

**Industries in Virginia with the Largest Growth in Employment Projected to 2020**

**Projected Employment to 2020**

Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services 141,266

Health Care and Social Assistance 137,096

Educational Services 82,677

Construction 64,487

Retail Trade 56,487

Accommodation and Food Services 41,387

Administrative and Support and Waste Management 37,670

\* Note: Median annual wage based on May 2011 data.

Sources for the brochure:

America's Career InfoNet; Occupations

Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Employment Statistics Survey

Virginia Employment Commission, Occupational Employment Projections, 2010-2020; Occupational Wages

Virginia Employment Commission, Virginia Community Profiles

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**Job opportunities in Virginia are expected to expand.**

Throughout the recession, Virginia has stayed below the national average with unemployment peaking at 7.3 percent in early 2010 and falling to 5.5 percent in December 2012. Overall employment in Virginia is projected to grow 17.8 percent by 2020.

**Which jobs are expected to grow or decline in Virginia?**

This Job Outlook brochure lists a sampling of occupations projected to 2020 that have the highest number of openings along with expected salaries broken down by educational attainment and jobs with the highest level of decline.

**For more information**

To assist you with your job search and career choices, visit these websites for more information on jobs that are growing or declining.

[www.acinet.org](http://www.acinet.org)

[www.bls.gov/opub/#handbooks](http://www.bls.gov/opub/#handbooks)

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High Growth Occupations Requiring at Least a Bachelor's Degree	Projected Job Growth to 2020	Median Annual Wage*	High-Growth Occupations Requiring an Associate's Degree, Technical Training, or Work Experience	Projected Job Growth to 2020	Median Annual Wage*	High-Growth Occupations Requiring at Least Moderate On-the-Job-Training	Projected Job Growth to 2020	Median Annual Wage*	Occupations That Are Declining	Projected Decline to 2020	Median Annual Wage*
Software Developers, Systems Software	16,813	\$109,500	Registered Nurses	14,733	\$63,700	Personal and Home Care Aides	18,281	\$18,100	Farmworkers and Laborers, Crop, Nursery, and Greenhouse	-1,999	\$22,200
Management Analysts	14,699	\$90,200	Nursing Assistants	10,383	\$23,200	Customer Services Representatives	9,217	\$30,800	Postal Service Mail Sorters, Processors	-1,650	\$53,100
Software Developers, Applications	12,699	\$99,600	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	5,054	\$38,600	Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks	8,340	\$35,400	Postal Service Mail Carriers	-962	\$53,600
Computer Systems Analysts	9,954	\$93,100	Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers	3,432	\$41,400	Carpenters	6,482	\$37,100	Postal Service Clerks	-890	\$53,100
Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education	9,578	\$55,100	Dental Assistants	3,353	\$34,600	Construction Laborers	6,190	\$26,100	Switchboard Operators, Including Answering Service	-605	\$24,100
Network and Computer Systems Administrators	7,255	\$81,100	Construction Managers	2,806	\$85,400	Medical Assistants	3,524	\$29,300	Sewing Machine Operators	-447	\$19,200
Market Research Analysts and Marketing Specialists	5,363	\$63,100	Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education	2,606	\$26,800	Pharmacy Technicians	2,775	\$28,400	Data Entry Keyers	-514	\$28,000
Middle School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical Education	4,329	\$54,800	Hairdressers, Hairstylists, and Cosmetologists	2,524	\$22,100	Medical Secretaries	2,702	\$32,500	Door-to-Door Sales Workers, News and Street Vendors	-225	\$21,400
Training and Development Specialists	3,279	\$59,600	Dental Hygienists	2,271	\$81,500	Operating Engineers and Other Construction Equipment Operators	2,530	\$36,200	Pressers, Textile, Garment, and Related Materials	-204	\$17,700
Interpreters and Translators	2,927	\$89,500	Real Estate Sales Agents	2,242	\$39,200	Painters, Construction and Maintenance	2,189	\$33,700	Word Processors and Typists	-196	\$30,500
Cost Estimators	2,857	\$59,700	Paralegals and Legal Assistants	2,036	\$45,000	Industrial Machinery Mechanics	2,119	\$43,500	Agricultural Equipment Operators	-190	\$28,000
Mental Health Counselors	2,624	\$42,500	Meeting and Convention Planners	2,007	\$53,400	Brickmasons and Blockmasons	1,436	\$41,700	Paper Goods Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders	-187	\$34,600
Financial Analysts	2,560	\$75,000	Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics	1,507	\$30,600	Cement Masons and Concrete Finishers	1,422	\$35,000	Shampooers	-180	\$17,800
Logisticians	2,521	\$76,900	Radiologic Technologists	1,438	\$56,800	Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers	1,186	\$47,600	Chemical Plant and Systems Operators	-179	\$58,400
Database Administrators	2,310	\$86,000	Self-Enrichments Education Teachers	1,107	\$38,900	Production, Planning, and Expediting Clerks	887	\$45,800	Textile Winding, Twisting, and Drawing Out Machine Setters	-147	\$27,300
Pharmacists	1,887	\$114,700	Physical Therapist Assistants	841	\$51,100	Bus Drivers, Transit and Intercity	854	\$34,100	Farmworkers, Farm and Ranch Animals	-145	\$24,000
Physical Therapists	1,869	\$79,600	Medical and Clinical Laboratory Technicians	737	\$36,000	Dispatchers, Except Police, Fire, and Ambulance	768	\$33,700	Highway Maintenance Workers	-142	\$33,100
Educational, Guidance, School, and Vocational Counselors	1,835	\$54,600	Veterinary Technologists and Technicians	706	\$35,500	Physical Therapist Aides	674	\$22,000	Office Machine Operators, Except Computer	-114	\$27,100
Personal Financial Advisors	1,551	\$75,900	Construction and Building Inspectors	598	\$52,500	Fire Fighters	650	\$46,400	Floral Designers	-111	\$25,500
Operations Research Analysts	1,152	\$94,800	Private Detectives and Investigators	589	\$53,000	Roofers	612	\$35,000	Textile Knitting and Weaving Machine Setters, Operators	-110	\$27,900