



Virginia's April County and Area Employment Figures Released

—Year-Over-Year Unemployment Rates Increased in All 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, April 2025 unemployment rates (not seasonally adjusted) increased in all of Virginia's 133 counties and cities. In April, Cumberland County and Powhatan County had the lowest unemployment rates at 2.7 percent, while Emporia city had the highest at 6.8 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, Charlottesville had the lowest unemployment rate at 2.9 percent, while Kingsport-Bristol had the highest at 3.7 percent. The not seasonally adjusted statewide rate was 3.3 percent, a 0.9 percentage point increase from a year earlier and 0.6 of a percentage point lower than the national rate. The April 2025 local unemployment rates are online accompanying this release. You can also access the local unemployment rates by visiting VirginiaWorks.com.

The statistical reference week for the household survey this month was the week of April 6-12, 2025.

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

The May 2025 statewide unemployment rate and employment data for both the state and metropolitan areas are scheduled to be released on Tuesday, June 24, 2025. The data will be available on our website www.VirginiaWorks.com. Virginia Works plans to release the May 2025 local area unemployment rates on Wednesday, July 02, 2025.

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Virginia Employment - April 2025 (seasonally adjusted)

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| Virginia Unemployment Rate (April 2024 - April 2025 percentage point) | 3.3% (0.5) |
| Civilian Labor Force (April 2024 - April 2025 percent change) | 4,579,104 (0.0%) |
| Labor Force Participation Rate (April 2024 - April 2025 percentage point) | 65.4% (-0.6) |
| Total Nonfarm Employment (April 2024 - April 2025 percent change) | 4,272,700 (1.1%) |
| Employment (April 2024 - April 2025 percent change) | 4,427,162 (-0.5%) |
| Unemployment (April 2024 - April 2025 percent change) | 151,942 (19.0%) |
| Number of Establishments, 4th Quarter 2024 (4th Quarter 2023 - 4th Quarter 2024 percent change) | 313,518 (1.7%) |
| Average Weekly Wage, 4th Quarter 2024 (4th Quarter 2023 - 4th Quarter 2024 percent change) | \$1,543 (4.1%) |

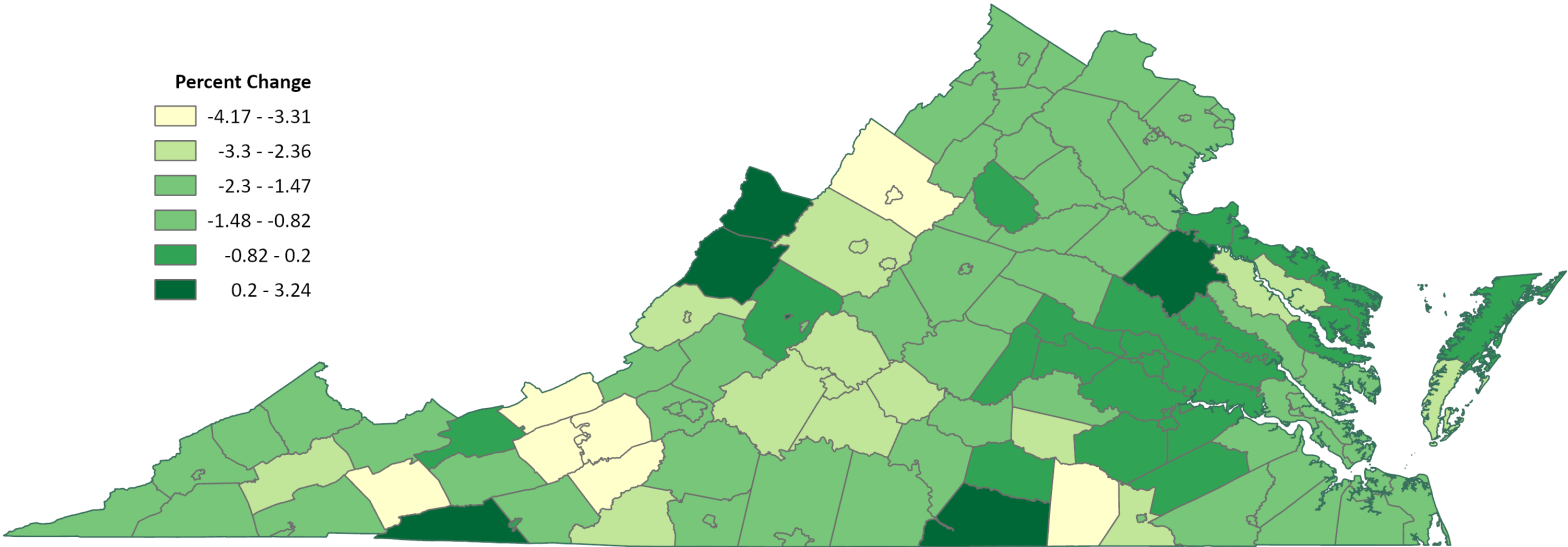
April 2025 Unemployment Rates by MSA (Percent - not seasonally adjusted) (April 2024 - April 2025 percentage point)

| Virginia | 3.3 | (0.9) |
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| Arlington-Alexandria-Reston, VA-WV Metropolitan Division, VA part | 3.1 | (0.9) |
| Kingsport-Bristol, TN-VA, VA part | 3.7 | (1.0) |
| Virginia Beach-Chesapeake-Norfolk, VA-NC, VA part | 3.5 | (0.9) |
| Winchester, VA-WV, VA part | 3.0 | (0.7) |
| Blacksburg-Christiansburg-Radford, VA | 3.4 | (1.0) |
| Charlottesville, VA | 2.9 | (0.8) |
| Harrisonburg, VA | 3.1 | (0.9) |
| Lynchburg, VA | 3.6 | (0.9) |
| Richmond, VA | 3.3 | (0.7) |
| Roanoke, VA | 3.3 | (0.8) |
| Staunton-Stuarts Draft, VA | 3.1 | (0.9) |

Employment Growth Rate

Percent Change from April 2024 to April 2025

(not seasonally adjusted)



Source: Virginia Works - Economic Information & Analytics, May 2025

Top 5 Counties and Cities by Employment Growth Rate

Percent Change from April 2024 to April 2025

(not seasonally adjusted)

