



COST OF DOING BUSINESS

Augusta County offers a competitive climate for business. Our labor costs trend below the national average, we enjoy low and stable tax rates, and offer a relatively lower cost of living.

Augusta County Tax Rates (2025)

Category	Tax per \$100	Tax per \$1000
Real Property	\$0.52	\$5.20
Machinery and Tools	\$2.00 (20% assessment ratio) = \$0.40	\$20.00 (20% assessment ratio) = \$0.40
Personal Property	\$2.00	\$20.00

Utilities

Augusta County's low utility rates allow your business to invest more into day-to-day operations.

Electricity

Dominion Virginia Power and Shenandoah Valley Electric Cooperative offer low rates, reliable service, and commercial support.

Gas

Columbia Gas of Virginia provides natural gas to users in Augusta County.

Fiber

Numerous providers including Verizon, Lumos, and MGW, among others, connect Augusta County sites and businesses with fiber. Redundant fiber is available on many sites.



Water / Wastewater

Augusta Water provides public water and sewer for your business including:

- Ample, clean water ([Water quality report](#))
- Reasonable wastewater pre-treatment requirements
- Systems and treatment plants to accommodate large water and wastewater treatment needs

Cost of Living Index (2 Adults & 2 Children, 2025)

	Staunton, Waynesboro, Augusta Metro Area	Charlottesville, VA Metro Area	Washington, DC Metro Area	New York City, NY	San Francisco, CA
Housing	\$1,149	\$1,678	\$2,045	\$2,752	\$3,359
Food	\$978	\$1,129	\$1,195	\$1,230	\$1,346
Child Care	\$1,525	\$1,875	\$2,703	\$2,348	\$4,308
Transportation	\$1,571	\$1,605	\$1,457	\$816	\$1,519
Healthcare	\$1,258	\$1,181	\$1,191	\$1,993	\$1,828
Other Necessities	\$716	\$944	\$1,090	\$1,340	\$1,583
Taxes	\$1,061	\$1,485	\$1,946	\$2,305	\$3,678
Monthly Total	\$8,258	\$9,898	\$11,627	\$12,784	\$17,623
Local Composite Index	1.00	1.20	1.41	1.55	2.13

Source: Economic Policy Institute Family Budget Calculator