

Piedmont Region

The Piedmont, also known as the land at the foot of the mountains, is located west of the Coastal Plain (Tidewater). It is an area of land covered with rolling hills. The Piedmont is separated from the Coastal Plain by the **Fall Line**, the natural border between the Piedmont and the Coastal Plain regions, where waterfalls prevent further travel on the river. The waterfalls occur because the land in the Piedmont is at a higher level than the land in the Coastal Plain. The cities of Richmond and Fredericksburg are located along the fall line.



The Potomac, Rappahannock, and James Rivers all flow downhill across the Piedmont towards the Chesapeake Bay. Located just outside of the Piedmont, to the northeast, is the nation's capital, Washington, D.C. separated from the Piedmont by the Potomac River.

Since the northern part of the Piedmont region is near Washington, D.C., many of its industries are big city industries. Many people who work for the federal government and in information technology live in the northern part of the Piedmont. Closer to Richmond there are many people working for the state government. In the southern part of this region, there is quite a bit of farming, in which tobacco products are produced to be sold. This region of Virginia is also known for its horse industry.

Northern



Federal government



Information technology

Central



state government

Southern



tobacco



horse industry