

Virginia

# COMMUNITY PROFILE

## Southwest Region (LWDA I)

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## **I. Introduction**

This report provides a community profile of Southwest Region (LWDA I). It is intended to complement the information found in our Virginia Workforce Connection application, which can be accessed online at:

[www.virginiaworks.com](http://www.virginiaworks.com)

The report is divided into three major sections. The first contains a profile of regional demographic characteristics and trends, the second supplies similar information for the regional economy, and the third provides a profile of regional education characteristics.

## II. Demographic Profile

### Overview

This Demographic Profile provides an in-depth analysis of the population in Southwest Region (LWDA I). Most of the data is produced by the U.S. Census Bureau, and includes demographic characteristics such as age, race/ethnicity, and gender.



### Related Terms and Definitions

#### Ability to speak English

For people who speak a language other than English at home, the response represents the person's own perception of his or her ability to speak English. Because census questionnaires are usually completed by one household member, the responses may represent the perception of another household member.

#### Age

The age classification is based on the age of the person in complete years as of April 1, 2010. The age of the person usually was derived from their date of birth information. Their reported age was used only when date of birth information was unavailable.

#### Gender

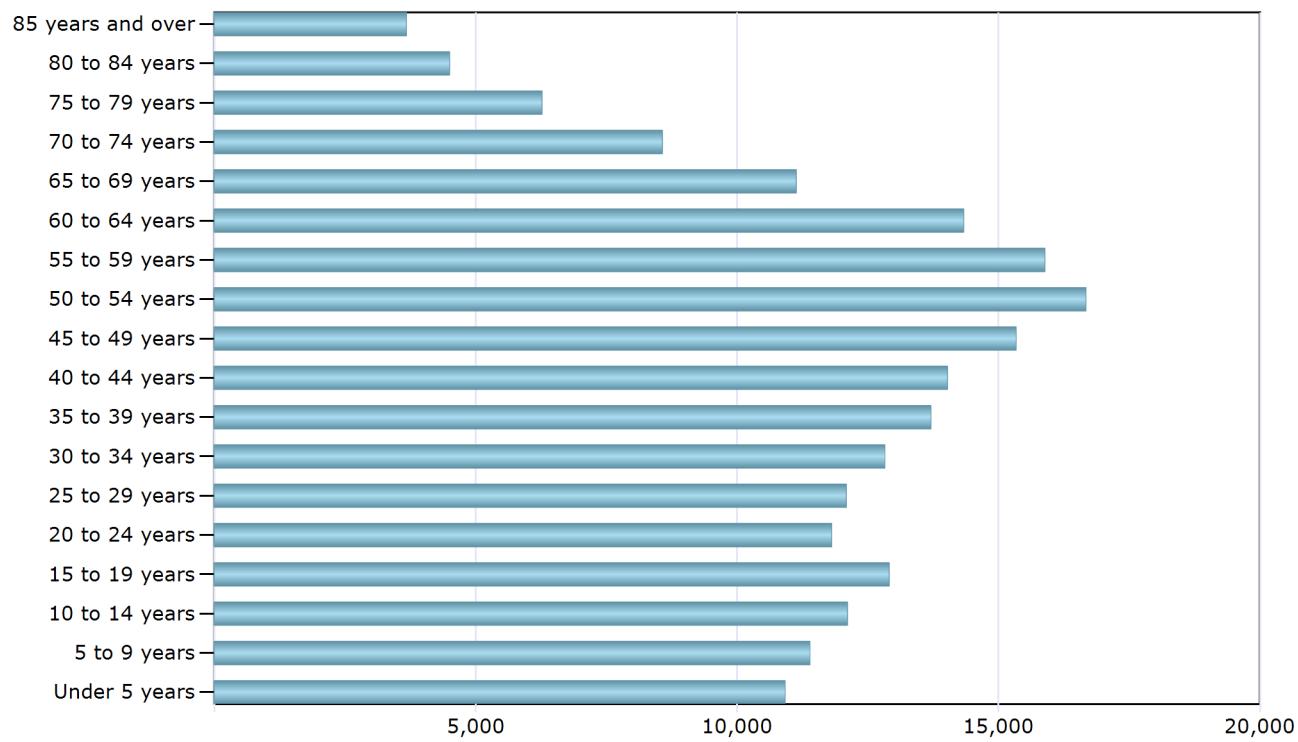
The data on gender were derived from answers to a question that was asked of all people. Individuals were asked to mark either "male" or "female" to indicate their gender. For most cases in which gender was not reported, it was determined by the appropriate entry from the person's given (i.e., first) name and household relationship. Otherwise, gender was imputed according to the relationship to the householder and the age of the person.

#### Race

The concept of race as used by the Census Bureau reflects self-identification by people according to the race or races with which they most closely identify. The categories are sociopolitical constructs and should not be interpreted as being scientific or anthropological in nature. Furthermore, the race categories include both racial and national-origin groups.

**Please note:** In the past, our population by race/ethnicity data has always excluded the Hispanic ethnicity from each race category. Starting in January 2013, each race category now includes all ethnicities.

## Population by Age



	LWIA I	Virginia	United States
<b>Under 5 years</b>	10,917	509,625	20,201,362
<b>5 to 9 years</b>	11,393	511,849	20,348,657
<b>10 to 14 years</b>	12,110	511,246	20,677,194
<b>15 to 19 years</b>	12,907	550,965	22,040,343
<b>20 to 24 years</b>	11,809	572,091	21,585,999
<b>25 to 29 years</b>	12,087	564,342	21,101,849
<b>30 to 34 years</b>	12,826	526,077	19,962,099
<b>35 to 39 years</b>	13,707	540,063	20,179,642
<b>40 to 44 years</b>	14,022	568,865	20,890,964
<b>45 to 49 years</b>	15,335	621,155	22,708,591
<b>50 to 54 years</b>	16,671	592,845	22,298,125
<b>55 to 59 years</b>	15,885	512,595	19,664,805
<b>60 to 64 years</b>	14,334	442,369	16,817,924
<b>65 to 69 years</b>	11,131	320,302	12,435,263
<b>70 to 74 years</b>	8,570	229,502	9,278,166
<b>75 to 79 years</b>	6,269	173,929	7,317,795
<b>80 to 84 years</b>	4,501	130,801	5,743,327
<b>85 years and over</b>	3,676	122,403	5,493,433
	<b>208,150</b>	<b>8,001,024</b>	<b>308,745,538</b>

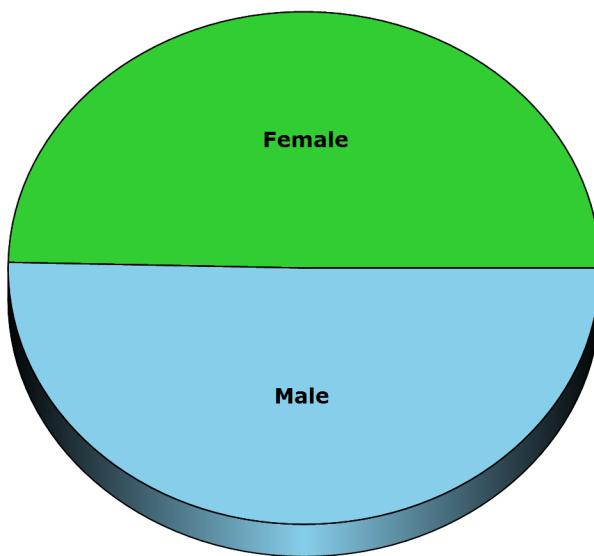
Source: 2010 Census.

## Population by Race/Ethnicity

	LWIA I	Virginia	United States
<b>Total</b>			
Total Population	208,150	8,001,024	308,745,538
<b>Race</b>			
White	198,984	5,486,852	223,553,265
Black or African American	5,702	1,551,399	38,929,319
American Indian or Alaska Native	368	29,225	2,932,248
Asian	702	439,890	14,674,252
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	31	5,980	540,013
Other	718	254,278	19,107,368
Multiple Races	1,645	233,400	9,009,073
<b>Ethnicity</b>			
Not Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	206,219	7,369,199	258,267,944
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	1,931	631,825	50,477,594

Source: 2010 Census.

## Population by Gender

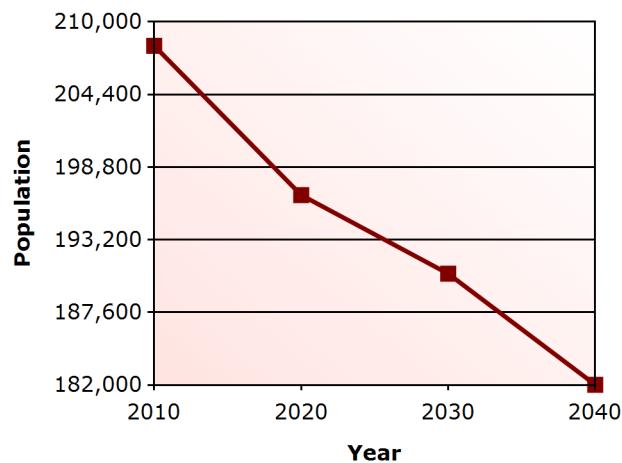


	LWIA I	Virginia	United States
<b>Male</b>	104,809	3,925,983	151,781,326
<b>Female</b>	103,341	4,075,041	156,964,212
	<b>208,150</b>	<b>8,001,024</b>	<b>308,745,538</b>

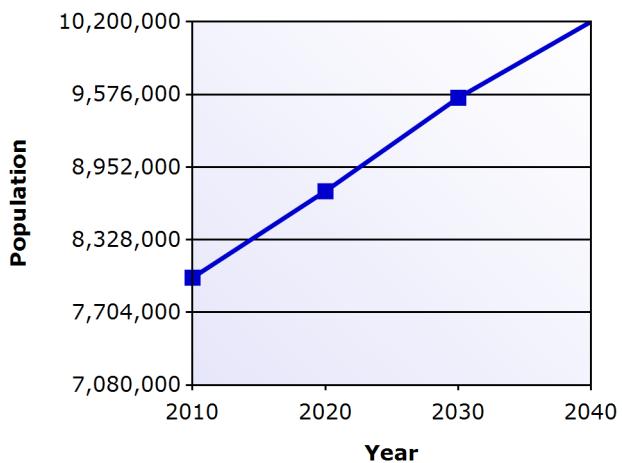
Source: 2010 Census.

## Population Change

**LWIA I**



**Virginia**



LWIA I	Percent change	Number Change	Virginia	Percent change	Number Change
<b>2000</b>			7,079,030		
<b>2010</b>	-1.04 %	-2,184	8,001,024	13.02 %	921994
<b>2020</b>	-5.53 %	-11,512	8,744,273	9.29 %	743249
<b>2030</b>	-3.08 %	-6,062	9,546,958	9.18 %	802685
<b>2040</b>	-4.49 %	-8,563	10,201,530	6.86 %	654572

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service.

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## Population Projections by Age and Gender

	2020		2030		2040	
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male
<b>Under 5 years</b>	4,735	4,885	4,528	4,664	4,357	4,483
<b>5 to 9 years</b>	4,957	5,054	4,730	4,826	4,530	4,625
<b>10 to 14 years</b>	5,448	5,800	5,157	5,502	4,943	5,280
<b>15 to 19 years</b>	5,367	5,821	5,093	5,509	4,891	5,283
<b>20 to 24 years</b>	4,800	5,577	4,802	5,572	4,575	5,321
<b>25 to 29 years</b>	4,665	5,743	4,358	5,359	4,147	5,134
<b>30 to 34 years</b>	5,169	6,352	4,906	6,015	4,924	6,018
<b>35 to 39 years</b>	5,680	6,274	5,280	5,831	4,962	5,483
<b>40 to 44 years</b>	6,143	6,548	5,955	6,366	5,676	6,064
<b>45 to 49 years</b>	6,432	6,656	6,043	6,279	5,659	5,869
<b>50 to 54 years</b>	6,523	6,563	6,371	6,392	6,203	6,223
<b>55 to 59 years</b>	7,031	6,994	6,452	6,420	6,087	6,065
<b>60 to 64 years</b>	7,557	7,261	6,376	6,121	6,225	6,015
<b>65 to 69 years</b>	7,324	6,889	6,479	6,108	6,057	5,705
<b>70 to 74 years</b>	6,259	5,239	6,519	5,451	5,542	4,639
<b>75 to 79 years</b>	4,561	3,441	5,768	4,337	5,044	3,803
<b>80 to 84 years</b>	3,017	1,953	3,983	2,577	4,113	2,665
<b>85 years and over</b>	2,670	1,252	3,020	1,421	3,684	1,728
	<b>98,338</b>	<b>98,302</b>	<b>95,820</b>	<b>94,750</b>	<b>91,619</b>	<b>90,403</b>
		<b>196,640</b>		<b>190,570</b>		<b>182,022</b>

Source: Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service.

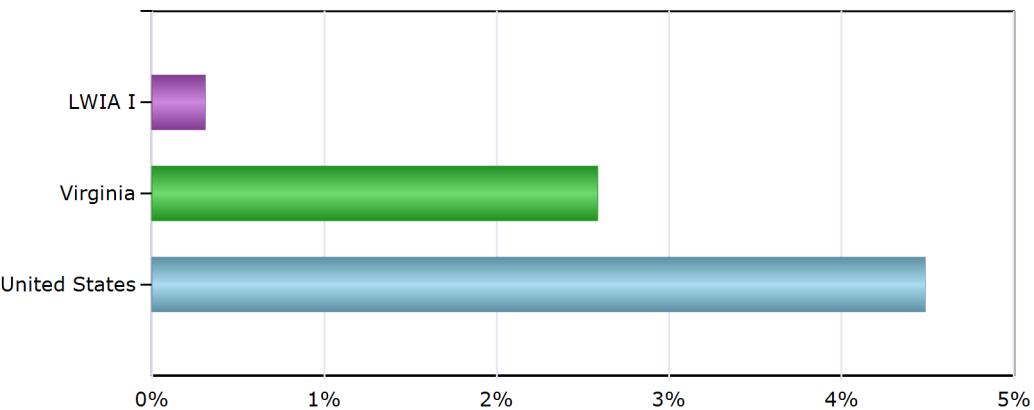
## Population Projections by Race/Ethnicity

	2020	2030	2040
<b>Total</b>			
Total Population	196,638	190,576	182,013
<b>Race</b>			
White	184,771	176,963	165,660
Black or African American	6,138	6,481	7,272
Asian	840	1,095	1,448
Other	2,176	2,404	2,626
<b>Ethnicity</b>			
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	2,714	3,631	5,008

Source: Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service.

