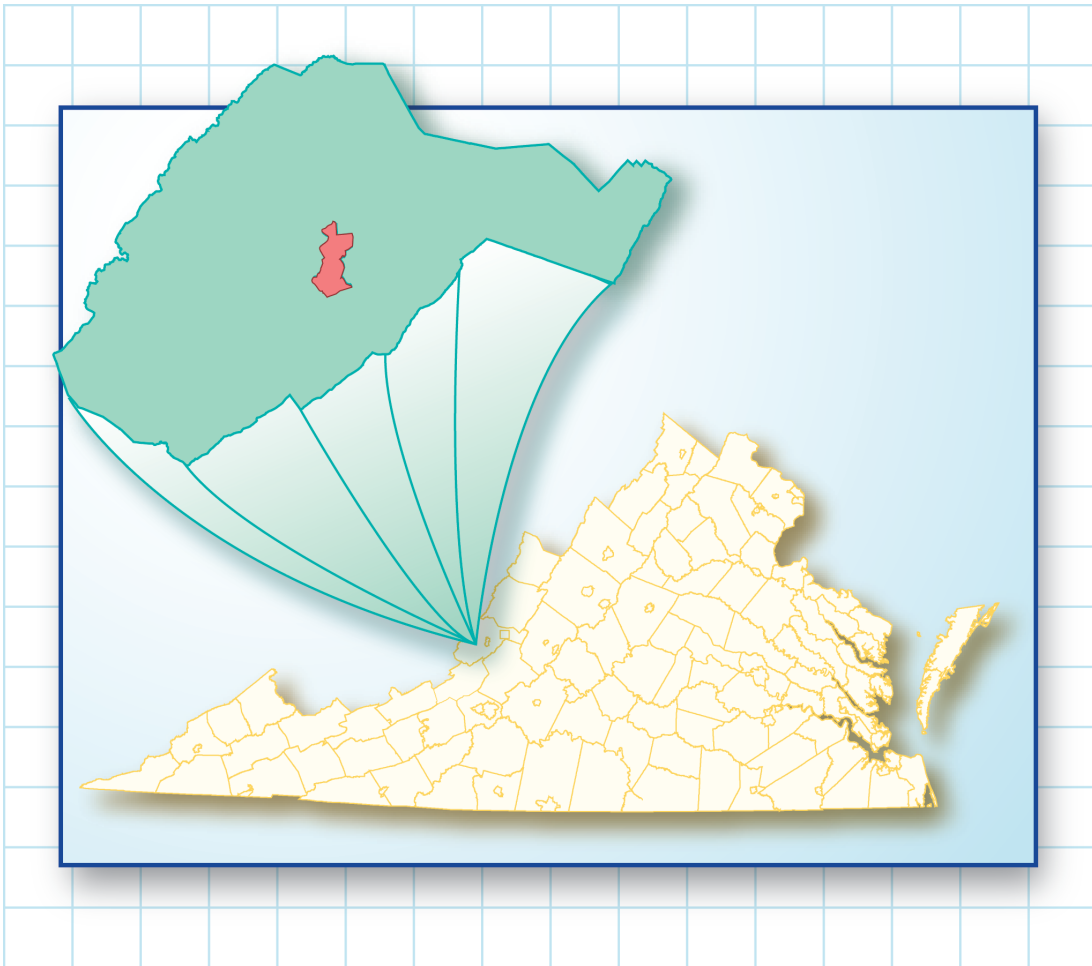


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COMMUNITY PROFILE

Covington city



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I. Introduction

This report provides a community profile of Covington city. It is intended to complement the information found in our Virginia Workforce Connection application, which can be accessed online at:

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The report is divided into three major sections. The first contains a profile of regional demographic characteristics and trends, the second supplies similar information for the regional economy, and the third provides a profile of regional education characteristics.

II. Demographic Profile

Overview

This Demographic Profile provides an in-depth analysis of the population in Covington city. Most of the data is produced by the U.S. Census Bureau, and includes demographic characteristics such as age, race/ethnicity, and gender.



Related Terms and Definitions

Ability to speak English

For people who speak a language other than English at home, the response represents the person's own perception of his or her ability to speak English. Because census questionnaires are usually completed by one household member, the responses may represent the perception of another household member.

Age

The age classification is based on the age of the person in complete years as of April 1, 2010. The age of the person usually was derived from their date of birth information. Their reported age was used only when date of birth information was unavailable.

Gender

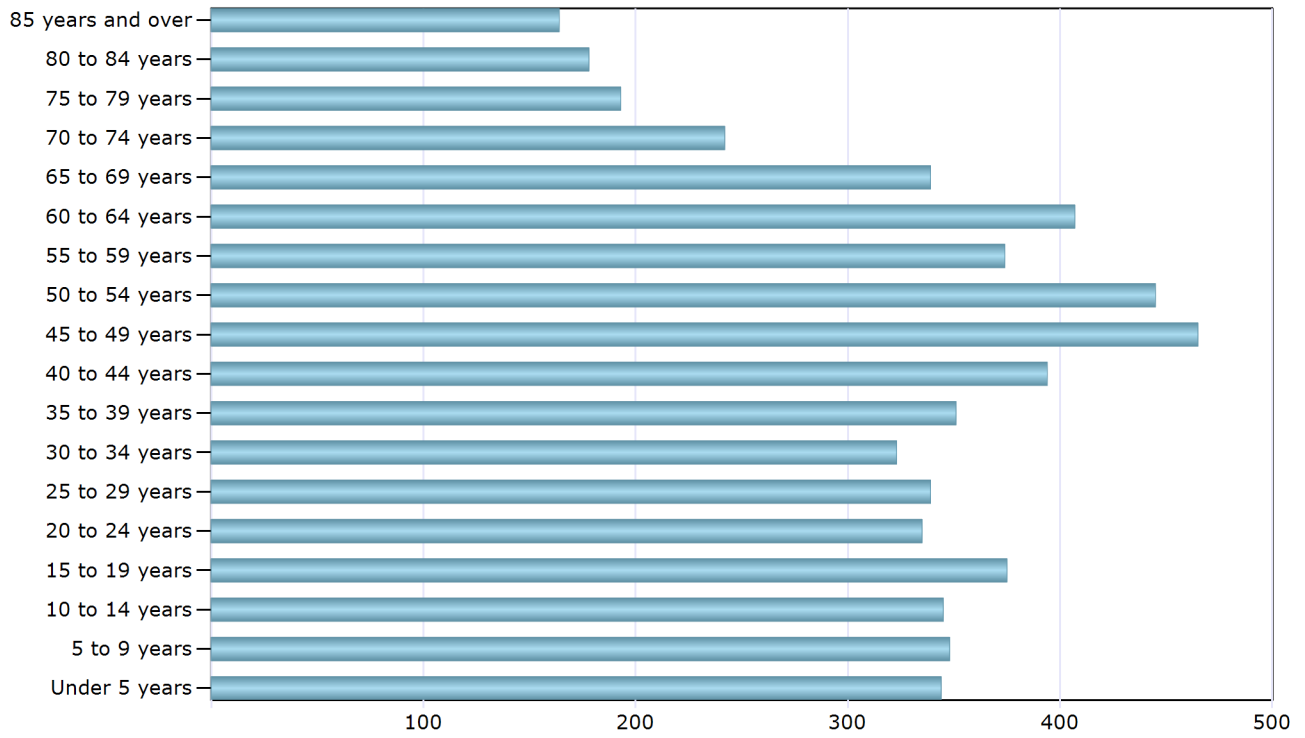
The data on gender were derived from answers to a question that was asked of all people. Individuals were asked to mark either "male" or "female" to indicate their gender. For most cases in which gender was not reported, it was determined by the appropriate entry from the person's given (i.e., first) name and household relationship. Otherwise, gender was imputed according to the relationship to the householder and the age of the person.

Race

The concept of race as used by the Census Bureau reflects self-identification by people according to the race or races with which they most closely identify. The categories are sociopolitical constructs and should not be interpreted as being scientific or anthropological in nature. Furthermore, the race categories include both racial and national-origin groups.

Please note: In the past, our population by race/ethnicity data has always excluded the Hispanic ethnicity from each race category. Starting in January 2013, each race category now includes all ethnicities.

Population by Age



	Covington city	Virginia	United States
Under 5 years	344	509,625	20,201,362
5 to 9 years	348	511,849	20,348,657
10 to 14 years	345	511,246	20,677,194
15 to 19 years	375	550,965	22,040,343
20 to 24 years	335	572,091	21,585,999
25 to 29 years	339	564,342	21,101,849
30 to 34 years	323	526,077	19,962,099
35 to 39 years	351	540,063	20,179,642
40 to 44 years	394	568,865	20,890,964
45 to 49 years	465	621,155	22,708,591
50 to 54 years	445	592,845	22,298,125
55 to 59 years	374	512,595	19,664,805
60 to 64 years	407	442,369	16,817,924
65 to 69 years	339	320,302	12,435,263
70 to 74 years	242	229,502	9,278,166
75 to 79 years	193	173,929	7,317,795
80 to 84 years	178	130,801	5,743,327
85 years and over	164	122,403	5,493,433
	5,961	8,001,024	308,745,538

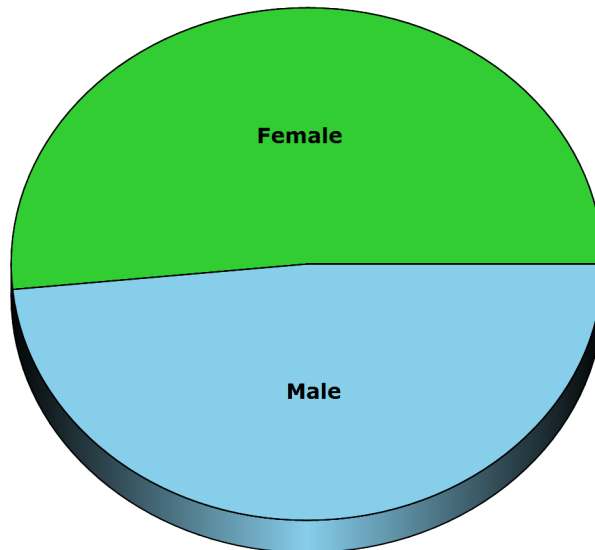
Source: 2010 Census.

Population by Race/Ethnicity

	Covington city	Virginia	United States
Total			
Total Population	5,961	8,001,024	308,745,538
Race			
White	5,014	5,486,852	223,553,265
Black or African American	746	1,551,399	38,929,319
American Indian or Alaska Native	18	29,225	2,932,248
Asian	34	439,890	14,674,252
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander		5,980	540,013
Other	33	254,278	19,107,368
Multiple Races	116	233,400	9,009,073
Ethnicity			
Not Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	5,869	7,369,199	258,267,944
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	92	631,825	50,477,594

Source: 2010 Census.

Population by Gender

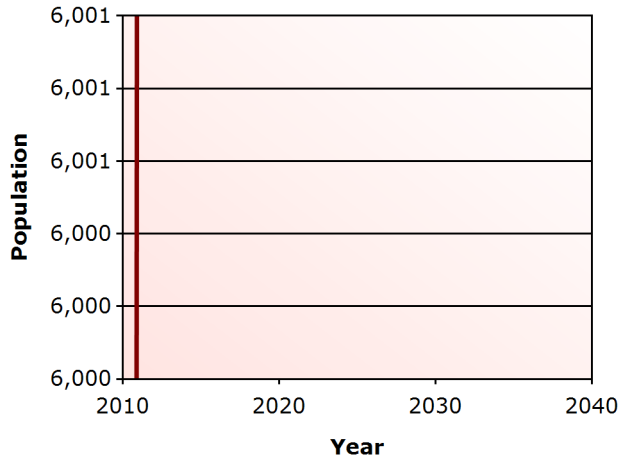


	Covington city	Virginia	United States
Male	2,886	3,925,983	151,781,326
Female	3,075	4,075,041	156,964,212
	5,961	8,001,024	308,745,538

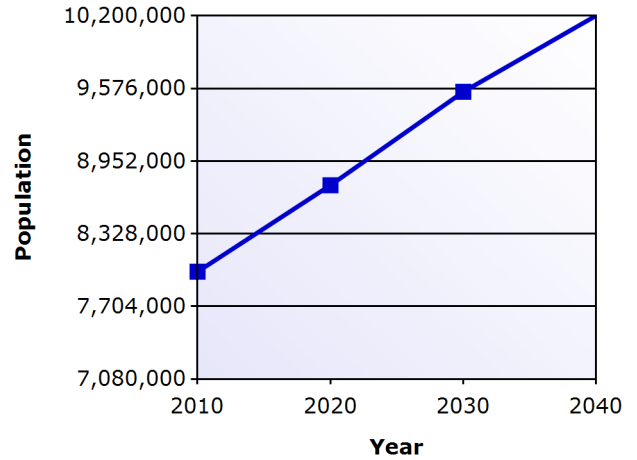
Source: 2010 Census.

Population Change

Covington city



Virginia



	Covington city	Percent change	Number Change	Virginia	Percent change	Number Change
2000	6,303			7,079,030		
2010	5,961	-5.43 %	-342	8,001,024	13.02 %	921994
2020	6,409	7.52 %	448	8,744,273	9.29 %	743249
2030	6,294	-1.79 %	-115	9,546,958	9.18 %	802685
2040	6,096	-3.15 %	-198	10,201,530	6.86 %	654572

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service.

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Population Projections by Age and Gender

	2020		2030		2040	
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male
Under 5 years	185	178	179	172	170	164
5 to 9 years	181	181	172	172	168	168
10 to 14 years	163	188	153	177	149	172
15 to 19 years	194	197	181	184	172	175
20 to 24 years	178	202	162	184	154	174
25 to 29 years	220	201	206	188	192	176
30 to 34 years	160	176	163	179	149	163
35 to 39 years	175	155	194	172	182	162
40 to 44 years	183	191	171	178	174	181
45 to 49 years	224	228	188	192	210	215
50 to 54 years	241	251	205	213	192	200
55 to 59 years	248	253	216	220	182	186
60 to 64 years	279	232	276	230	236	196
65 to 69 years	173	152	232	204	204	181
70 to 74 years	187	143	237	181	236	181
75 to 79 years	126	87	119	83	159	110
80 to 84 years	89	54	120	72	150	91
85 years and over	95	39	85	35	86	36
	3,301	3,108	3,259	3,036	3,165	2,931
	6,409		6,295		6,096	

Source: Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service.

