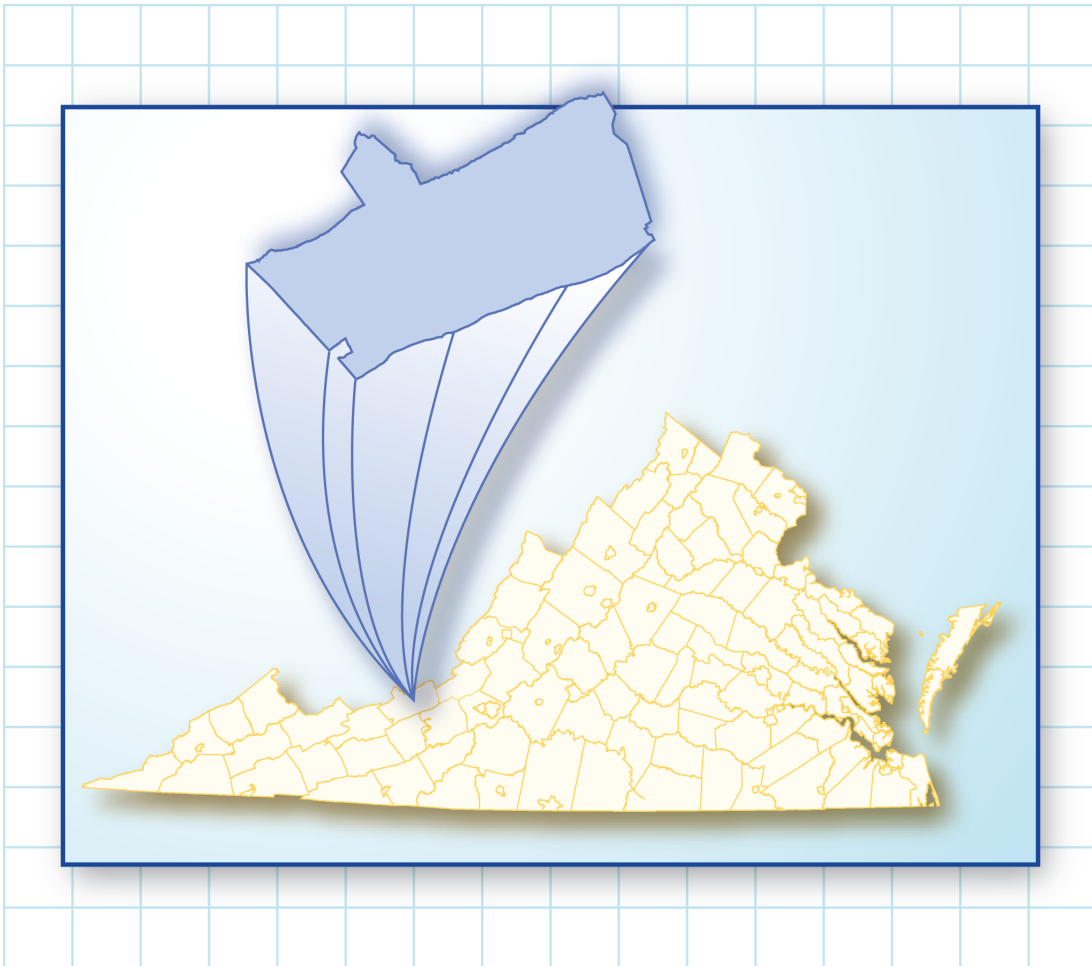


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COMMUNITY PROFILE

Giles County



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I. Introduction

This report provides a community profile of Giles County. 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 Giles County. 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

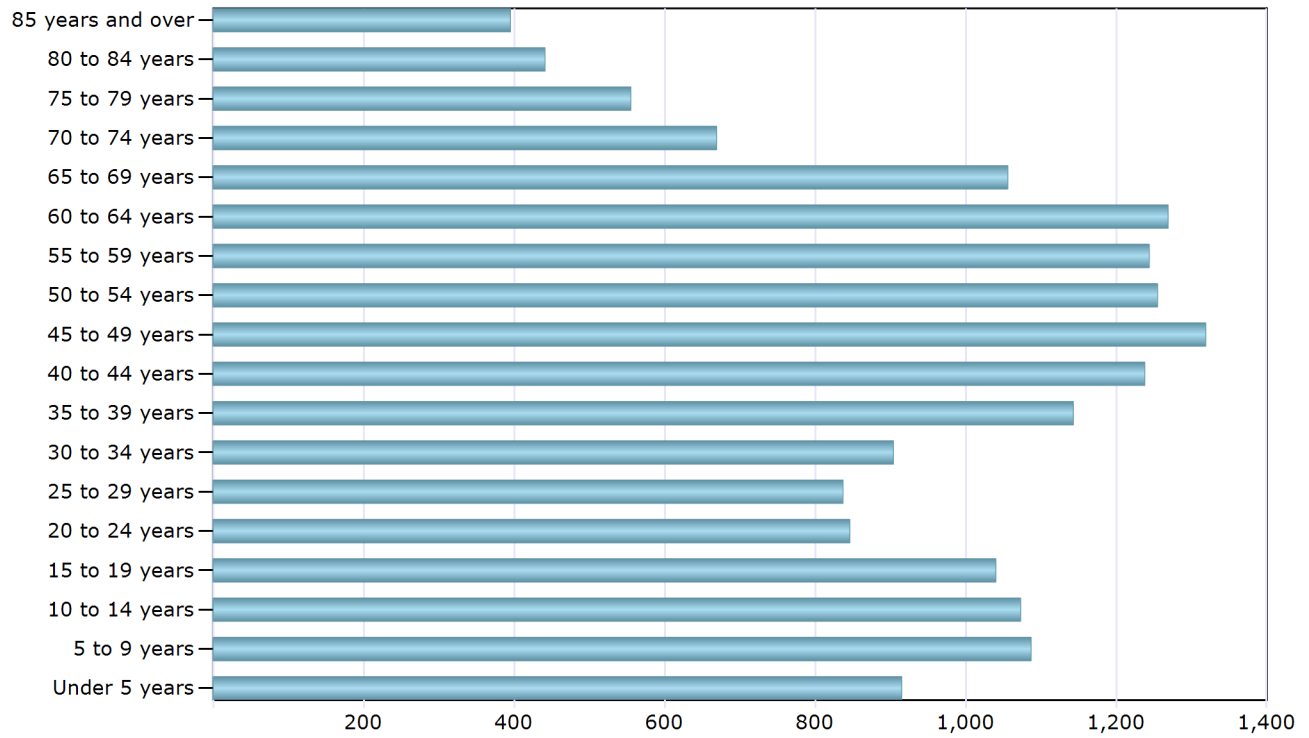
The data on gender were derived from answers to a question that was asked of all people. Individuals were asked to mark either "male" or "female" to indicate their gender. For most cases in which gender was not reported, it was determined by the appropriate entry from the person's given (i.e., first)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



	Giles County	Virginia	United States
Under 5 years	915	509,625	20,201,362
5 to 9 years	1,087	511,849	20,348,657
10 to 14 years	1,073	511,246	20,677,194
15 to 19 years	1,040	550,965	22,040,343
20 to 24 years	846	572,091	21,585,999
25 to 29 years	837	564,342	21,101,849
30 to 34 years	904	526,077	19,962,099
35 to 39 years	1,143	540,063	20,179,642
40 to 44 years	1,238	568,865	20,890,964
45 to 49 years	1,319	621,155	22,708,591
50 to 54 years	1,255	592,845	22,298,125
55 to 59 years	1,244	512,595	19,664,805
60 to 64 years	1,269	442,369	16,817,924
65 to 69 years	1,056	320,302	12,435,263
70 to 74 years	669	229,502	9,278,166
75 to 79 years	555	173,929	7,317,795
80 to 84 years	441	130,801	5,743,327
85 years and over	395	122,403	5,493,433
	17,286	8,001,024	308,745,538

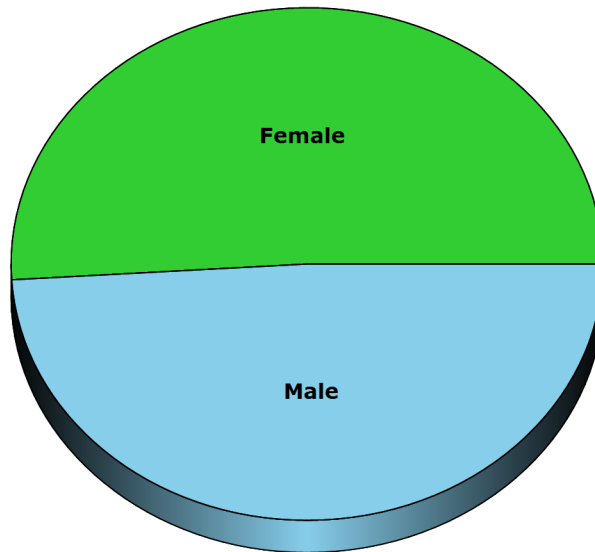
Source: 2010 Census.

Population by Race/Ethnicity

	Giles County	Virginia	United States
Total			
Total Population	17,286	8,001,024	308,745,538
Race			
White	16,723	5,486,852	223,553,265
Black or African American	261	1,551,399	38,929,319
American Indian or Alaska Native	21	29,225	2,932,248
Asian	55	439,890	14,674,252
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander		5,980	540,013
Other	62	254,278	19,107,368
Multiple Races	164	233,400	9,009,073
Ethnicity			
Not Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	17,077	7,369,199	258,267,944
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	209	631,825	50,477,594

Source: 2010 Census.

