

**MAJOR BUSINESS FACILITY JOB TAX CREDIT:
50 EMPLOYEE THRESHOLD LOCALITIES FOR 2011**

As required by Section 58.1-439 (K) of the Code of Virginia, the Virginia Economic Development Partnership, in conjunction with the Virginia Employment Commission, has identified the list of localities that are considered "economically distressed" for the purpose of administering the Major Business Facility Job Tax Credit for 2011.

A city or county qualifies as an "economically distressed" locality if its unemployment rate for the preceding year is at least 0.5 percent higher than the average statewide unemployment rate. For 2010, the state average unemployment rate was 6.9 percent. Any city or county having an unemployment rate of 7.4 percent or above is considered "economically distressed" for 2011. A total of 82 Virginia communities qualified for this year's list.

As an "economically distressed" locality, the employment threshold amount required for a qualified company to receive a credit is reduced from 50 to 25 qualified full-time employees.

The law also provides the employment threshold to be reduced from 50 to 25 for major business facilities that locate in any enterprise zone.

Locality	Unemployment Rate
Alleghany	9.0
Amelia	7.7
Amherst	8.5
Appomattox	8.9
Bedford City	9.5
Bristol	9.5
Brunswick	11.7
Buchanan	8.2
Buckingham	9.4
Buena Vista	9.3
Caroline	9.1
Carroll	11.0
Charles City	9.5
Charlotte	9.2
Colonial Heights	8.1
Covington	10.7
Craig	7.8
Culpeper	7.9
Cumberland	7.8
Danville	13.4
Dickenson	8.4
Dinwiddie	7.7

Emporia	13.4
Essex	8.8
Floyd	7.5
Franklin	8.0
Franklin City	11.9
Fredericksburg	9.5
Galax	10.2
Giles	9.2
Grayson	11.4
Greensville	9.2
Halifax	11.7
Hampton	8.4
Harrisonburg	7.6
Henry	13.4
Highland	7.8
Hopewell	10.7
King and Queen	8.6
King George	8.1
Lancaster	9.4
Lee	7.9
Lexington	11.6
Louisa	8.0
Lunenburg	10.0
Lynchburg	8.5
Manassas	7.5
Martinsville	19.0
Mecklenburg	11.5
Montgomery	7.4
New Kent	7.4
Newport News	7.8
Norfolk	9.2
Northampton	8.1
Northumberland	8.7
Nottoway	8.3
Orange	7.7
Page	11.6
Patrick	11.2
Petersburg	12.8
Pittsylvania	10.4

Portsmouth	9.1
Prince Edward	9.8
Pulaski	9.3
Radford	9.4
Richmond	8.0
Richmond City	10.1
Roanoke City	8.8
Russell	10.1
Scott	9.5
Shenandoah	8.1
Smyth	10.5
Southampton	9.6
Staunton	7.6
Suffolk	7.7
Surry	8.0
Sussex	10.5
Washington	8.8
Waynesboro	8.7
Westmoreland	7.9
Williamsburg	15.2
Wythe	9.6