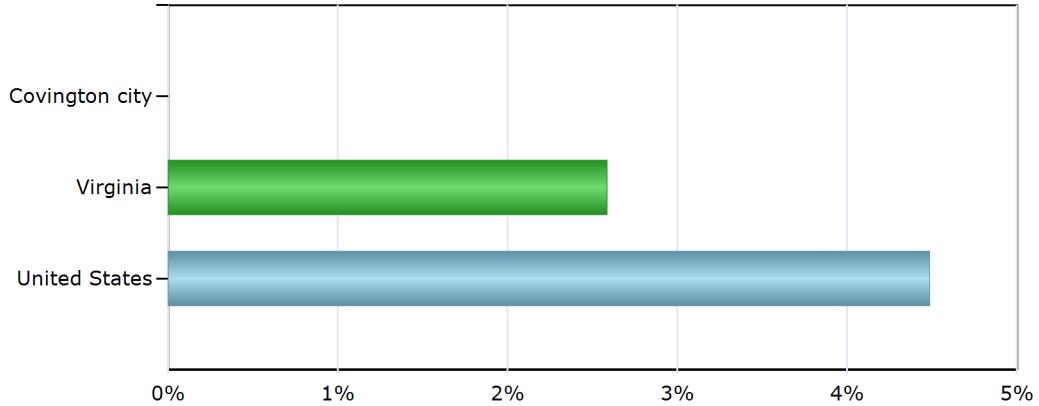
Population Projections by Race/Ethnicity

	2020	2030	2040
Total			
Total Population	6,409	6,294	6,096
Race			
White	5,199	4,947	4,532
Black or African American	787	754	686
Asian	51	81	135
Other	186	198	207
Ethnicity			
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	185	314	536

Source: Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service.

English Language Skills

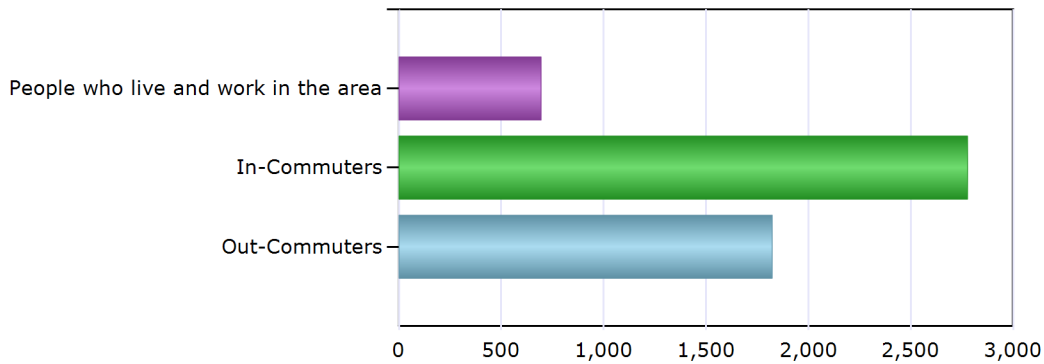
(Age 5 and over that speak English less than well)



	Total	Speak English less than well	Percent
Covington city	5,352		0.00%
Virginia	7,800,044	201,628	2.58%
United States	298,691,202	13,400,003	4.49%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau
American Community Survey, 2012-2016.

Commuting Patterns



Commuting Patterns	
People who live and work in the area	694
In-Commuters	2,777
Out-Commuters	1,823
Net In-Commuters (In-Commuters minus Out-Commuters)	954

Source: U.S. Census Bureau,
OnTheMap Application and LEHD Origin-Destination Employment Statistics, 2014.

Top 10 Places Residents are Commuting To

Area	Workers
Alleghany County, VA	462
Roanoke city, VA	136
Bath County, VA	90
Greenbrier County, WV	89
Botetourt County, VA	69
Roanoke County, VA	61
Lynchburg city, VA	52
Salem city, VA	41
Henrico County, VA	41
Richmond city, VA	35

Top 10 Places Workers are Commuting From

Area	Workers
Alleghany County, VA	1,311
Greenbrier County, WV	156
Botetourt County, VA	120
Bath County, VA	119
Augusta County, VA	78
Roanoke County, VA	68
Rockbridge County, VA	67
Montgomery County, VA	41
Raleigh County, WV	38
Roanoke city, VA	38

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, OnTheMap Application and LEHD Origin-Destination Employment Statistics, 2014.

Please Note: Commuting patterns data is no longer produced from the Decennial Census. As an alternative, we are providing commuting data from the U.S. Census Bureau's OnTheMap application and LEHD Origin-Destination Employment Statistics program. Since this data is produced from an entirely different data set, it is not advisable to compare the new data with previously released commuting patterns. For more information about the OnTheMap application or the LEHD program, please visit the following website:

<http://lehd.ces.census.gov>

III. Economic Profile

Overview

The Economic Profile of Covington city consists primarily of data produced by Virginia Works, U.S. Census Bureau, and the Bureau of Labor Statistics.



Related Terms and Definitions

Average Weekly Wage

Computed as average quarterly wages divided by 13.

Consumer Price Index (CPI)

The Consumer Price Index measures the average change over time in the prices paid by urban consumers for a representative market basket of consumer goods and services.

Local Employment Dynamics (LED)

The Local Employment Dynamics Program at the Census Bureau, together with its state partners, provides employment information at the county, city, and Workforce Investment Area level. This information tracks workers in different industries by age and gender and provides statistics on job creation, separation, turnover, and wages.

Quarterly Census of Employment & Wages (QCEW)

A federal/state cooperative program that collects and compiles employment and wage data for workers covered by state unemployment insurance (UI) laws and the federal civilian workers covered by Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employees (UCFE). These data are maintained at the state in micro and macro levels and also sent to BLS quarterly.

Unemployment Insurance (UI)

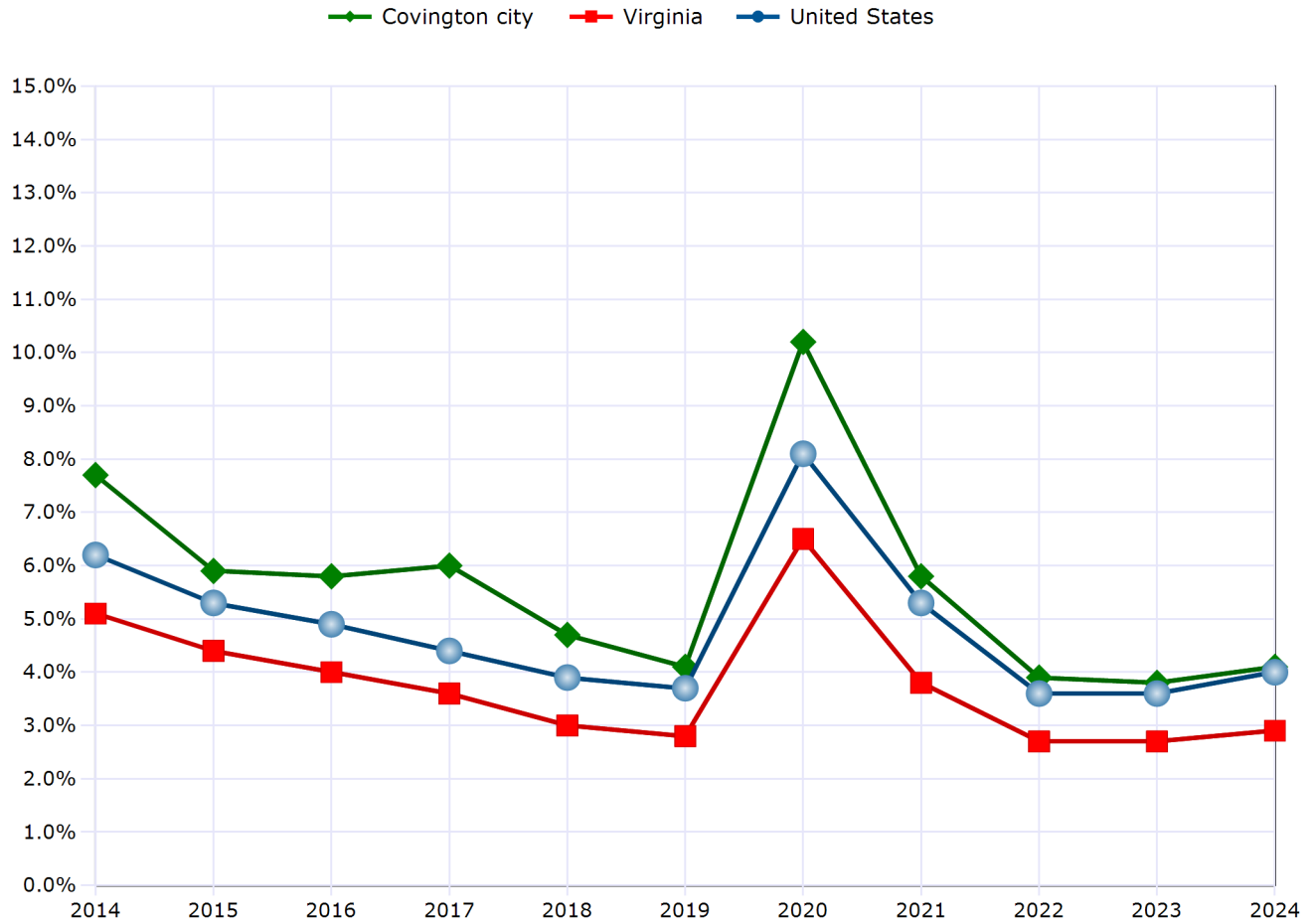
Unemployment insurance is a program for the accumulation of funds paid by employers to be used for the payment of unemployment insurance to workers during periods of unemployment which are beyond the workers' control. Unemployment insurance replaces a part of the worker's wage loss if he becomes eligible for payments.

Unemployment Rate

The number of unemployed people as a percentage of the labor force.

Unemployment Rates

Trends

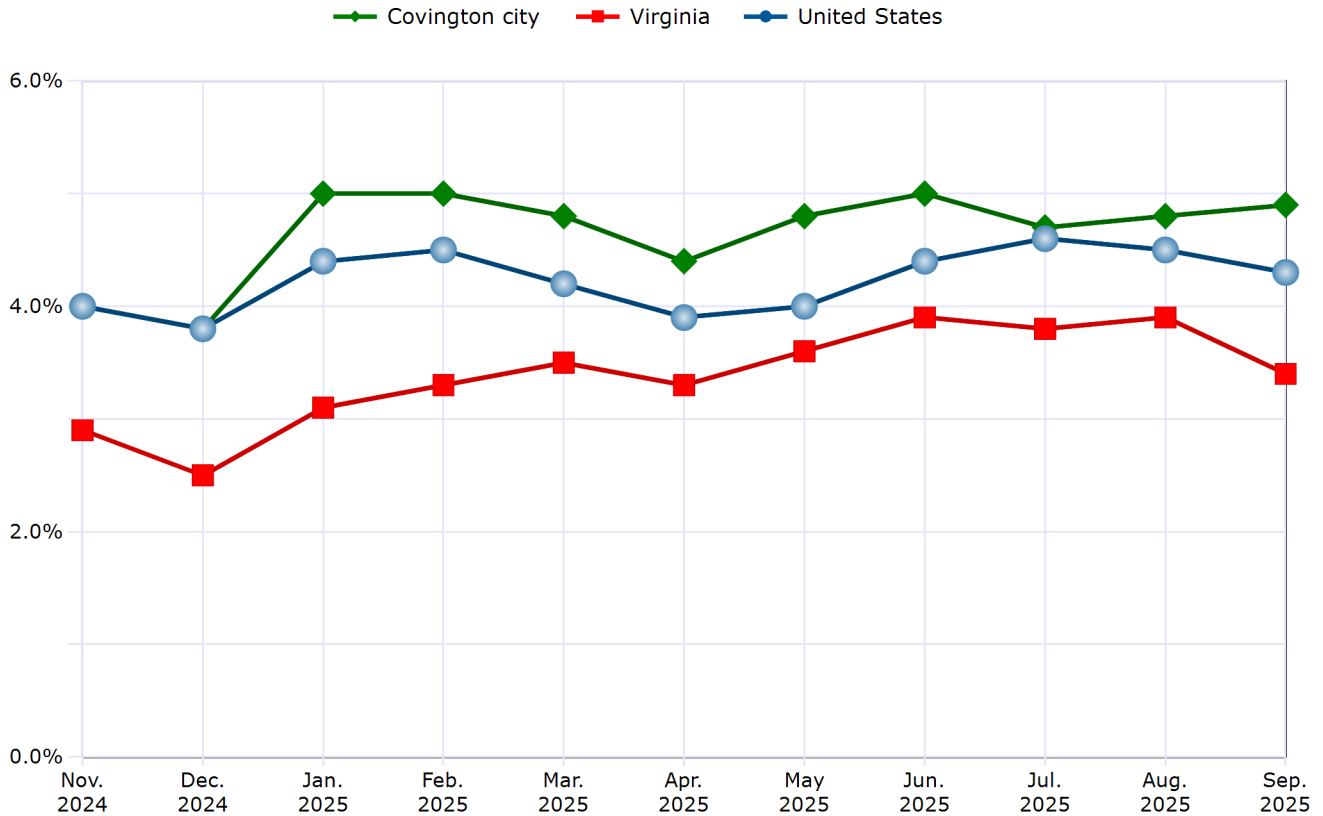


	Covington city	Virginia	United States
2014	7.7%	5.1%	6.2%
2015	5.9%	4.4%	5.3%
2016	5.8%	4.0%	4.9%
2017	6.0%	3.6%	4.4%
2018	4.7%	3.0%	3.9%
2019	4.1%	2.8%	3.7%
2020	10.2%	6.5%	8.1%
2021	5.8%	3.8%	5.3%
2022	3.9%	2.7%	3.6%
2023	3.8%	2.7%	3.6%
2024	4.1%	2.9%	4.0%

Source: Virginia Works, Economic Information & Analytics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics.

Unemployment Rates

Past 12 Months



	Covington city	Virginia	United States
Nov. 2024	4.0%	2.9%	4.0%
Dec. 2024	3.8%	2.5%	3.8%
Jan. 2025	5.0%	3.1%	4.4%
Feb. 2025	5.0%	3.3%	4.5%
Mar. 2025	4.8%	3.5%	4.2%
Apr. 2025	4.4%	3.3%	3.9%
May 2025	4.8%	3.6%	4.0%
Jun. 2025	5.0%	3.9%	4.4%
Jul. 2025	4.7%	3.8%	4.6%
Aug. 2025	4.8%	3.9%	4.5%
Sep. 2025	4.9%	3.4%	4.3%

Source: Virginia Works, Economic Information & Analytics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics.

Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed

Total number of claimants: 16

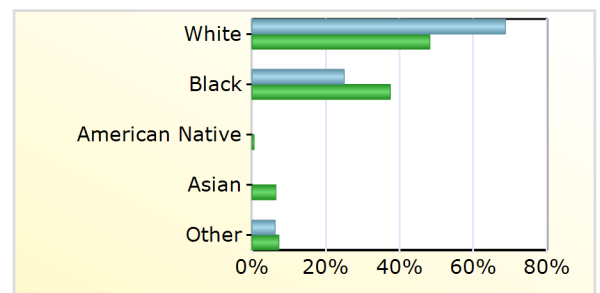
■ Covington city - (16 claimants)

■ Virginia - (28,243 claimants)

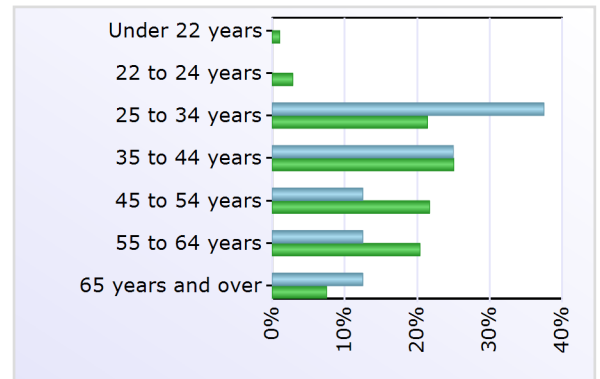
Gender	Covington city	Virginia
Male	8	14,701
Female	8	13,542
Unspecified		



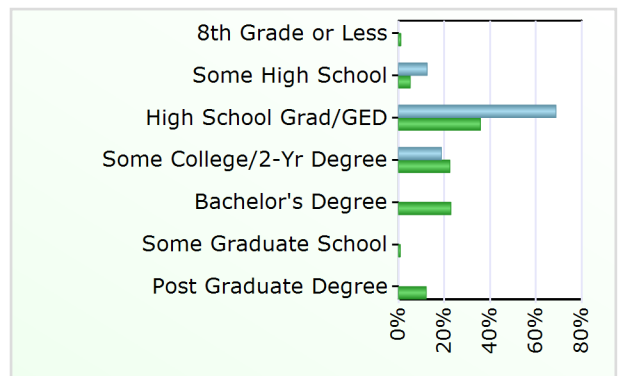
Race	Covington city	Virginia
White	11	13,624
Black	4	10,594
American Native		146
Asian		1,832
Other	1	2,047



Age	Covington city	Virginia
Under 22 years		294
22 to 24 years		801
25 to 34 years	6	6,051
35 to 44 years	4	7,078
45 to 54 years	2	6,136
55 to 64 years	2	5,761
65 years and over	2	2,122
Unknown		



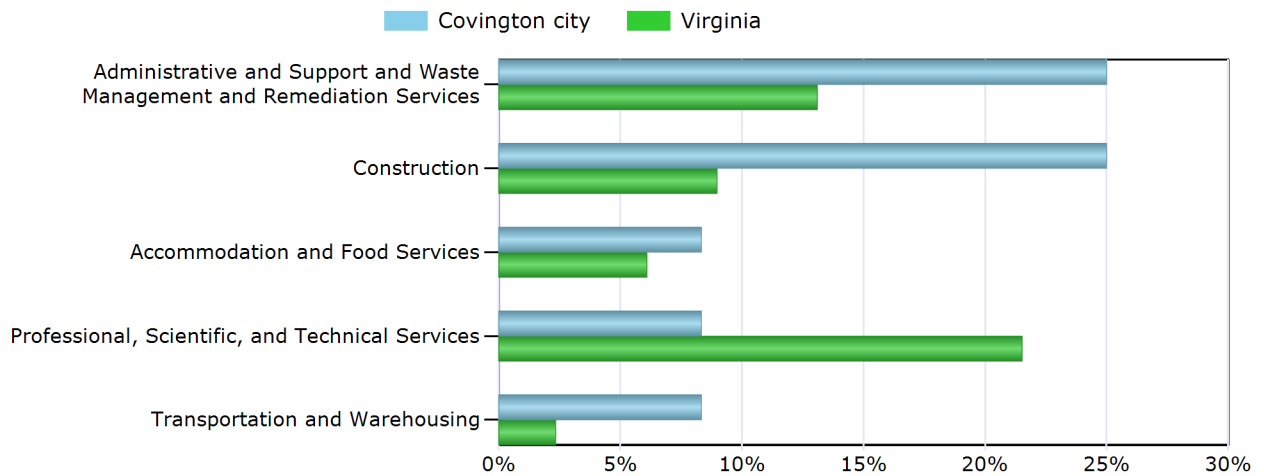
Education	Covington city	Virginia
8th Grade or Less		278
Some High School	2	1,442
High School Grad/GED	11	10,103
Some College/2-Yr Degree	3	6,336
Bachelor's Degree		6,452
Some Graduate School		208
Post Graduate Degree		3,424
Unknown		



Source: Virginia Works, Economic Information & Analytics, Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed, February 2026.

Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed

Top 5 Industries With Largest Number of Claimants in Covington city
(excludes unclassified)



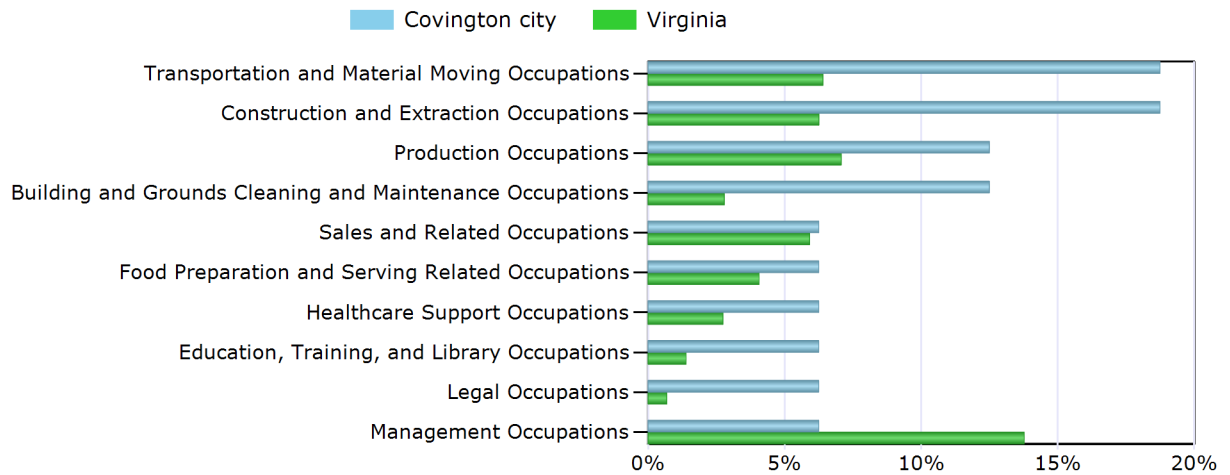
Industry	Covington city	Virginia
Construction	3	2,174
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	3	3,173
Unclassified	3	2,691
Transportation and Warehousing	1	566
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	1	5,213
Accommodation and Food Services	1	1,475
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting		119
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction		62
Utilities		34
Manufacturing		358
Wholesale Trade		842
Retail Trade		905
Information		739
Finance and Insurance		1,193
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing		510
Management of Companies and Enterprises		289
Educational Services		536
Health Care and Social Assistance		2,206
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation		313
Other Services (except Public Administration)		821

Source: Virginia Works, Economic Information & Analytics, Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed, February 2026.

Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed

Top 5 Occupation Groups With Largest Number of Claimants in Covington city

(excludes unknown occupations)

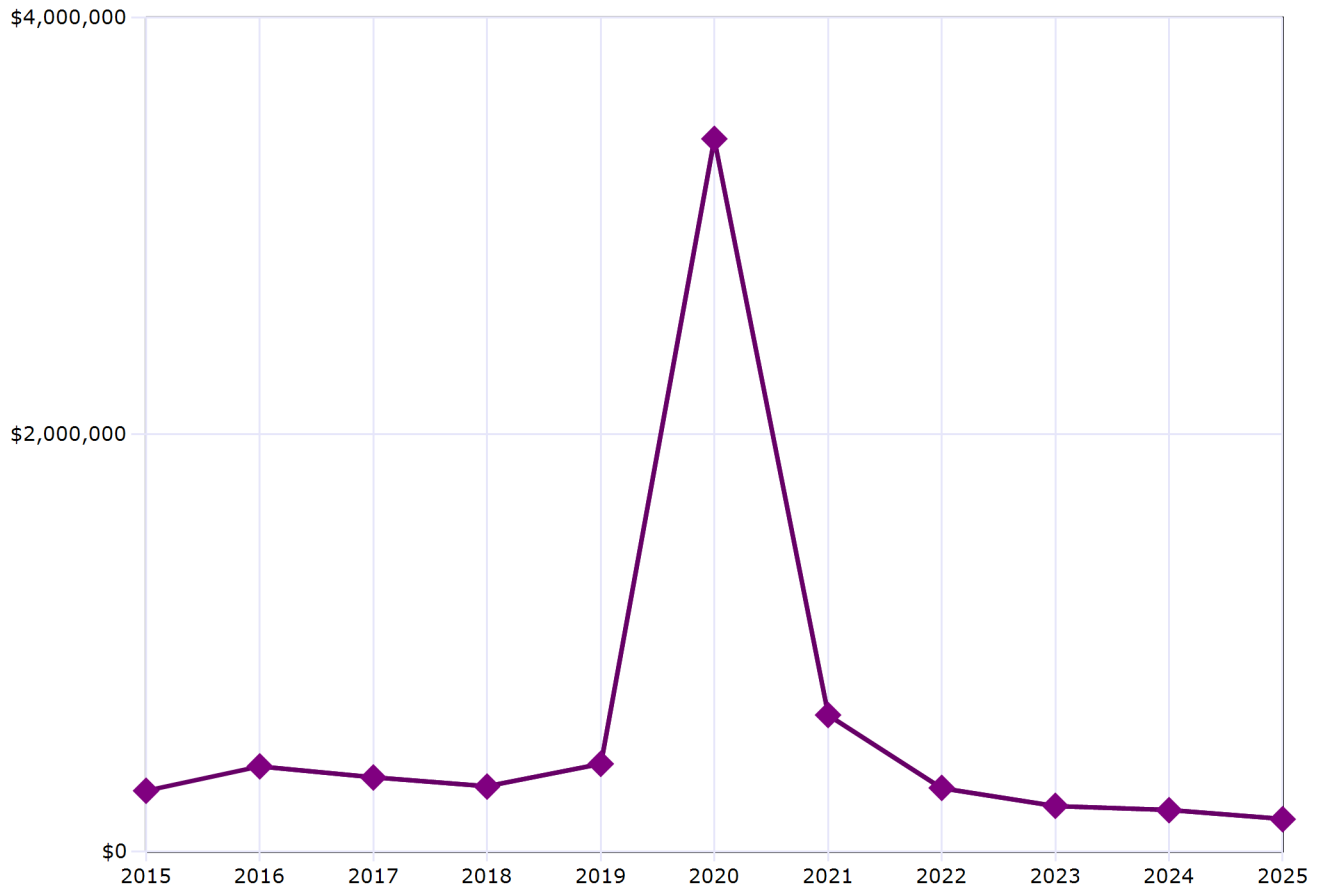


Occupation	Covington city	Virginia
Construction and Extraction Occupations	3	1,767
Transportation and Material Moving Occupations	3	1,809
Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance Occupations	2	788
Production Occupations	2	1,998
Management Occupations	1	3,891
Legal Occupations	1	193
Education, Training, and Library Occupations	1	393
Healthcare Support Occupations	1	774
Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations	1	1,149
Sales and Related Occupations	1	1,671
Business and Financial Operations Occupations		2,308
Computer and Mathematical Occupations		2,994
Architecture and Engineering Occupations		720
Life, Physical, and Social Science Occupations		356
Community and Social Service Occupations		327
Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media Occupations		1,039
Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations		556
Protective Service Occupations		397
Personal Care and Service Occupations		386
Office and Administrative Support Occupations		3,714
Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations		128
Installation, Maintenance, and Repair Occupations		822
Military Specific Occupations		63
Unknown Occupation Code		

Source: Virginia Works, Economic Information & Analytics, Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed, February 2026.

Unemployment Insurance Payments

Trends

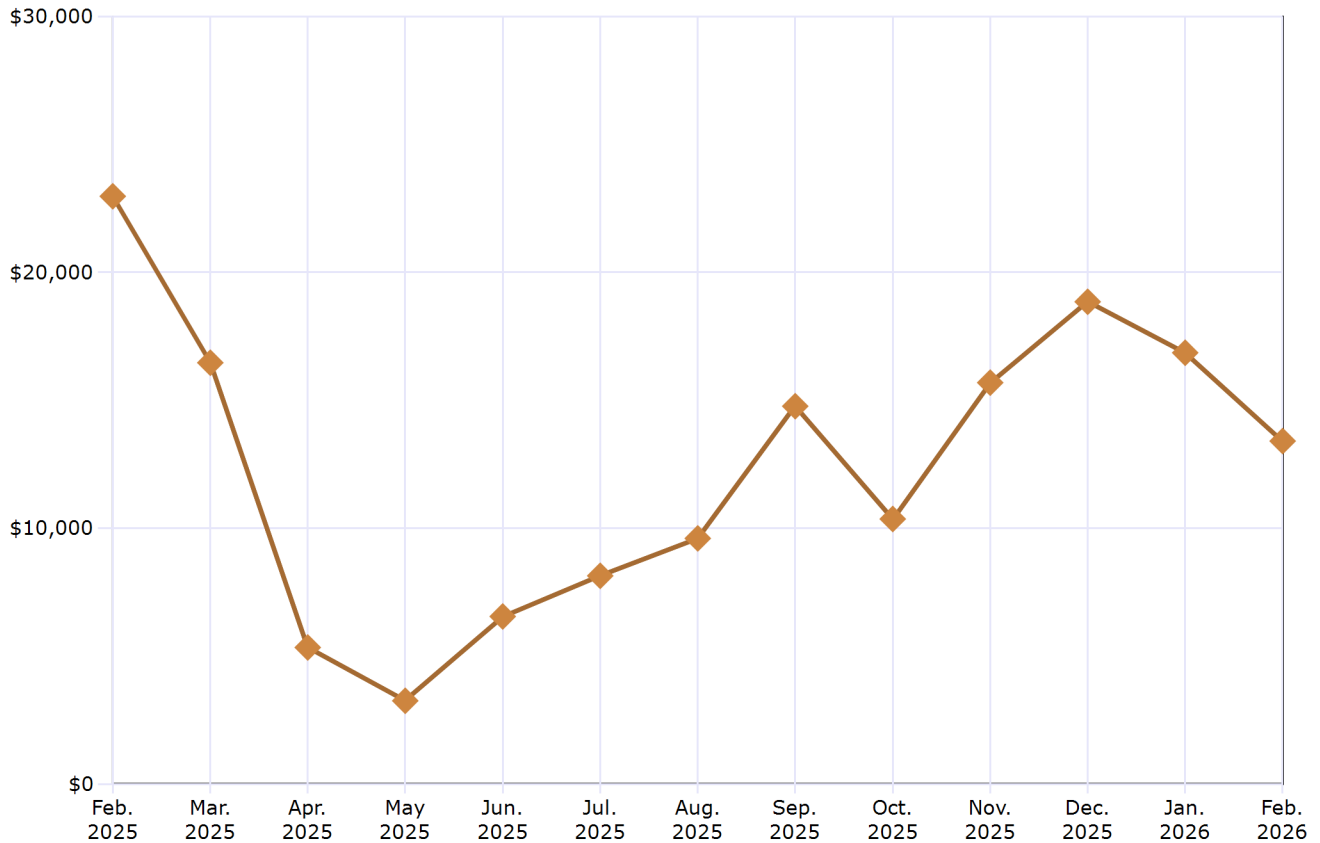


	Covington city		Virginia	
	Weeks Paid	Amount Paid	Weeks Paid	Amount Paid
2015	1,123	\$291,862	1,198,476	\$351,290,100
2016	1,491	\$408,890	1,263,292	\$379,622,081
2017	1,348	\$355,484	1,114,650	\$336,664,624
2018	1,139	\$312,016	941,154	\$286,468,017
2019	1,478	\$420,929	867,371	\$269,014,541
2020	12,970	\$3,417,578	8,600,869	\$2,279,487,650
2021	2,394	\$655,202	1,601,885	\$458,078,646
2022	995	\$305,690	485,275	\$154,636,752
2023	702	\$219,700	685,711	\$232,048,074
2024	613	\$198,866	821,464	\$281,948,022
2025	493	\$155,444	958,475	\$336,260,202

Source: Virginia Employment Commission, Economic Information & Analytics, Unemployment Insurance Program.