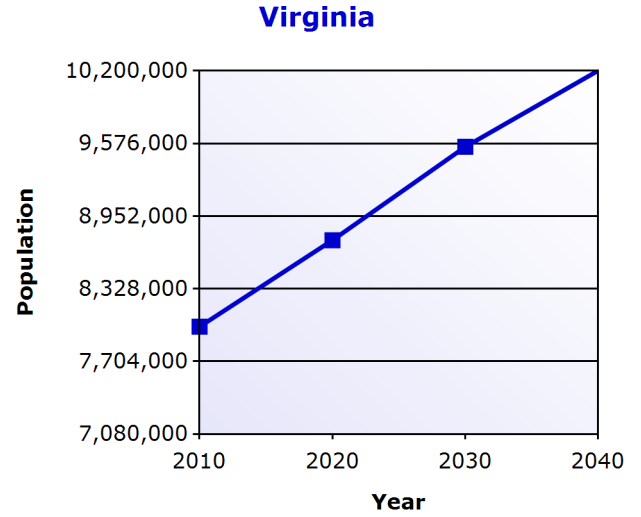
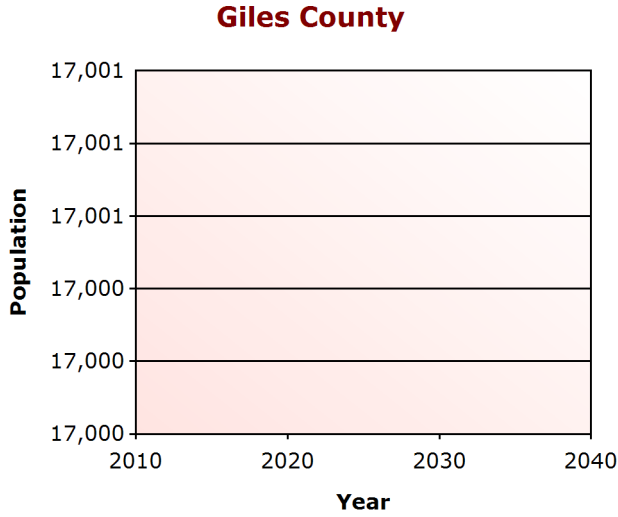
Population by Gender



	Giles County	Virginia	United States
Male	8,473	3,925,983	151,781,326
Female	8,813	4,075,041	156,964,212
	17,286	8,001,024	308,745,538

Source: 2010 Census.

Population Change



	Giles County	Percent change	Number Change	Virginia	Percent change	Number Change
2000	16,657			7,079,030		
2010	17,286	3.78 %	629	8,001,024	13.02 %	921994
2020	17,051	-1.36 %	-235	8,744,273	9.29 %	743249
2030	17,278	1.33 %	227	9,546,958	9.18 %	802685
2040	17,262	-0.09 %	-16	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	413	422	432	441	438	447
5 to 9 years	465	492	475	503	488	517
10 to 14 years	469	530	460	519	480	542
15 to 19 years	542	536	513	507	523	517
20 to 24 years	403	405	403	405	395	397
25 to 29 years	422	434	470	483	444	456
30 to 34 years	466	464	478	476	478	476
35 to 39 years	449	442	493	485	549	540
40 to 44 years	484	434	535	479	549	491
45 to 49 years	519	611	434	511	477	561
50 to 54 years	609	592	485	472	535	521
55 to 59 years	693	654	637	601	533	503
60 to 64 years	631	586	648	602	516	479
65 to 69 years	575	602	624	653	582	609
70 to 74 years	558	502	538	485	557	501
75 to 79 years	458	357	505	394	542	422
80 to 84 years	255	165	397	256	381	246
85 years and over	314	100	361	114	433	137
	8,725	8,328	8,888	8,386	8,900	8,362
	17,053		17,274		17,262	

Source: Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service.

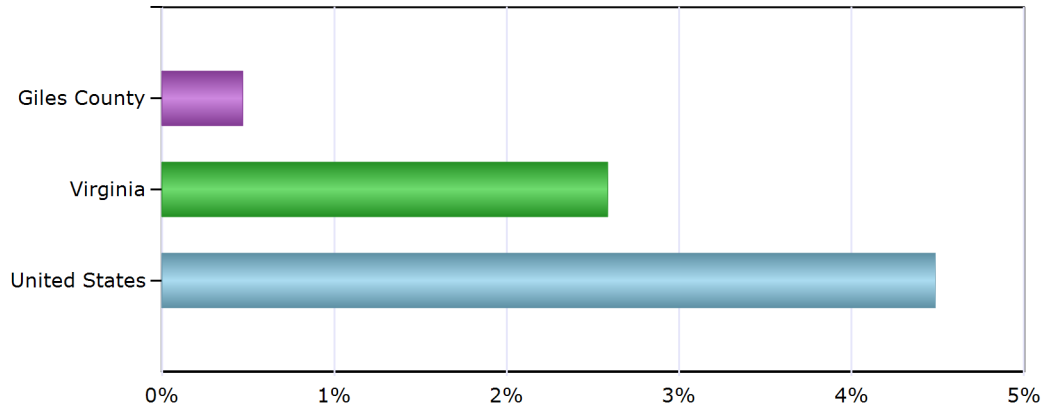
Population Projections by Race/Ethnicity

	2020	2030	2040
Total			
Total Population	17,051	17,278	17,262
Race			
White	16,074	15,746	14,646
Black or African American	237	222	198
Asian	85	148	273
Other	214	232	234
Ethnicity			
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	440	931	1,913

Source: Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service.

English Language Skills

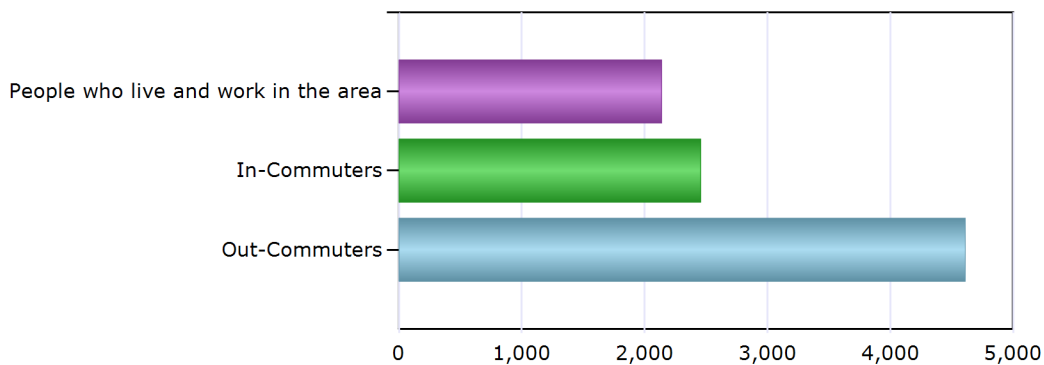
(Age 5 and over that speak English less than well)



	Total	Speak English less than well	Percent
Giles County	16,005	75	0.47%
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	2,138
In-Commuters	2,456
Out-Commuters	4,610
Net In-Commuters (In-Commuters minus Out-Commuters)	-2,154

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

Top 10 Places Residents are Commuting To

Area	Workers
Montgomery County, VA	1,900
Pulaski County, VA	573
Radford city, VA	321
Roanoke city, VA	252
Roanoke County, VA	157
Mercer County, WV	134
Salem city, VA	108
Bland County, VA	67
Tazewell County, VA	66
Botetourt County, VA	46

Top 10 Places Workers are Commuting From

Area	Workers
Monroe County, WV	507
Mercer County, WV	309
Montgomery County, VA	289
Pulaski County, VA	175
Tazewell County, VA	65
Wythe County, VA	46
Greenbrier County, WV	44
Bland County, VA	41
Carroll County, VA	41
Henry County, VA	40

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 Giles County 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)

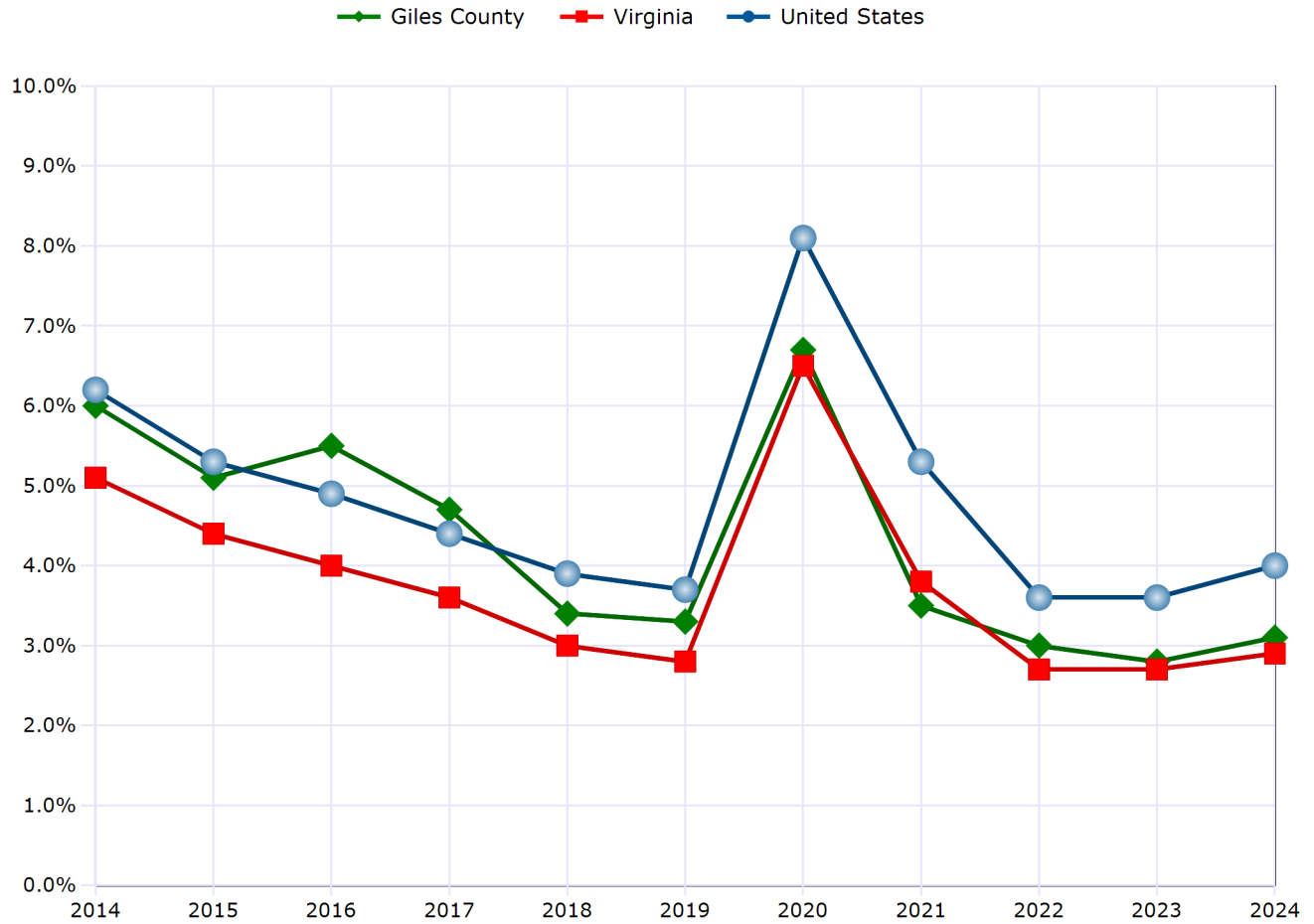
Unemployment insurance is a program for the accumulation of funds paid by employers to be used for the payment of unemployment insurance to workers during periods of unemployment which are beyond the workers' control. Unemployment insurance replaces a part of the worker's wage loss if he becomes eligible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