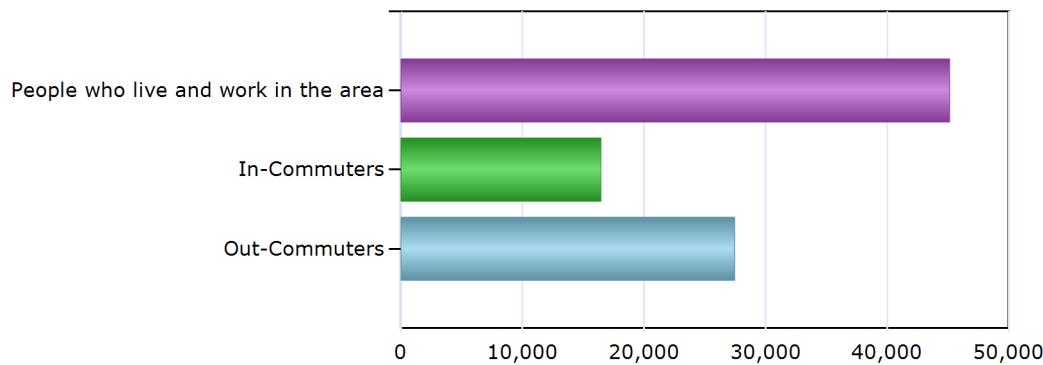
## English Language Skills

(Age 5 and over that speak English less than well)



Source: U.S. Census Bureau  
American Community Survey, 2012-2016.

## Commuting Patterns



Source: U.S. Census Bureau,  
OnTheMap Application and LEHD Origin-Destination Employment Statistics, 2014.

## Top 10 Places Residents are Commuting To

Area	Workers
Washington County, VA	3,773
Sullivan County, TN	3,698
Mercer County, WV	1,746
Bristol city, VA	1,081
Washington County, TN	880
Smyth County, VA	864
Pike County, KY	679
Roanoke city, VA	667
McDowell County, WV	569
Montgomery County, VA	555

## Top 10 Places Workers are Commuting From

Area	Workers
Washington County, VA	2,091
Mercer County, WV	1,929
Sullivan County, TN	1,212
Smyth County, VA	817
Letcher County, KY	442
Bristol city, VA	431
Wythe County, VA	420
Pike County, KY	405
Hawkins County, TN	391
McDowell County, WV	345

Source: U.S. Census Bureau,  
OnTheMap Application and LEHD Origin-Destination Employment Statistics, 2014.

**Please Note:** Commuting patterns data is no longer produced from the Decennial Census. As an alternative, we are providing commuting data from the U.S. Census Bureau's OnTheMap application and LEHD Origin-Destination Employment Statistics program. Since this data is produced from an entirely different data set, it is not advisable to compare the new data with previously released commuting patterns. For more information about the OnTheMap application or the LEHD program, please visit the following website:

<http://lehd.ces.census.gov>

## III. Economic Profile

### Overview

The Economic Profile of Southwest Region (LWDA I) consists primarily of data produced by Virginia Works, U.S. Census Bureau, and the Bureau of Labor Statistics.



### Related Terms and Definitions

#### **Average Weekly Wage**

Computed as average quarterly wages divided by 13.

#### **Consumer Price Index (CPI)**

The Consumer Price Index measures the average change over time in the prices paid by urban consumers for a representative market basket of consumer goods and services.

#### **Local Employment Dynamics (LED)**

The Local Employment Dynamics Program at the Census Bureau, together with its state partners, provides employment information at the county, city, and Workforce Investment Area level. This information tracks workers in different industries by age and gender and provides statistics on job creation, separation, turnover, and wages.

#### **Quarterly Census of Employment & Wages (QCEW)**

A federal/state cooperative program that collects and compiles employment and wage data for workers covered by state unemployment insurance (UI) laws and the federal civilian workers covered by Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employees (UCFE). These data are maintained at the state in micro and macro levels and also sent to BLS quarterly.

#### **Unemployment Insurance (UI)**

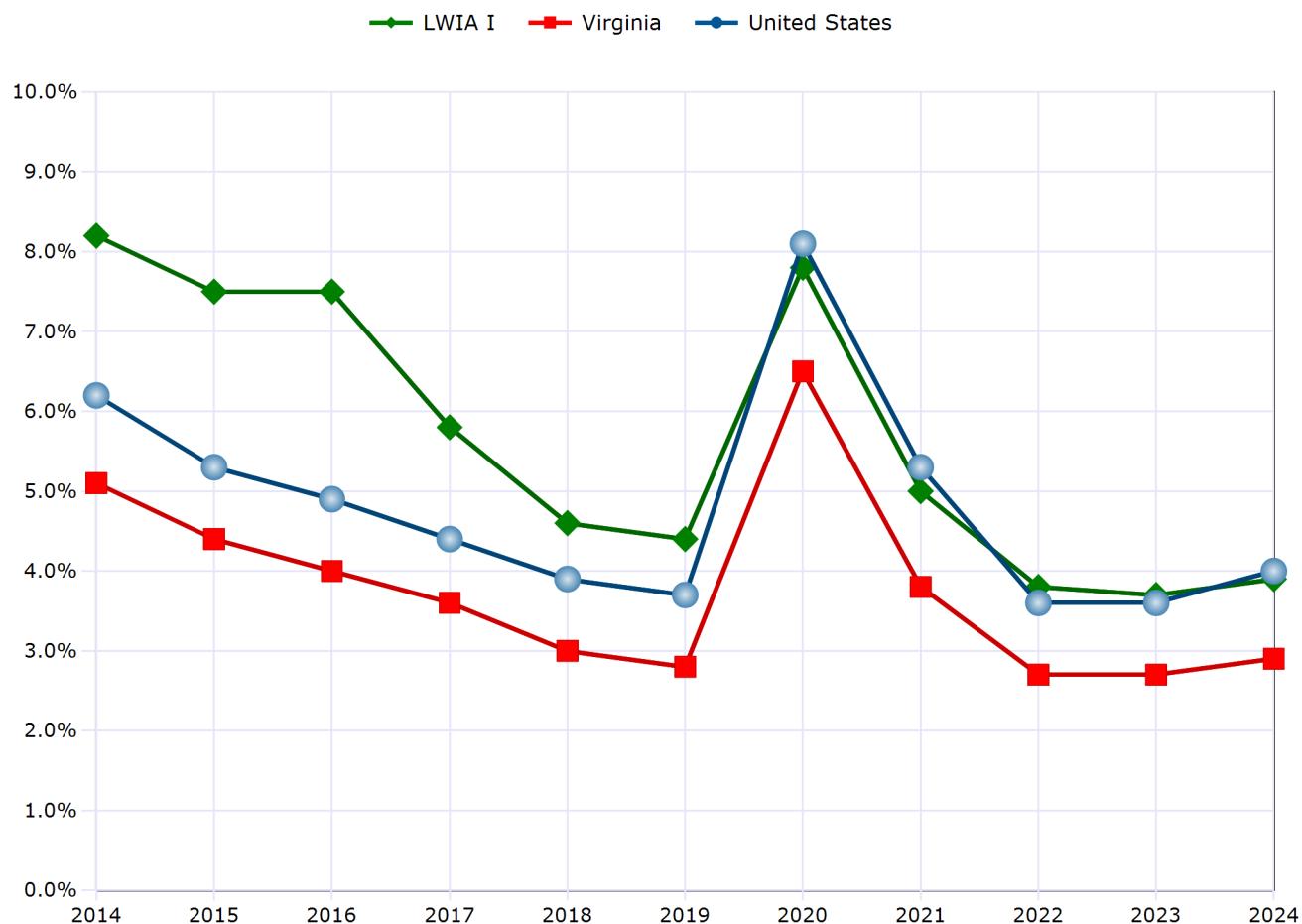
Unemployment insurance is a program for the accumulation of funds paid by employers to be used for the payment of unemployment insurance to workers during periods of unemployment which are beyond the workers' control. Unemployment insurance replaces a part of the worker's wage loss if he becomes eligible for payments.

#### **Unemployment Rate**

The number of unemployed people as a percentage of the labor force.

## Unemployment Rates

*Trends*



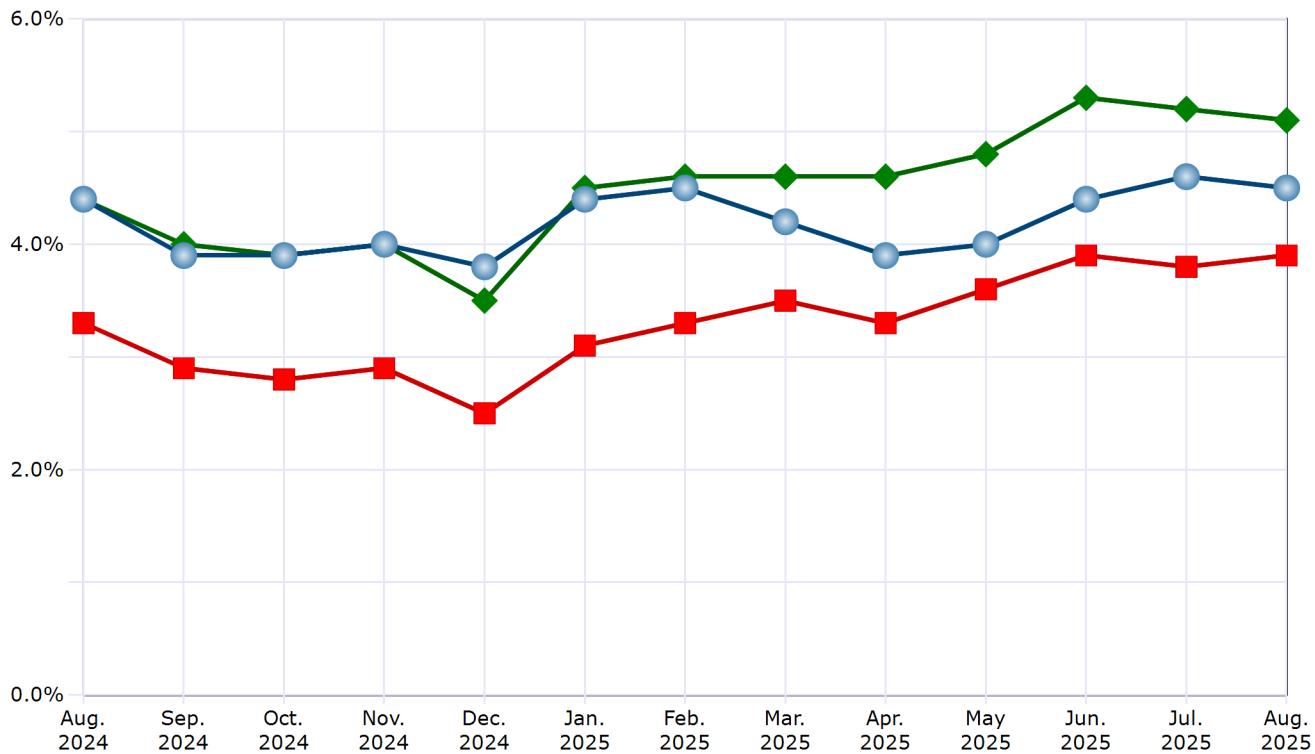
	LWIA I	Virginia	United States
<b>2014</b>	8.2%	5.1%	6.2%
<b>2015</b>	7.5%	4.4%	5.3%
<b>2016</b>	7.5%	4.0%	4.9%
<b>2017</b>	5.8%	3.6%	4.4%
<b>2018</b>	4.6%	3.0%	3.9%
<b>2019</b>	4.4%	2.8%	3.7%
<b>2020</b>	7.8%	6.5%	8.1%
<b>2021</b>	5.0%	3.8%	5.3%
<b>2022</b>	3.8%	2.7%	3.6%
<b>2023</b>	3.7%	2.7%	3.6%
<b>2024</b>	3.9%	2.9%	4.0%

Source: Virginia Works, Economic Information & Analytics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics.

## Unemployment Rates

*Past 12 Months*

◆ LWIA I    ■ Virginia    ● United States



	LWIA I	Virginia	United States
<b>Aug. 2024</b>	4.4%	3.3%	4.4%
<b>Sep. 2024</b>	4.0%	2.9%	3.9%
<b>Oct. 2024</b>	3.9%	2.8%	3.9%
<b>Nov. 2024</b>	4.0%	2.9%	4.0%
<b>Dec. 2024</b>	3.5%	2.5%	3.8%
<b>Jan. 2025</b>	4.5%	3.1%	4.4%
<b>Feb. 2025</b>	4.6%	3.3%	4.5%
<b>Mar. 2025</b>	4.6%	3.5%	4.2%
<b>Apr. 2025</b>	4.6%	3.3%	3.9%
<b>May 2025</b>	4.8%	3.6%	4.0%
<b>Jun. 2025</b>	5.3%	3.9%	4.4%
<b>Jul. 2025</b>	5.2%	3.8%	4.6%
<b>Aug. 2025</b>	5.1%	3.9%	4.5%

Source: Virginia Works, Economic Information & Analytics,  
Local Area Unemployment Statistics.

