

Bland County

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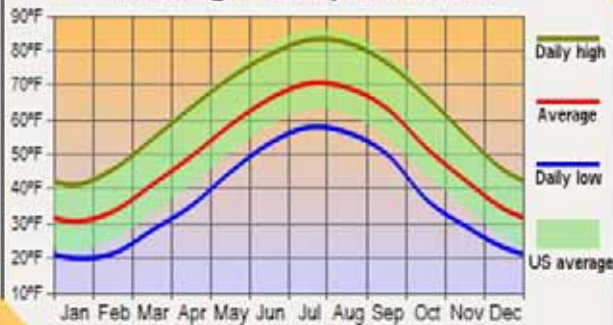
County seat:	Bland
Area:	359 mi ²
Population (2008):	7,051
Median Age (2007):	42.1
Average Family Size:	2.85
Median Home Value:	\$71,500
Median Household Income (2007):	\$38,175
Unemployment Rate (March 2009):	8.9%
% Employment Growth (2006-2007):	5.1%
Average Commute Time:	33.4 min
Cost-of-Living Index:	97.9*

* Blacksburg VA (the closest reporting metro area)



Southwest of Virginia

Average Temperatures



Geography

Towns & Communities: Bastian, Bland, Ceres, Rocky Gap,

Major Roads: I 77, US 42, US 52, US 61, US 98, US 498

Climate

Average Temperature	Average Annual Precipitation
January -33°F	Rainfall -37.46 "
July -71°F	Snowfall -19.80 "

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Subplots of Southwest Virginia

2008 Population: 7,051*

Gender Distribution:

Male - 54.1%

Female - 45.9%

Ethnic Distribution:

White - 94.8%

Black - 4.5%

American Indian - 0.1%

Asian - 0.1%

Native Pacific Islander - 0%

Other - 0.5%

Hispanic (of any race) - 0.6%

* Estimate

Marital Status (Ages 15+):

Never Married - 16.3%

Married - 70.0%

Separated/Divorced - 7.5%

Widowed - 6.2%

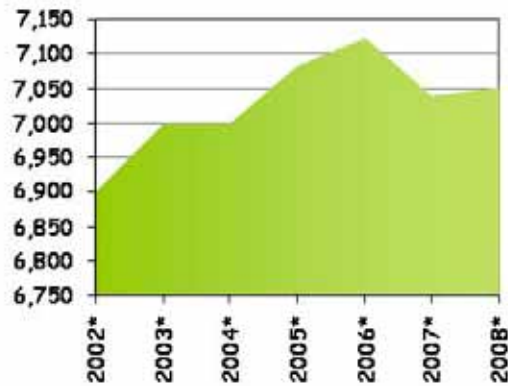
Households:

Families - 74.3%

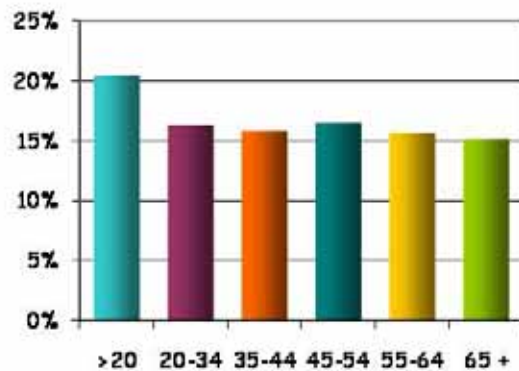
Families w/ Children - 28.3%

Living Alone - 23.3%

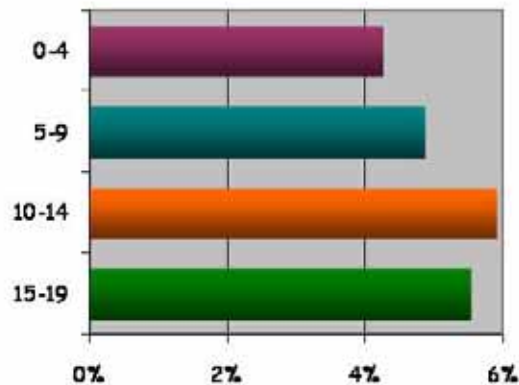
Population



Distribution by Age



Distribution by Age (Under 20)