Unemployment Rate

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

Unemployment Rates

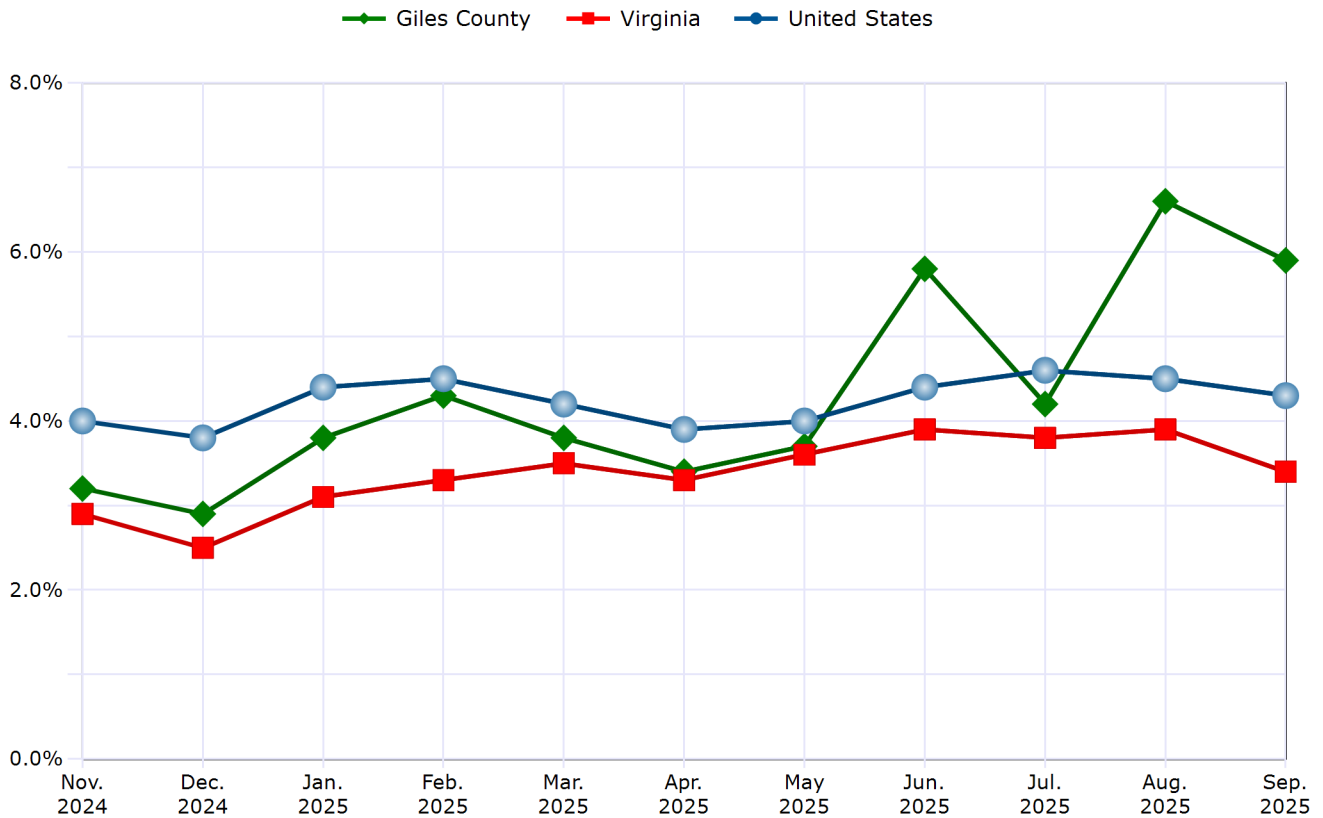
Trends



	Giles County	Virginia	United States
2014	6.0%	5.1%	6.2%
2015	5.1%	4.4%	5.3%
2016	5.5%	4.0%	4.9%
2017	4.7%	3.6%	4.4%
2018	3.4%	3.0%	3.9%
2019	3.3%	2.8%	3.7%
2020	6.7%	6.5%	8.1%
2021	3.5%	3.8%	5.3%
2022	3.0%	2.7%	3.6%
2023	2.8%	2.7%	3.6%
2024	3.1%	2.9%	4.0%

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

Unemployment Rates *Past 12 Months*



	Giles County	Virginia	United States
Nov. 2024	3.2%	2.9%	4.0%
Dec. 2024	2.9%	2.5%	3.8%
Jan. 2025	3.8%	3.1%	4.4%
Feb. 2025	4.3%	3.3%	4.5%
Mar. 2025	3.8%	3.5%	4.2%
Apr. 2025	3.4%	3.3%	3.9%
May 2025	3.7%	3.6%	4.0%
Jun. 2025	5.8%	3.9%	4.4%
Jul. 2025	4.2%	3.8%	4.6%
Aug. 2025	6.6%	3.9%	4.5%
Sep. 2025	5.9%	3.4%	4.3%

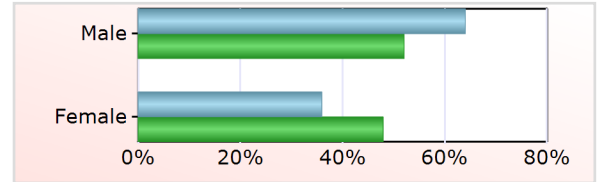
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Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed

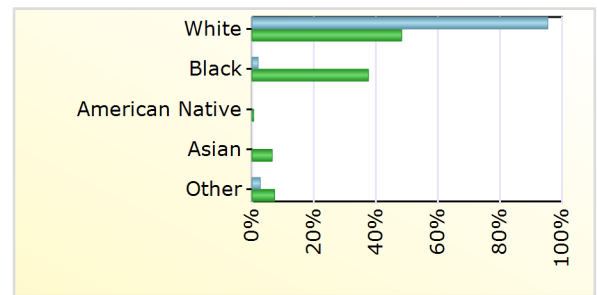
Total number of claimants: 153

- Giles County - (153 claimants)
- Virginia - (28,243 claimants)

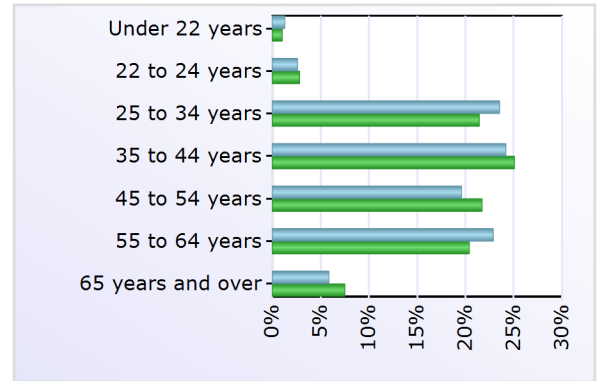
Gender	Giles County	Virginia
Male	98	14,701
Female	55	13,542
Unspecified		



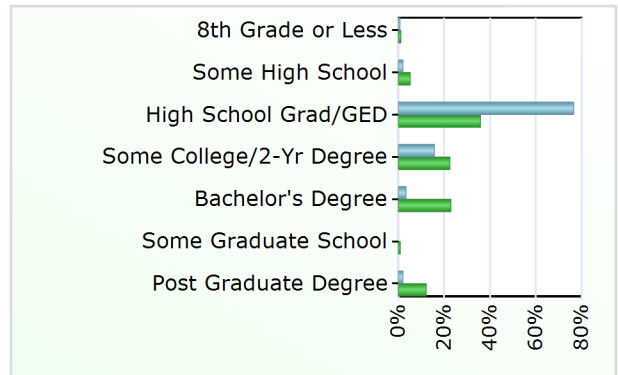
Race	Giles County	Virginia
White	146	13,624
Black	3	10,594
American Native		146
Asian		1,832
Other	4	2,047



Age	Giles County	Virginia
Under 22 years	2	294
22 to 24 years	4	801
25 to 34 years	36	6,051
35 to 44 years	37	7,078
45 to 54 years	30	6,136
55 to 64 years	35	5,761
65 years and over	9	2,122
Unknown		



Education	Giles County	Virginia
8th Grade or Less	1	278
Some High School	3	1,442
High School Grad/GED	117	10,103
Some College/2-Yr Degree	24	6,336
Bachelor's Degree	5	6,452
Some Graduate School		208
Post Graduate Degree	3	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 Giles County
(excludes unclassified)