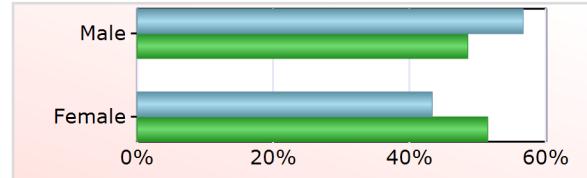
## Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed

Total number of claimants: 397

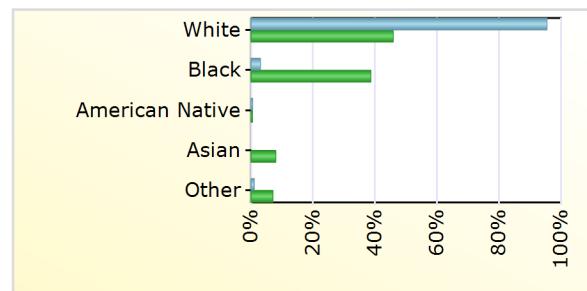
Southwest Region (LWDA I) - (397 claimants)

Virginia - (27,163 claimants)

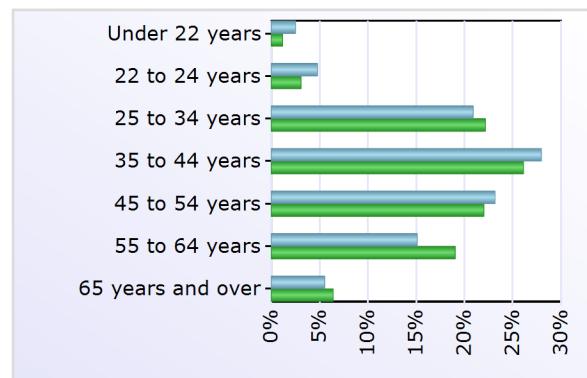
Gender	LWIA I	Virginia
Male	225	13,184
Female	172	13,979
Unspecified		



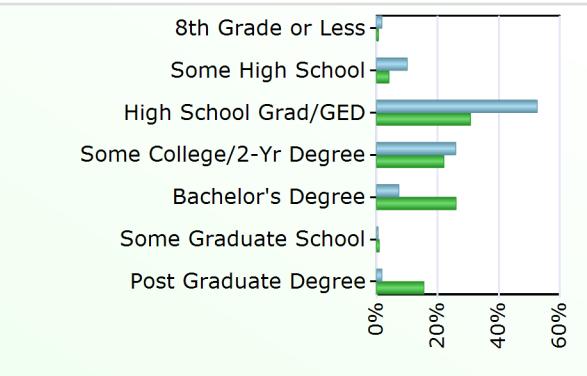
Race	LWIA I	Virginia
White	379	12,459
Black	12	10,498
American Native	2	132
Asian		2,165
Other	4	1,909



Age	LWIA I	Virginia
Under 22 years	10	319
22 to 24 years	19	838
25 to 34 years	83	6,023
35 to 44 years	111	7,092
45 to 54 years	92	5,977
55 to 64 years	60	5,173
65 years and over	22	1,741
Unknown		



Education	LWIA I	Virginia
8th Grade or Less	7	158
Some High School	40	1,105
High School Grad/GED	209	8,353
Some College/2-Yr Degree	103	5,995
Bachelor's Degree	29	7,078
Some Graduate School	2	246
Post Graduate Degree	7	4,228
Unknown		

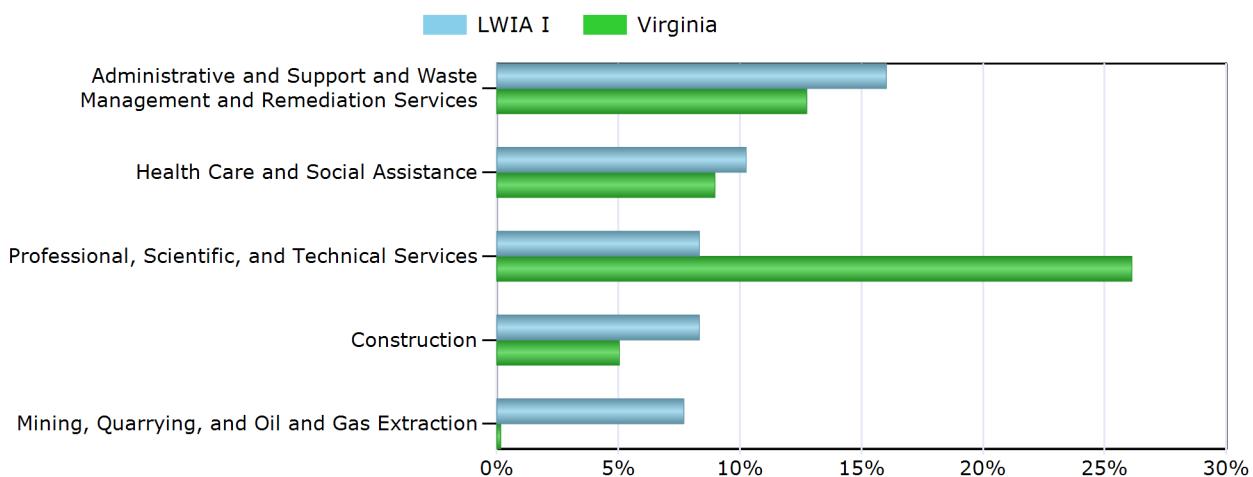


Source: Virginia Works, Economic Information & Analytics, Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed, November 2025.

## Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed

### Top 5 Industries With Largest Number of Claimants in LWIA I

*(excludes unclassified)*



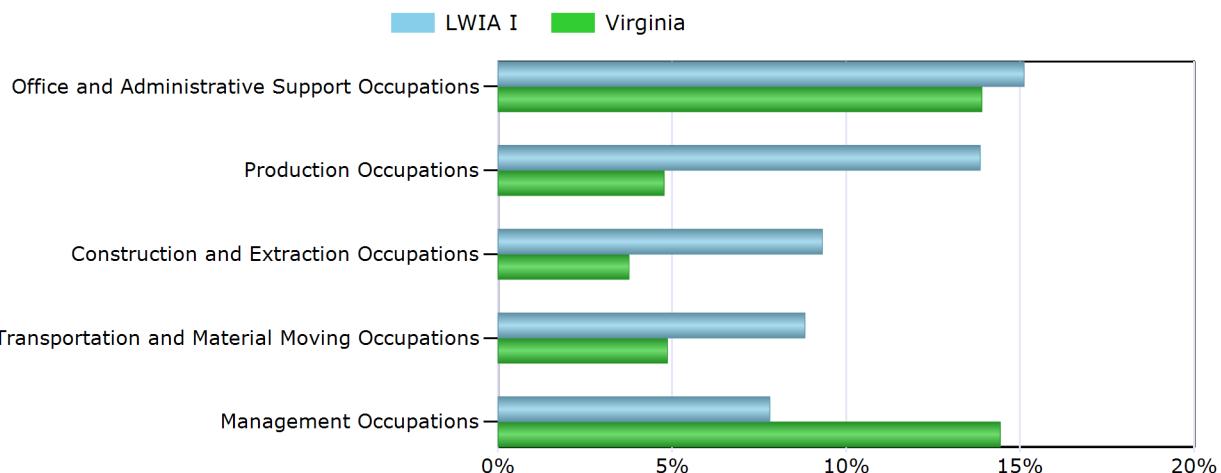
Industry	LWIA I	Virginia
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	50	3,091
Unclassified	39	3,177
Health Care and Social Assistance	32	2,176
Construction	26	1,223
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	26	6,335
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	24	38
Retail Trade	22	898
Other Services (except Public Administration)	21	754
Educational Services	15	690
Accommodation and Food Services	15	1,085
Manufacturing	11	503
Wholesale Trade	10	886
Transportation and Warehousing	6	473
Information	5	770
Finance and Insurance	4	1,126
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	2	467
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	2	198
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	1	33
Management of Companies and Enterprises	1	281
Utilities		45

Source: Virginia Works, Economic Information & Analytics, Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed, November 2025.

## Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed

### Top 5 Occupation Groups With Largest Number of Claimants in LWIA I

*(excludes unknown occupations)*

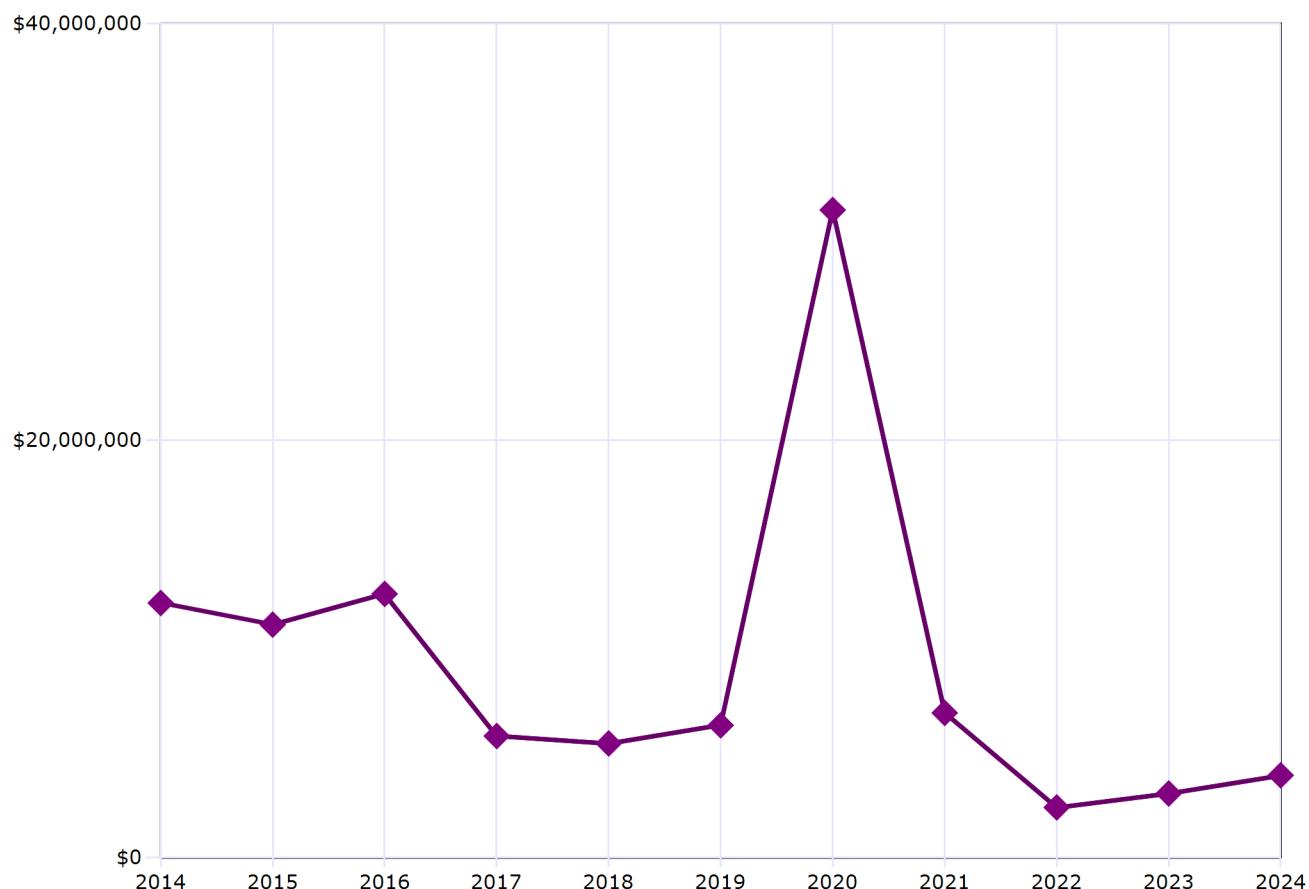


Occupation	LWIA I	Virginia
Office and Administrative Support Occupations	60	3,775
Production Occupations	55	1,295
Construction and Extraction Occupations	37	1,022
Transportation and Material Moving Occupations	35	1,322
Management Occupations	31	3,919
Sales and Related Occupations	30	1,520
Installation, Maintenance, and Repair Occupations	20	709
Architecture and Engineering Occupations	18	792
Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance Occupations	13	544
Business and Financial Operations Occupations	12	2,967
Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations	12	565
Healthcare Support Occupations	12	717
Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations	12	837
Personal Care and Service Occupations	12	380
Computer and Mathematical Occupations	8	3,539
Protective Service Occupations	7	449
Life, Physical, and Social Science Occupations	4	424
Community and Social Service Occupations	4	350
Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media Occupations	4	1,183
Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations	4	49
Education, Training, and Library Occupations	3	531
Military Specific Occupations	3	74
Legal Occupations	1	197
Unknown Occupation Code		

*Source: Virginia Works, Economic Information & Analytics,  
Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed, November 2025.*

## Unemployment Insurance Payments

*Trends*

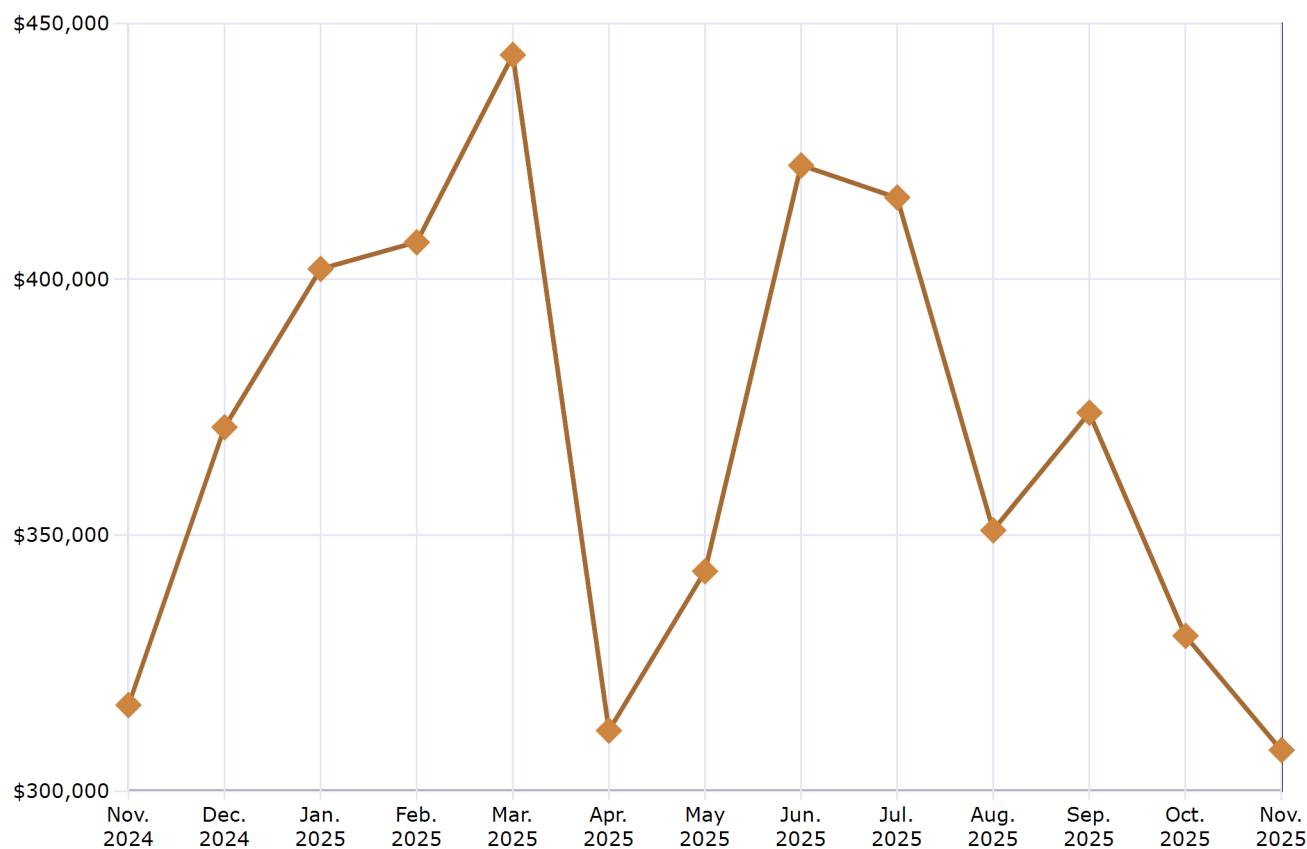


LWIA I		Virginia		
	Weeks Paid	Amount Paid	Weeks Paid	
<b>2014</b>	44,475	\$12,208,602	1,684,690	\$490,522,709
<b>2015</b>	38,384	\$11,172,518	1,198,476	\$351,290,100
<b>2016</b>	43,239	\$12,645,693	1,263,292	\$379,622,081
<b>2017</b>	21,837	\$5,829,815	1,114,650	\$336,664,624
<b>2018</b>	19,899	\$5,474,998	941,154	\$286,468,017
<b>2019</b>	21,392	\$6,345,047	867,371	\$269,014,541
<b>2020</b>	115,627	\$31,051,585	8,600,869	\$2,279,487,650
<b>2021</b>	25,565	\$6,938,444	1,601,885	\$458,078,646
<b>2022</b>	8,398	\$2,407,547	485,275	\$154,636,752
<b>2023</b>	10,059	\$3,076,357	685,711	\$232,048,074
<b>2024</b>	12,594	\$3,946,039	821,464	\$281,948,022

Source: Virginia Employment Commission, Economic Information & Analytics, Unemployment Insurance Program.