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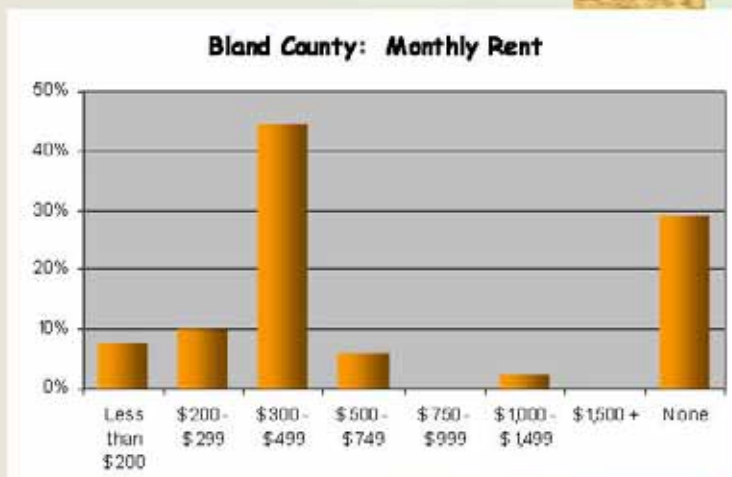
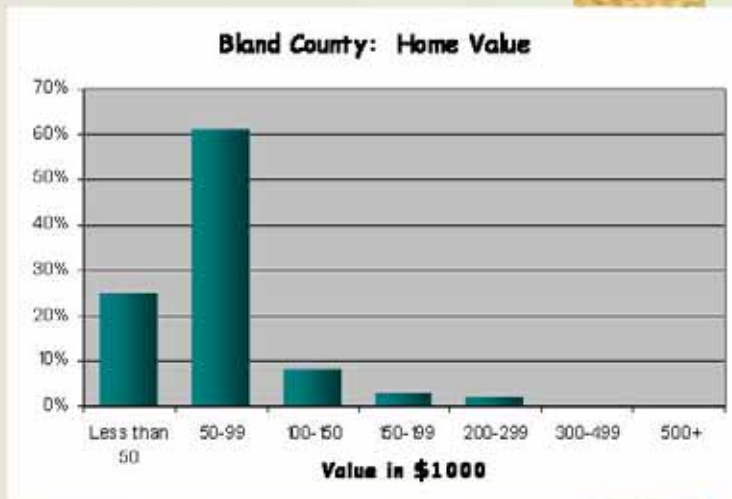
Summaries of Southwest Virginia

Housing:

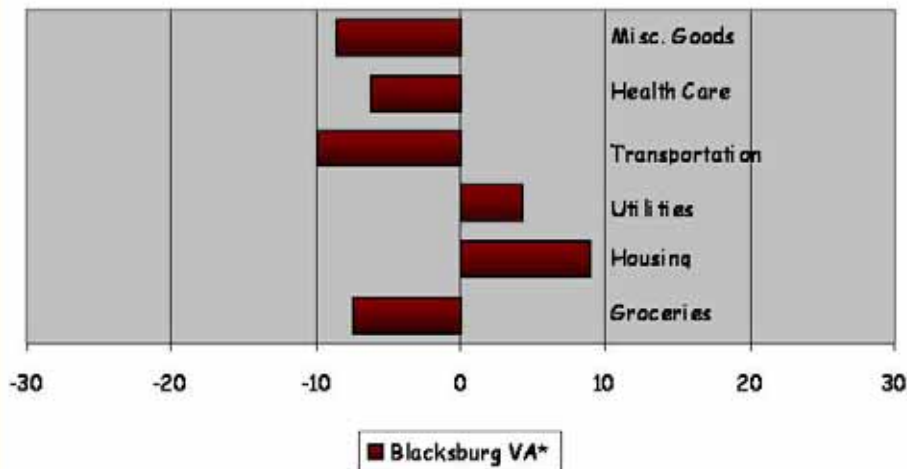
- Occupied Housing - 81.2%
 - Occupied by Owner - 86.1%
 - Occupied by Renter - 13.9%
- Vacant Housing - 18.8%
 - For Recreational User - 9.9%

Median Home Value - \$70,500
 Median Monthly Rent - \$349

Median Ownership Costs - \$626
 (with a mortgage)
 Median Ownership Costs - \$170
 (without a mortgage)



Cost of Living Index - 1st Quarter 2009



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.