Unemployment Insurance Payments

Past 12 Months



	Covington city		Virginia	
	Weeks Paid	Amount Paid	Weeks Paid	Amount Paid
Feb. 2025	75	\$22,976	67,208	\$23,330,065
Mar. 2025	56	\$16,471	80,917	\$28,182,251
Apr. 2025	19	\$5,343	71,831	\$25,077,568
May 2025	12	\$3,260	74,874	\$26,230,081
Jun. 2025	22	\$6,555	90,500	\$31,564,327
Jul. 2025	24	\$8,144	88,280	\$30,838,363
Aug. 2025	32	\$9,605	85,310	\$29,930,805
Sep. 2025	45	\$14,772	91,400	\$32,455,220
Oct. 2025	30	\$10,364	77,985	\$27,634,073
Nov. 2025	49	\$15,692	70,847	\$25,162,669
Dec. 2025	58	\$18,853	90,198	\$31,953,758
Jan. 2026	50	\$16,861	82,981	\$29,321,778
Feb. 2026	40	\$13,410	81,372	\$29,629,263

Source: Virginia Works, Unemployment Insurance Program.

Employers by Size of Establishment

	Covington city	Virginia
0 to 4 employees	166	207,876
5 to 9 employees	67	41,114
10 to 19 employees	32	30,733
20 to 49 employees	19	22,801
50 to 99 employees	9	7,586
100 to 249 employees	***	4,170
250 to 499 employees	0	1,098
500 to 999 employees	***	371
1000 and over employees	0	279
	297	316,028

Employment by Size of Establishment

	Covington city	Virginia
0 to 4 employees	228	264,518
5 to 9 employees	429	273,771
10 to 19 employees	415	417,792
20 to 49 employees	508	684,503
50 to 99 employees	606	521,848
100 to 249 employees	***	618,496
250 to 499 employees	0	377,264
500 to 999 employees	***	254,429
1000 and over employees	0	731,112
	3,658	4,143,733

Note: Asterisks (***) indicate non-disclosable data.

'Zero; no employment' typically represents new startup firms or sole-proprietorships.

Source: Virginia Works, Economic Information & Analytics, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW), 3rd Quarter (July, August, September) 2025.

50 Largest Employers

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|--|--|
| 1. Alliance Group Rock Tenn | 26. FQSR LLC |
| 2. Alleghany Highlands Public Schools | 27. Newbold Services LLC |
| 3. Wal Mart | 28. WECCU Credit Union |
| 4. Ingevity Virginia Corporation | 29. San Juan Mexican Restaurant |
| 5. City of Covington | 30. Counseling Associates Of The Highlands |
| 6. Garten Trucking, LC | 31. Docs Global Inc |
| 7. Newco Mechanical Contracting Inc | 32. Tri-County Furniture |
| 8. H & M Electric & Construction, Inc. | 33. Wright Way Motors |
| 9. Food Lion | 34. Michaels Pizza Inc |
| 10. Alleghany Highlands Ymca | 35. Casa De Leones Mexican Grill |
| 11. Allegany Highland Mental Health Services | 36. Clark Brothers Welding LLC |
| 12. Cucci Pizzeria | 37. HCA Virginia Health System |
| 13. Alliance Xpress Care LLC | 38. Integrated Behavior Services, Llc |
| 14. Loves Travel Stops & Coun Inc | 39. Autozoners Inc |
| 15. Waco Inc. | 40. Dollar Tree Store |
| 16. Go Mart | 41. Goodwill Industries of the Valleys |
| 17. Wendburn | 42. The Rail Bar & Grille LLC |
| 18. D.D. Kerns Construction Company | 43. Advance Auto Parts |
| 19. Highlands Community Bank | 44. Ameristaff |
| 20. Postal Service | 45. CVS Pharmacy |
| 21. Alleghany Highlands Homecare | 46. Loving Funeral Home |
| 22. VDOT | 47. Mountain Air Inc |
| 23. Cucci's Pizzeria Inc. | 48. David L Wheeler, DDS |
| 24. Stop In Food Store | 49. Rental Service Corporation |
| 25. Hardee's | 50. The City's Cafe And Brewery |

Source: Virginia Works, Economic Information & Analytics, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW), 3rd Quarter (July, August, September) 2025.

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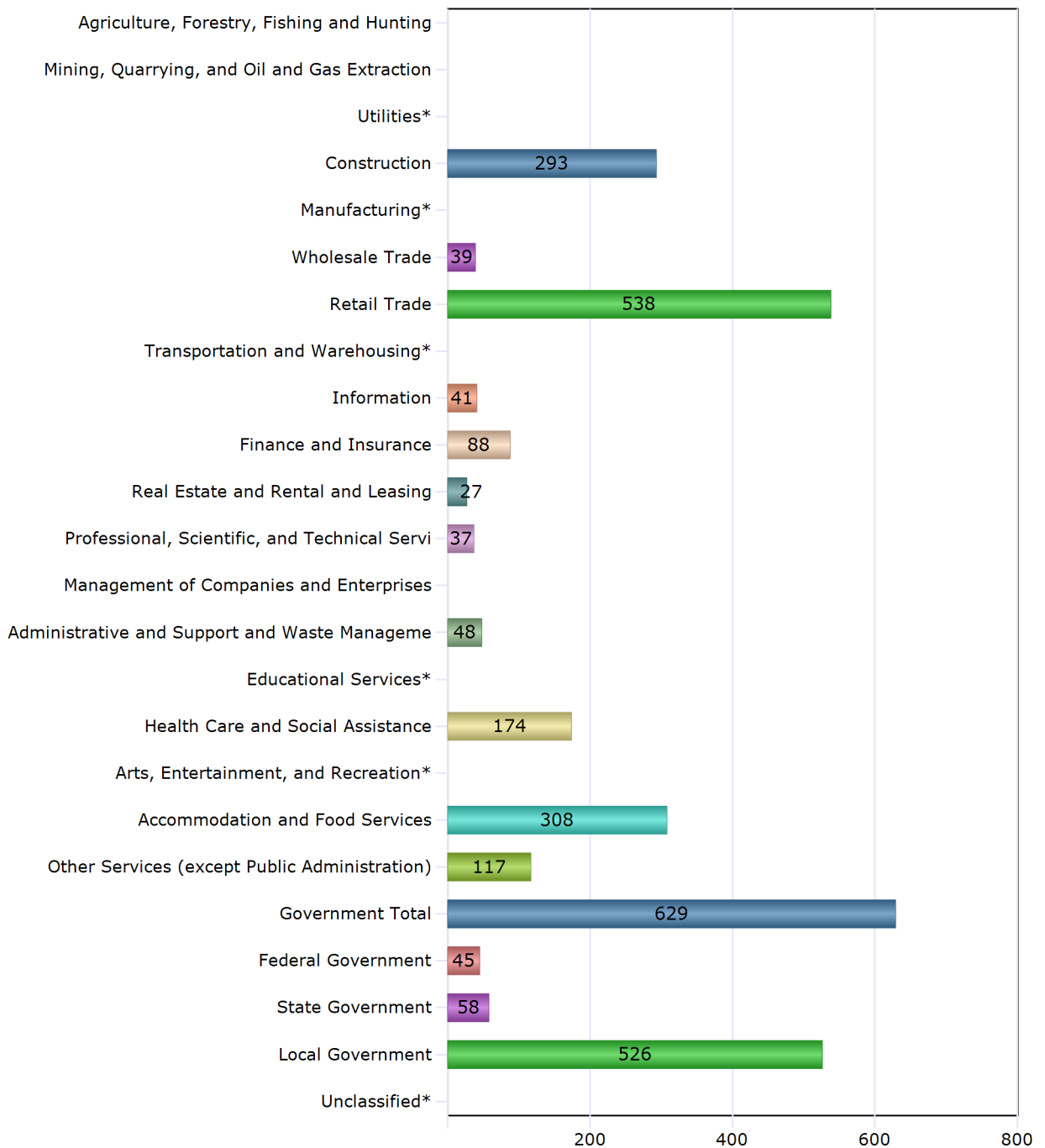
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Employment by Industry

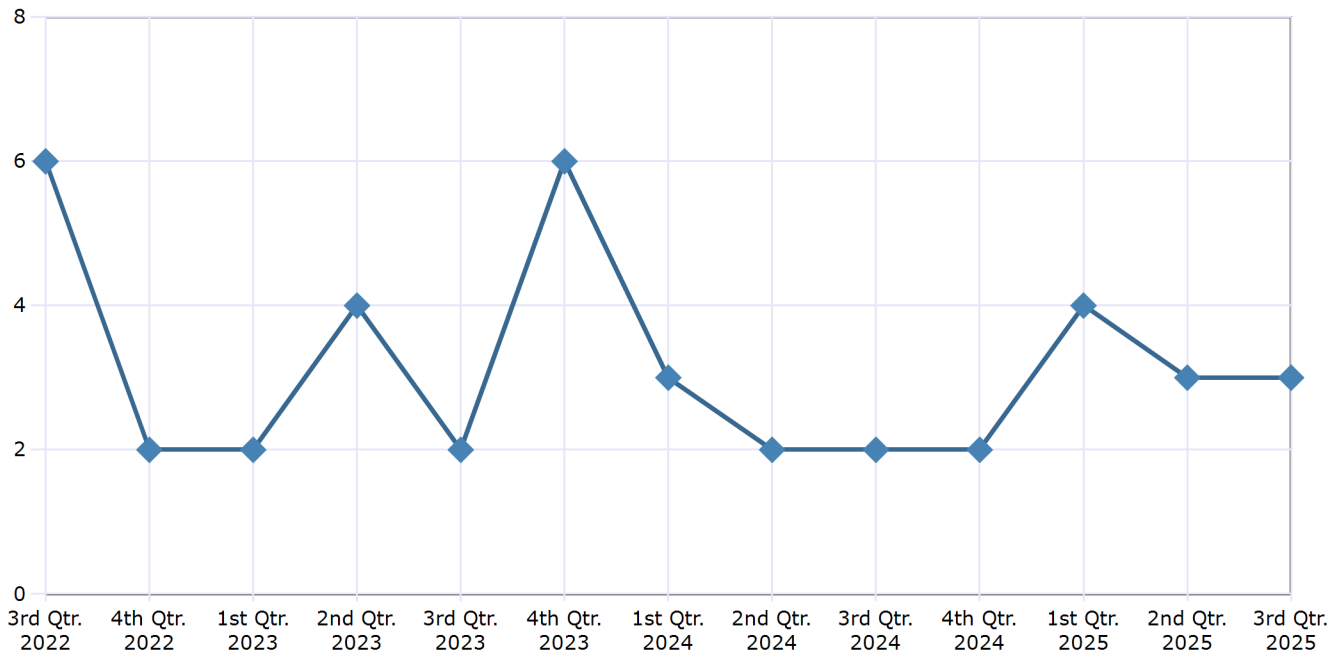


Total: 3,658

Note: Asterisk (*) indicates non-disclosable data.

Source: Virginia Works, Economic Information & Analytics, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW), 3rd Quarter (July, August, September) 2025.