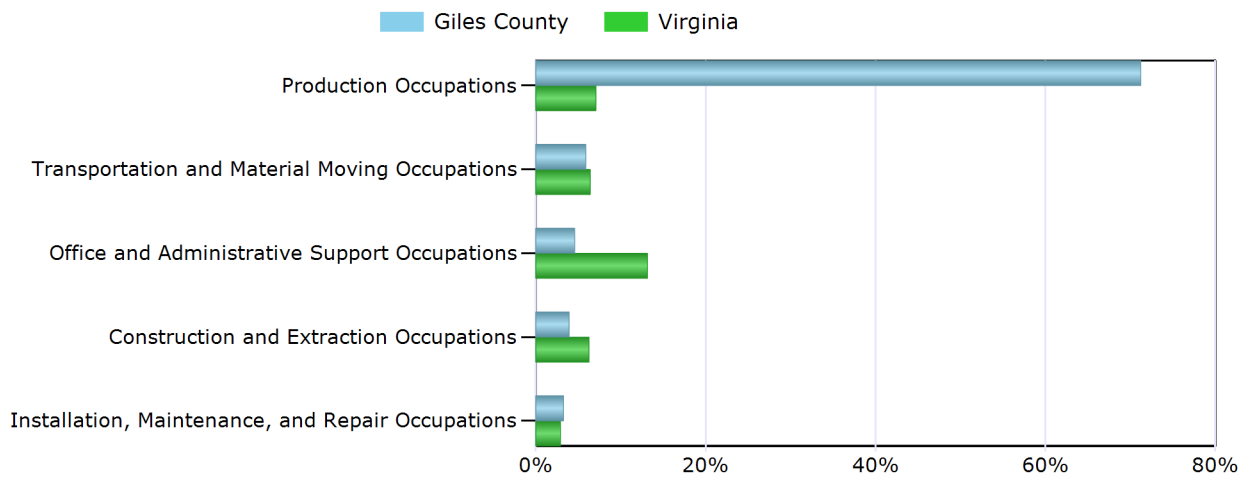
Industry	Giles County	Virginia
Unclassified	21	2,691
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	7	3,173
Construction	6	2,174
Accommodation and Food Services	3	1,475
Health Care and Social Assistance	2	2,206
Manufacturing	1	358
Wholesale Trade	1	842
Retail Trade	1	905
Information	1	739
Educational Services	1	536
Other Services (except Public Administration)	1	821
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting		119
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction		62
Utilities		34
Transportation and Warehousing		566
Finance and Insurance		1,193
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing		510
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services		5,213
Management of Companies and Enterprises		289
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation		313

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 Giles County

(excludes unknown occupations)

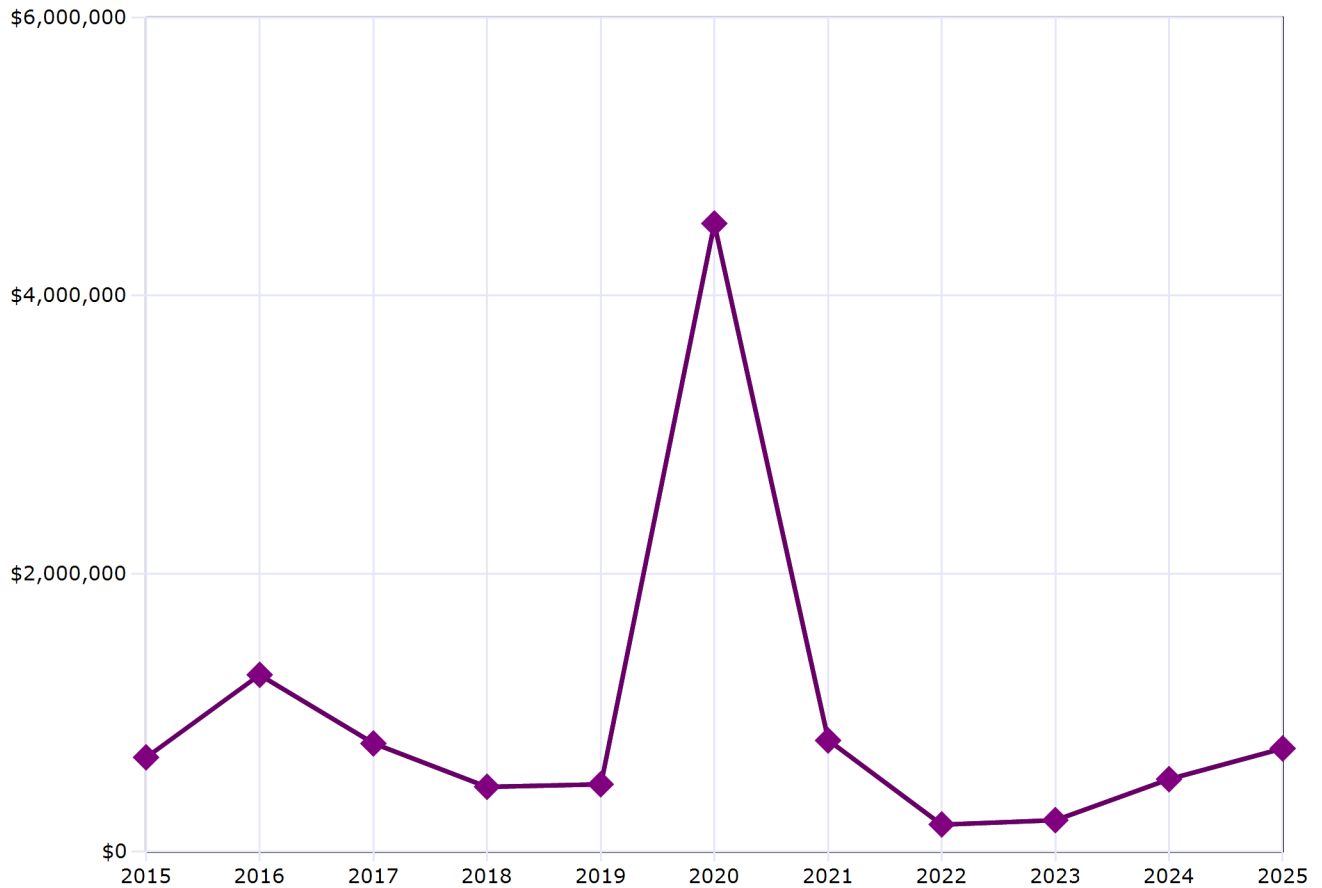


Occupation	Giles County	Virginia
Production Occupations	109	1,998
Transportation and Material Moving Occupations	9	1,809
Office and Administrative Support Occupations	7	3,714
Construction and Extraction Occupations	6	1,767
Installation, Maintenance, and Repair Occupations	5	822
Management Occupations	3	3,891
Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations	3	1,149
Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance Occupations	3	788
Architecture and Engineering Occupations	2	720
Life, Physical, and Social Science Occupations	2	356
Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations	2	556
Business and Financial Operations Occupations	1	2,308
Community and Social Service Occupations	1	327
Computer and Mathematical Occupations		2,994
Legal Occupations		193
Education, Training, and Library Occupations		393
Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media Occupations		1,039
Healthcare Support Occupations		774
Protective Service Occupations		397
Personal Care and Service Occupations		386
Sales and Related Occupations		1,671
Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations		128
Military Specific Occupations		63
Unknown Occupation Code		