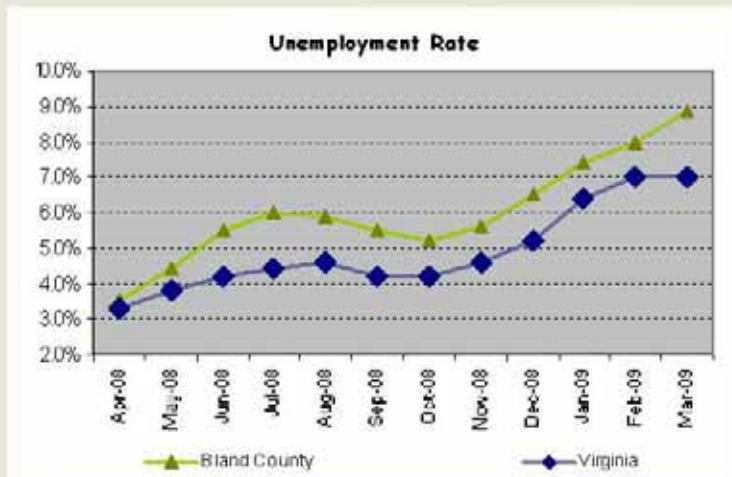
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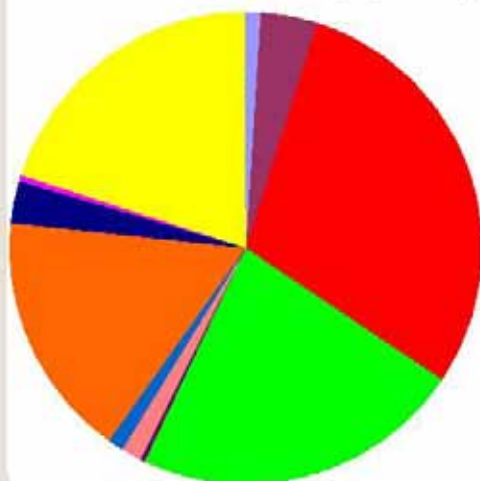
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Civilian Labor Force
(March 2009)

3,635



Employment by Industry



- Natural Resources and Mining
- Construction
- Manufacturing
- Trade, Transportation and Utilities
- Information
- Financial Activities
- Professional and Business Services
- Education and Health Services
- Leisure and Hospitality
- Other Services
- Public Administration

Labor Force by Education

H.S. Diploma	38.1%
Some College	17.6%
Associates	6.0%
Bachelors	6.1%
Graduate	3.1%

Largest Employers

ABB Service Company

Bland Correctional Center

General Injectables and Vaccines

Bland County School Board

Melvin Enterprises

Industry

Manufacturing

Corrections

Pharmaceuticals

Educational Services

Transportation

Employees

250-499

250-499

100-249

100-249

50-99

Data as of: 3rd Quarter 2008

Southwest Virginia

Bland County Public Schools

Superintendent: Mr. Donald Hodock
361 Bears Trail, Bastian, VA 24314
(276) 688-3361

Elementary/Middle Schools

Bland Elementary

31 Rocket Drive
Bland, VA 24315
(276) 688-3621
Principal: Ms. Diana Tibbs

Grades: K-7
2008-09: Fully Accredited
Fall 2008 enrollment: 294
www.bland.k12.va.us/bes/

Rocky Gap Elementary

P.O. Box 339
Rocky Gap, VA 24366
(276) 928-1086
Principal: William Miller

Grades: K-7
2008-09: Fully Accredited
Fall 2008 enrollment: 242
www.bland.k12.va.us/rges/RGES%20'06/

High Schools

Bland High

31 Rocket Drive
Bland, VA 24315
(276) 688-3621
Principal: Mr. Kevin Siers

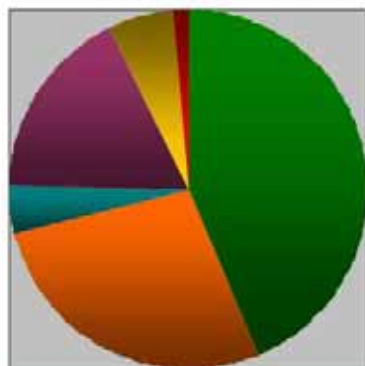
Grades: 8-12
2008-09: Fully Accredited
Fall 2008 enrollment: 199
www.bland.k12.va.us/bhs/2007-2008/homepage.htm

Rocky Gap High

P.O. Box 9
Rocky Gap, VA 24366
(276) 928-1100
Principal: Mr. Eric Workman

Grades: 8-12
2008-09: Fully Accredited
Fall 2008 enrollment: 195
www.bland.k12.va.us/rghs/

Post High School Graduation Plans



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

LOCAL COLLEGES

Bluefield College
Wytheville Community College
New River Community College
National College of Business & Technology - Bluefield Campus