New Startup Firms

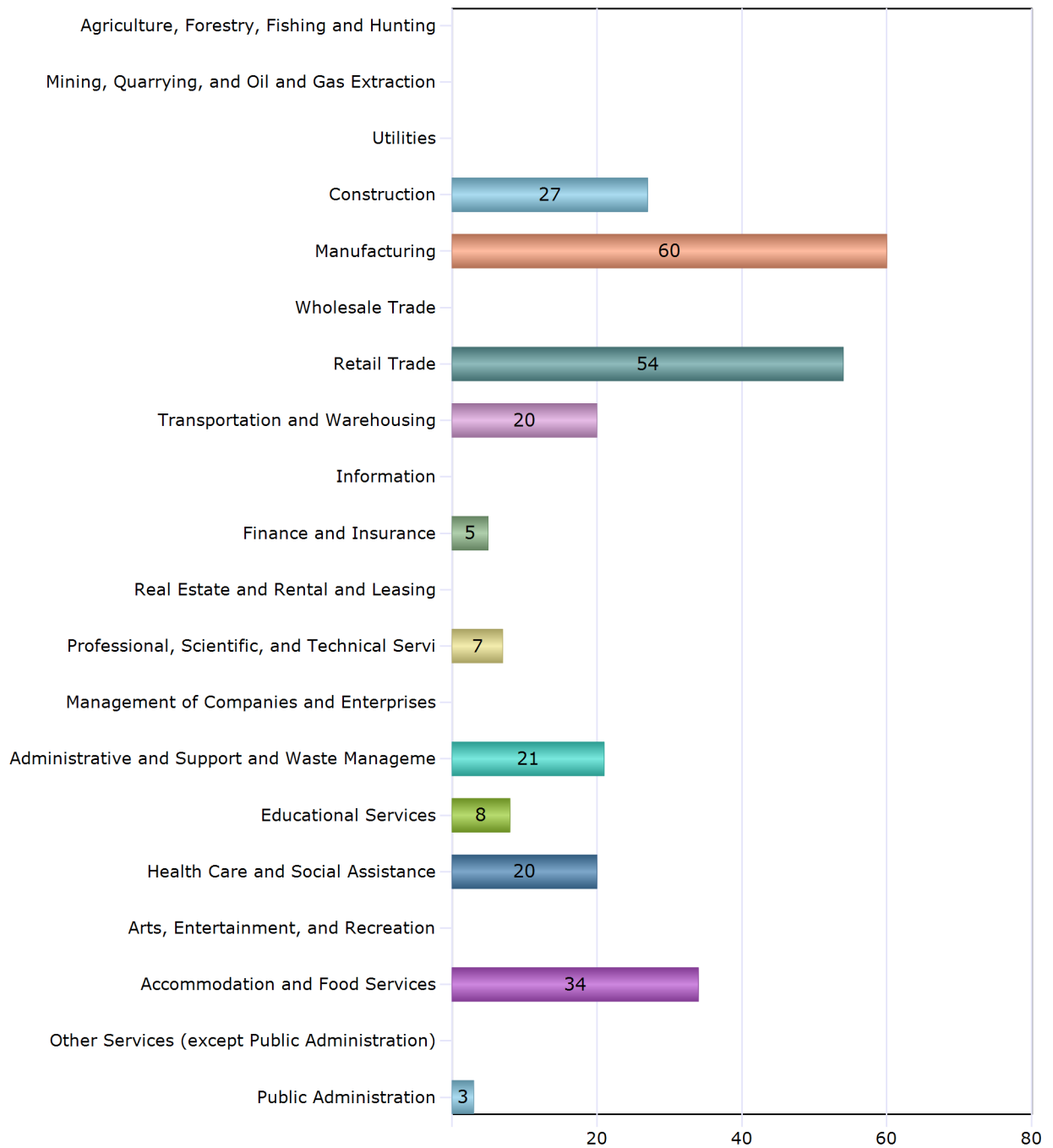


	Covington city	Virginia
3rd Qtr. 2022	6	4,839
4th Qtr. 2022	2	4,162
1st Qtr. 2023	2	5,320
2nd Qtr. 2023	4	4,835
3rd Qtr. 2023	2	4,472
4th Qtr. 2023	6	4,454
1st Qtr. 2024	3	5,789
2nd Qtr. 2024	2	4,468
3rd Qtr. 2024	2	4,555
4th Qtr. 2024	2	4,203
1st Qtr. 2025	4	5,093
2nd Qtr. 2025	3	4,378
3rd Qtr. 2025	3	4,278

Note: The following criteria was used to define new startup firms:
 1.) Setup and liability date both occurred during 3rd Quarter (July, August, September) 2025
 2.) Establishment had no predecessor UI Account Number
 3.) Private Ownership
 4.) Average employment is less than 250
 5.) For multi-unit establishments, the parent company must also meet the above criteria.

Source: Virginia Works, Economic Information & Analytics, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW), 3rd Quarter (July, August, September) 2025.

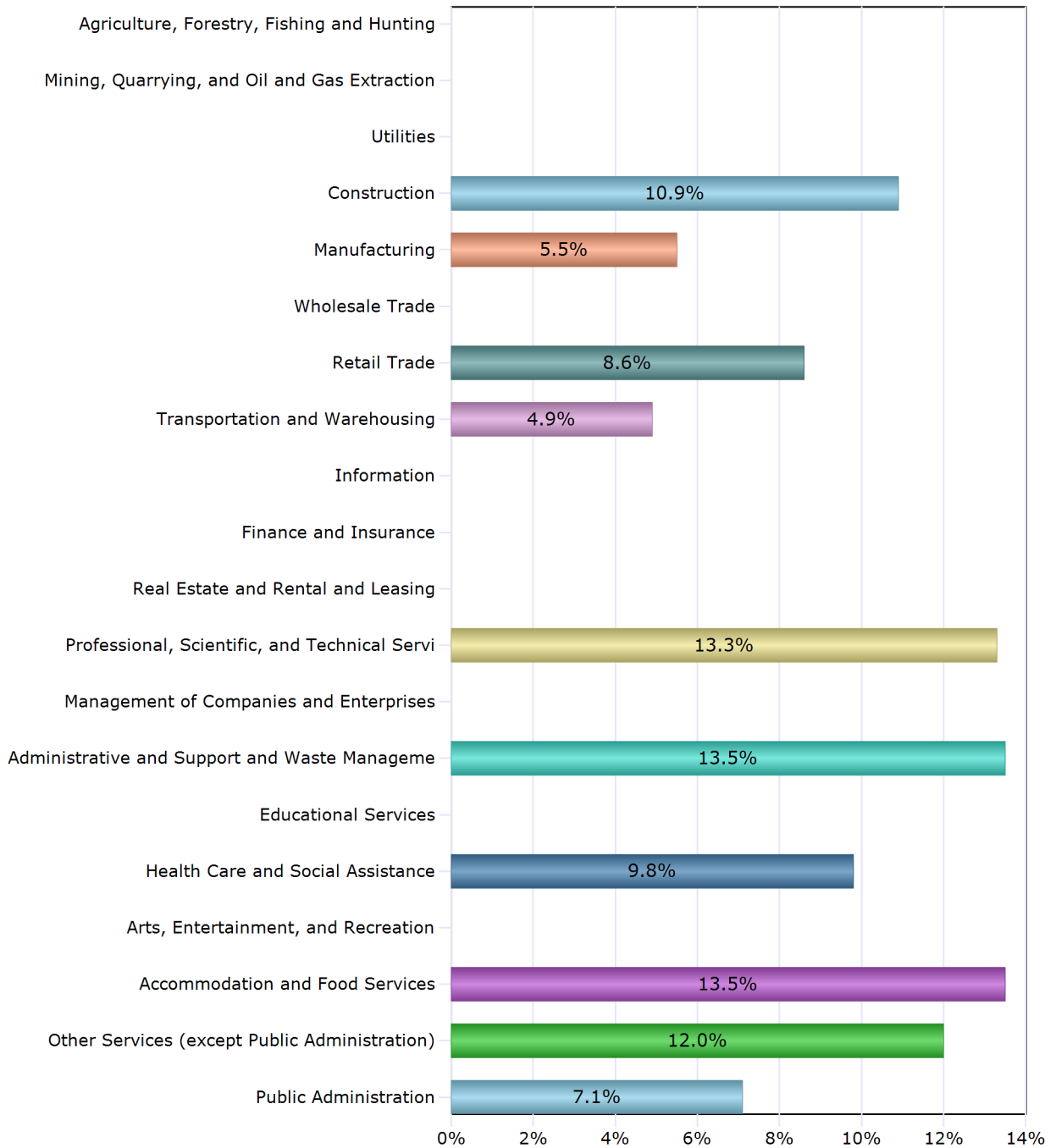
New Hires by Industry



Total: 259

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Local Employment Dynamics (LED) Program, 1st Quarter (January, February, March) 2024, all ownerships.

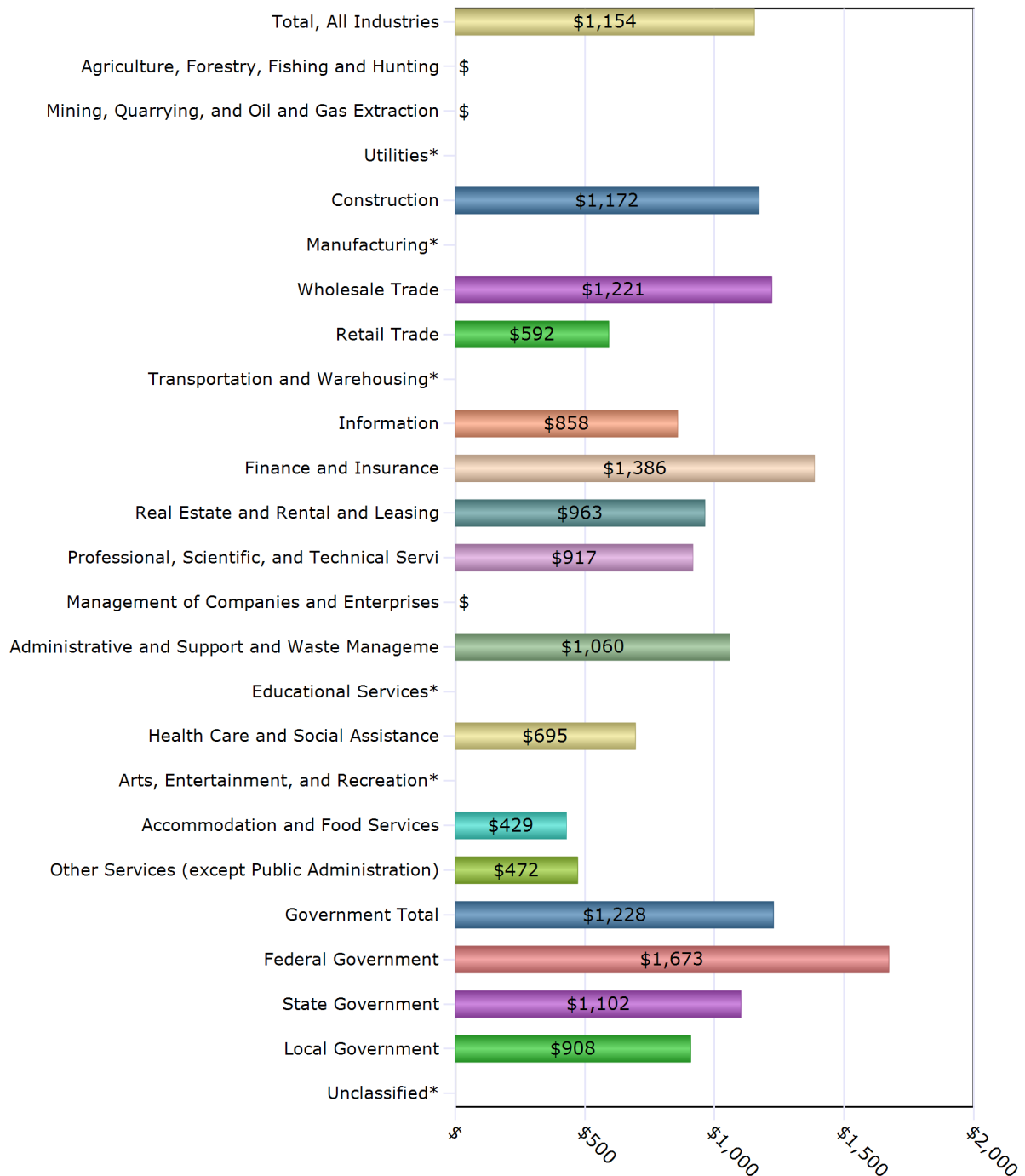
Turnover by Industry



Average: 9.9%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Local Employment Dynamics (LED) Program, 4th Quarter (October, November, December) 2023, all ownerships.

Average Weekly Wage by Industry



Note: Asterisk (*) indicates non-disclosable data.

Source: Virginia Works, Economic Information & Analytics, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW), 3rd Quarter (July, August, September) 2025.

Age of Workers by Industry

	14–18	19–21	22–24	25–34	35–44	45–54	55–64	65+
Total, All Industries	55	119	161	622	692	838	834	274
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting								
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction								
Utilities				3	3	4	7	
Construction	3	16	19	61	47	70	79	38
Manufacturing		12	41	258	295	400	407	55
Wholesale Trade				8	9	15	14	5
Retail Trade	22	45	35	78	80	78	69	46
Transportation and Warehousing		5	9	52	65	60	54	20
Information				4	5	8	10	5
Finance and Insurance			3	17	15	18	18	7
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing				4	3	5		
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services				5	13	10	9	7
Management of Companies and Enterprises								
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services		5	5	8	14	17	12	5
Educational Services			8	30	36	54	55	24
Health Care and Social Assistance		5	10	37	49	39	39	23
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation				3		4	6	2
Accommodation and Food Services	18	17	20	31	24	18	17	15
Other Services (except Public Administration)		4		7	16	16	9	12
Public Administration	3		4	15	14	21	28	7

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Local Employment Dynamics (LED) Program, 1st Quarter (January, February, March) 2024, all ownerships.

What is LED?

Developed by the U.S. Census Bureau, the Local Employment Dynamics (LED) program merges Virginia's Unemployment Compensation wage and employer records with Census demographic data. Read more about LED on the following website:

<http://lehd.did.census.gov/led/>



Industry Employment and Projections

Long Term (Period= 32)

	Employment			Percent	
	Estimated 2022	Projected 2032	Change	Total	Annual
Total, All Industries	177,837	179,115	1,278	.72%	.07%
Total Self-Employed and Unpaid Family Workers	9,349	9,185	-164	-1.75%	-.18%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	***	***	***		***
Mining	***	***	***		***
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	***	***	***		***
Utilities	***	***	***		***
Construction	9,875	9,630	-245	-2.48%	-.25%
Manufacturing	17,684	17,432	-252	-1.43%	-.14%
Wholesale Trade	7,839	8,185	346	4.41%	.43%
Retail Trade	18,153	17,283	-870	-4.79%	-.49%
Transportation and Warehousing	***	***	***		***
Information	1,128	1,060	-68	-6.03%	-.62%
Finance and Insurance	6,338	6,126	-212	-3.34%	-.34%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	1,788	1,750	-38	-2.13%	-.21%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	7,883	7,788	-95	-1.21%	-.12%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	5,082	6,192	1,110	21.84%	2%
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	10,151	9,744	-407	-4.01%	-.41%
Educational Services	12,305	11,726	-579	-4.71%	-.48%
Health Care and Social Assistance	26,436	27,974	1,538	5.82%	.57%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	2,559	2,323	-236	-9.22%	-.96%
Accommodation and Food Services	12,538	13,454	916	7.31%	.71%
Other Services (except Public Administration)	4,852	4,817	-35	-.72%	-.07%
Unclassified	14,381	14,327	-54	-.38%	-.04%

Note: Asterisks (***) indicate non-disclosable data.
Projections data is for Greater Roanoke Region (LWDA III). No data available for Covington city.

Source: Virginia Works, Economic Information & Analytics,
Long Term Industry and Occupational Projections, 2022-2032.