## Unemployment Insurance Payments

*Past 12 Months*



	LWIA I		Virginia	
	Weeks Paid	Amount Paid	Weeks Paid	Amount Paid
<b>Nov. 2024</b>	1,009	\$316,825	61,340	\$21,217,752
<b>Dec. 2024</b>	1,155	\$371,123	74,163	\$25,748,445
<b>Jan. 2025</b>	1,260	\$402,056	69,125	\$23,901,022
<b>Feb. 2025</b>	1,273	\$407,253	67,208	\$23,330,065
<b>Mar. 2025</b>	1,384	\$443,872	80,917	\$28,182,251
<b>Apr. 2025</b>	949	\$311,839	71,831	\$25,077,568
<b>May 2025</b>	1,055	\$342,966	74,874	\$26,230,081
<b>Jun. 2025</b>	1,307	\$422,284	90,500	\$31,564,327
<b>Jul. 2025</b>	1,294	\$416,009	88,280	\$30,838,363
<b>Aug. 2025</b>	1,102	\$350,963	85,310	\$29,930,805
<b>Sep. 2025</b>	1,144	\$373,955	91,400	\$32,455,220
<b>Oct. 2025</b>	1,007	\$330,346	77,985	\$27,634,073
<b>Nov. 2025</b>	950	\$308,024	70,847	\$25,162,669

Source: Virginia Works,  
Unemployment Insurance Program.

## Employers by Size of Establishment

	LWIA I	Virginia
<b>0 to 4 employees</b>	2,564	206,789
<b>5 to 9 employees</b>	775	41,052
<b>10 to 19 employees</b>	515	30,840
<b>20 to 49 employees</b>	304	22,861
<b>50 to 99 employees</b>	85	7,638
<b>100 to 249 employees</b>	53	4,118
<b>250 to 499 employees</b>	22	1,093
<b>500 to 999 employees</b>	4	375
<b>1000 and over employees</b>	2	275
	<b>4,324</b>	<b>315,041</b>

## Employment by Size of Establishment

	LWIA I	Virginia
<b>0 to 4 employees</b>	3,834	265,848
<b>5 to 9 employees</b>	5,276	273,426
<b>10 to 19 employees</b>	7,023	419,813
<b>20 to 49 employees</b>	9,266	687,657
<b>50 to 99 employees</b>	6,006	525,324
<b>100 to 249 employees</b>	7,629	610,675
<b>250 to 499 employees</b>	8,181	373,417
<b>500 to 999 employees</b>	2,808	257,147
<b>1000 and over employees</b>	2,253	749,335
	<b>52,276</b>	<b>4,162,642</b>

Note: Asterisks (\*\*) indicate non-disclosable data.

'Zero; no employment' typically represents new startup firms or sole-proprietorships.

Source: Virginia Works, Economic Information & Analytics,  
Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW), 2nd Quarter (April, May, June) 2025.

## 50 Largest Employers

1. Wal Mart
2. Food City
3. Wise County School Board
4. Tazewell County School Board
5. Scott County School Board
6. Russell County School Board
7. Lee County School Board
8. Heritage Hall
9. Paramount Coal Company
10. Buchanan Minerals LLC
11. McDonalds Of Gate City
12. Buchanan County School Board
13. Bristol Regional Health System
14. Tempur Production
15. Wallens Ridge Correctional Center
16. Red Onion Correctional Center
17. Sitel Operating Corporation
18. Dickenson County School Board
19. University of Virginia / Blue Ridge Hospital
20. Clinch Valley Community Hospital
21. Lowes' Home Centers, Inc.
22. U.S. Department of Justice
23. Cumberland Mountain Community Services
24. VFP Inc.
25. Keen Mountain Correctional Institute
26. Dolgencorp LLC
27. Southwest Virginia Community College
28. Hardee's
29. VDOT
30. Pocahontas State Correctional
31. Postal Service
32. Shore Stop Store
33. County of Wise
34. Bluefield College
35. Rapoca Energy Company
36. Sw Virginia Regional Jail Auth
37. Appalachian Agency for Seniors
38. County of Buchanan
39. Samuel Son Co Usa Inc
40. Tazewell County Virginia
41. Mount Empire Community College
42. Joy Technologies
43. CGI Federal Inc
44. Frontier Health
45. American Plus
46. Buchanan General Hospital
47. Wendbtw LLC
48. County of Russell
49. Mullican Flooring
50. Jennmar Corporation of Virginia

Source: Virginia Works, Economic Information & Analytics,  
Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW), 2nd Quarter (April, May, June) 2025.

### Did you know...

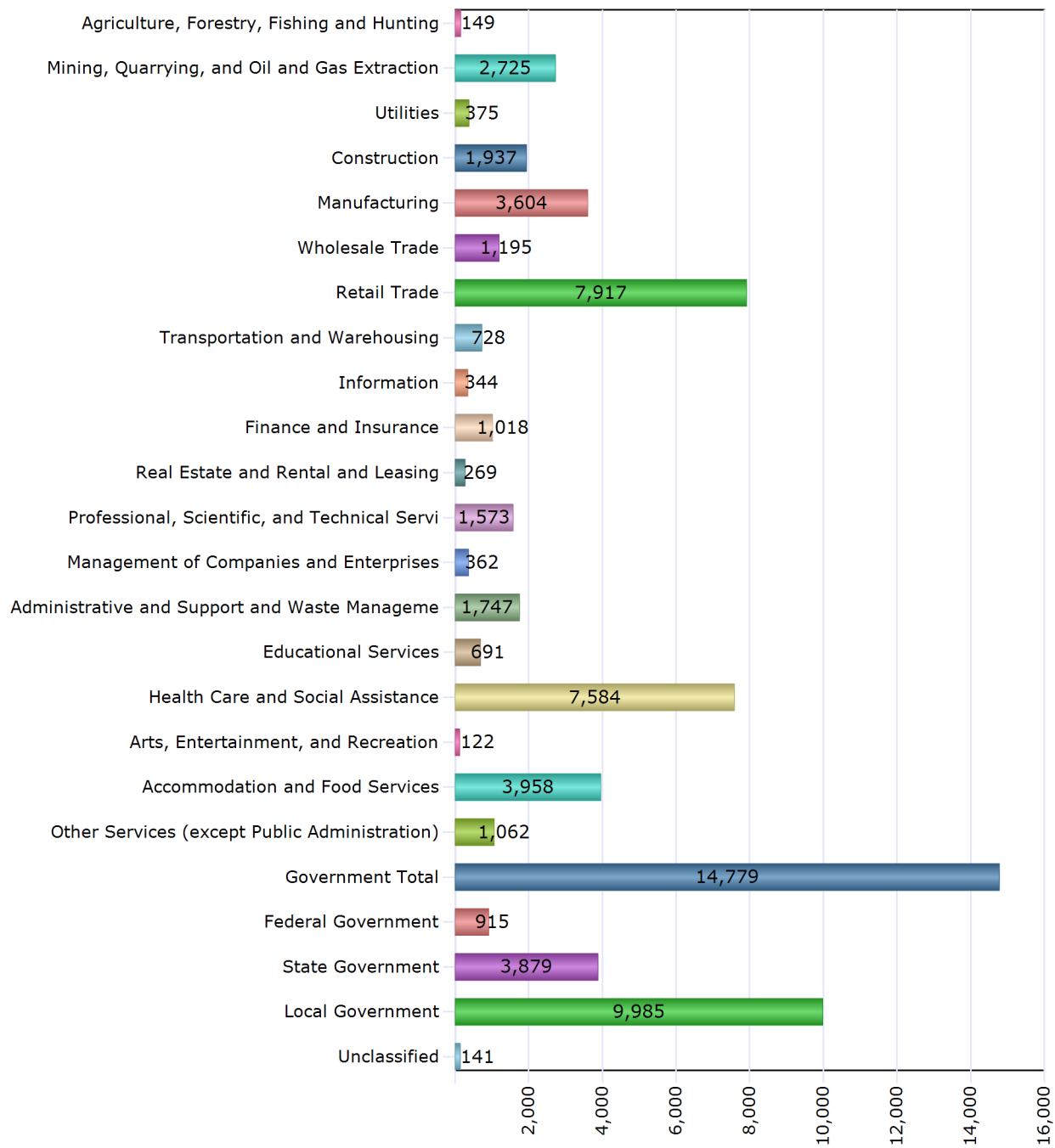
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## Employment by Industry

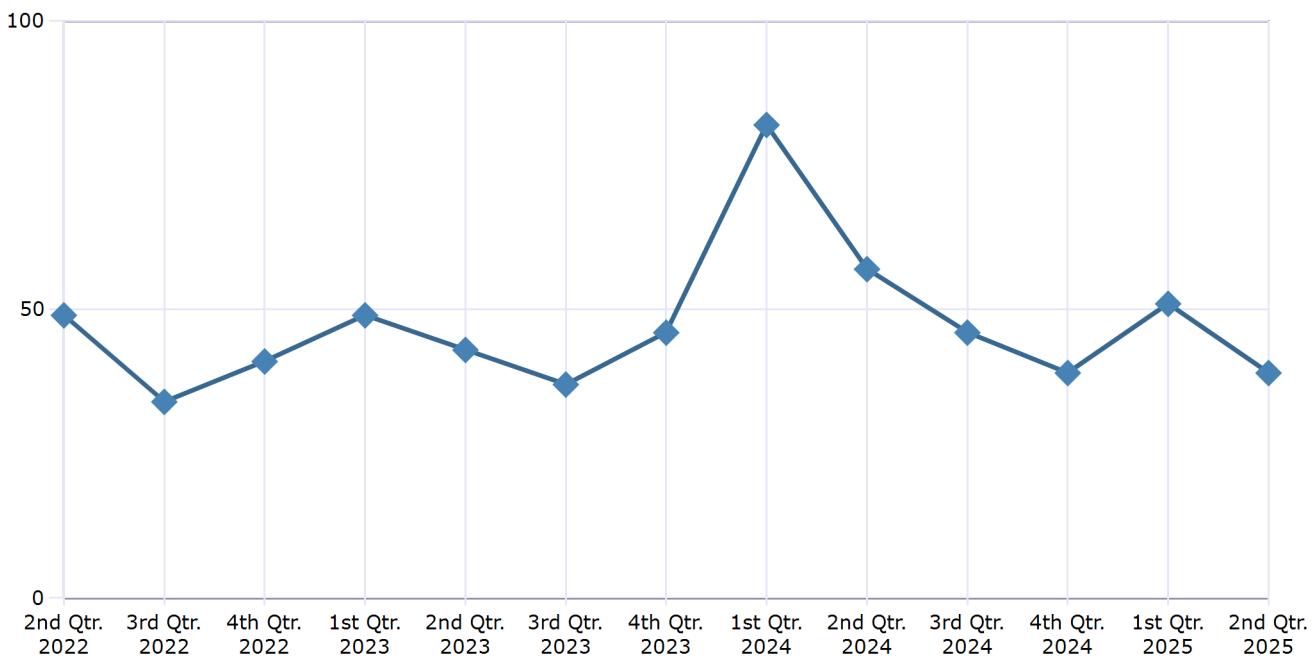


**Total: 52,276**

Note: Asterisk (\*) indicates non-disclosable data.

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## New Startup Firms



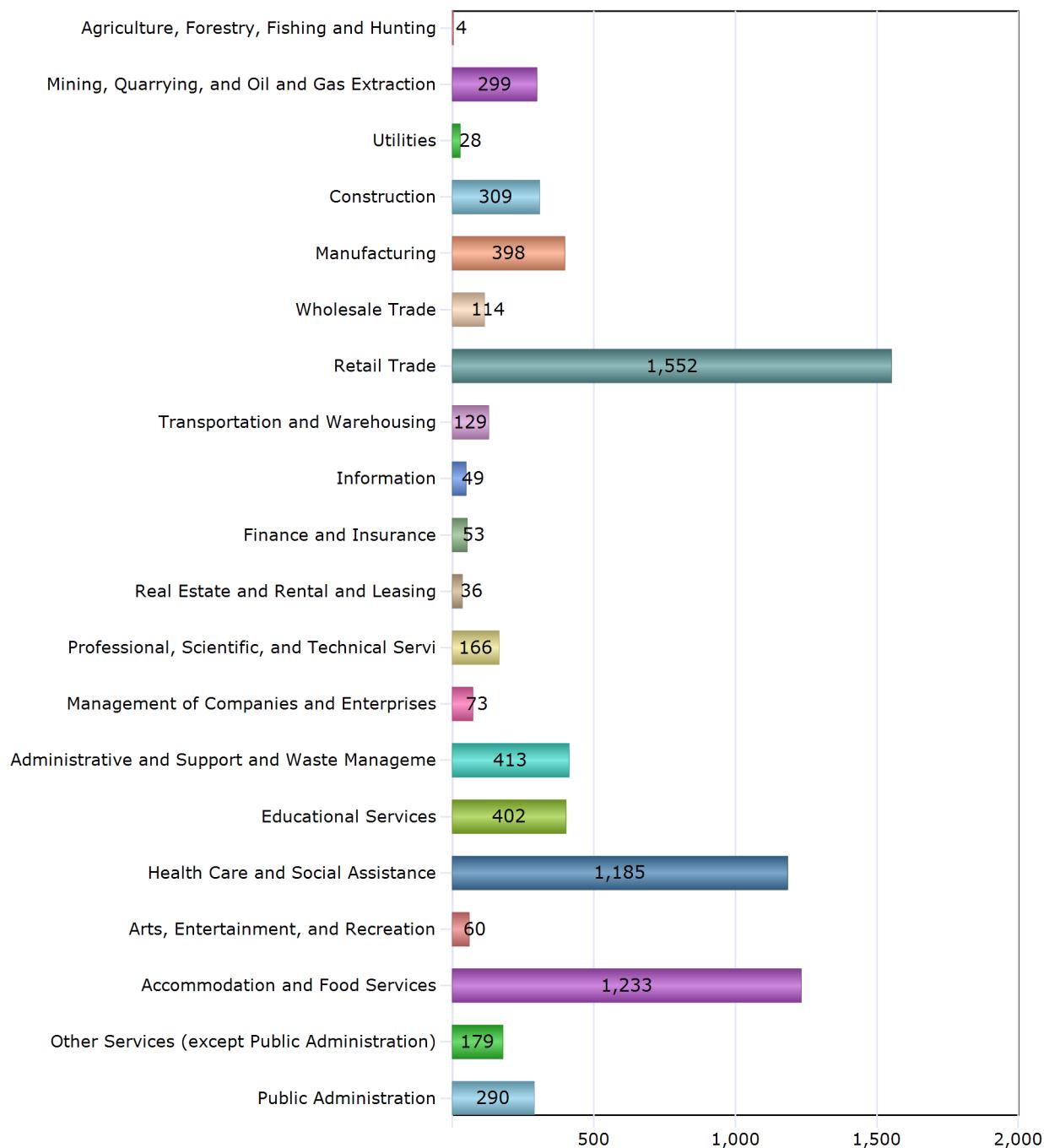
	LWIA I	Virginia
<b>2nd Qtr. 2022</b>	49	4,993
<b>3rd Qtr. 2022</b>	34	4,839
<b>4th Qtr. 2022</b>	41	4,162
<b>1st Qtr. 2023</b>	49	5,320
<b>2nd Qtr. 2023</b>	43	4,835
<b>3rd Qtr. 2023</b>	37	4,472
<b>4th Qtr. 2023</b>	46	4,454
<b>1st Qtr. 2024</b>	82	5,789
<b>2nd Qtr. 2024</b>	57	4,468
<b>3rd Qtr. 2024</b>	46	4,555
<b>4th Qtr. 2024</b>	39	4,203
<b>1st Qtr. 2025</b>	51	5,093
<b>2nd Qtr. 2025</b>	39	4,378

*Note: The following criteria was used to define new startup firms:*

- 1.) Setup and liability date both occurred during 2nd Quarter (April, May, June) 2025
- 2.) Establishment had no predecessor UI Account Number
- 3.) Private Ownership
- 4.) Average employment is less than 250
- 5.) For multi-unit establishments, the parent company must also meet the above criteria.