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

Unemployment Insurance Payments

Trends

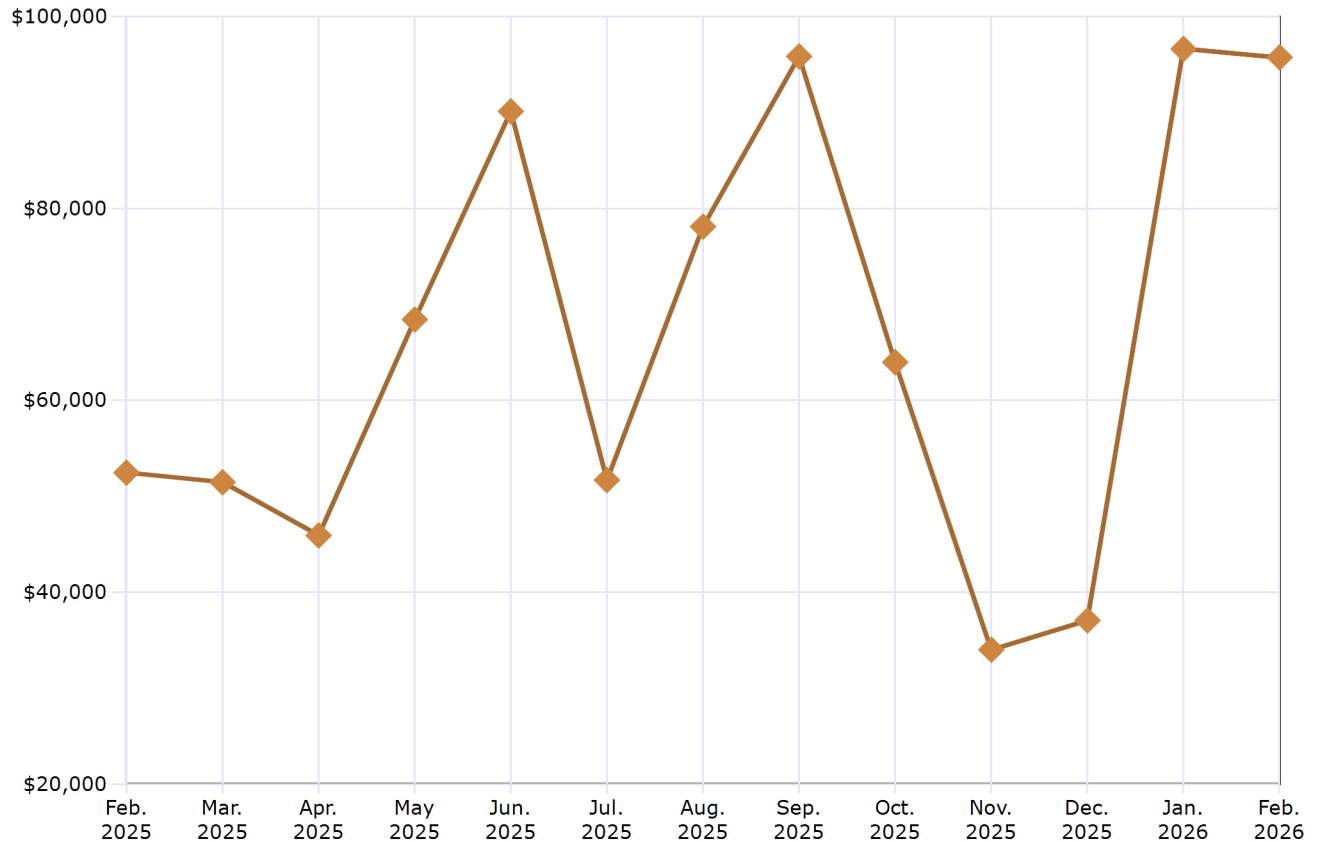


	Giles County		Virginia	
	Weeks Paid	Amount Paid	Weeks Paid	Amount Paid
2015	2,395	\$678,279	1,198,476	\$351,290,100
2016	4,061	\$1,271,752	1,263,292	\$379,622,081
2017	2,554	\$778,261	1,114,650	\$336,664,624
2018	1,575	\$466,513	941,154	\$286,468,017
2019	1,567	\$484,398	867,371	\$269,014,541
2020	14,836	\$4,517,655	8,600,869	\$2,279,487,650
2021	2,658	\$799,822	1,601,885	\$458,078,646
2022	625	\$195,851	485,275	\$154,636,752
2023	714	\$226,599	685,711	\$232,048,074
2024	1,513	\$521,301	821,464	\$281,948,022
2025	2,080	\$742,069	958,475	\$336,260,202

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

Unemployment Insurance Payments

Past 12 Months



	Giles County		Virginia	
	Weeks Paid	Amount Paid	Weeks Paid	Amount Paid
Feb. 2025	146	\$52,464	67,208	\$23,330,065
Mar. 2025	143	\$51,466	80,917	\$28,182,251
Apr. 2025	134	\$45,920	71,831	\$25,077,568
May 2025	196	\$68,424	74,874	\$26,230,081
Jun. 2025	256	\$90,118	90,500	\$31,564,327
Jul. 2025	154	\$51,691	88,280	\$30,838,363
Aug. 2025	219	\$78,107	85,310	\$29,930,805
Sep. 2025	262	\$95,849	91,400	\$32,455,220
Oct. 2025	170	\$63,976	77,985	\$27,634,073
Nov. 2025	94	\$34,014	70,847	\$25,162,669
Dec. 2025	101	\$37,063	90,198	\$31,953,758
Jan. 2026	264	\$96,626	82,981	\$29,321,778
Feb. 2026	258	\$95,750	81,372	\$29,629,263

Source: Virginia Works, Unemployment Insurance Program.

Employers by Size of Establishment

	Giles County	Virginia
0 to 4 employees	279	207,876
5 to 9 employees	71	41,114
10 to 19 employees	49	30,733
20 to 49 employees	28	22,801
50 to 99 employees	10	7,586
100 to 249 employees	3	4,170
250 to 499 employees	***	1,098
500 to 999 employees	***	371
1000 and over employees	0	279
	444	316,028

Employment by Size of Establishment

	Giles County	Virginia
0 to 4 employees	378	264,518
5 to 9 employees	470	273,771
10 to 19 employees	674	417,792
20 to 49 employees	827	684,503
50 to 99 employees	638	521,848
100 to 249 employees	450	618,496
250 to 499 employees	***	377,264
500 to 999 employees	***	254,429
1000 and over employees	0	731,112
	5,266	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. Celanese Acetate | 26. Narrows Livestock Auction |
| 2. Giles Memorial Hospital | 27. Patrick Enterprises Corporation |
| 3. Giles County School Board | 28. Carilion Healthcare |
| 4. B & R Industrial Services, LLC | 29. Lees Body Shop Inc |
| 5. Wal Mart | 30. Postal Service |
| 6. County of Giles | 31. MDM Solutions LLC |
| 7. Interstate Group LLC | 32. Dairy Queen |
| 8. Heritage Hall | 33. Grants Supermarket |
| 9. Mountain Lake Lodge | 34. The Palisades Restaurant |
| 10. Precision Pipeline LLC | 35. American Plus |
| 11. Rebecca Hong | 36. Celco Federal Credit Union |
| 12. Ufp Site Built LLC | 37. Dolgencorp LLC |
| 13. Food Lion | 38. The Imagination Station |
| 14. Jenmar Corp of East VA | 39. Giles Farm Bureau Co-op Inc. |
| 15. United Hydraulics Inc | 40. Wendy's |
| 16. Greenbrier Engineering | 41. Mustang Engineering L P |
| 17. Town of Pearisburg | 42. Southern Tank Transport |
| 18. Cogar Manufacturing Inc | 43. Acetate International LLC |
| 19. Mcdonald's | 44. Bluegrass BBQ |
| 20. Town of Narrows | 45. Hardee's |
| 21. Giles Health And Family Center | 46. Pearisburg Eye Associates Plc |
| 22. A1 Heating & Cooling of N Inc | 47. Chemical Lime Company |
| 23. Pearisburg Dairy Queen | 48. Friends And Family Restaurant Inc |
| 24. Gigabeam Networks LLC | 49. Giles County Club |
| 25. Nations Best Virginia LLC | 50. Pearisburg Dental Center |

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

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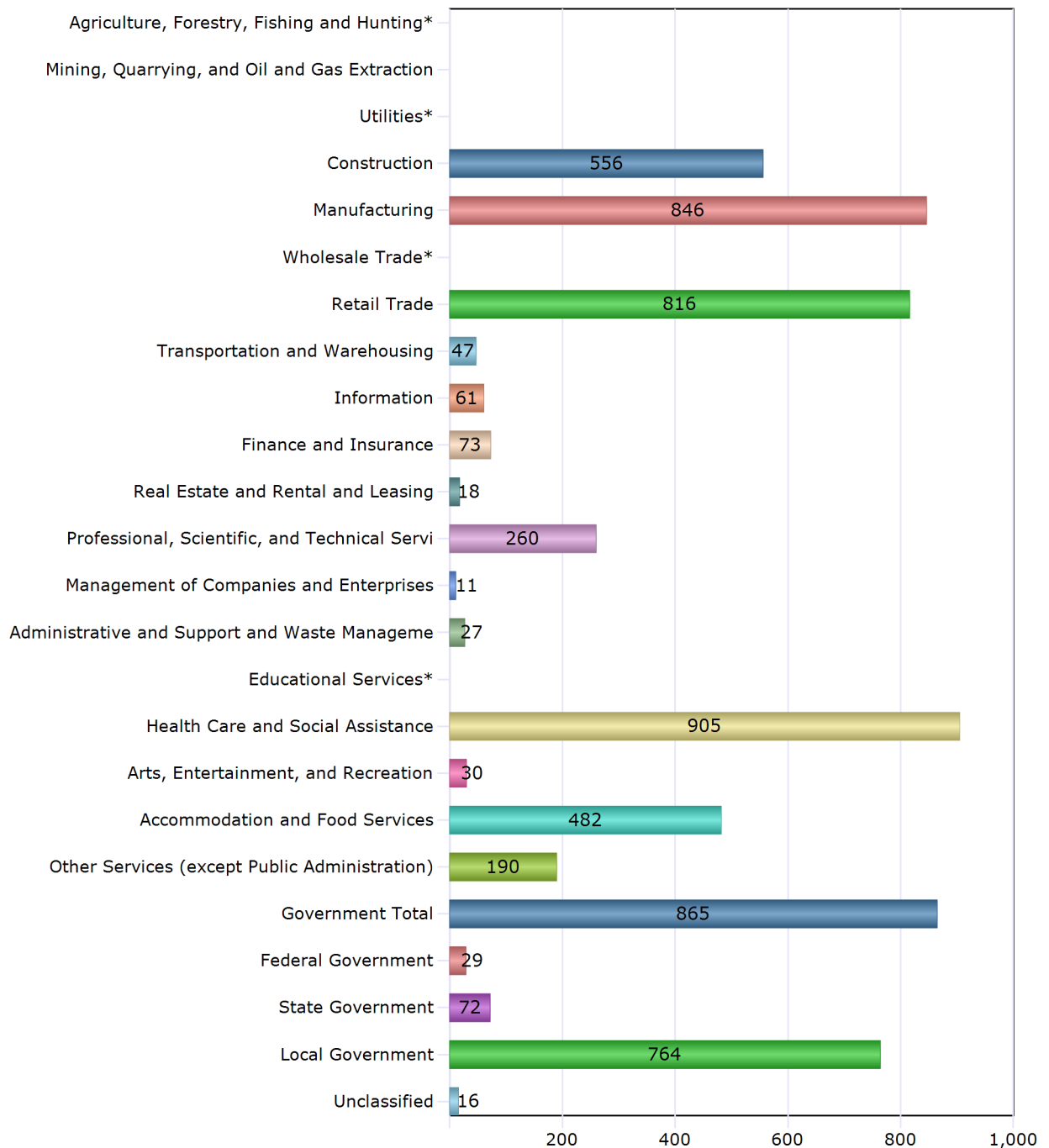
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Employment by Industry