Industry Employment and Projections

Short Term (Period= 47)

	Employment			Percent	
	Estimated 2025	Projected 2027	Change	Total	Annual
Total, All Industries	4,319,847	4,382,412	62,565	1.45%	.72%
Total Self-Employed and Unpaid Family Workers	253,078	255,333	2,255	.89%	.44%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	3,857	3,873	16	.41%	.21%
Mining	5,372	5,497	125	2.33%	1.16%
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	5,372	5,497	125	2.33%	1.16%
Utilities	11,712	11,910	198	1.69%	.84%
Construction	219,547	226,921	7,374	3.36%	1.67%
Manufacturing	238,058	234,873	-3,185	-1.34%	-.67%
Wholesale Trade	112,712	113,135	423	.38%	.19%
Retail Trade	386,855	387,938	1,083	.28%	.14%
Transportation and Warehousing	159,919	165,200	5,281	3.3%	1.64%
Information	68,110	67,939	-171	-.25%	-.13%
Finance and Insurance	145,064	147,146	2,082	1.44%	.72%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	60,150	61,801	1,651	2.74%	1.36%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	469,676	484,434	14,758	3.14%	1.56%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	90,454	93,301	2,847	3.15%	1.56%
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	242,667	243,735	1,068	.44%	.22%
Educational Services	390,264	397,202	6,938	1.78%	.89%
Health Care and Social Assistance	520,156	541,236	21,080	4.05%	2.01%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	60,709	60,321	-388	-.64%	-.32%
Accommodation and Food Services	338,240	338,976	736	.22%	.11%
Other Services (except Public Administration)	135,059	137,865	2,806	2.08%	1.03%
Unclassified	408,188	403,776	-4,412	-1.08%	-.54%

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Projections data is for Virginia Statewide. No data available for Covington city.

Source: Virginia Works, Economic Information & Analytics,
Short Term Industry and Occupational Projections, 2025-2027.

Occupation Employment and Projections

Long Term (Period= 32)

	Employment			Openings		
	Estimated 2022	Projected 2032	% Change	Replacements	Growth	Total
Total, All Occupations	177,837	179,115	.72%	194,407	1,278	195,685
Management Occupations	9,077	9,702	6.89%	7,222	625	7,847
Business and Financial Operations Occupations	10,042	10,283	2.4%	7,979	241	8,220
Computer and Mathematical Occupations	3,289	3,686	12.07%	2,022	397	2,419
Architecture and Engineering Occupations	2,521	2,710	7.5%	1,713	189	1,902
Life, Physical, and Social Science Occupations	1,145	1,180	3.06%	975	35	1,010
Community and Social Service Occupations	2,948	3,156	7.06%	2,530	208	2,738
Legal Occupations	1,083	1,121	3.51%	768	38	806
Education, Training, and Library Occupations	8,736	8,450	-3.27%	7,517	-286	7,231
Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media Occupations	2,050	2,058	.39%	2,150	8	2,158
Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations	15,480	15,616	.88%	8,783	136	8,919
Healthcare Support Occupations	7,158	8,410	17.49%	11,107	1,252	12,359
Protective Service Occupations	4,349	4,366	.39%	5,186	17	5,203
Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations	12,216	13,084	7.11%	23,979	868	24,847
Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance Occupations	5,457	5,406	-.93%	7,255	-51	7,204
Personal Care and Service Occupations	4,307	4,424	2.72%	7,506	117	7,623
Sales and Related Occupations	17,206	16,303	-5.25%	21,664	-903	20,761
Office and Administrative Support Occupations	22,994	21,123	-8.14%	25,083	-1,871	23,212
Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations	832	1,003	20.55%	1,340	171	1,511
Construction and Extraction Occupations	8,878	8,728	-1.69%	7,469	-150	7,319
Installation, Maintenance, and Repair Occupations	8,230	8,312	1%	7,143	82	7,225
Production Occupations	13,311	12,805	-3.8%	13,868	-506	13,362
Transportation and Material Moving Occupations	16,528	17,189	4%	21,148	661	21,809

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Long Term Industry and Occupational Projections, 2022-2032.

Occupation Employment and Projections

Short Term (Period= 47)

	Employment			Openings		
	Estimated 2025	Projected 2027	% Change	Replace-ments	Growth	Total
Total, All Occupations	4,319,847	4,382,412	1.45%	920,875	62,565	983,440
Management Occupations	305,043	309,283	1.39%	45,412	4,240	49,652
Business and Financial Operations Occupations	416,396	422,295	1.42%	65,996	5,899	71,895
Computer and Mathematical Occupations	243,901	251,582	3.15%	28,466	7,681	36,147
Architecture and Engineering Occupations	74,632	75,477	1.13%	9,876	845	10,721
Life, Physical, and Social Science Occupations	49,909	50,777	1.74%	8,029	868	8,897
Community and Social Service Occupations	64,908	67,075	3.34%	10,838	2,167	13,005
Legal Occupations	39,357	39,476	.3%	4,981	119	5,100
Education, Training, and Library Occupations	257,764	262,907	2%	46,232	5,143	51,375
Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media Occupations	72,619	73,359	1.02%	14,083	740	14,823
Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations	236,818	243,569	2.85%	26,634	6,751	33,385
Healthcare Support Occupations	164,502	172,170	4.66%	48,123	7,668	55,791
Protective Service Occupations	111,007	112,088	.97%	27,276	1,081	28,357
Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations	322,749	322,901	.05%	122,895	152	123,047
Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance Occupations	145,224	148,976	2.58%	39,337	3,752	43,089
Personal Care and Service Occupations	115,912	119,345	2.96%	39,994	3,433	43,427
Sales and Related Occupations	425,112	426,079	.23%	108,828	967	109,795
Office and Administrative Support Occupations	429,812	429,076	-.17%	97,116	-736	96,380
Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations	5,543	5,476	-1.21%	1,583	-67	1,516
Construction and Extraction Occupations	196,719	201,956	2.66%	33,885	5,237	39,122
Installation, Maintenance, and Repair Occupations	168,321	170,948	1.56%	29,479	2,627	32,106
Production Occupations	168,073	165,494	-1.53%	35,766	-2,579	33,187
Transportation and Material Moving Occupations	305,526	312,103	2.15%	76,046	6,577	82,623

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Source: Virginia Works, Economic Information & Analytics,
Short Term Industry and Occupational Projections, 2025-2027.

Growth Occupations

	Employment			Openings			Average Annual Salary
	Estimated 2022	Projected 2032	% Change	Replacements	Growth	Total	
Nurse Practitioners	375	550	46.67%	205	175	380	\$118,840
Physician Assistants	232	299	28.88%	130	67	197	\$126,080
Cooks, Restaurant	1,381	1,757	27.23%	2,349	376	2,725	\$33,520
Medical and Health Services Managers	554	692	24.91%	431	138	569	\$128,010
Dental Assistants	304	370	21.71%	461	66	527	\$43,590
Physical Therapist Assistants	180	215	19.44%	268	35	303	\$66,790
Logisticians	139	164	17.99%	120	25	145	\$84,260
Mechanical Engineers	327	384	17.43%	193	57	250	\$96,840
Financial Managers	521	604	15.93%	375	83	458	\$160,850
Veterinary Assistants and Laboratory Animal Caretakers	235	269	14.47%	485	34	519	\$33,390
Veterinary Technologists and Technicians	118	135	14.41%	115	17	132	\$48,550
Industrial Engineers	417	477	14.39%	245	60	305	\$102,410
Mobile Heavy Equipment Mechanics, Except Engines	340	387	13.82%	298	47	345	\$62,420
Veterinarians	163	185	13.5%	57	22	79	\$121,730
Medical Assistants	659	746	13.2%	894	87	981	\$38,600
Dentists, General	175	198	13.14%	52	23	75	\$162,270
Electrical Engineers	276	311	12.68%	155	35	190	\$106,230
Massage Therapists	111	125	12.61%	157	14	171	\$58,360
Industrial Machinery Mechanics	845	950	12.43%	691	105	796	\$60,850
Computer and Information Systems Managers	258	290	12.4%	174	32	206	\$169,560

Note: Asterisks (***) indicate non-disclosable data.

Projections and OES wage data are for Greater Roanoke Region (LWDA III). No data available for Covington city.

Source: Virginia Works, Economic Information & Analytics, Long Term Industry and Occupational Projections, 2022-2032 Occupational Employment Statistics (OES) Survey, 2024.

Declining Occupations

	Employment			Openings		
	Estimated 2022	Projected 2032	% Change	Replace-ments	Growth	Total
Data Entry Keyers	157	114	-27.39%	157	-43	114
Paper Goods Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders	485	363	-25.15%	478	-122	356
Executive Secretaries and Executive Administrative Assistants	292	228	-21.92%	264	-64	200
Personal Financial Advisors	215	169	-21.4%	118	-46	72
Helpers--Production Workers	330	263	-20.3%	462	-67	395
Cutting and Slicing Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders	134	108	-19.4%	130	-26	104
Bill and Account Collectors	337	279	-17.21%	327	-58	269
Tellers	646	549	-15.02%	607	-97	510
Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive	2,208	1,885	-14.63%	2,268	-323	1,945
Payroll and Timekeeping Clerks	139	119	-14.39%	129	-20	109
Mixing and Blending Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders	184	158	-14.13%	174	-26	148
Sewing Machine Operators	179	156	-12.85%	188	-23	165
Printing Press Operators	135	119	-11.85%	134	-16	118
Securities, Commodities, and Financial Services Sales Agents	390	347	-11.03%	269	-43	226
Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant and System Operators	145	130	-10.34%	128	-15	113
Woodworking Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Except Sawing	205	184	-10.24%	180	-21	159
Customer Service Representatives	4,690	4,214	-10.15%	5,979	-476	5,503
Helpers--Electricians	171	154	-9.94%	178	-17	161
Cashiers	4,060	3,668	-9.66%	7,461	-392	7,069
Cement Masons and Concrete Finishers	371	337	-9.16%	264	-34	230

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Source: Virginia Works, Economic Information & Analytics,
Long Term Industry and Occupational Projections, 2022-2032.

Consumer Price Index (CPI)

All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Ann.	% chg
2014	233.916	234.781	236.293	237.072	237.900	238.343	238.250	237.852	238.031	237.433	236.151	234.812	236.736	1.6
2015	233.707	234.722	236.119	236.599	237.805	238.638	238.654	238.316	237.945	237.838	237.336	236.525	237.017	0.1
2016	236.916	237.111	238.132	239.261	240.229	241.018	240.628	240.849	241.428	241.729	241.353	241.432	240.007	1.3
2017	242.839	243.603	243.801	244.524	244.733	244.955	244.786	245.519	246.819	246.663	246.669	246.524	245.120	2.1
2018	247.867	248.991	249.554	250.546	251.588	251.989	252.006	252.146	252.439	252.885	252.038	251.233	251.107	2.4
2019	251.712	252.776	254.202	255.548	256.092	256.143	256.571	256.558	256.759	257.346	257.208	256.974	255.657	1.8
2020	257.971	258.678	258.115	256.389	256.394	257.797	259.101	259.918	260.280	260.388	260.229	260.474	258.811	1.2
2021	261.582	263.014	264.877	267.054	269.195	271.696	273.003	273.567	274.310	276.589	277.948	278.802	270.970	4.7
2022	281.148	283.716	287.504	289.109	292.296	296.311	296.276	296.171	296.808	298.012	297.711	296.797	292.655	8.0
2023	299.170	300.840	301.836	303.363	304.127	305.109	305.691	307.026	307.789	307.671	307.051	306.746	304.702	4.1
2024	308.417	310.326	312.332	313.548	314.069	314.175	314.540	314.796	315.301	315.664	315.493	315.605	313.689	2.9

Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W)

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Ann.	% chg
2014	230.040	230.871	232.560	233.443	234.216	234.702	234.525	234.030	234.170	233.229	231.551	229.909	232.771	1.5
2015	228.294	229.421	231.055	231.520	232.908	233.804	233.806	233.366	232.661	232.373	231.721	230.791	231.810	-0.4
2016	231.061	230.972	232.209	233.438	234.436	235.289	234.771	234.904	235.495	235.732	235.215	235.390	234.076	1.0
2017	236.854	237.477	237.656	238.432	238.609	238.813	238.617	239.448	240.939	240.573	240.666	240.526	239.051	2.1
2018	241.919	242.988	243.463	244.607	245.770	246.196	246.155	246.336	246.565	247.038	245.933	244.786	245.146	2.5
2019	245.133	246.218	247.768	249.332	249.871	249.747	250.236	250.112	250.251	250.894	250.644	250.452	249.222	1.7
2020	251.361	251.935	251.375	249.515	249.521	251.054	252.636	253.597	254.004	254.076	253.826	254.081	252.248	1.2
2021	255.296	256.843	258.935	261.237	263.612	266.412	267.789	268.387	269.086	271.552	273.042	273.925	265.510	5.3
2022	276.296	278.943	283.176	284.575	288.022	292.542	292.219	291.629	291.854	293.003	292.495	291.051	287.984	8.5
2023	293.565	295.057	296.021	297.730	298.382	299.394	299.899	301.551	302.257	302.071	301.224	300.728	298.990	3.8
2024	302.201	304.284	306.502	307.811	308.163	308.054	308.501	308.640	309.046	309.358	308.998	309.067	307.552	2.9

