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Louisa County At a Glance

WELCOME

... to Louisa County's website. We hope it provides answers to the questions that brought you here, and that it conveys a deserving picture of an ideal location for business or pleasure.

HISTORY

Formed in 1742 from Hanover County, Louisa County was named for Princess Louisa, daughter of King George II and Queen Caroline of England and wife of King Frederick V of Denmark. Its central Virginia location put it squarely in the path of Revolutionary and Civil War action and other historical events.



Princess Louisa

- It was from Cuckoo Tavern in Louisa County that on June 3, 1781, [Jack Jouett](#) rode through the night to Charlottesville and Monticello warning Governor Thomas Jefferson and the Virginia Assemblymen of the approaching British army.
- The Battle of Trevilian Station, the largest cavalry battle of the War Between the States, was fought in western Louisa County.
- Always primarily agricultural, the county still has many lovely homes from the 18th and 19th centuries.

[County history](#) in a little more depth can be found on the [Town of Louisa website](#). Do come back.

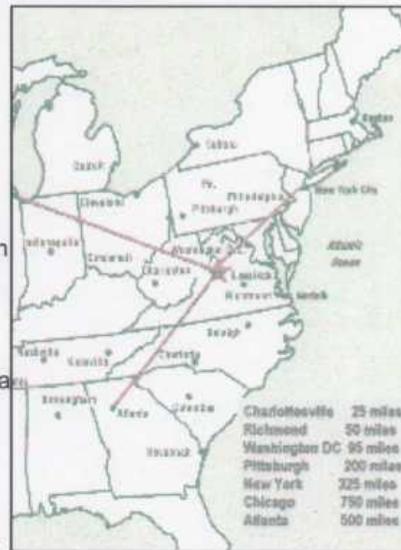
CLIMATE

Louisa County has a moderate climate with an average temperature of 56 degrees F. January highs average 47 degrees with lows of 26 degrees and July averages are 88 degrees high and 65 degrees low. The annual precipitation averages 41.6 inches with a 14-inch average snowfall.

LOCATION

Ideally located in the rolling Central Piedmont region near the heart of Virginia in the prosperous Richmond, Charlottesville, Fredericksburg triangle,

Louisa County is within 500 miles of one-half of the nation's population. The 514 square miles are predominantly farm and forest lands, mixed with business, industrial, and residential properties.



The county seat, the [Town of Louisa](#), is located just 50 miles from the state capital in Richmond, 95 miles from the nation's capital in Washington, D.C., 35 miles from Charlottesville, home of Thomas Jefferson's University, and 45 miles from Fredericksburg. The town of Mineral is the county's other incorporated town. The county population numbers about 26,900.

EDUCATION

The County Public Schools provides education for nearly 5,400 students in three



LAND USE

The County is largely rural with a population density of about 43 people per square mile. About 10% of the county is developed as urban, residential, or industrial; 71% in natural and planted forest lands; 16% in crop, pasture, and open land; and 3% in water bodies.

elementary schools, one middle school (*right*), and one high school. With a pupil-teacher ratio of 22:1 in the elementary schools and 17:1 in the secondary schools, per-pupil expenditure is \$5,349. TAP achievement scores are: Reading, 47; Math, 49; Science, 61. (50 is the nationwide average.)

Two community colleges-- Piedmont Virginia Community College and J. Sergeant Reynolds Community College, are within easy reach; as are the University of Virginia and several institutions in Richmond.

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Medical. A University of Virginia-affiliated medical clinic in Louisa provides outpatient medical care. County residents rely on hospitals in either Charlottesville or Richmond for excellent medical care. The University of Virginia Hospital in Charlottesville and the Medical College of Virginia Hospital in Richmond are State teaching and research hospitals offering the latest in technology, services, and facilities. Many additional hospitals in Richmond, Charlottesville, and Fredericksburg offer quality medical care.

A private medical clinic in Louisa provides outpatient medical care. Various other physicians and dentists practice in the county, and specialists from Charlottesville and Richmond visit the county on a regular basis. The Louisa Health Department provides a wide range of public health services for county residents. A nursing home serving long-term care needs of 90 patients is located in the town of Louisa.

Religious. Almost 60 churches, representing most Protestant denominations and the Catholic faith are located in Louisa County. Jewish synagogues are established in the neighboring cities.



Library. A branch of the Charlottesville-based **Jefferson-Madison Regional Library** is centrally located on Rt 22 between Louisa and Mineral in the High School area, and is supplemented by a bookmobile providing service throughout the county. A wide range of services to citizens of all ages is offered by the library with its new 15,000 square foot state of the art building dedicated in December 1999 (*right*).

Commerce. Retail and service needs of county residents are met through three commercial areas in the towns of Louisa and Mineral and numerous rural shops and stores. In addition, the many shopping malls and centers in the Fredericksburg- Richmond- Charlottesville metropolitan areas are easily accessed by Louisa residents.