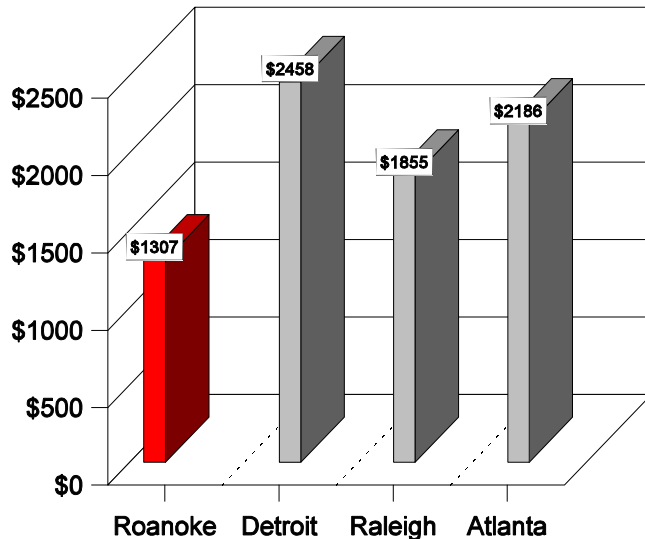




## UTILITIES & TAXES



**Electricity:** The Roanoke Valley offers some of the lowest electric rates in the United States through Appalachian Power.

The chart shows a comparison of monthly industrial electric rates, based on 75kW and 30,000 kWh/month.

Dominion Virginia Power serves part of the region.

Source: Edison Electric Institute, Summer 2005 rates

**Gas:** Supplied by Roanoke Gas and Columbia Gas. Propane also is available.

**Water:** Generally supplied by municipal systems. Natural springs and wells are sources in some areas.

**Sewer:** Roanoke Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant and various municipal systems.

**Communications:** Numerous telephone, cable television and wireless companies provide state-of-the-art services, including DSL, broadband and WiFi.

### SUMMARY OF SELECTED LOCAL TAX RATES

	Real Estate	Personal Property	Machinery & Tool <sup>1</sup>	Motor Vehicle License Decal
Alleghany Co.	\$0.72	\$5.95	\$0.89	\$20
Botetourt Co.	\$0.65	\$2.55	\$0.90-.76	\$20
Covington City	\$0.66	\$5.60	\$0.83	\$20
Craig Co.	\$0.66	\$3.00	\$1.65-.11	\$20
Franklin Co.	\$0.53	\$1.67	\$0.60-.24	\$25
Roanoke City	\$1.19	\$3.45	\$2.07-.69	\$20
Roanoke Co.	\$1.09	\$3.50	\$0.75-.45	\$20
Salem City	\$1.18	\$3.20	\$2.24-.80	\$20
Town of Vinton	\$1.14	\$4.50	\$1.00-.60	\$20

For complete information, visit [www.virginia.edu/coopercenter/vastat/taxrates2004/taxratesfiles04/html](http://www.virginia.edu/coopercenter/vastat/taxrates2004/taxratesfiles04/html)  
Real Estate and Personal Property tax rates shown are the actual rates; Effective rates may be lower.

Sources: Weldon Cooper Center and local governments.

<sup>1</sup>Value for tax purposes depends on year of purchase.