

Occupations



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Sources and additional information:

Virginia Employment Commission, Occupational
Employment Projections, 2008-2018;
Occupational Wages

Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational
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VIRGINIA JOB OUTLOOK

Projected to 2018



- Between 2008 and 2018, Virginia will have 1.5 million job vacancies. Job vacancies arise from two sources: There are brand new positions created as an occupation grows, and there are pre-existing jobs that people leave behind when they retire, or move into other occupations.
- Of these job vacancies, 945,000 will be for those with postsecondary credentials, 405,000 for high school graduates, and only 150,000 for those with less than a high school diploma.
- Virginia ranks 10th in terms of the proportion of its 2018 jobs that will require a bachelor's degree.
- By 2018, 64% of all jobs in Virginia will require some postsecondary training beyond high school. This is 1 percentage point above the national average.

Sources for the above information:

The Georgetown University Center on Education
and the Workforce

Virginia Employment Commission,
Occupational Wages

High Growth Occupations Requiring at Least a Bachelor's Degree	Projected Job Growth to 2018	Median Annual Wage	High-Growth Occupations Requiring an Associate's Degree, Technical Training, or Work Experience	Projected Job Growth to 2018	Median Annual Wage	High-Growth Occupations Requiring at Least Moderate On-The-Job-Training	Projected Job Growth to 2018	Median Annual Wage	Jobs That Are Declining	Projected Decline to 2018	Median Annual Wage
Management Analysts	18,661	\$87,500	Registered Nurses	14,177	\$61,200	Customer Services Representatives	12,988	\$30,000	Order Clerks	-1,219	\$26,400
Computer Software Engineers, Applications	13,579	\$93,000	Nursing Aides, Orderlies, and Attendants	11,427	\$23,200	Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	7,931	\$36,100	Postal Service Mail Sorters	-1,189	\$52,500
Computer Software Engineers, Systems Software	12,281	\$103,400	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	5,729	\$37,200	Construction Laborers	6,673	\$25,300	Packers and Packers, Hand	-858	\$18,400
Network Systems and Data Communications Analysts	11,670	\$79,100	Executive Secretaries and Administrative Assistants	5,339	\$44,200	Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks	6,557	\$34,900	Shipping, Receiving, and Traffic Clerks	-851	\$28,000
Computer Systems Analysts	11,460	\$89,100	Computer Support Specialists	4,187	\$45,500	Carpenters	4,451	\$37,200	File Clerks	-736	\$25,200
Accountants and Auditors	10,018	\$63,000	Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education	4,088	\$24,200	Medical Assistants	3,370	\$28,800	Machine Feeders and Offbearers	-700	\$27,600
Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education	9,049	\$53,100	Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Except Technical and Scientific	3,960	\$53,700	Dental Assistants	2,759	\$33,400	Paper Goods Machine Setters, Operators	-624	\$35,100
Network and Computer Systems Administrators	7,219	\$73,900	Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics	3,805	\$39,000	Electricians	2,733	\$43,800	Mail Clerks and Mail Machine Operators, Except Postal Service	-618	\$23,600
Secondary School Teachers, Except Special and Vocational	3,932	\$54,800	Real Estate Sales Agents	3,670	\$39,300	Police and Sheriffs Patrol Officers	2,481	\$47,200	Telemarketers	-547	\$19,200
Middle School Teachers, Except Special and Vocational	3,757	\$54,500	Fitness Trainers and Aerobics Instructors	2,685	\$32,900	Pharmacy Technicians	2,382	\$26,800	Bindery Workers	-477	\$31,400
Lawyers	3,608	\$124,100	Hairdressers, Hairstylists, and Cosmetologists	1,812	\$25,400	Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters	2,365	\$41,000	Electrical and Electronic Equipment Assemblers	-437	\$30,300
Computer and Information Systems Managers	3,453	\$126,800	Self-Enrichment Education Teachers	1,795	\$39,400	Fire Fighters	2,159	\$45,300	Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	-408	\$22,900
Market Research Analysts	3,042	\$59,100	Dental Hygienists	1,445	\$76,400	Correctional Officers and Jailers	1,686	\$35,100	Postal Service Clerks	-390	\$52,500
Civil Engineers	2,799	\$75,800	Insurance Sales Agents	1,355	\$42,800	Social and Human Services Assistants	1,664	\$26,700	Machinists	-353	\$39,400
Construction Managers	2,783	\$79,600	Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Technical and Scientific	1,209	\$79,700	Cooks, Institution and Cafeteria	1,648	\$23,100	Photographic Processing Machine Operators	-332	\$19,800
Training and Development Specialists	2,694	\$55,700	Legal Secretaries	876	\$41,000	Medical Secretaries	1,600	\$31,300	Chemical Equipment Operators and Tenders	-330	\$39,400
Financial Analysts	2,615	\$71,300	Radiologic Technologists and Technicians	864	\$54,100	Secretaries, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive	1,129	\$33,000	Logging Equipment Operators	-322	\$27,900
Industrial Engineers	2,304	\$78,500	Medical and Clinical Laboratory Technicians	809	\$36,100	Painters, Construction and Maintenance	1,037	\$33,000	Switchboard Operators, Including Answering Service	-249	\$24,200
Child, Family, and School Social Workers	2,019	\$42,200	Construction and Building Inspectors	673	\$50,400	Loan Officers	926	\$51,700	Payroll and Timekeeping Clerks	-239	\$36,400
Special Education Teachers, Preschool, Kindergarten, and Elementary	1,866	\$57,700	Veterinary Technologists and Technicians	648	\$31,700	Interpreters and Translators	799	\$55,600	Farmworkers, Farm and Ranch Animals	-237	\$22,800
Mental Health Counselors	1,726	\$43,700	Physical Therapists Assistants	642	\$49,600	Industrial Machinery Mechanics	772	\$43,400	Team Assemblers	-220	\$26,300
Database Administrators	1,450	\$78,200	Private Detectives and Investigators	595	\$58,100	Police, Fire, and Ambulance Dispatchers	759	\$33,800	Computer Operators	-216	\$38,900
Financial Managers	1,446	\$107,500	Food Service Managers	576	\$49,200	Bus Drivers, Transit and Intercity	715	\$32,500	Data Entry Keyers	-213	\$27,100
Physical Therapists	1,323	\$75,500	Detectives and Criminal Investigators	559	\$75,100	Water and Liquid Waste Treatment Plant and Systems Operators	675	\$37,400	Sewing Machine Operators	-203	\$20,200
Pharmacists	1,320	\$114,800	Civil Engineering Technicians	550	\$45,900	Brickmasons and Blockmasons	617	\$43,800			