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## Virginia Works Releases June Employment Data

**RICHMOND**— Virginia Works – the Commonwealth’s Department of Workforce Development and Advancement – announced today that Virginia’s seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in June increased by 0.1 percentage points to 3.5 percent, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics’ (BLS) household survey data. The labor force decreased by 10,116 to 4,558,145 as the number of unemployed residents increased by 4,025 to 160,116. The number of employed residents decreased by 14,141 to 4,398,029 according to the Local Area Unemployment Statistics (“the household survey”). Virginia’s seasonally adjusted unemployment rate is 0.6 percentage points below the national rate, which decreased by 0.1 percentage points to 4.1 percent.

The Commonwealth’s labor force participation rate decreased by 0.2 percentage points to 65.0 percent in June. The labor force participation rate measures the proportion of the civilian population age 16 and older that is employed or actively looking for work.

In June’s Current Employment Statistics Survey, Virginia’s nonagricultural employment decreased by 8,400 to 4,268,300. May’s preliminary estimate of employment, after revision, increased by 600 to 4,276,700. In June, private sector employment decreased by 8,200 to 3,510,200 while government employment decreased by 200 to 758,100. Within that sector, federal government jobs decreased by 2,500 to 185,500, state government employment increased by 2,200 to 162,700, and local government increased by 100 to 409,900 over the month.

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Seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment data is produced for eleven industry sectors. In June, one experienced over-the-month job gains, one remained unchanged, and nine experienced a decline. The only job gain occurred in Construction (+1,700) to 228,900.

The largest job loss occurred in Professional and Business Services (-3,500) to 806,900. The second largest job loss occurred in Education and Health Services (-2,200) to 630,700. The third largest job loss occurred in Leisure and Hospitality (-1,500) to 417,300. The other losses were in Miscellaneous Services (-1,200) to 206,300; Manufacturing (-700) to 241,300; Financial Activities (-500) to 220,800; Government (-200) to 758,100; Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (-200) to 680,600; and Information (-100) to 70,300. Mining and Logging remained unchanged.

Nonfarm Employment in Virginia* Seasonally Adjusted							
Industry	Employment			May 2025 to June 2025		June 2024 to June 2025	
	June 2025	May 2025	June 2024	Change	% Change	Change	% Change
Total Nonfarm	4,268,300	4,276,700	4,232,700	-8,400	-0.2%	35,600	0.8%
Total Private	3,510,200	3,518,400	3,482,100	-8,200	-0.2%	28,100	0.8%
Goods Producing	477,300	476,300	471,100	1,000	0.2%	6,200	1.3%
Mining and Logging	7,100	7,100	7,300	0	0.0%	-200	-2.7%
Construction	228,900	227,200	219,300	1,700	0.7%	9,600	4.4%
Manufacturing	241,300	242,000	244,500	-700	-0.3%	-3,200	-1.3%
Service-Providing	3,791,000	3,800,400	3,761,600	-9,400	-0.2%	29,400	0.8%
Private Service Providing	3,032,900	3,042,100	3,011,000	-9,200	-0.3%	21,900	0.7%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	680,600	680,800	677,200	-200	-0.0%	3,400	0.5%
Information	70,300	70,400	70,300	-100	-0.1%	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	220,800	221,300	220,900	-500	-0.2%	-100	-0.0%
Professional and Business Services	806,900	810,400	813,800	-3,500	-0.4%	-6,900	-0.8%
Education and Health Services	630,700	632,900	607,600	-2,200	-0.3%	23,100	3.8%
Leisure and Hospitality	417,300	418,800	416,600	-1,500	-0.4%	700	0.2%
Miscellaneous Services	206,300	207,500	204,600	-1,200	-0.6%	1,700	0.8%
Government	758,100	758,300	750,600	-200	-0.0%	7,500	1.0%
Federal Government	185,500	188,000	193,300	-2,500	-1.3%	-7,800	-4.0%
State Government	162,700	160,500	157,400	2,200	1.4%	5,300	3.4%
Local Government	409,900	409,800	399,900	100	0.0%	10,000	2.5%

\*Current month's estimates are preliminary.

From June 2024 to June 2025, Virginia Works estimates that total nonfarm employment in Virginia increased by 35,600 to 4,268,300, private sector employment increased by 28,100 to 3,510,200, and government employment increased by 7,500 to 758,100 jobs. Within that sector, federal government jobs decreased by 7,800

to 185,500, state government employment increased by 5,300 to 162,700, and local government increased by 10,000 to 409,900 over the year.

For the eleven industry sectors in Virginia over the year, six experienced over-the-year job gains, one remained unchanged, and four experienced a decline. The largest job gain occurred in Education and Health Services (+23,100) to 630,700. The second largest job gain occurred in Construction (+9,600) to 228,900. The third largest job gain occurred in Government (+7,500) to 758,100. The other gains were in Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+3,400) to 680,600; Miscellaneous Services (+1,700) to 206,300; and Leisure and Hospitality (+700) to 417,300.