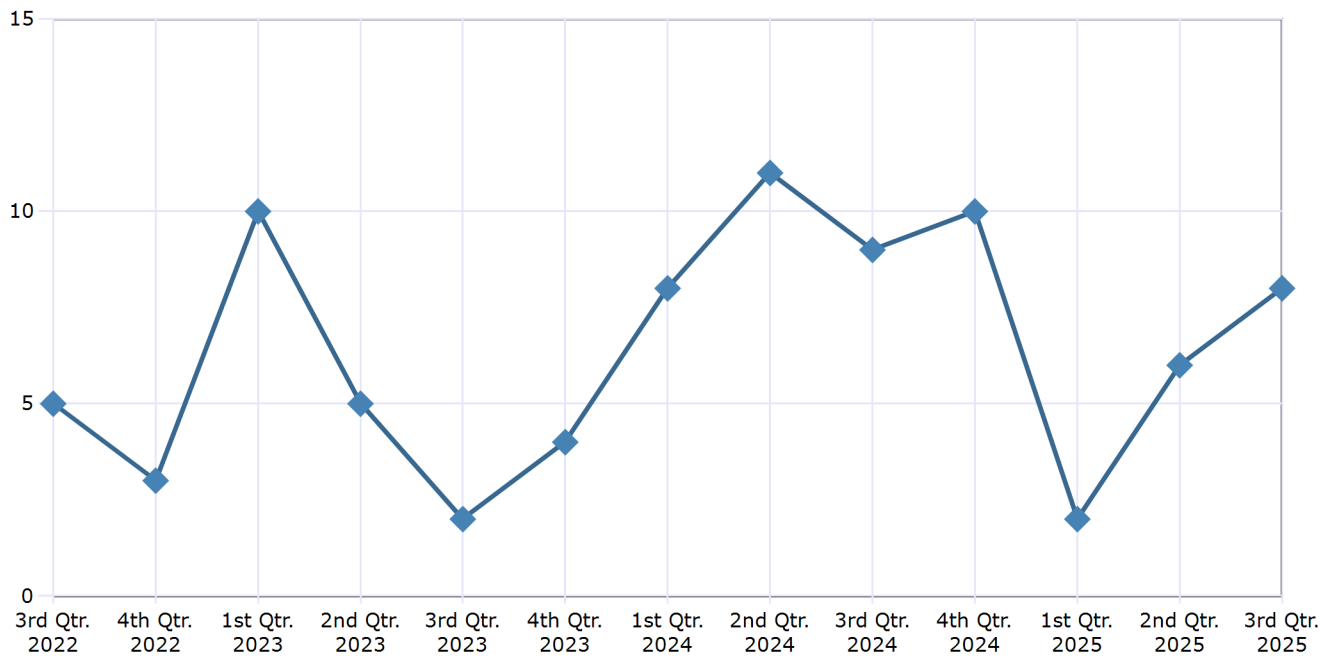


Total: 5,267

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

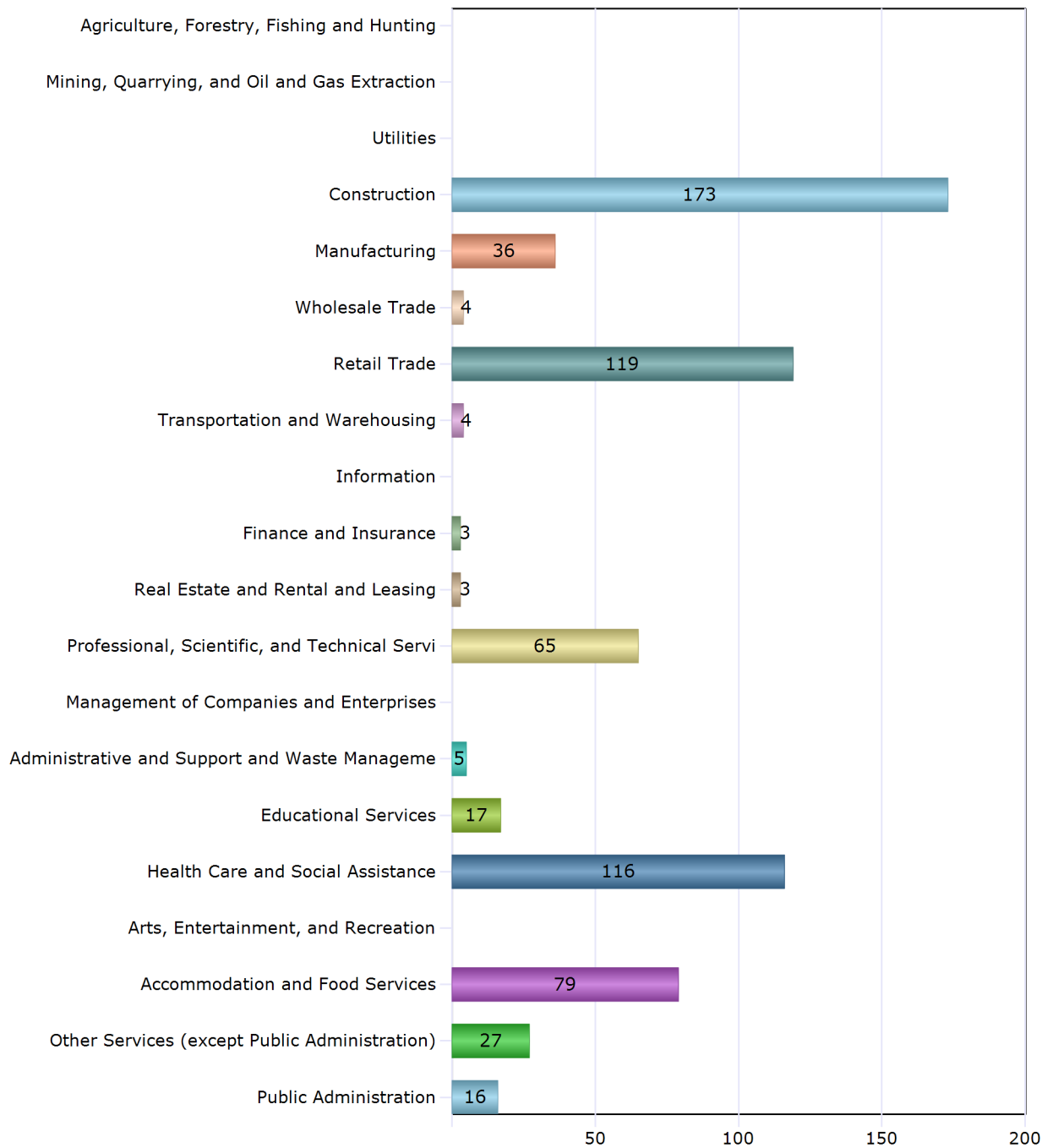


	Giles County	Virginia
3rd Qtr. 2022	5	4,839
4th Qtr. 2022	3	4,162
1st Qtr. 2023	10	5,320
2nd Qtr. 2023	5	4,835
3rd Qtr. 2023	2	4,472
4th Qtr. 2023	4	4,454
1st Qtr. 2024	8	5,789
2nd Qtr. 2024	11	4,468
3rd Qtr. 2024	9	4,555
4th Qtr. 2024	10	4,203
1st Qtr. 2025	2	5,093
2nd Qtr. 2025	6	4,378
3rd Qtr. 2025	8	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.