*Source: Virginia Works, Economic Information & Analytics,  
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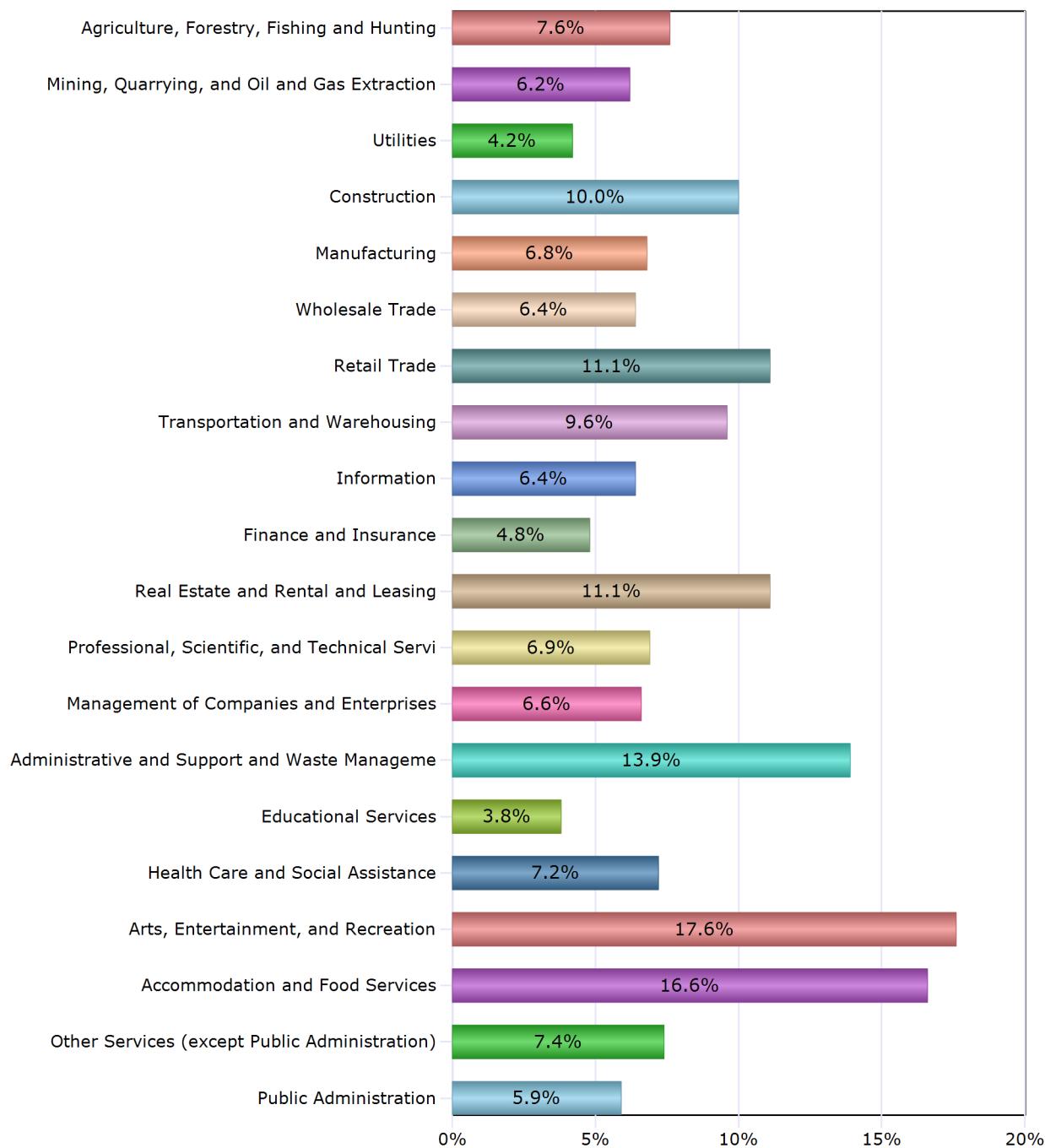
## New Hires by Industry



**Total: 6,972**

Source: U.S. Census Bureau,  
Local Employment Dynamics (LED) Program, 1st Quarter (January, February, March) 2024, all ownerships.

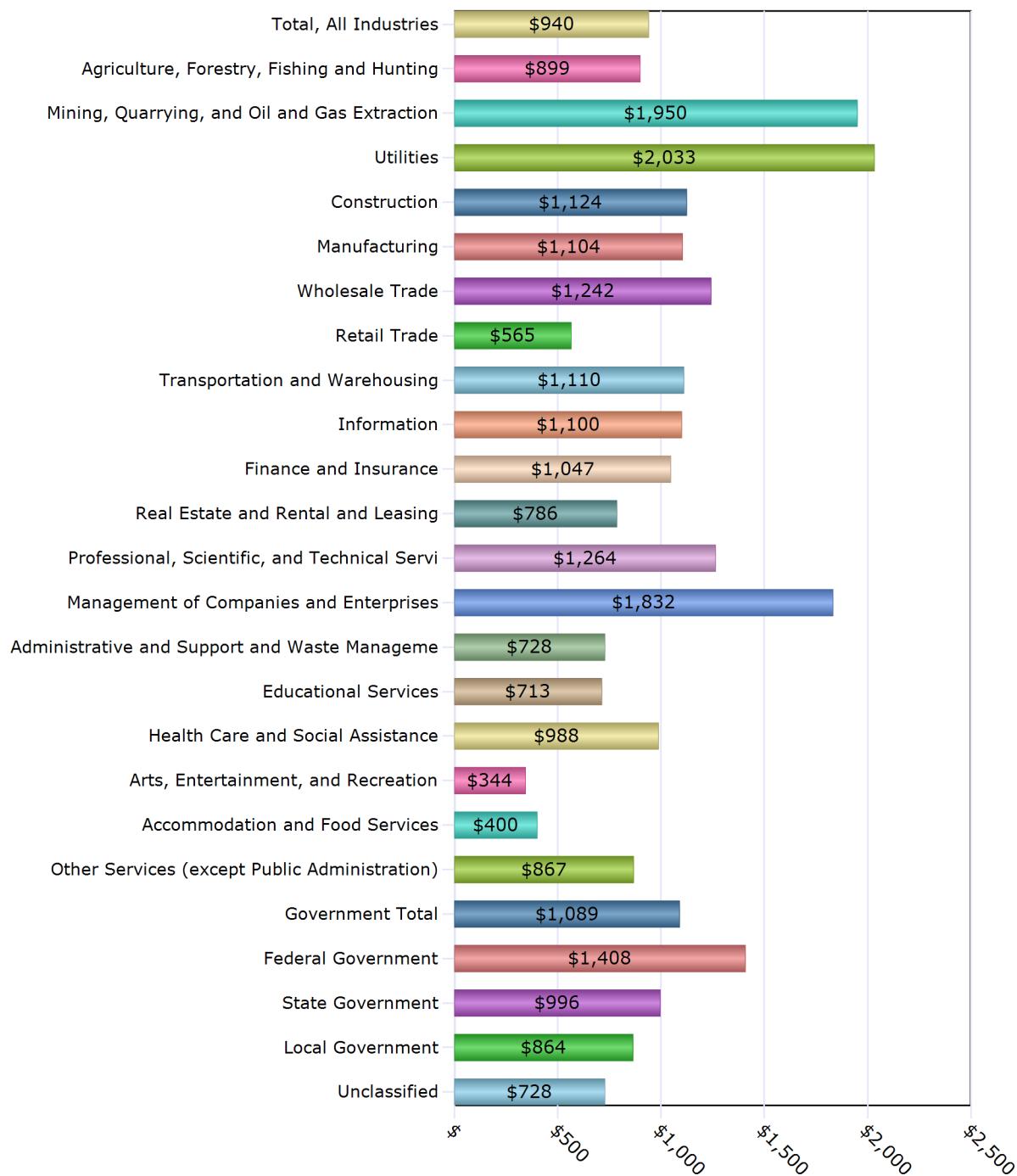
## Turnover by Industry



**Average: 8.5%**

Source: U.S. Census Bureau,  
Local Employment Dynamics (LED) Program, 4th Quarter (October, November, December) 2023, all ownerships.

## Average Weekly Wage by Industry



Note: Asterisk (\*) indicates non-disclosable data.

Source: Virginia Works, Economic Information & Analytics,  
Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW), 2nd Quarter (April, May, June) 2025.

## Age of Workers by Industry

	14–18	19–21	22–24	25–34	35–44	45–54	55–64	65+
Total, All Industries	1,375	2,832	3,209	10,865	11,271	11,729	9,049	4,604
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting		3	3	24	31	33	32	10
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction		67	147	623	756	770	574	184
Utilities	3	10	23	116	120	134	121	34
Construction	18	130	127	409	488	525	458	175
Manufacturing	25	177	195	733	776	872	616	215
Wholesale Trade	19	46	73	261	268	315	236	112
Retail Trade	435	842	677	1,687	1,501	1,401	1,138	681
Transportation and Warehousing	11	19	21	134	147	209	188	121
Information		27	38	106	125	154	94	48
Finance and Insurance	3	26	43	173	231	257	219	104
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	6	5	10	34	59	58	59	29
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	14	48	102	443	463	407	318	202
Management of Companies and Enterprises	6	17	36	128	131	128	127	61
Administrative and Support and Waste Management	31	112	168	536	519	419	218	131
Educational Services	45	259	370	1,341	1,642	1,854	1,521	830
Health Care and Social Assistance	74	317	479	1,908	1,987	2,072	1,616	863
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	21	23	21	48	46	41	33	30
Accommodation and Food Services	597	482	326	805	704	516	326	160
Other Services (except Public Administration)	23	82	88	290	295	360	326	231
Public Administration	39	141	264	1,065	983	1,203	829	382

Source: U.S. Census Bureau,  
Local Employment Dynamics (LED) Program, 1st Quarter (January, February, March) 2024, all ownerships.

### What is LED?

Developed by the U.S. Census Bureau, the Local Employment Dynamics (LED) program merges Virginia's Unemployment Compensation wage and employer records with Census demographic data. Read more about LED on the following website:

<http://lehd.did.census.gov/led/>



## Industry Employment and Projections

Long Term (Period= 32)

	Employment			Percent	
	Estimated 2022	Projected 2032	Change	Total	Annual
Total, All Industries	56,241	51,505	-4,736	-8.42%	-.88%
Total Self-Employed and Unpaid Family Workers	2,444	2,167	-277	-11.33%	-1.2%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	***	***	***		***
Mining	***	***	***		***
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	***	***	***		***
Utilities	***	***	***		***
Construction	2,037	1,726	-311	-15.27%	-1.64%
Manufacturing	3,410	2,997	-413	-12.11%	-1.28%
Wholesale Trade	1,228	1,278	50	4.07%	.4%
Retail Trade	8,069	7,355	-714	-8.85%	-.92%
Transportation and Warehousing	***	***	***		***
Information	440	324	-116	-26.36%	-3.01%
Finance and Insurance	990	1,145	155	15.66%	1.47%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	254	276	22	8.66%	.83%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	1,973	2,127	154	7.81%	.75%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	577	645	68	11.79%	1.12%
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	2,492	2,038	-454	-18.22%	-1.99%
Educational Services	7,083	5,763	-1,320	-18.64%	-2.04%
Health Care and Social Assistance	7,530	8,093	563	7.48%	.72%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	168	163	-5	-2.98%	-.3%
Accommodation and Food Services	3,827	3,936	109	2.85%	.28%
Other Services (except Public Administration)	1,285	1,258	-27	-2.1%	-.21%
Unclassified	7,823	6,677	-1,146	-14.65%	-1.57%

Note: Asterisks (\*\*\* ) indicate non-disclosable data..

Source: Virginia Works, Economic Information & Analytics,  
Long Term Industry and Occupational Projections, 2022-2032.