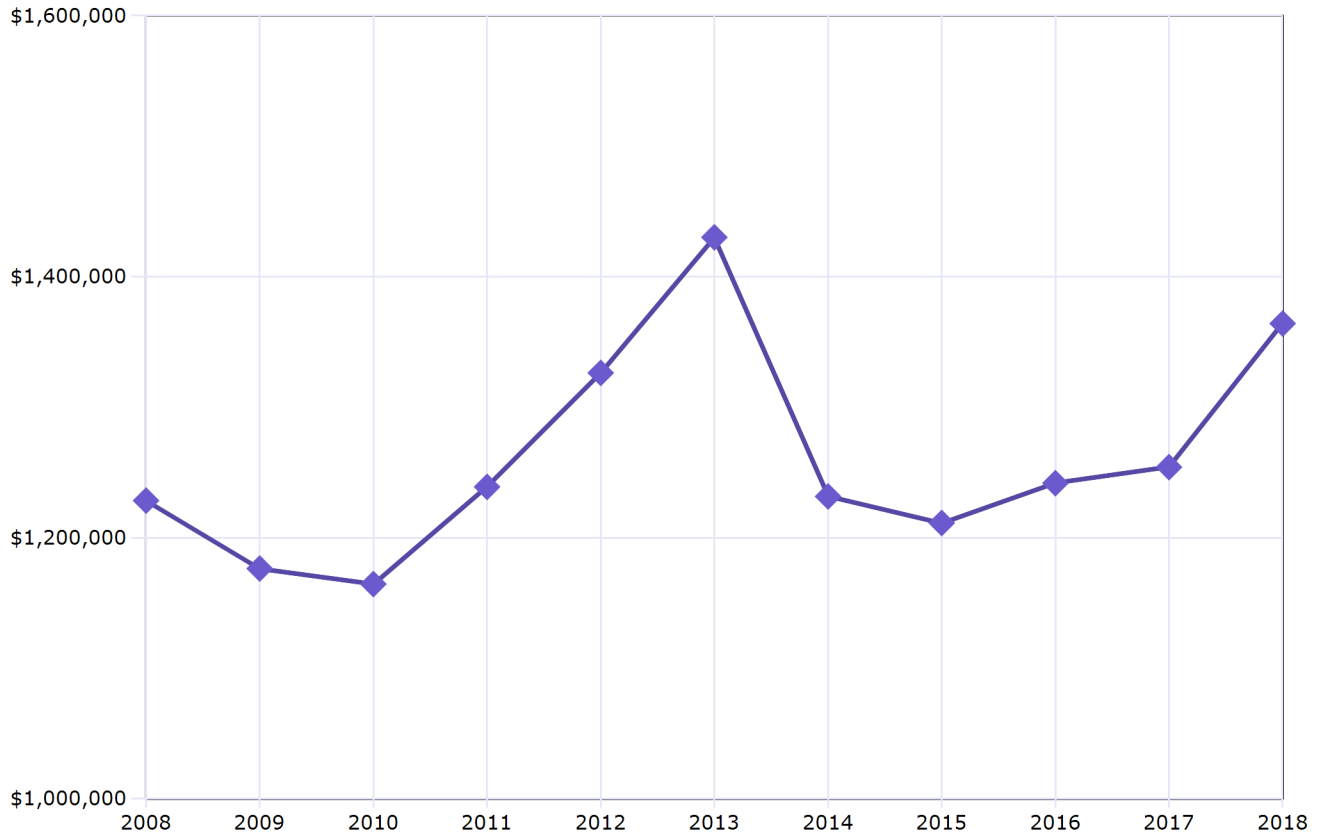
Note: CPI data is for the United States only. No data available for Covington city.

The CPI-U includes expenditures by urban wage earners and clerical workers, professional, managerial, and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, retirees and others not in the labor force. The CPI-W only includes expenditures by those in hourly wage earning or clerical jobs.

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics,
Consumer Price Indexes (CPI) Program.

Local Option Sales Tax

Trends



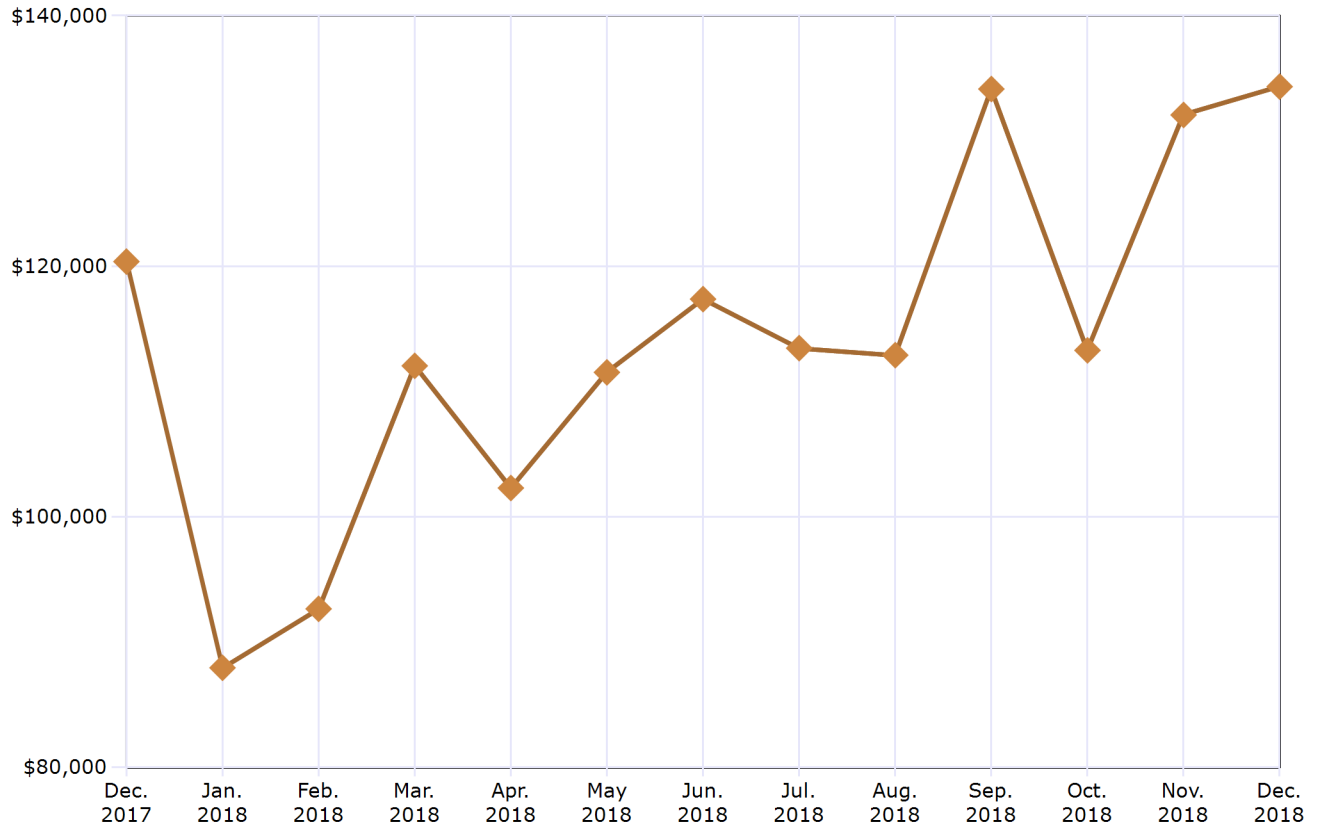
	Covington city	Virginia
2008	\$1,228,443	\$1,032,815,078
2009	\$1,176,390	\$979,594,664
2010	\$1,164,481	\$992,820,512
2011	\$1,238,968	\$1,035,981,229
2012	\$1,326,316	\$1,080,663,042
2013	\$1,430,185	\$1,093,292,668
2014	\$1,231,635	\$1,131,194,860
2015	\$1,211,299	\$1,179,611,271
2016	\$1,241,763	\$1,202,257,995
2017	\$1,254,085	\$1,232,981,515
2018	\$1,364,110	\$1,282,022,261

Note: This data is based on Virginia sales tax revenues deposited, rather than the actual taxable sales figures as reported on a dealer's return.

Source: Virginia Department of Taxation, Revenue Forecasting.

Local Option Sales Tax

Past 12 Months



	Covington city	Virginia
Dec. 2017	\$120,375	\$123,193,863
Jan. 2018	\$87,954	\$90,794,207
Feb. 2018	\$92,659	\$90,576,093
Mar. 2018	\$112,054	\$107,834,402
Apr. 2018	\$102,304	\$102,372,977
May 2018	\$111,534	\$110,211,496
Jun. 2018	\$117,379	\$112,529,037
Jul. 2018	\$113,465	\$107,211,401
Aug. 2018	\$112,907	\$109,428,585
Sep. 2018	\$134,148	\$105,468,340
Oct. 2018	\$113,290	\$107,742,243
Nov. 2018	\$132,077	\$112,348,128
Dec. 2018	\$134,339	\$125,505,352

Note: This data is based on Virginia sales tax revenues deposited, rather than the actual taxable sales figures as reported on a dealer's return.

Source: Virginia Department of Taxation, Revenue Forecasting.

IV. Education Profile

Overview

The Education Profile for Covington city provides an assortment of data collected from the United States Census Bureau and the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES).



Related Terms and Definitions

Associate's degree

An award that normally requires at least two but less than four years of full-time equivalent college work.

Bachelor's degree

An award that normally requires at least four but not more than five years of full-time equivalent college-level work.

Post-baccalaureate certificate

An award that requires completion of an organized program of study equivalent to 18 semester credit hours beyond the bachelor's. It is designed for persons who have completed a bachelor's degree, but do not meet the requirements of a master's degree.

Master's degree

An award that requires the successful completion of a program of study of at least the full-time equivalent of one but not more than two academic years of work beyond the bachelor's degree.

Post-master's certificate

An award that requires completion of an organized program of study equivalent to 24 semester credit hours beyond the master's degree, but does not meet the requirements of academic degrees at the doctor's level.

Doctor's degree

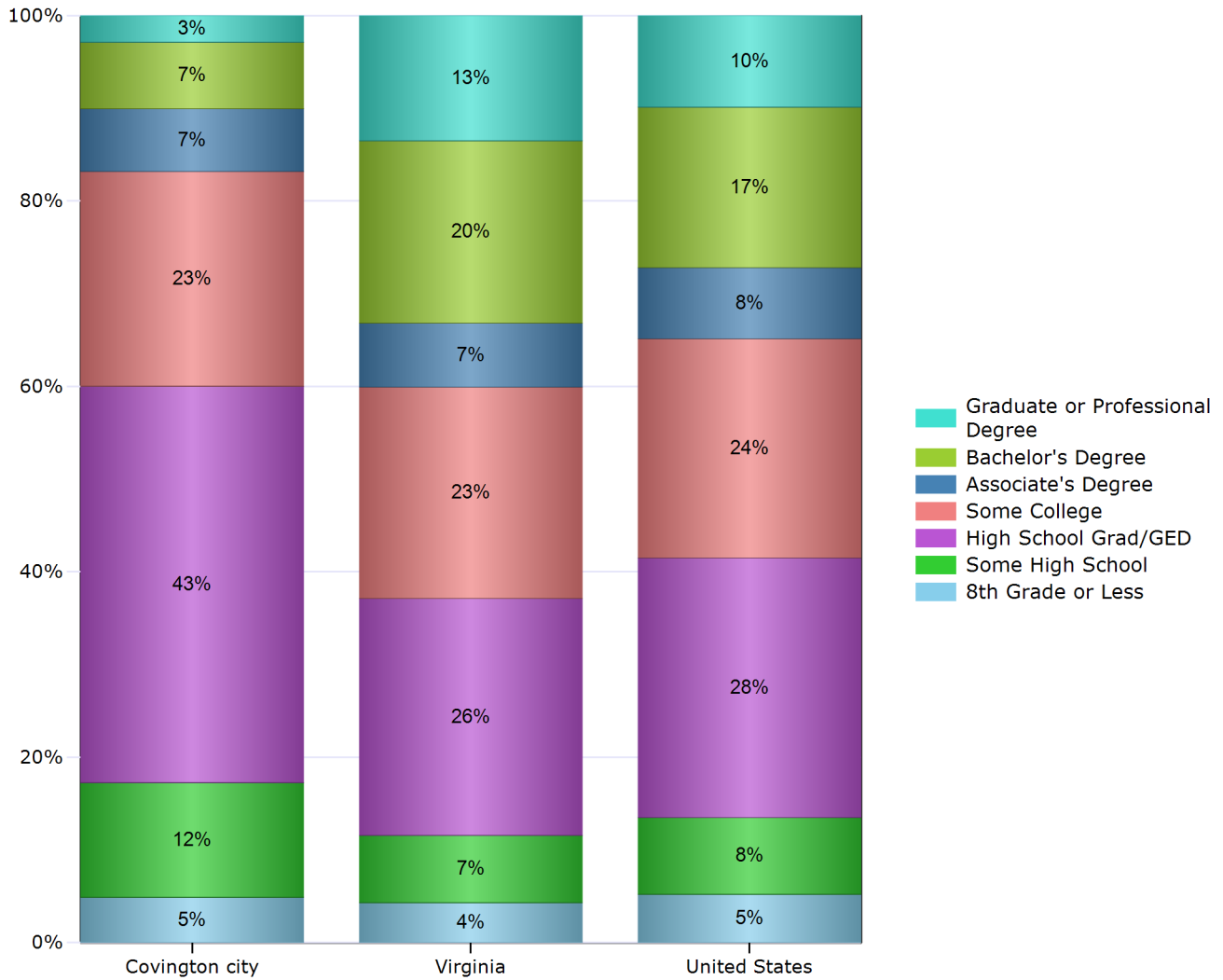
The highest award a student can earn for graduate study.

First-professional degree

An award that requires completion of a program that meets all of the following criteria: (1) completion of the academic requirements to begin practice in the profession; (2) at least two years of college work prior to entering the program; and (3) a total of at least six academic years of college work to complete the degree program, including prior required college work plus the length of the professional program itself.