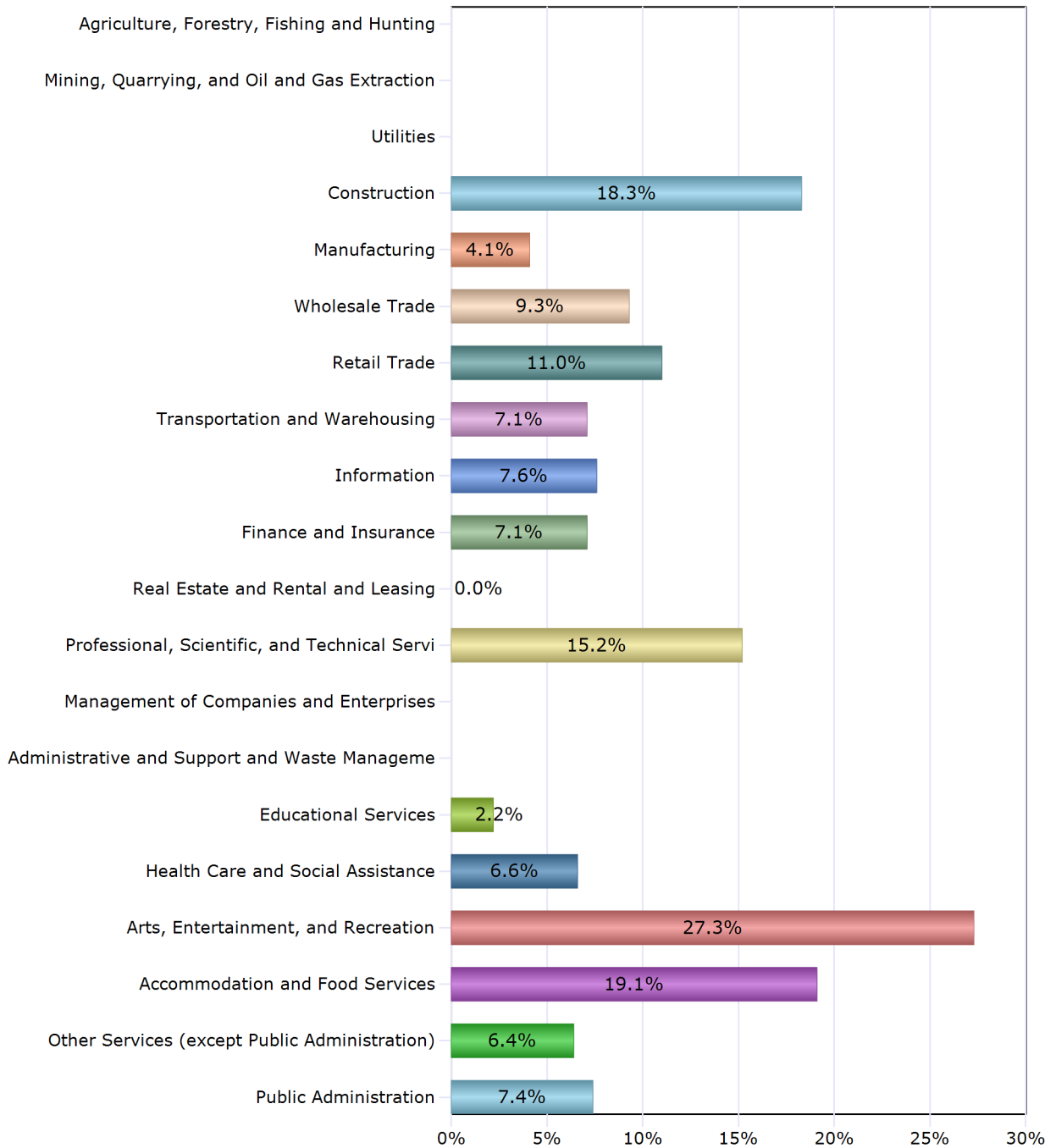
New Hires by Industry



Total: 667

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

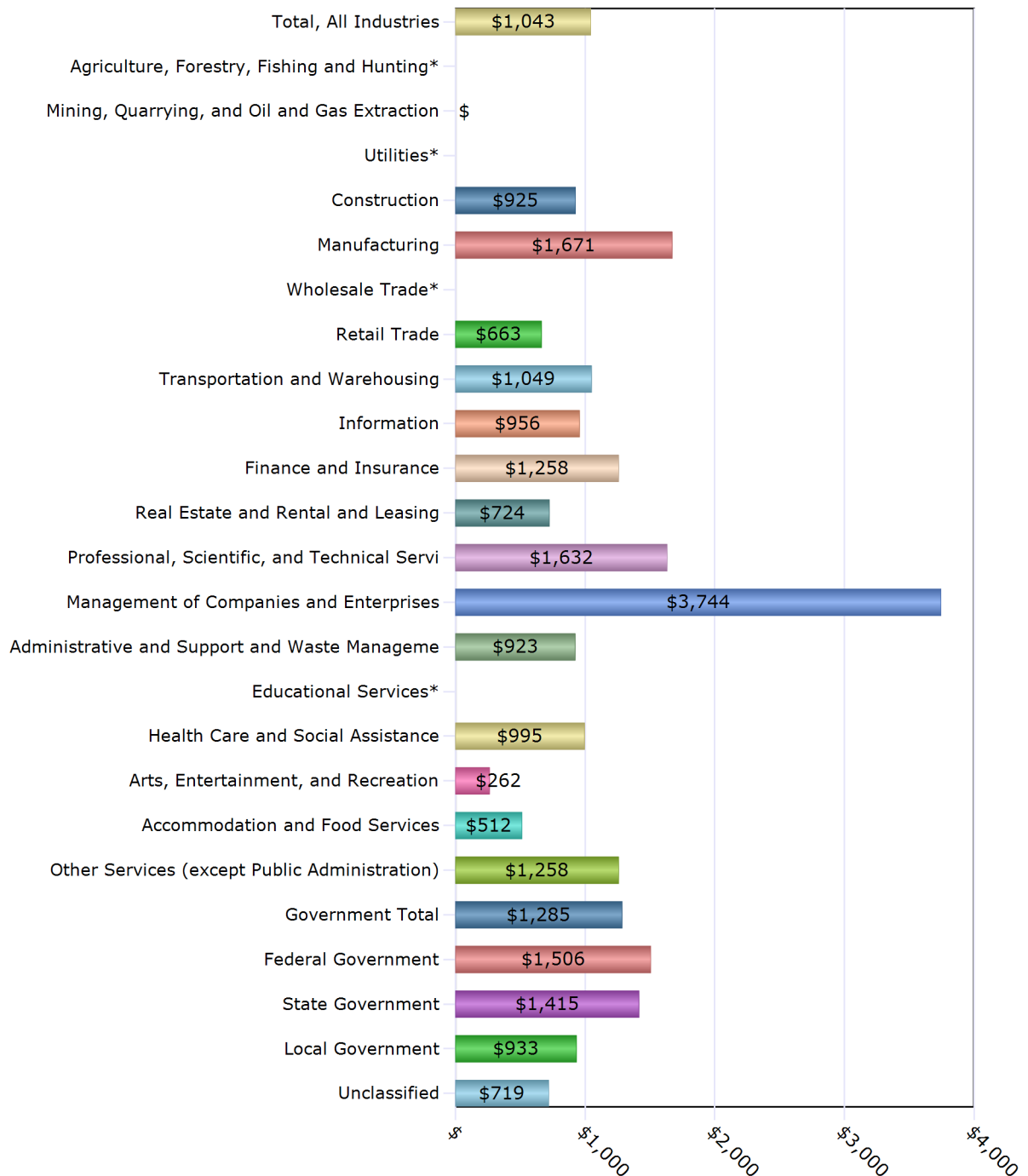
Turnover by Industry



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	165	367	418	1,553	1,527	1,515	1,228	500
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting								
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction								
Utilities								
Construction	21	139	169	696	567	536	347	100
Manufacturing		30	49	165	191	208	193	37
Wholesale Trade	11			6	16		11	7
Retail Trade	39	70	52	146	124	123	109	68
Transportation and Warehousing					10	11	14	12
Information	3	9	7	12	16	14	7	5
Finance and Insurance		4		15	13	20	22	3
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing					3	3	4	
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	10	10	8	79	91	99	54	49
Management of Companies and Enterprises				4				
Administrative and Support and Waste Management				5	7	5		
Educational Services		7	17	81	115	123	119	63
Health Care and Social Assistance	9	29	44	202	221	217	166	56
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation					4	7	3	
Accommodation and Food Services	55	45	45	75	67	48	43	23
Other Services (except Public Administration)		9	13	23	23	26	57	28
Public Administration	11	11	10	36	57	64	69	42

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	149,317	148,763	-554	-0.37%	-0.04%
Total Self-Employed and Unpaid Family Workers	7,859	7,533	-326	-4.15%	-.42%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	***	***	***		***
Mining	***	***	***		***
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	***	***	***		***
Utilities	***	***	***		***
Construction	4,641	4,429	-212	-4.57%	-.47%
Manufacturing	25,462	26,415	953	3.74%	.37%
Wholesale Trade	2,661	2,504	-157	-5.9%	-.61%
Retail Trade	17,051	16,572	-479	-2.81%	-.28%
Transportation and Warehousing	***	***	***		***
Information	870	874	4	.46%	.05%
Finance and Insurance	1,985	2,203	218	10.98%	1.05%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	1,283	1,223	-60	-4.68%	-.48%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	5,286	5,574	288	5.45%	.53%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	1,345	1,337	-8	-.59%	-.06%
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	7,095	6,335	-760	-10.71%	-1.13%
Educational Services	20,350	18,824	-1,526	-7.5%	-.78%
Health Care and Social Assistance	16,387	17,804	1,417	8.65%	.83%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	1,519	1,450	-69	-4.54%	-.46%
Accommodation and Food Services	12,945	13,477	532	4.11%	.4%
Other Services (except Public Administration)	3,496	3,278	-218	-6.24%	-.64%
Unclassified	11,117	10,718	-399	-3.59%	-.36%

Note: Asterisks (***) indicate non-disclosable data.
Projections data is for New River/Mt. Rogers (LWDA II). No data available for Giles County.

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%

Note: Asterisks (***) indicate non-disclosable data.
Projections data is for Virginia Statewide. No data available for Giles County.

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	Replace-ments	Growth	Total
Total, All Occupations	149,317	148,763	-.37%	167,635	-554	167,081
Management Occupations	8,384	8,665	3.35%	6,921	281	7,202
Business and Financial Operations Occupations	5,920	5,963	.73%	4,727	43	4,770
Computer and Mathematical Occupations	2,961	3,043	2.77%	1,765	82	1,847
Architecture and Engineering Occupations	2,294	2,603	13.47%	1,657	309	1,966
Life, Physical, and Social Science Occupations	1,268	1,266	-.16%	1,189	-2	1,187
Community and Social Service Occupations	2,670	2,741	2.66%	2,220	71	2,291
Legal Occupations	564	597	5.85%	376	33	409
Education, Training, and Library Occupations	12,194	11,574	-5.08%	10,328	-620	9,708
Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media Occupations	1,930	1,860	-3.63%	1,919	-70	1,849
Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations	8,099	8,548	5.54%	4,838	449	5,287
Healthcare Support Occupations	5,340	6,306	18.09%	8,391	966	9,357
Protective Service Occupations	3,508	3,305	-5.79%	3,917	-203	3,714
Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations	12,584	12,972	3.08%	24,354	388	24,742
Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance Occupations	4,942	4,391	-11.15%	6,201	-551	5,650
Personal Care and Service Occupations	2,921	3,244	11.06%	5,232	323	5,555
Sales and Related Occupations	13,876	13,225	-4.69%	18,823	-651	18,172
Office and Administrative Support Occupations	15,545	14,059	-9.56%	16,804	-1,486	15,318
Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations	2,011	2,139	6.37%	3,031	128	3,159
Construction and Extraction Occupations	5,063	4,930	-2.63%	4,259	-133	4,126
Installation, Maintenance, and Repair Occupations	7,594	7,667	.96%	6,550	73	6,623
Production Occupations	15,887	15,951	.4%	16,582	64	16,646
Transportation and Material Moving Occupations	13,762	13,714	-.35%	17,551	-48	17,503

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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	265	400	50.94%	147	135	282	\$116,620
Physician Assistants	116	164	41.38%	69	48	117	\$129,940
Veterinary Assistants and Laboratory Animal Caretakers	183	237	29.51%	405	54	459	\$35,090
Securities, Commodities, and Financial Services Sales Agents	249	320	28.51%	208	71	279	\$64,650
Dental Assistants	231	296	28.14%	360	65	425	\$43,310
Veterinarians	152	194	27.63%	57	42	99	\$119,770
Medical and Health Services Managers	312	386	23.72%	241	74	315	\$108,730
Dentists, General	123	152	23.58%	38	29	67	\$165,050
Cooks, Restaurant	1,372	1,681	22.52%	2,286	309	2,595	\$34,040
Physical Therapist Assistants	173	211	21.97%	261	38	299	\$71,770
Logisticians	159	191	20.13%	138	32	170	\$83,810
Veterinary Technologists and Technicians	158	189	19.62%	157	31	188	\$50,940
Loan Officers	129	154	19.38%	96	25	121	\$85,380
Industrial Engineers	599	710	18.53%	358	111	469	\$90,980
Industrial Machinery Mechanics	1,398	1,656	18.45%	1,175	258	1,433	\$57,650
Medical Assistants	424	502	18.4%	589	78	667	\$38,380
Agricultural Equipment Operators	169	200	18.34%	272	31	303	N/A
Mechanical Engineers	232	274	18.1%	137	42	179	\$88,750
Loan Interviewers and Clerks	108	125	15.74%	95	17	112	\$42,940
Medical Secretaries	223	256	14.8%	248	33	281	\$39,620

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Projections and OES wage data are for New River/Mt. Rogers (LWDA II). No data available for Giles County.