## Industry Employment and Projections

*Short Term (Period= 46)*

	Employment			Percent	
	Estimated 2024	Projected 2026	Change	Total	Annual
Total, All Industries	4,283,558	4,397,681	114,123	2.66%	1.32%
Total Self-Employed and Unpaid Family Workers	242,506	247,939	5,433	2.24%	1.11%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	***	***	***	***	***
Mining	***	***	***	***	***
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	***	***	***	***	***
Utilities	***	***	***	***	***
Construction	211,565	216,126	4,561	2.16%	1.07%
Manufacturing	242,642	240,052	-2,590	-1.07%	-.54%
Wholesale Trade	112,712	113,390	678	.6%	.3%
Retail Trade	389,844	391,653	1,809	.46%	.23%
Transportation and Warehousing	***	***	***	***	***
Information	69,466	68,826	-640	-.92%	-.46%
Finance and Insurance	145,638	147,411	1,773	1.22%	.61%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	58,616	59,536	920	1.57%	.78%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	468,691	481,297	12,606	2.69%	1.34%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	87,651	90,364	2,713	3.1%	1.54%
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	242,464	252,231	9,767	4.03%	1.99%
Educational Services	386,196	396,077	9,881	2.56%	1.27%
Health Care and Social Assistance	502,528	532,403	29,875	5.94%	2.93%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	58,268	61,990	3,722	6.39%	3.14%
Accommodation and Food Services	339,599	354,859	15,260	4.49%	2.22%
Other Services (except Public Administration)	134,823	138,621	3,798	2.82%	1.4%
Unclassified	415,851	425,498	9,647	2.32%	1.15%

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*Projections data is for Virginia Statewide. No data available for Southwest Region (LWDA I).*

*Source: Virginia Works, Economic Information & Analytics,  
Short Term Industry and Occupational Projections, 2024-2026.*

## Occupation Employment and Projections

Long Term (Period= 32)

	Employment			Openings		
	Estimated 2022	Projected 2032	% Change	Replace -ments	Growth	Total
Total, All Occupations	56,241	51,505	-8.42%	59,553	-4,736	54,817
Management Occupations	2,600	2,431	-6.5%	1,940	-169	1,771
Business and Financial Operations Occupations	1,895	1,786	-5.75%	1,463	-109	1,354
Computer and Mathematical Occupations	851	785	-7.76%	480	-66	414
Architecture and Engineering Occupations	681	674	-1.03%	466	-7	459
Life, Physical, and Social Science Occupations	431	400	-7.19%	386	-31	355
Community and Social Service Occupations	1,459	1,365	-6.44%	1,133	-94	1,039
Legal Occupations	335	350	4.48%	220	15	235
Education, Training, and Library Occupations	4,848	3,999	-17.51%	3,831	-849	2,982
Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media Occupations	441	420	-4.76%	437	-21	416
Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations	3,675	3,868	5.25%	2,172	193	2,365
Healthcare Support Occupations	2,628	2,965	12.82%	4,020	337	4,357
Protective Service Occupations	2,712	2,337	-13.83%	2,364	-375	1,989
Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations	4,387	4,363	-.55%	8,434	-24	8,410
Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance Occupations	1,486	1,364	-8.21%	1,917	-122	1,795
Personal Care and Service Occupations	709	665	-6.21%	1,102	-44	1,058
Sales and Related Occupations	5,542	4,933	-10.99%	7,323	-609	6,714
Office and Administrative Support Occupations	6,960	6,047	-13.12%	7,341	-913	6,428
Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations	346	333	-3.76%	491	-13	478
Construction and Extraction Occupations	3,843	2,949	-23.26%	3,026	-894	2,132
Installation, Maintenance, and Repair Occupations	2,722	2,476	-9.04%	2,221	-246	1,975
Production Occupations	2,789	2,368	-15.1%	2,702	-421	2,281
Transportation and Material Moving Occupations	4,901	4,627	-5.59%	6,084	-274	5,810

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Source: Virginia Works, Economic Information & Analytics, Long Term Industry and Occupational Projections, 2022-2032.

## Occupation Employment and Projections

Short Term (Period= 46)

	Employment			Openings		
	Estimated 2024	Projected 2026	% Change	Replace -ments	Growth	Total
Total, All Occupations	4,283,558	4,397,681	2.66%	921,643	114,123	1,035,766
Management Occupations	274,991	282,191	2.62%	41,247	7,200	48,447
Business and Financial Operations Occupations	399,175	408,675	2.38%	63,872	9,500	73,372
Computer and Mathematical Occupations	252,153	260,184	3.19%	29,462	8,031	37,493
Architecture and Engineering Occupations	73,680	75,759	2.82%	9,814	2,079	11,893
Life, Physical, and Social Science Occupations	45,809	47,113	2.85%	7,462	1,304	8,766
Community and Social Service Occupations	69,614	72,682	4.41%	11,823	3,068	14,891
Legal Occupations	40,493	41,388	2.21%	5,647	895	6,542
Education, Training, and Library Occupations	260,339	267,882	2.9%	46,019	7,543	53,562
Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media Occupations	65,836	67,463	2.47%	12,858	1,627	14,485
Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations	242,538	255,658	5.41%	27,469	13,120	40,589
Healthcare Support Occupations	151,955	162,176	6.73%	44,854	10,221	55,075
Protective Service Occupations	109,454	112,258	2.56%	25,802	2,804	28,606
Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations	326,504	339,213	3.89%	126,761	12,709	139,470
Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance Occupations	142,044	151,808	6.87%	39,164	9,764	48,928
Personal Care and Service Occupations	109,402	114,343	4.52%	38,148	4,941	43,089
Sales and Related Occupations	382,697	384,106	.37%	98,997	1,409	100,406
Office and Administrative Support Occupations	465,808	467,920	.45%	106,228	2,112	108,340
Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations	6,380	6,475	1.49%	1,844	95	1,939
Construction and Extraction Occupations	196,175	201,029	2.47%	33,714	4,854	38,568
Installation, Maintenance, and Repair Occupations	168,732	172,244	2.08%	29,634	3,512	33,146
Production Occupations	172,008	170,652	-.79%	36,882	-1,356	35,526
Transportation and Material Moving Occupations	327,771	336,462	2.65%	83,942	8,691	92,633

Note: Asterisks (\*\*) indicate non-disclosable data.

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Source: Virginia Works, Economic Information & Analytics,  
Short Term Industry and Occupational Projections, 2024-2026.

## Growth Occupations

	Employment			Openings			Average Annual Salary
	Estimated 2022	Projected 2032	% Change	Replace -ments	Growth	Total	
Nurse Practitioners	131	204	55.73%	74	73	147	\$119,050
Securities, Commodities, and Financial Services Sales Agents	113	162	43.36%	100	49	149	N/A
Medical Assistants	171	219	28.07%	248	48	296	\$36,870
Medical and Health Services Managers	144	179	24.31%	112	35	147	\$117,220
Cooks, Restaurant	341	409	19.94%	562	68	630	\$34,860
Physical Therapists	152	181	19.08%	64	29	93	\$99,090
Billing and Posting Clerks	119	139	16.81%	132	20	152	\$42,650
Pharmacy Technicians	309	359	16.18%	299	50	349	\$38,170
Tellers	220	253	15%	240	33	273	\$34,490
Paralegals and Legal Assistants	131	146	11.45%	140	15	155	\$42,930
Light Truck or Delivery Services Drivers	319	346	8.46%	346	27	373	\$33,340
Receptionists and Information Clerks	455	487	7.03%	625	32	657	\$33,390
Security Guards	238	254	6.72%	325	16	341	\$36,150
Financial Managers	118	125	5.93%	81	7	88	\$144,640
Market Research Analysts and Marketing Specialists	103	109	5.83%	95	6	101	\$68,130
Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics	403	426	5.71%	349	23	372	\$44,250
Lawyers	138	144	4.35%	54	6	60	\$134,980
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	1,070	1,116	4.3%	1,135	46	1,181	\$50,240
Industrial Machinery Mechanics	265	276	4.15%	208	11	219	\$63,960
Pharmacists	178	184	3.37%	67	6	73	\$132,840

Note: Asterisks (\*\*) indicate non-disclosable data..

Source: Virginia Works, Economic Information & Analytics, Long Term Industry and Occupational Projections, 2022-2032 Occupational Employment Statistics (OES) Survey, 2024.

## Declining Occupations

	Employment			Openings		
	Estimated 2022	Projected 2032	% Change	Replace-ments	Growth	Total
Operating Engineers and Other Construction Equipment Operators	461	321	-30.37%	327	-140	187
Electricians	232	164	-29.31%	173	-68	105
Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, and Weighers	137	101	-26.28%	136	-36	100
First-Line Supervisors of Construction Trades and Extraction Workers	552	428	-22.46%	386	-124	262
Customer Service Representatives	1,207	937	-22.37%	1,440	-270	1,170
Postal Service Mail Carriers	167	131	-21.56%	111	-36	75
Managers, All Other	191	150	-21.47%	123	-41	82
Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive	633	501	-20.85%	628	-132	496
Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant and System Operators	165	132	-20%	139	-33	106
Special Education Teachers, Kindergarten and Elementary School	157	126	-19.75%	94	-31	63
Mobile Heavy Equipment Mechanics, Except Engines	249	201	-19.28%	185	-48	137
Sawing Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Wood	131	106	-19.08%	131	-25	106
Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education	724	587	-18.92%	435	-137	298
Middle School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical Education	441	358	-18.82%	265	-83	182
Secondary School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical Education	475	387	-18.53%	264	-88	176
Education Administrators, Elementary and Secondary School	152	124	-18.42%	91	-28	63
Shipping, Receiving, and Traffic Clerks	186	152	-18.28%	171	-34	137
Farmers, Ranchers, and Other Agricultural Managers	214	177	-17.29%	202	-37	165
Refuse and Recyclable Material Collectors	174	146	-16.09%	195	-28	167
First-Line Supervisors of Correctional Officers	241	205	-14.94%	176	-36	140

*Note: Asterisks (\*\*\*\*) indicate non-disclosable data..*

*Source: Virginia Works, Economic Information & Analytics, Long Term Industry and Occupational Projections, 2022-2032.*

## Consumer Price Index (CPI)

### *All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)*

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Ann.	% chg
<b>2014</b>	233.916	234.781	236.293	237.072	237.900	238.343	238.250	237.852	238.031	237.433	236.151	234.812	236.736	1.6
<b>2015</b>	233.707	234.722	236.119	236.599	237.805	238.638	238.654	238.316	237.945	237.838	237.336	236.525	237.017	0.1
<b>2016</b>	236.916	237.111	238.132	239.261	240.229	241.018	240.628	240.849	241.428	241.729	241.353	241.432	240.007	1.3
<b>2017</b>	242.839	243.603	243.801	244.524	244.733	244.955	244.786	245.519	246.819	246.663	246.669	246.524	245.120	2.1
<b>2018</b>	247.867	248.991	249.554	250.546	251.588	251.989	252.006	252.146	252.439	252.885	252.038	251.233	251.107	2.4
<b>2019</b>	251.712	252.776	254.202	255.548	256.092	256.143	256.571	256.558	256.759	257.346	257.208	256.974	255.657	1.8
<b>2020</b>	257.971	258.678	258.115	256.389	256.394	257.797	259.101	259.918	260.280	260.388	260.229	260.474	258.811	1.2
<b>2021</b>	261.582	263.014	264.877	267.054	269.195	271.696	273.003	273.567	274.310	276.589	277.948	278.802	270.970	4.7
<b>2022</b>	281.148	283.716	287.504	289.109	292.296	296.311	296.276	296.171	296.808	298.012	297.711	296.797	292.655	8.0
<b>2023</b>	299.170	300.840	301.836	303.363	304.127	305.109	305.691	307.026	307.789	307.671	307.051	306.746	304.702	4.1
<b>2024</b>	308.417	310.326	312.332	313.548	314.069	314.175	314.540	314.796	315.301	315.664	315.493	315.605	313.689	2.9

### *Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W)*

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Ann.	% chg
<b>2014</b>	230.040	230.871	232.560	233.443	234.216	234.702	234.525	234.030	234.170	233.229	231.551	229.909	232.771	1.5
<b>2015</b>	228.294	229.421	231.055	231.520	232.908	233.804	233.806	233.366	232.661	232.373	231.721	230.791	231.810	-0.4
<b>2016</b>	231.061	230.972	232.209	233.438	234.436	235.289	234.771	234.904	235.495	235.732	235.215	235.390	234.076	1.0
<b>2017</b>	236.854	237.477	237.656	238.432	238.609	238.813	238.617	239.448	240.939	240.573	240.666	240.526	239.051	2.1
<b>2018</b>	241.919	242.988	243.463	244.607	245.770	246.196	246.155	246.336	246.565	247.038	245.933	244.786	245.146	2.5
<b>2019</b>	245.133	246.218	247.768	249.332	249.871	249.747	250.236	250.112	250.251	250.894	250.644	250.452	249.222	1.7
<b>2020</b>	251.361	251.935	251.375	249.515	249.521	251.054	252.636	253.597	254.004	254.076	253.826	254.081	252.248	1.2
<b>2021</b>	255.296	256.843	258.935	261.237	263.612	266.412	267.789	268.387	269.086	271.552	273.042	273.925	265.510	5.3
<b>2022</b>	276.296	278.943	283.176	284.575	288.022	292.542	292.219	291.629	291.854	293.003	292.495	291.051	287.984	8.5
<b>2023</b>	293.565	295.057	296.021	297.730	298.382	299.394	299.899	301.551	302.257	302.071	301.224	300.728	298.990	3.8
<b>2024</b>	302.201	304.284	306.502	307.811	308.163	308.054	308.501	308.640	309.046	309.358	308.998	309.067	307.552	2.9

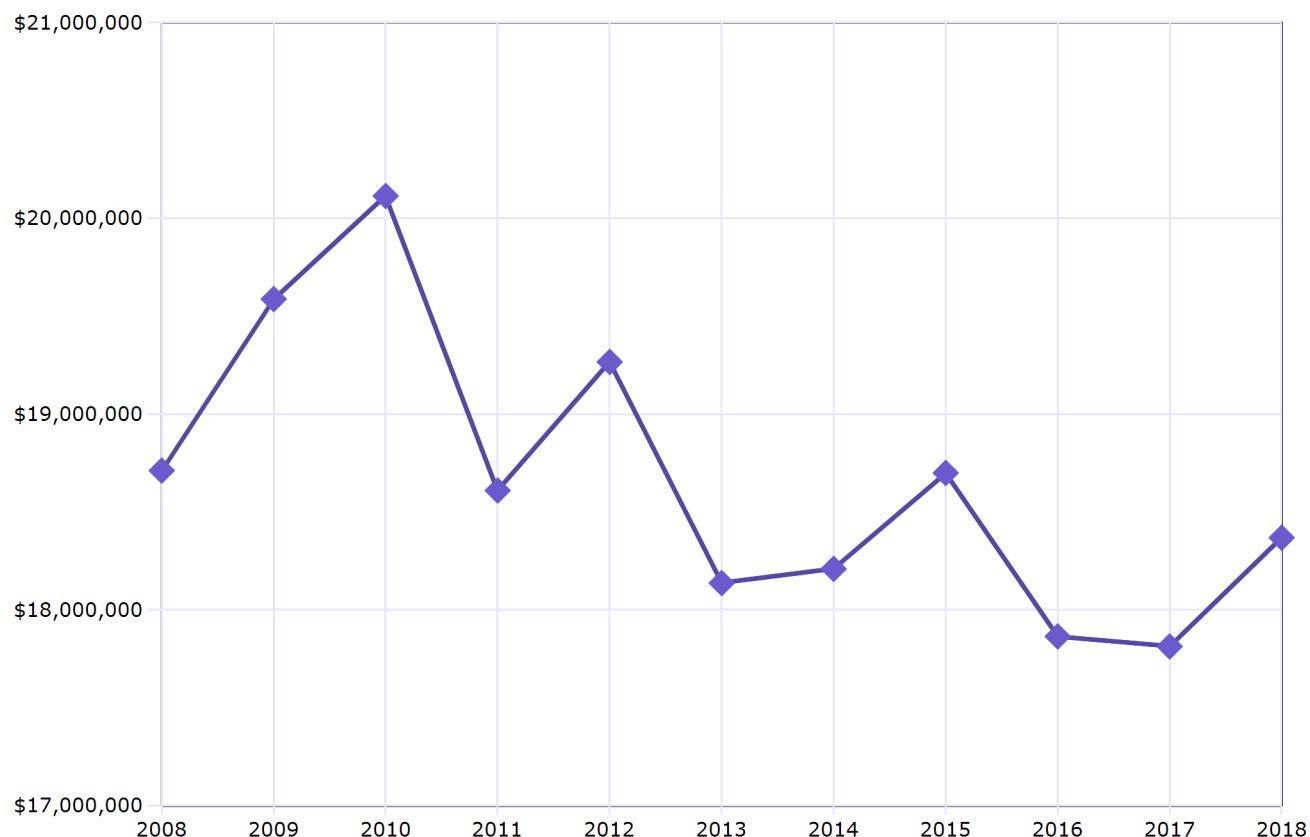
*Note: CPI data is for the United States only. No data available for Southwest Region (LWDA I).*

