Virginia (Inland Port Front Royal)	64.0 miles (103.0 km)	
Port of Virginia	208.0 miles (334.7 km)	

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

Other Ports of Entry	
Name	Distance
Port of Washington - Dulles	113.7 miles (183.0 km)

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

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# **U**tilities

### **Utilities**

#### **Electric**

Shenandoah Valley Electric Cooperative

Harrisonburg Electric Commission

**Dominion Energy** 

### **Natural Gas**

Columbia Gas of Virginia

### **Telecommunications**

Shenandoah Telecommunications Verizon South
Level 3 Communications Lumos Networks

**Comcast Business Communications** 

#### Water

City of Harrisonburg Rockingham County
Town of Bridgewater Town of Broadway

Town of Elkton Food Processors Water Cooperative

#### **Waste Water Treatment**

Harrisonburg-Rockingham Regional Sewer Authority

Town of Elkton City of Harrisonburg Town of Dayton Town of Broadway
Town of Timberville
Town of Bridgewater

### **Solid Waste Disposal**

Harrisonburg-Rockingham Landfill

# Financial Institutions

Financial Institutions — 4th Qtr 2016 Assets		
	Assets	
Bank	(US\$ Millions)	
Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.	1,727,235.0	
Bank of America, N.A.	1,677,490.0	
Branch Banking and Trust Company	214,433.0	
SunTrust Bank	200,557.6	
First-Citizens Bank & Trust Co.	32,814.8	
United Bank	9,017.2	
Union Bank & Trust Co.	8,402.5	
WoodForest National Bank	4,854.5	
Carter Bank & Trust	4,505.5	
Summit Community Bank, Inc.	1,751.0	
The First Bank and Trust Co.	1,646.9	
Farmers & Merchants Bank	745.1	
First Bank - Strasburg	715.7	
Bank of the James	574.5	
Blue Ridge Bank	416.5	
Pendleton Community Bank, Inc.	276.3	
Pioneer Bank	189.7	

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## Government and Taxes

### Government

Rockingham County has a County Administrator and a five-member Board of Supervisors. Harrisonburg has a City Manager and a five-member City Council.

Both Rockingham County and Harrisonburg have comprehensive plans and zoning and subdivision ordinances.

Harrisonburg serves as the county seat. Bridgewater, Broadway, Dayton, Elkton, Grottoes, Mount Crawford, and Timberville are incorporated towns within the county.

#### **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.

# Community Facilities

Rockingham Health Care, Inc. is composed of Rockingham Memorial Hospital (RMH), a full-accredited, not-for-profit, 266-bed regional healthcare facility; East Rockingham Health Center; Mt. Jackson Medical Center; and the RMH Wellness Center, a medically based wellness facility. RMH offers a regional Cancer Center, Ambulatory Surgery Center, Home Health Care, Family Birthplace, a hospice program, plus a number of other diversified health services.

There are more than 220 physicians,1,180 health care workers, and over 600 volunteers associated with RMH.

In addition to hospital services, Rockingham County and Harrisonburg jointly maintain health departments and clinics to serve the health needs of area residents.

Massanutten Regional Library with 175,000 volumes has an annual circulation of 560,000. Libraries at James Madison University, Bridgewater College, Eastern Mennonite University, and Blue Ridge Community College are also open to the public and issue off-campus borrowers' cards to residents of the area.

The Rockingham MSA serves as the major retail and service center in the Shenandoah Valley. A regional mall with over 90 retail outlets is located in Harrisonburg. Six additional shopping centers are conveniently located throughout the area for residents' shopping needs along with a variety of shops and services in the Harrisonburg downtown central business district.

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# Community Facilities

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There are over 200 places of worship in the area. These facilities represent a diversity of denominations and faiths.



# Lifestyle

Numerous cultural and recreational opportunities are available to the residents of the Rockingham MSA. The Shenandoah National Park, Skyline Drive, George Washington National Forest, Grand Caverns Regional Park, and Natural Chimneys Regional Park offer scenic views, hiking, skiing, picnicking, camping, swimming, fishing, and other outdoor activities for residents as well as visitors. Masanutten Four-Season Resort offers skiing, golf, hiking, mountain biking, and an indoor/outdoor water park.

James Madison University, Bridgewater College and Eastern Mennonite University sponsor lectures, concerts, art exhibits and numerous athletic events which can be attended by the general public. Many of these events are free. Two planetariums, at Bridgewater College and James Madison University, are also open to the public throughout the year. James Madison University also offers programs and activities through their theaters and galleries.

Explore More Discovery Museum, a hands-on learning environment for children ages 1-12 and their families, is a regional attraction located in Harrisonburg's thriving downtown Arts & Cultural District. Annual attendance exceeds 60,000 visitors.