

The Staunton-Augusta-Waynesboro MSA anchors the Shenandoah Valley with strong manufacturing and agrarian roots. The area claims the I-81/I-64 interchange, proximity to most major U.S. markets and a celebrated workforce.

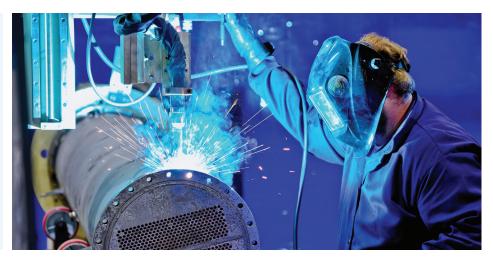
Virginia named 2021

State of the Year for

Best Business Climate

Business Facilities (2021)

Shenandoah Valley included in the **Top Ten Emerging U.S. Industrial Markets** *Colliers* (2019 and 2021)







#10 Best Place to Work in Manufacturing

(Staunton-Augusta-Waynesboro MSA) SmartAsset.com (2020)

Waynesboro named

Best Place in VA to live
on a \$50,000 Salary
Yahoo Finance (2021)

Waynesboro named a runner up, **Best Place to Raise an Outdoor Family** Blue Ridge Outdoors Magazine (2022)





Staunton named **one of the South's Best Mountain Towns**Southern Living (2022)

Staunton named **one of the 20 Most Beautiful Streets in America**Reader's Digest (2021)

Staunton is **one of the Cutest Small Towns in Virginia** *WorldAtlas* (2022)

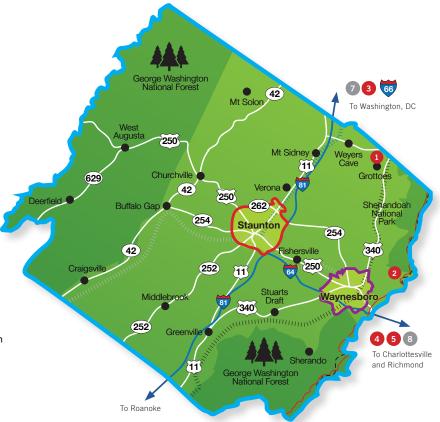




STATISTICAL AREA

WEBSITES:

- augustava.com
- augustavabusiness.com
- beerwerkstrail.com
- exploresaw.com
- growwaynesboro.com
- stauntonbusiness.com
- valleybusinessstartup.com
- visitaugustacounty.com
- visitstaunton.com
- visitwaynesboro.com
- >> waynesborobusiness.com





- - Appalachian Trail Blue Ridge Parkway

AIR TRANSPORTATION

- 1 Shenandoah Valley Airport (SHD)
- 2 Eagles Nest Airport-W13
- 3 Dulles International Airport (IAD) <130 miles
- Charlottesville-Albemarle Regional Airport (CHO) <51 miles
- Richmond International Airport (RIC) <130 miles
- Roanoke-Blacksburg Regional Airport (ROA) <100 miles

PORT ACCESS

- 7 Inland Port of Virginia <77 miles
- 8 Port of Virginia <214 miles (55ft. depth)

RAIL TRANSPORTATION

- III Shenandoah Valley
- III Buckingham Branch
- III Norfolk Southern

REGIONAL INITIATIVES:



Shenandoah Beerwerks Trail



vallevbusinessstartup.com



Shenandoah Valley Tourism Partnership



GREATER AUGUSTA REGIONAL TOURISM



Recent SAW MSA Announcements:

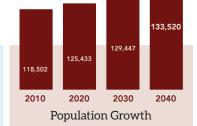
Jobs: 712 Investment: \$198.25M New Businesses: 3



Metro **Population** 25,821



Metro Population Annual % Change 0.5% 616 people



Development Opportunities 2,942 available acres / 25 sites

Unemployment Rate 2.3%



Recent SAW MSA Grant Awards:

\$2.058м

Cost of Living Index 93.0

> Average Wage \$45,326

Labor Force Participation Rate

59.9% 59,864 workers

The SAW Metro employs 15.5% of labor force

in manufacturing with

(as of December 2021) concentrations in: **Food Processing**

Top Three Industries by Number of Jobs





Top Three Industries by Job Growth

Real Estate Management Construction Manufacturing