Educational Attainment

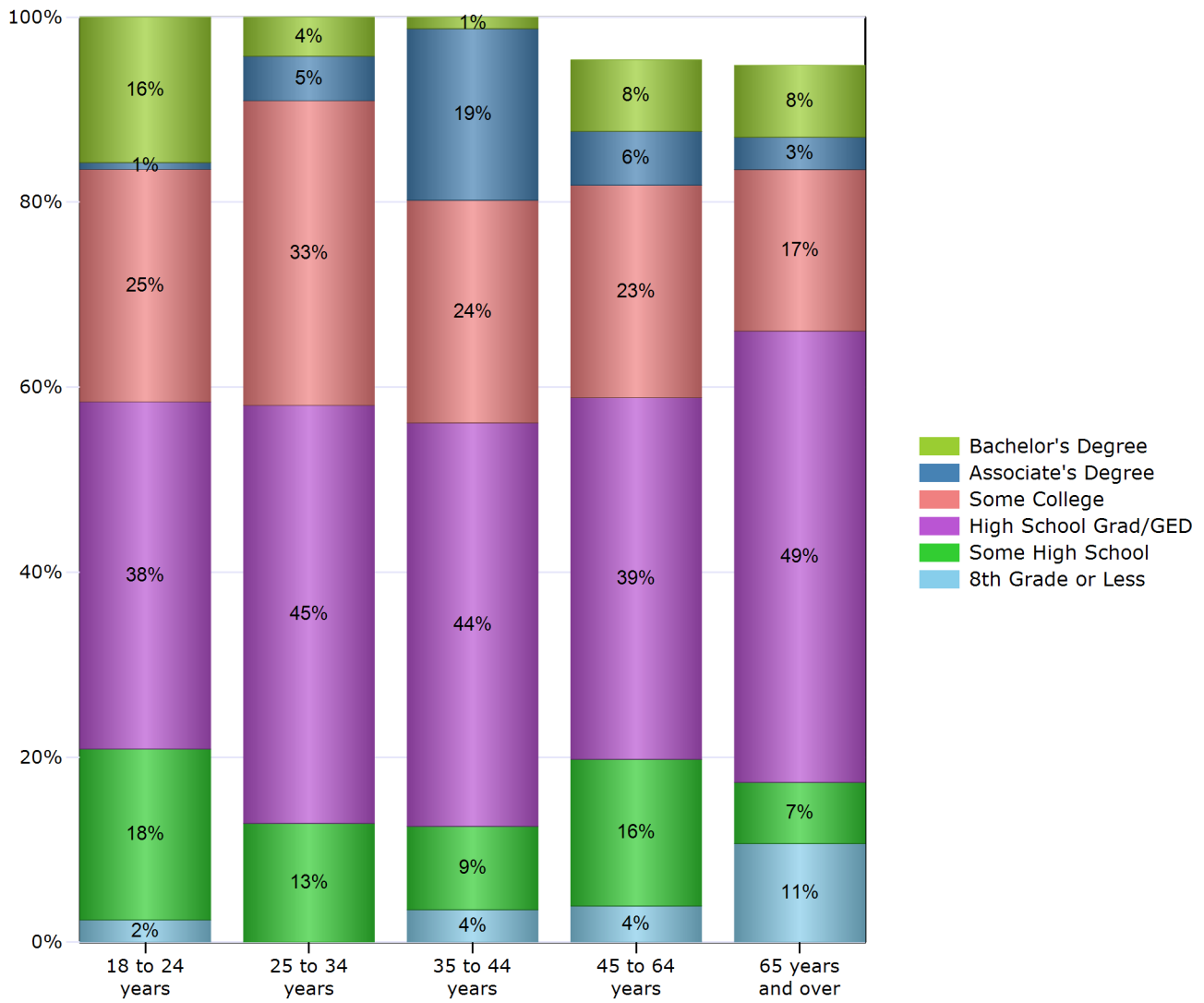
(Population 18 years and over)



	Covington city	Virginia	United States
8th Grade or Less	221	275,329	12,639,425
Some High School	558	464,075	20,093,117
High School Grad/GED	1,932	1,633,105	68,044,371
Some College	1,046	1,457,887	57,431,237
Associate's Degree	306	440,219	18,586,866
Bachelor's Degree	324	1,258,661	42,027,629
Graduate or Professional Degree	130	862,686	24,008,551
	4,517	6,391,962	242,831,196

Source: U.S. Census Bureau
American Community Survey, 2011-2015.

Educational Attainment by Age

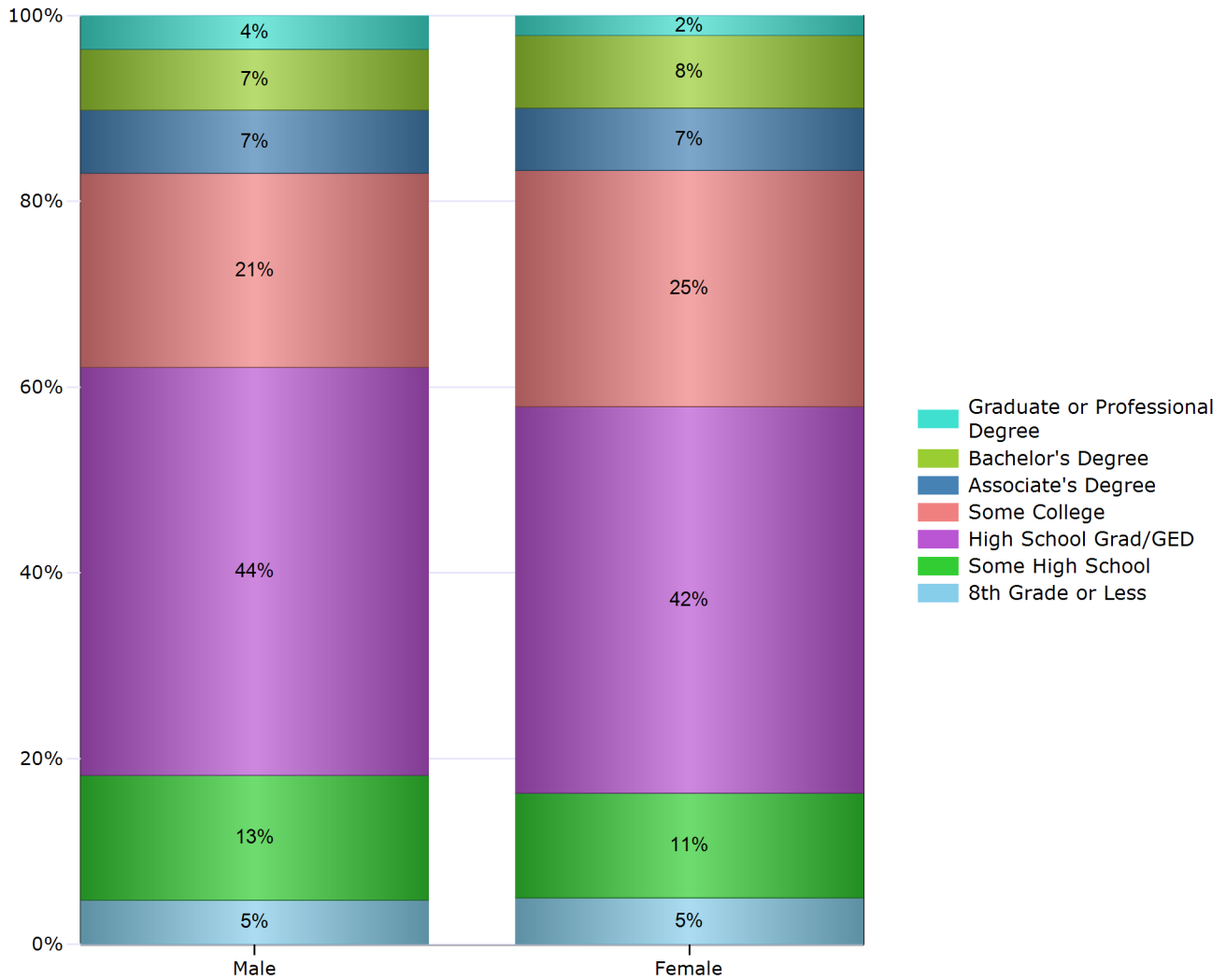


	18 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 44	45 - 64	65+	Total
8th Grade or Less	13		28	61	119	221
Some High School	100	64	72	248	74	558
High School Grad/GED	203	225	348	611	545	1,932
Some College	136	164	192	359	195	1,046
Associate's Degree	4	24	148	91	39	306
Bachelor's Degree	85	21	10	121	87	324
Graduate or Professional Degree				72	58	130
	541	498	798	1,563	1,117	4,517

Source: U.S. Census Bureau
American Community Survey, 2011-2015.

Educational Attainment by Gender

(Population 18 years and over)

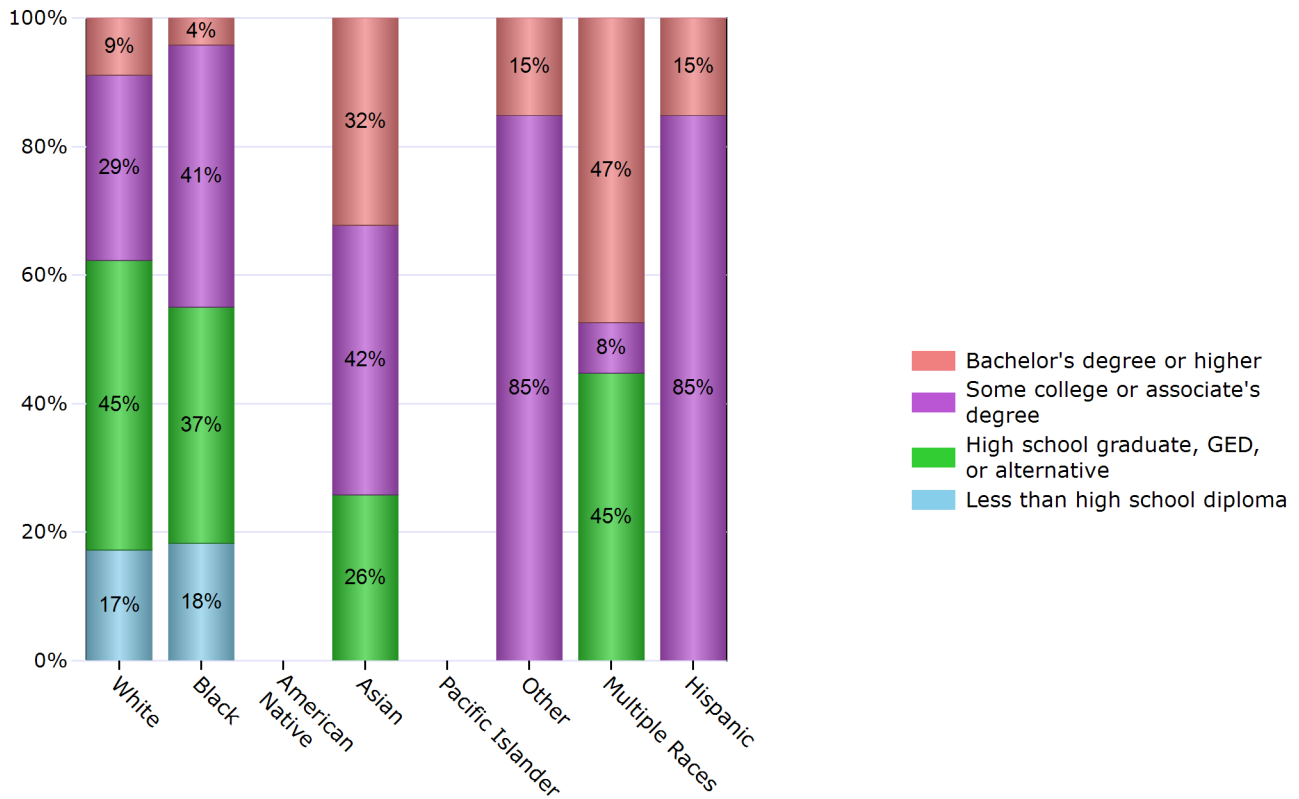


	Male	Female	Total
8th Grade or Less	108	113	221
Some High School	304	254	558
High School Grad/GED	994	938	1,932
Some College	473	573	1,046
Associate's Degree	154	152	306
Bachelor's Degree	148	176	324
Graduate or Professional Degree	82	48	130
	2,263	2,254	4,517

Source: U.S. Census Bureau
American Community Survey, 2011-2015.

Educational Attainment by Race/Ethnicity

(Population 25 years and over)



	Less than high school diploma	High school grad, GED, or alternative	Some college or associate's degree	Bachelor's degree or higher	Total
Race					
White	575	1,504	962	297	3,338
Black or African American	91	183	203	21	498
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0	0	0	0
Asian	0	8	13	10	31
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	28	5	33
Multiple Races	0	34	6	36	76
Ethnicity					
Not Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	0	0	0	0	0
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	0	0	28	5	33
	666	1,729	1,240	374	4,009

Source: U.S. Census Bureau
American Community Survey, 2011-2015.

Graduate Data Trends

Covington city

	Cert. <1 yr.	Cert. 1-2 yrs.	Assoc.	Cert. 2-4 yrs.	BA	Cert. Post-BA	MA	Cert. Post-MA	Ph.D.	1st Prof.
2006										
2007										
2008										
2009										
2010										
2011										
2012										
2013										
2016										

Note: This table only reflects degrees completed from institutions within Covington city

Virginia Statewide

	Cert. <1 yr.	Cert. 1-2 yrs.	Assoc.	Cert. 2-4 yrs.	BA	Cert. Post-BA	MA	Cert. Post-MA	Ph.D.	1st Prof.
2006	4,213	4,298	14,431	102	39,247	608	12,429	225	1,440	2,490
2007	4,478	3,686	15,519	116	40,381	650	12,781	252	1,516	2,626
2008	5,197	3,813	16,207	134	39,160	725	13,802	334	1,080	2,168
2009	6,259	4,587	17,179	85	40,233	756	15,445	300	925	2,064
2010	7,648	8,158	21,014	374	45,361	915	18,889	601	2,100	2,598
2011	6,972	12,557	24,306	473	49,109	1,055	20,697	727	2,329	2,658
2012	8,825	12,801	26,199	620	53,051	1,215	21,516	686	2,095	3,298
2013	8,153	12,179	25,854	484	54,778	1,067	22,782	706	2,230	2,963
2016	8,643	11,912	25,125	608	61,852	2,032	24,717	640	2,328	2,931

Source: U.S. Department of Education,
Institute of Education Sciences (IES).

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Training Providers

Virginia Western Community College

3093 Colonial Ave
Roanoke, VA 24015

Phone: (540) 857-7311

<http://virginiawestern.edu/>

Number of 2016 graduates: 1,181

Hollins University

7916 Williamson Rd Nw
Roanoke, VA 24020

Phone: (540) 362-6000

<http://www.hollins.edu>

Number of 2016 graduates: 237

Roanoke College

221 College Lane
Salem, VA 24153

Phone: (540) 375-2500

<http://www.roanoke.edu>

Number of 2016 graduates: 500

Ferrum College

215 Ferrum Mountain Road
Ferrum, VA 24088

Phone: (540) 365-2121

<http://www.ferrum.edu>

Number of 2016 graduates: 228

National College of Business and Tech.

1813 East Main Street
Salem, VA 24153

Phone: (540) 986-1800

<http://https://www.an.edu/locations/>

Number of 2016 graduates: 395

Bar Palma Beauty Careers Academy

3535 D Franklin Rd Sw
Roanoke, VA 24014

Phone: (540) 343-0153 ext. 2

<http://roanoke.paulmitchell.edu>

Number of 2016 graduates: 29

Jefferson College of Health Sciences

101 Elm Avenue Se
Roanoke, VA 24013

Phone: (888) 985-8483

<http://www.jchs.edu>

Number of 2016 graduates: 352

ECPI Technical College

5234 Airport Rd
Roanoke, VA 24012

Phone: (540) 563-8080

<http://www.skyline.edu>

Number of 2016 graduates:

Dabney S Lancaster Community College

1000 Dabney Drive
Clifton Forge, VA 24422

Phone: (540) 863-2800

<http://www.dslcc.edu>

Number of 2016 graduates: 273

Tap This Valley Works Cet

108 N. Jefferson Street, Suite 503
Roanoke, VA 24016

Phone: (540) 767-6220

<http://www.tapintohope.org>

Number of 2016 graduates:

*Source: U.S. Department of Education,
Institute of Education Sciences (IES), 2016.*