



## ABOUT THE TOWN OF BLACKSBURG, VIRGINIA HOME TO VIRGINIA TECH

- Population: Approximately 41,000. Blacksburg is the largest town in Virginia.
- Major local employers: Virginia Tech, Federal Mogul, Moog, Luna Innovations, Tetra, VTLS, and Wolverine Gasket & Manufacturing
- Education:
  - Home to Virginia Tech, the largest land-grant university in the state and one of the nation's top research universities. Enrollment is approximately 25,000.
  - Atlanta Falcons quarterback, Michael Vick, kicked off his football career with four consecutive seasons at Virginia Tech
  - Blacksburg High School ranks as one of the top 100 high schools in the nation by "Newsweek" magazine.
- Technology & Business: Blacksburg is located along Virginia's Technology corridor and known as "the most wired town in the United States."
- There are over 100 high tech companies located at the Virginia Tech Corporate Research Center
- Recreation: Located amid the Jefferson National Forest and surrounded by the Blue Ridge Mountains, Blacksburg is also a short drive from the New River and Claytor Lake State Park. The town has more than 25 parks and greenway trails, offering a wide variety outdoor recreation options
- Honors:
  - Ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> Among Top 10 Digital Cities by the Center for Digital Government, 2005
  - Described by "Forbes" magazine as a "Telecommuting Heaven," 2005
  - Listed by "Western Virginia Retiring Style" as among 12 perfect places to live, 2005
  - Voted second in Greenest Town Category by "Blue Ridge Outdoors" magazine, 2005
  - Voted number three Best Trail Town by "Blue Ridge Outdoors" magazine, 2005
  - Ranked as 8<sup>th</sup> among emerging cities by the book "Cities Ranked and Rated", 2004
  - Named by "Outside" Magazine as "one of America's top 10 dream towns," 2001
  - Ranked by "Men's Journal" magazine as the eighth best place in the country and the very best place in the mid-Atlantic to live, 2002

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