*The CPI-U includes expenditures by urban wage earners and clerical workers, professional, managerial, and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, retirees and others not in the labor force. The CPI-W only includes expenditures by those in hourly wage earning or clerical jobs.*

*Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics,  
Consumer Price Indexes (CPI) Program.*

## Local Option Sales Tax

*Trends*



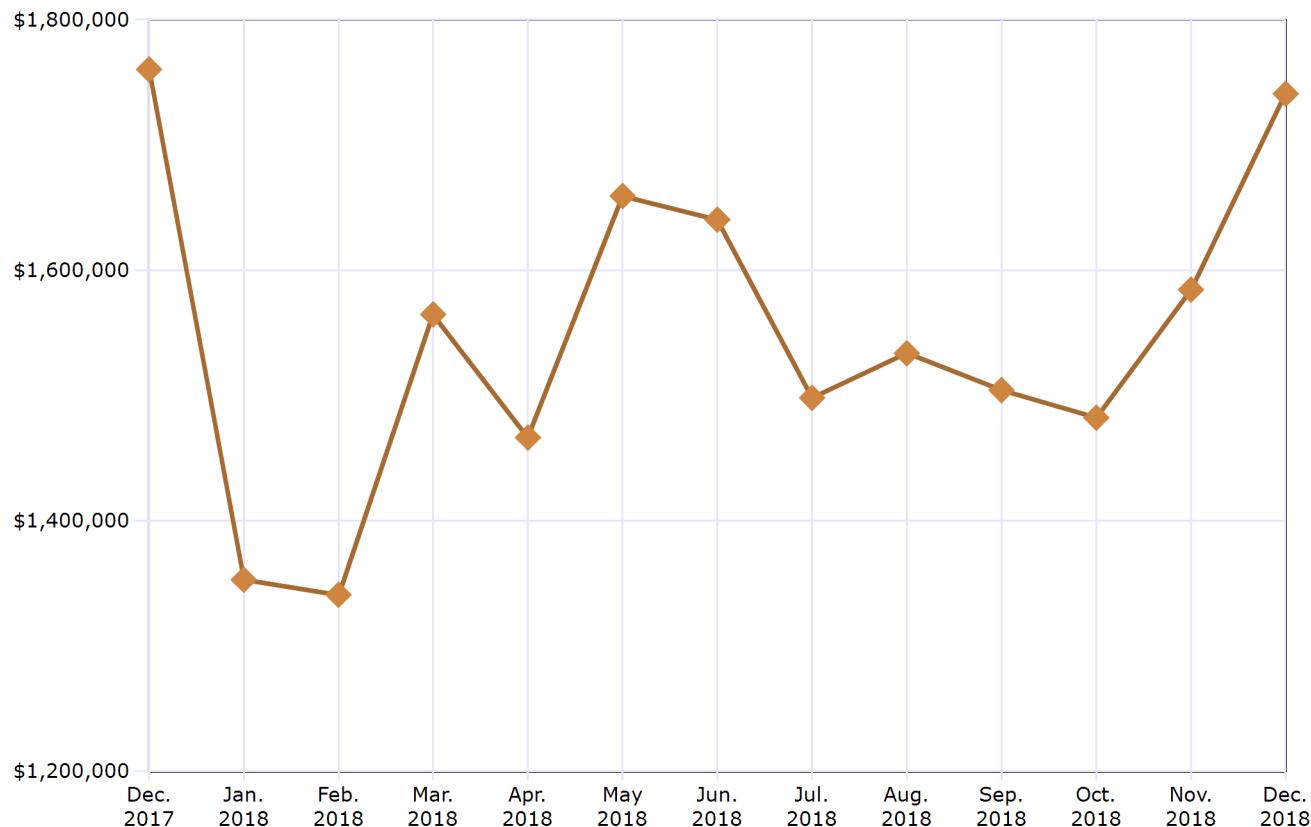
	LWIA I	Virginia
<b>2008</b>	\$18,711,808	\$1,032,815,078
<b>2009</b>	\$19,588,069	\$979,594,664
<b>2010</b>	\$20,114,719	\$992,820,512
<b>2011</b>	\$18,610,224	\$1,035,981,229
<b>2012</b>	\$19,266,773	\$1,080,663,042
<b>2013</b>	\$18,137,521	\$1,093,292,668
<b>2014</b>	\$18,209,824	\$1,131,194,860
<b>2015</b>	\$18,699,950	\$1,179,611,271
<b>2016</b>	\$17,864,958	\$1,202,257,995
<b>2017</b>	\$17,813,697	\$1,232,981,515
<b>2018</b>	\$18,369,115	\$1,282,022,261

*Note: This data is based on Virginia sales tax revenues deposited, rather than the actual taxable sales figures as reported on a dealer's return.*

*Source: Virginia Department of Taxation,  
Revenue Forecasting.*

## Local Option Sales Tax

*Past 12 Months*



	<b>LWIA I</b>	<b>Virginia</b>
<b>Dec. 2017</b>	\$1,760,314	\$123,193,863
<b>Jan. 2018</b>	\$1,352,999	\$90,794,207
<b>Feb. 2018</b>	\$1,340,976	\$90,576,093
<b>Mar. 2018</b>	\$1,564,827	\$107,834,402
<b>Apr. 2018</b>	\$1,466,530	\$102,372,977
<b>May 2018</b>	\$1,659,315	\$110,211,496
<b>Jun. 2018</b>	\$1,640,390	\$112,529,037
<b>Jul. 2018</b>	\$1,498,201	\$107,211,401
<b>Aug. 2018</b>	\$1,533,745	\$109,428,585
<b>Sep. 2018</b>	\$1,504,330	\$105,468,340
<b>Oct. 2018</b>	\$1,482,356	\$107,742,243
<b>Nov. 2018</b>	\$1,584,571	\$112,348,128
<b>Dec. 2018</b>	\$1,740,875	\$125,505,352

*Note: This data is based on Virginia sales tax revenues deposited, rather than the actual taxable sales figures as reported on a dealer's return.*

Source: Virginia Department of Taxation,  
Revenue Forecasting.

## IV. Education Profile

### Overview

The Education Profile for Southwest Region (LWDA I) provides an assortment of data collected from the United States Census Bureau and the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES).

### Related Terms and Definitions

#### **Associate's degree**

An award that normally requires at least two but less than four years of full-time equivalent college work.

#### **Bachelor's degree**

An award that normally requires at least four but not more than five years of full-time equivalent college-level work.

#### **Post-baccalaureate certificate**

An award that requires completion of an organized program of study equivalent to 18 semester credit hours beyond the bachelor's. It is designed for persons who have completed a bachelor's degree, but do not meet the requirements of a master's degree.

#### **Master's degree**

An award that requires the successful completion of a program of study of at least the full-time equivalent of one but not more than two academic years of work beyond the bachelor's degree.

#### **Post-master's certificate**

An award that requires completion of an organized program of study equivalent to 24 semester credit hours beyond the master's degree, but does not meet the requirements of academic degrees at the doctor's level.

#### **Doctor's degree**

The highest award a student can earn for graduate study.

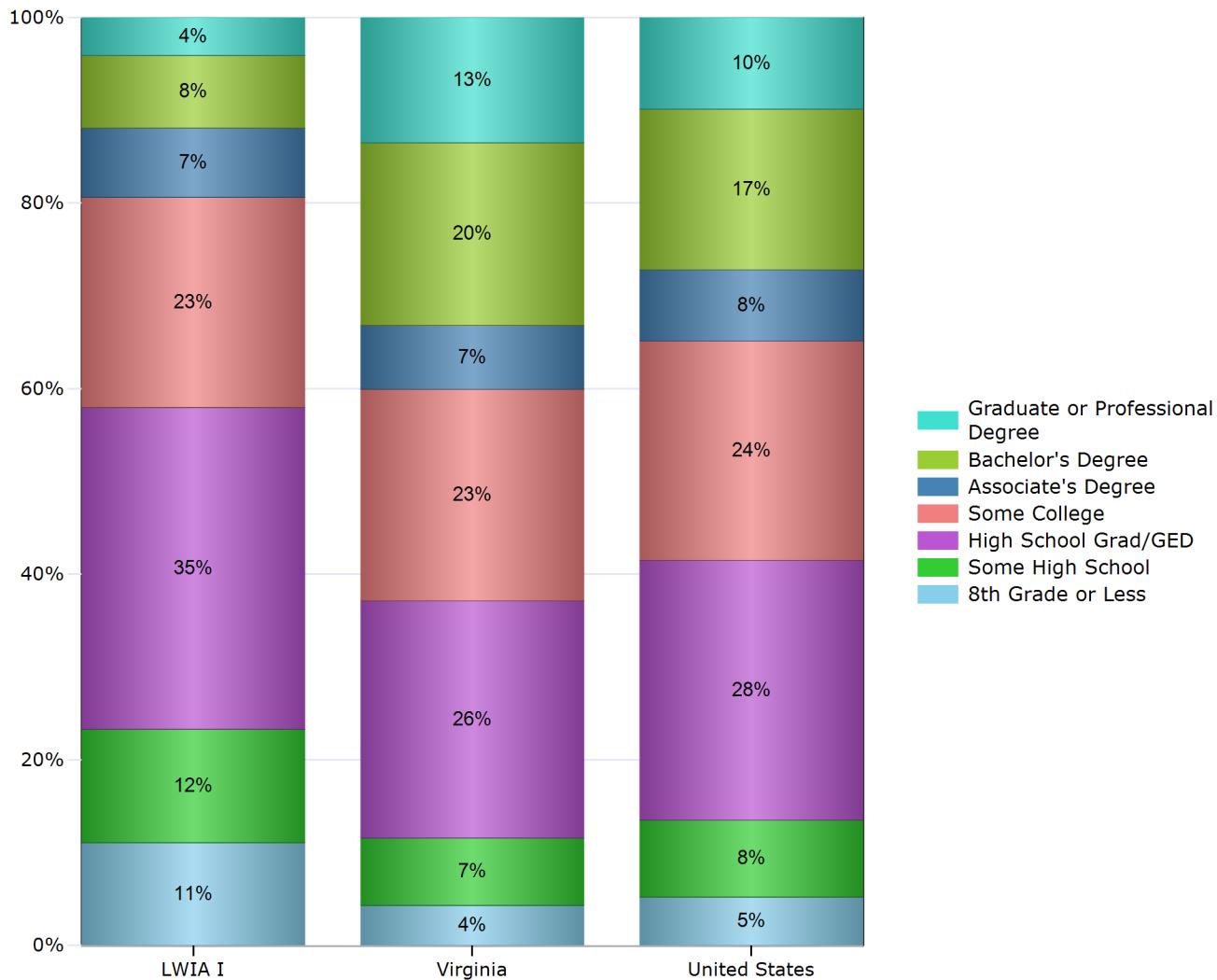
#### **First-professional degree**

An award that requires completion of a program that meets all of the following criteria: (1) completion of the academic requirements to begin practice in the profession; (2) at least two years of college work prior to entering the program; and (3) a total of at least six academic years of college work to complete the degree program, including prior required college work plus the length of the professional program itself.



## Educational Attainment

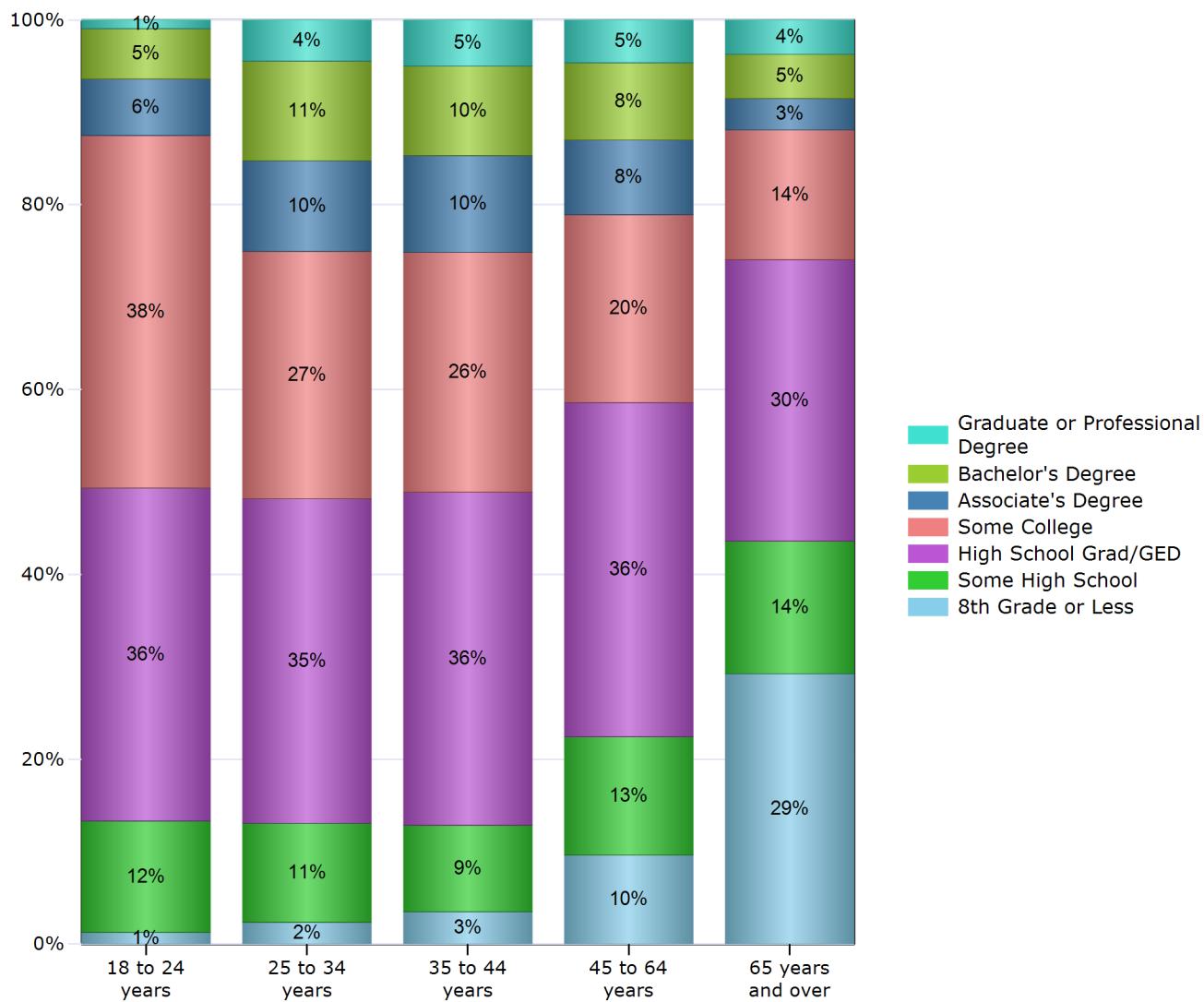
(Population 18 years and over)



	LWIA I	Virginia	United States
<b>8th Grade or Less</b>	18,109	275,329	12,639,425
<b>Some High School</b>	19,997	464,075	20,093,117
<b>High School Grad/GED</b>	56,788	1,633,105	68,044,371
<b>Some College</b>	37,042	1,457,887	57,431,237
<b>Associate's Degree</b>	12,222	440,219	18,586,866
<b>Bachelor's Degree</b>	12,817	1,258,661	42,027,629
<b>Graduate or Professional Degree</b>	6,681	862,686	24,008,551
	<b>163,656</b>	<b>6,391,962</b>	<b>242,831,196</b>

Source: U.S. Census Bureau  
 American Community Survey, 2011-2015.

