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Virginia's November County and Area Employment Figures Released

Year-Over-Year Unemployment Rates Increased in Most of Virginia's Counties¹ and Metropolitan Statistical Areas

RICHMOND— Virginia Works (the Department of Workforce Development and Advancement) announced today that, compared to a year earlier, November 2024 unemployment rates (not seasonally adjusted) increased in 74 of Virginia's 133 counties and cities, remained unchanged in 31, and decreased in 28. In November, Highland County had the lowest unemployment rate at 2.1 percent, while Emporia city had the highest at 8.2 percent. The employment estimates in this release are subject to large seasonal patterns; therefore, it is advisable to focus on year-over-year changes in the not seasonally adjusted estimates.

Among the metro areas, Winchester and Charlottesville had the lowest unemployment rates at 2.6 percent, while Lynchburg had the highest at 3.5 percent. The not seasonally adjusted statewide rate was 3.0 percent, a 0.1 percentage point increase from a year earlier and 1.0 point lower than the national rate. You can access the local unemployment rates by visiting VirginiaWorks.com.

The statistical reference week for the household survey this month was the week of November 10-16, 2024.

¹ The Commonwealth of Virginia is divided into 95 counties, along with 38 independent cities that are considered county-equivalents for census purposes.

The December 2024 statewide unemployment rate and employment data for both the state and metropolitan areas are scheduled to be released on Tuesday, January 28, 2025. The data will be available on our website www.VirginiaWorks.com. The Virginia Department of Workforce Development and Advancement plans to release the December 2024 local area unemployment rates on Wednesday, February 05, 2025.

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Virginia Employment - November 2024

(seasonally adjusted)

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| Virginia Unemployment Rate (November 2023 - November 2024 percentage point) | 3.0% (-0.1) |
| Civilian Labor Force (November 2023 - November 2024 percent change) | 4,578,676 (0.0%) |
| Labor Force Participation Rate (November 2023 - November 2024 percentage point) | 66.0% (-0.5) |
| Total Nonfarm Employment (November 2023 - November 2024 percent change) | 4,260,100 (1.7%) |
| Employment (November 2023 - November 2024 percent change) | 4,441,643 (0.1%) |
| Unemployment (November 2023 - November 2024 percent change) | 137,033 (-2.3%) |
| Number of Establishments, 2nd Quarter 2024 (2nd Quarter 2023 - 2nd Quarter 2024 percent change) | 312,211 (2.3%) |
| Average Weekly Wage, 2nd Quarter 2024 (2nd Quarter 2023 - 2nd Quarter 2024 percent change) | \$1,437 (4.9%) |

November 2024 Unemployment Rates by MSA

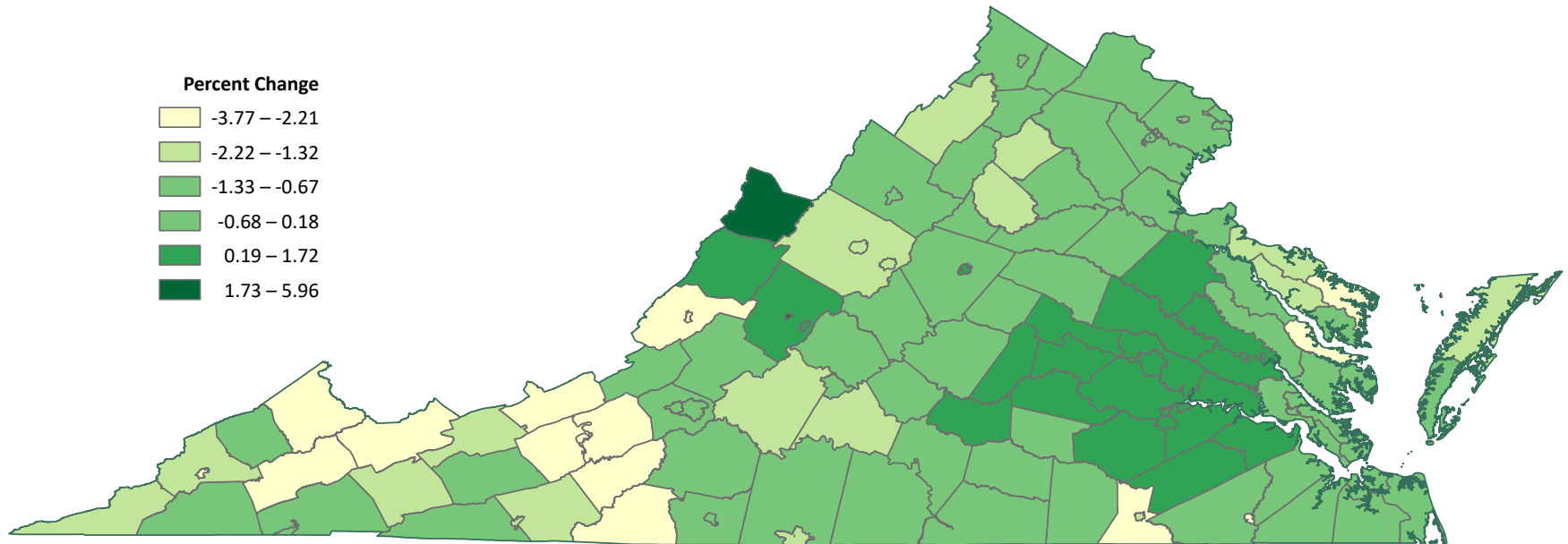
(Percent - not seasonally adjusted)
(November 2023 - November 2024 percentage point)

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| Virginia | 3.0 (0.1) |
| Blacksburg-Christiansburg-Radford MSA | 3.0 (0.2) |
| Bristol MSA (VA part) | 3.3 (0.2) |
| Charlottesville MSA | 2.6 (0.0) |
| Harrisonburg MSA | 2.9 (0.0) |
| Lynchburg MSA | 3.5 (0.1) |
| Northern VA MSA (VA part) | 2.7 (0.1) |
| Richmond MSA | 3.0 (-0.1) |
| Roanoke MSA | 2.9 (0.1) |
| Staunton-Waynesboro MSA | 2.7 (0.1) |
| Virginia Beach-Norfolk-Newport News, Virginia/NC MSA (VA part) | 3.1 (0.0) |
| Winchester, Virginia/WV MSA (VA part) | 2.6 (0.1) |

Employment Growth Rate

Percent Change from November 2023 to November 2024

(not seasonally adjusted)



Source: Virginia Works - Economic Information & Analytics, November 2024

Top 5 Counties and Cities by Employment Growth Rate

Percent Change from November 2023 to November 2024

(not seasonally adjusted)

