



# Virginia Snapshot



## Virginia Employment and Population

<b>Total Nonfarm Employment,* December 2017</b> (December 2016 - December 2017 Growth)	<b>3,991,000</b> (0.9%)
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<b>Civilian Labor Force,* December 2017</b> (December 2016 - December 2017 Growth)	<b>4,257,390</b> (0.5%)
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<b>Number of Employers, 2nd Quarter 2017</b> (2nd Quarter 2016 - 2nd Quarter 2017 Growth)	<b>264,879</b> (2.8%)
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<b>Average Weekly Wage, 2nd Quarter 2017</b> (2nd Quarter 2016 - 2nd Quarter 2017 Growth)	<b>\$1,047</b> (3.7%)
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<b>Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notices (WARN) December 2017 (Total affected employees)</b>	<b>264</b>
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<b>Virginia Population, 2016</b> (2015 - 2016 Growth)	<b>8,411,808</b> (0.3%)
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*\*not seasonally adjusted*



**Unemployment Rates\***  
**(December 2017 %) and Change**  
**(December 2016 - December 2017 percentage point)**

United States	3.9 (-0.6)
Virginia	3.4 (-0.4)
Blacksburg-Christiansburg-Radford MSA	3.3 (-0.8)
Bristol MSA (VA part)	3.6 (-0.8)
Charlottesville MSA	2.9 (-0.4)
Harrisonburg MSA	3.0 (-0.5)
Lynchburg MSA	3.8 (-0.5)
Northern VA MSA	2.7 (-0.4)
Richmond MSA	3.6 (-0.3)
Roanoke MSA	3.3 (-0.5)
Staunton-Waynesboro MSA	3.1 (-0.6)
Virginia Beach-Norfolk-Newport News, Virginia/NC MSA	3.9 (-0.4)
Winchester, Virginia/WV MSA	3.0 (-0.4)

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# Unemployment Insurance

## December 2017

### Financial Data

Trust Fund Balance	<b>\$1,132 million</b>
Tax Revenue (YTD)	<b>\$492 million</b>
Average Tax Rate (2018)	<b>0.97%</b>
Minimum Tax Rate (2018)	<b>0.11%</b>
Maximum Tax Rate (2018)	<b>6.21%</b>
New Employer Tax Rate (2018)	<b>2.51%</b>
Taxable Wage Base (2018)	<b>\$8,000</b>

### Benefits Data

Benefits Paid (YTD)	<b>\$334 million</b>
Average Weekly Benefit (YTD)	<b>\$302</b>
Minimum Weekly Benefit	<b>\$60</b>
Maximum Weekly Benefit	<b>\$378</b>
Average Duration	<b>15.5 weeks</b>
Exhaustion Rate	<b>39.0%</b>
Initial Claims (YTD)	<b>150,450</b>

### Claims Data

	Initials Claims	Recipients	Final Payments
December 2017	14,543	19,025	1,995
November 2017	11,741	17,644	2,103
December 2016	17,759	20,154	2,299



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