The largest job loss occurred in Professional and Business Services (-6,900) to 806,900. The second largest job loss occurred in Manufacturing (-3,200) to 241,300. The third largest job loss occurred in Mining and Logging (-200) to 7,100. The other loss was in Financial Activities (-100) to 220,800. Information remained unchanged.

Nonfarm Employment in Virginia* Seasonally Adjusted							
Area	Employment			May 2025 to June 2025		June 2024 to June 2025	
	June 2025	May 2025	June 2024	Change	% Change	Change	% Change
Virginia	4,268,300	4,276,700	4,232,700	-8,400	-0.2%	35,600	0.8%
Arlington-Alexandria MSA	1,633,300	1,638,000	1,618,300	-4,700	-0.3%	15,000	0.9%
Blacksburg-Christiansburg-Radford MSA	82,700	82,300	82,900	400	0.5%	-200	-0.2%
Charlottesville MSA	125,400	125,500	124,200	-100	-0.1%	1,200	1.0%
Harrisonburg MSA	71,200	70,900	71,800	300	0.4%	-600	-0.8%
Lynchburg MSA	104,700	105,100	104,000	-400	-0.4%	700	0.7%
Richmond MSA	731,400	732,500	718,900	-1,100	-0.2%	12,500	1.7%
Roanoke MSA	168,300	167,900	167,000	400	0.2%	1,300	0.8%
Staunton MSA	54,000	54,200	54,200	-200	-0.4%	-200	-0.4%
Virginia Beach-Chesapeake-Norfolk MSA	819,700	822,300	821,600	-2,600	-0.3%	-1,900	-0.2%
Winchester MSA	74,200	74,400	72,900	-200	-0.3%	1,300	1.8%

\*Current month's estimates are preliminary.

Seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment data is produced for ten metropolitan areas. In June, three experienced over-the-month job gains, and seven experienced a decline. The largest job gain occurred in both Blacksburg-Christiansburg-Radford (+400) to 82,700 and Roanoke (+400) to 168,300. The third largest job gain occurred in Harrisonburg (+300) to 71,200.

The largest job loss occurred in Arlington-Alexandria (-4,700) to 1,633,300. The second largest job loss occurred in Virginia Beach-Chesapeake-Norfolk (-2,600) to 819,700. The third largest job loss occurred in Richmond (-1,100) to 731,400. The other losses were in Lynchburg (-400) to 104,700; Staunton (-200) to 54,000; Winchester (-200) to 74,200; and Charlottesville (-100) to 125,400.

Over the year, six metro areas experienced over-the-year job gains, and four experienced a decline. The largest job gain occurred in Arlington-Alexandria (+15,000) to 1,633,300. The second largest job gain occurred in Richmond (+12,500) to 731,400. The third largest job gain occurred in both Roanoke (+1,300) to 168,300 and Winchester (+1,300) to 74,200. The other gains were in Charlottesville (+1,200) to 125,400 and Lynchburg (+700) to 104,700.

The largest job loss occurred in Virginia Beach-Chesapeake-Norfolk (-1,900) to 819,700. The second largest job loss occurred in Harrisonburg (-600) to 71,200. The third largest job loss occurred in both Blacksburg-Christiansburg-Radford (-200) to 82,700 and Staunton (-200) to 54,000.

## **NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA**

Virginia's unadjusted unemployment rate increased by 0.3 percentage points to 3.9 percent in June. It has increased by 0.8 percentage points compared to last year. Compared to a year ago, the number of unemployed increased by 35,475 to 176,958, household employment decreased by 89,957 to 4,389,951, and the labor force decreased by 54,482 to 4,566,909. Virginia's not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate is 0.5 percentage points below the national unadjusted rate, which increased by 0.4 percentage points to 4.4 percent.

Compared to last month, the June unadjusted workweek for Virginia's 155,800 manufacturing production workers increased by 0.3 to 38.3 hours. Average hourly earnings of private-sector production workers increased by \$0.50 to \$28.78, and average weekly earnings increased by \$27.63 to \$1,102.27.

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**Technical note:** Estimates of unemployment and industry employment levels are obtained from two separate monthly surveys. Resident employment and unemployment data are mainly derived from the Virginia portion of the national Current Population Survey (CPS), a household survey conducted each month by the U.S. Census Bureau under contract with BLS, which provides input to the Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) program (often referred to as the "household" survey). Industry employment data is mainly derived from the Current Employment Statistics (CES) survey, a monthly survey of approximately 18,000 Virginia businesses conducted by BLS, which provides estimates of employment, hours, and earnings data broken down by industry for the nation as a whole, all states and most major metropolitan areas (often referred to as the "establishment" survey). Both industry and household estimates are revised each month based on additional information from updated survey reports compiled by the BLS. For national figures and information on how COVID-19 affected collection of the BLS establishment and household surveys in April 2020, refer to the BLS June [Employment Situation](#) press release for details.

*The statistical reference week for the household survey this month was the week of June 8-14, 2025*

Virginia Works plans to release the June local area unemployment rates on Wednesday July 30, 2025. The data will be available on our website [www.VirginiaWorks.com](http://www.VirginiaWorks.com). The July 2025 statewide unemployment rate and employment data for both the state and metropolitan areas are scheduled to be released on Tuesday August 19, 2025.