## Educational Attainment by Age

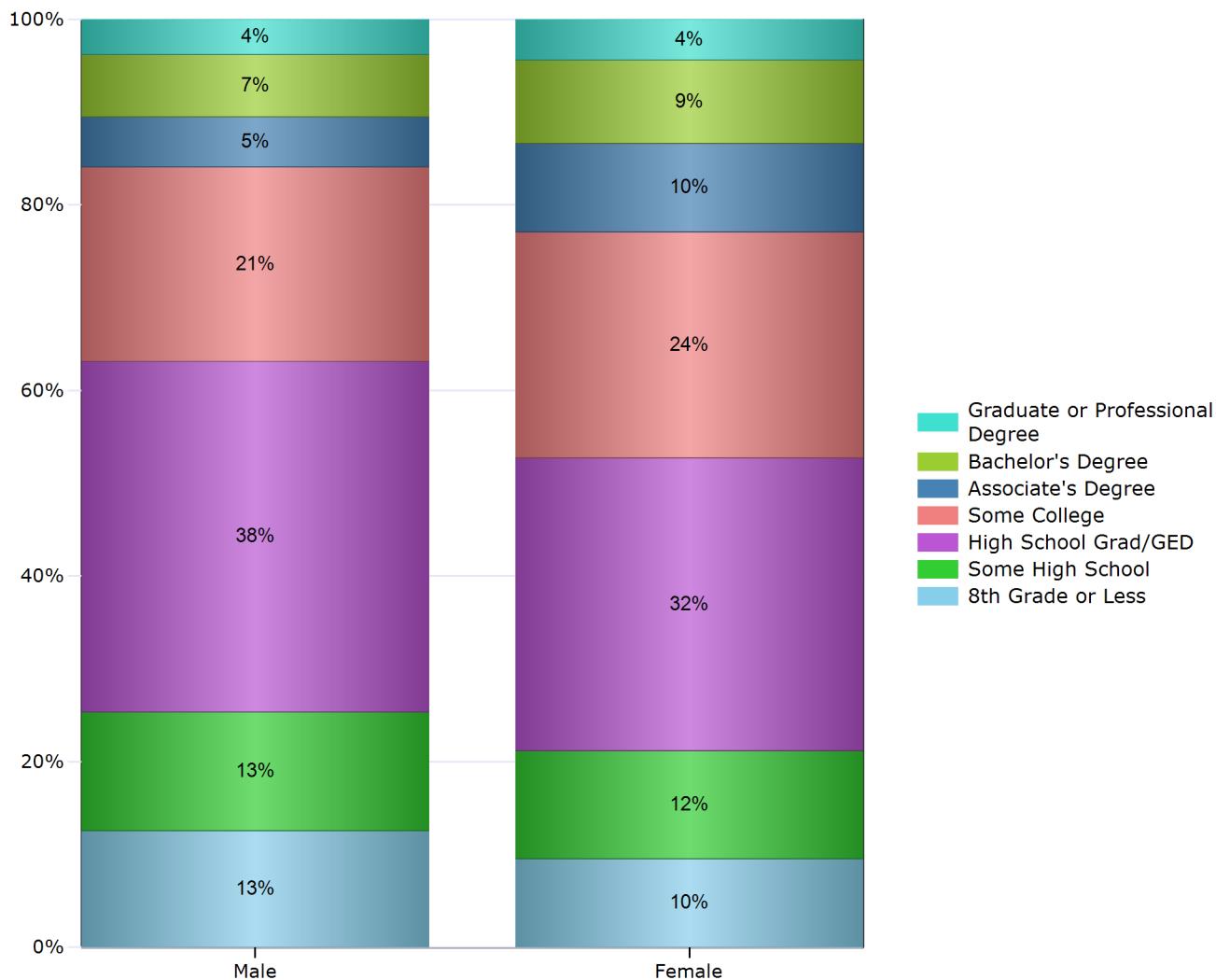


	18 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 44	45 - 64	65+	Total
<b>8th Grade or Less</b>	215	576	904	5,760	10,654	<b>18,109</b>
<b>Some High School</b>	2,048	2,617	2,424	7,679	5,229	<b>19,997</b>
<b>High School Grad/GED</b>	6,128	8,580	9,321	21,667	11,092	<b>56,788</b>
<b>Some College</b>	6,489	6,541	6,710	12,186	5,116	<b>37,042</b>
<b>Associate's Degree</b>	1,039	2,395	2,710	4,835	1,243	<b>12,222</b>
<b>Bachelor's Degree</b>	925	2,631	2,501	5,018	1,742	<b>12,817</b>
<b>Graduate or Professional Degree</b>	162	1,092	1,296	2,776	1,355	<b>6,681</b>
	<b>17,006</b>	<b>24,432</b>	<b>25,866</b>	<b>59,921</b>	<b>36,431</b>	<b>163,656</b>

Source: U.S. Census Bureau  
 American Community Survey, 2011-2015.

## Educational Attainment by Gender

(Population 18 years and over)

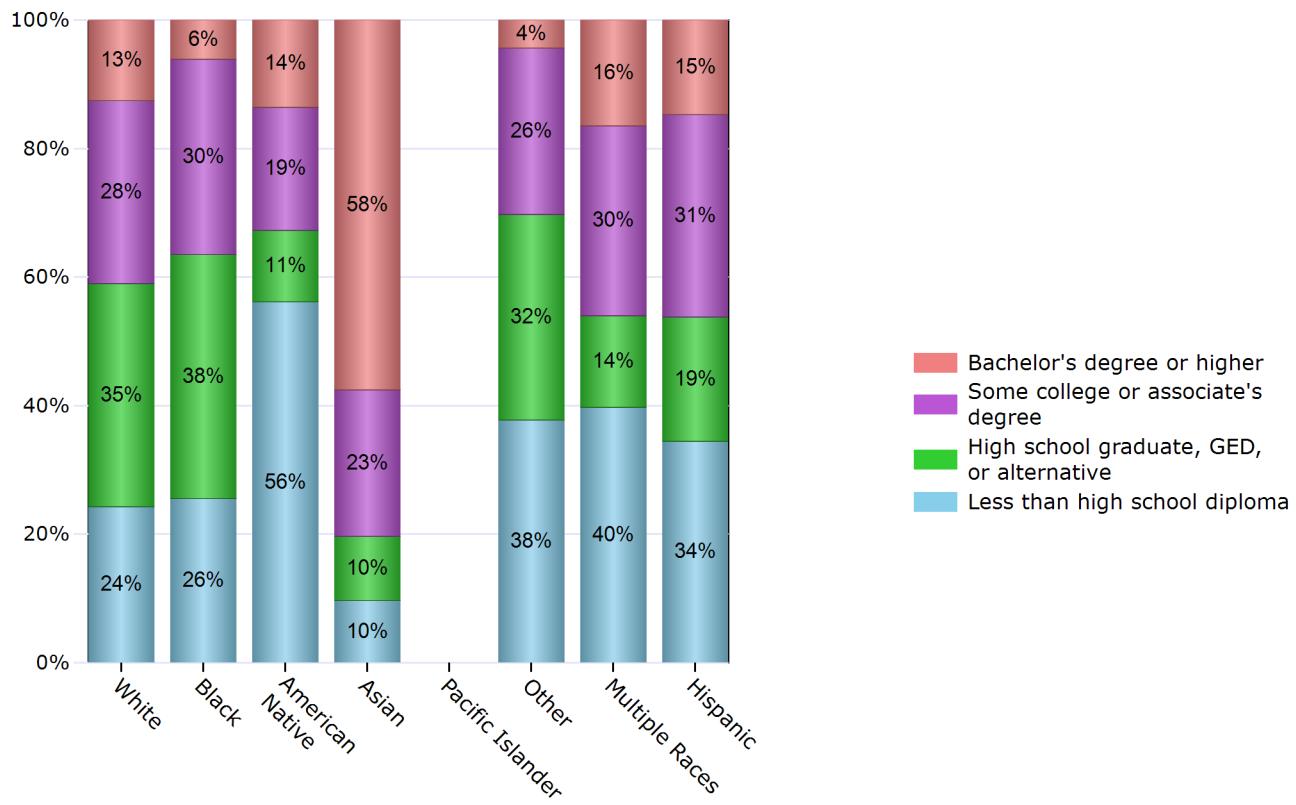


	Male	Female	Total
<b>8th Grade or Less</b>	10,350	7,759	<b>18,109</b>
<b>Some High School</b>	10,543	9,454	<b>19,997</b>
<b>High School Grad/GED</b>	31,137	25,651	<b>56,788</b>
<b>Some College</b>	17,250	19,792	<b>37,042</b>
<b>Associate's Degree</b>	4,459	7,763	<b>12,222</b>
<b>Bachelor's Degree</b>	5,526	7,291	<b>12,817</b>
<b>Graduate or Professional Degree</b>	3,122	3,559	<b>6,681</b>
	<b>82,387</b>	<b>81,269</b>	<b>163,656</b>

Source: U.S. Census Bureau  
American Community Survey, 2011-2015.

## Educational Attainment by Race/Ethnicity

*(Population 25 years and over)*



	Less than high school diploma	High school grad, GED, or alternative	Some college or associate's degree	Bachelor's degree or higher	Total
<b>Race</b>					
White	34,000	48,651	39,823	17,577	<b>140,051</b>
Black or African American	1,105	1,643	1,315	264	<b>4,327</b>
American Indian or Alaska Native	91	18	31	22	<b>162</b>
Asian	59	61	139	351	<b>610</b>
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Other	156	132	107	18	<b>413</b>
Multiple Races	432	155	321	179	<b>1,087</b>
<b>Ethnicity</b>					
Not Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	463	260	423	198	<b>1,344</b>
	<b>36,306</b>	<b>50,920</b>	<b>42,159</b>	<b>18,609</b>	<b>147,994</b>

Source: U.S. Census Bureau  
 American Community Survey, 2011-2015.

## Graduate Data Trends

*Southwest Region (LWDA I)*

	Cert. <1 yr.	Cert. 1-2 yrs.	Assoc.	Cert. 2-4 yrs.	BA	Cert. Post-BA	MA	Cert. Post-MA	Ph.D.	1st Prof.
<b>2006</b>	203	113	442		516					113
<b>2007</b>	275	84	386		548					105
<b>2008</b>	425	134	384		565					67
<b>2009</b>	357	148	474		547					59
<b>2010</b>	496	354	594		416					172
<b>2011</b>	451	344	553	20	494					157
<b>2012</b>	517	347	603	3	489					156
<b>2013</b>	523	263	529		486					163
<b>2016</b>	500	391	580	3	563		46			108

*Note: This table only reflects degrees completed from institutions within Southwest Region (LWDA I)*

*Virginia Statewide*

	Cert. <1 yr.	Cert. 1-2 yrs.	Assoc.	Cert. 2-4 yrs.	BA	Cert. Post-BA	MA	Cert. Post-MA	Ph.D.	1st Prof.
<b>2006</b>	4,213	4,298	14,431	102	39,247	608	12,429	225	1,440	2,490
<b>2007</b>	4,478	3,686	15,519	116	40,381	650	12,781	252	1,516	2,626
<b>2008</b>	5,197	3,813	16,207	134	39,160	725	13,802	334	1,080	2,168
<b>2009</b>	6,259	4,587	17,179	85	40,233	756	15,445	300	925	2,064
<b>2010</b>	7,648	8,158	21,014	374	45,361	915	18,889	601	2,100	2,598
<b>2011</b>	6,972	12,557	24,306	473	49,109	1,055	20,697	727	2,329	2,658
<b>2012</b>	8,825	12,801	26,199	620	53,051	1,215	21,516	686	2,095	3,298
<b>2013</b>	8,153	12,179	25,854	484	54,778	1,067	22,782	706	2,230	2,963
<b>2016</b>	8,643	11,912	25,125	608	61,852	2,032	24,717	640	2,328	2,931

*Source: U.S. Department of Education,  
Institute of Education Sciences (IES).*

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## Training Providers

### **Mountain Empire Community College**

3441 Mountain Empire Road

Big Stone Gap, VA 24219

Phone: (276) 523-2400

<http://www.mecc.edu>

Number of 2016 graduates: 756

### **Southwest Virginia Community College**

369 College Road      Us Rt. 19, 6

Richlands, VA 24641

Phone: (276) 964-2555

<http://sw.edu>

Number of 2016 graduates: 718

### **The University of VA's College at Wise**

1 College Avenue

Wise, VA 24293

Phone: (276) 328-0100

<http://https://www.uvawise.edu/>

Number of 2016 graduates: 312

### **Bluefield College**

3000 College Avenue

Bluefield, VA 24605

Phone: (276) 326-3682

<http://www.bluefield.edu>

Number of 2016 graduates: 258

**Appalachian School of Law**

1169 Edgewater Drive

Grundy, VA 24614

Phone: (276) 935-4349 ext. 1231

<http://www.asl.edu>

Number of 2016 graduates: 82

*Source: U.S. Department of Education,  
Institute of Education Sciences (IES), 2016.*