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
Amusement and Recreation Attendants	192	125	-34.9%	442	-67	375
Executive Secretaries and Executive Administrative Assistants	197	151	-23.35%	177	-46	131
Fitness Trainers and Aerobics Instructors	280	218	-22.14%	456	-62	394
Sewing Machine Operators	136	106	-22.06%	136	-30	106
First-Line Supervisors of Landscaping, Lawn Service, and Groundskeeping Workers	332	271	-18.37%	306	-61	245
Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive	1,895	1,563	-17.52%	1,917	-332	1,585
Security Guards	567	468	-17.46%	684	-99	585
Interviewers, Except Eligibility and Loan	121	101	-16.53%	133	-20	113
Landscaping and Groundskeeping Workers	1,136	971	-14.52%	1,342	-165	1,177
Molding, Coremaking, and Casting Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and Plastic	321	277	-13.71%	264	-44	220
Coil Winders, Tapers, and Finishers	119	103	-13.45%	117	-16	101
Extruding and Drawing Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and Plastic	209	181	-13.4%	199	-28	171
Lifeguards, Ski Patrol, and Other Recreational Protective Service Workers	205	178	-13.17%	561	-27	534
Office Clerks, General	2,948	2,578	-12.55%	3,294	-370	2,924
Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks	1,568	1,388	-11.48%	1,711	-180	1,531
Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant and System Operators	229	204	-10.92%	202	-25	177
Postal Service Mail Carriers	321	286	-10.9%	226	-35	191
Automotive Body and Related Repairers	157	140	-10.83%	127	-17	110
Customer Service Representatives	1,683	1,501	-10.81%	2,138	-182	1,956
Shipping, Receiving, and Traffic Clerks	725	648	-10.62%	692	-77	615

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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

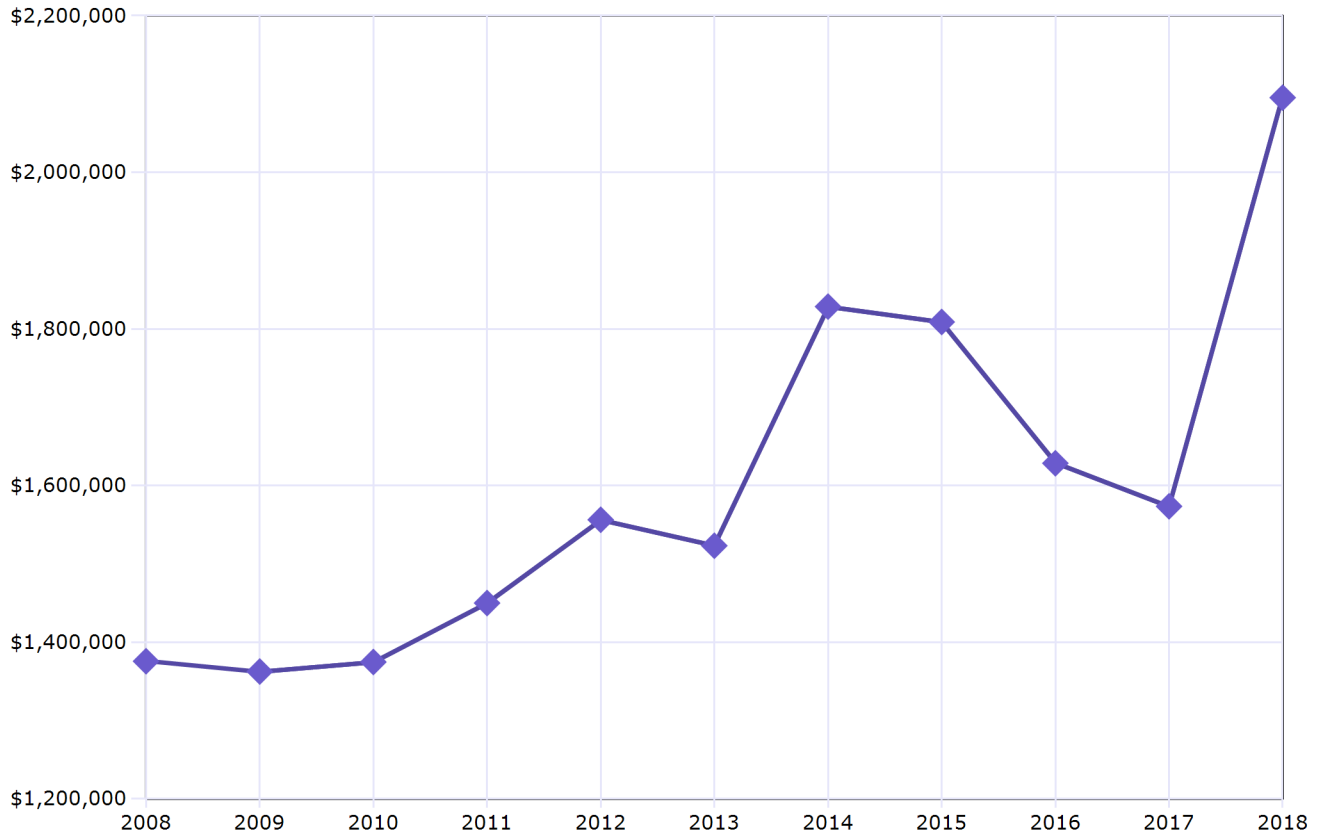
Note: CPI data is for the United States only. No data available for Giles County.

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



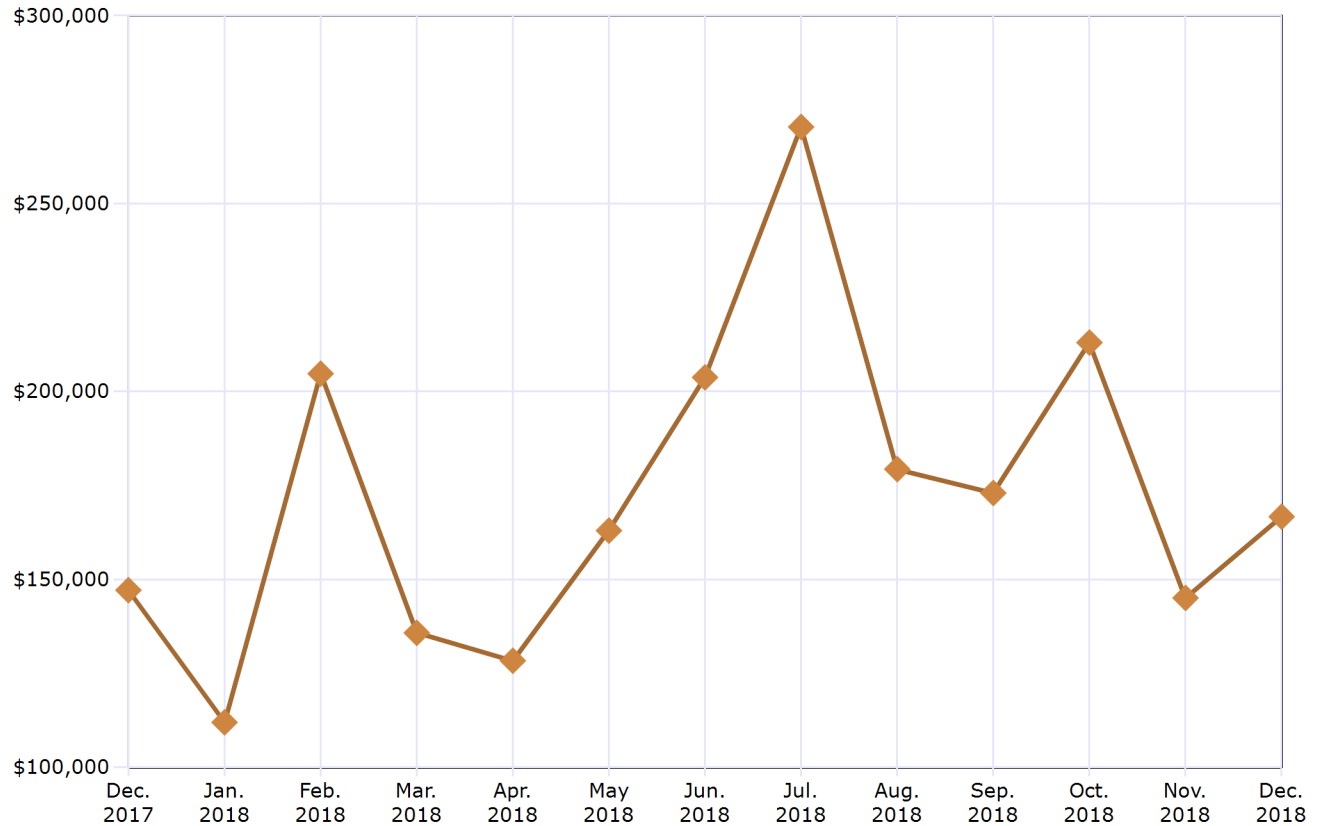
	Giles County	Virginia
2008	\$1,375,574	\$1,032,815,078
2009	\$1,362,450	\$979,594,664
2010	\$1,374,626	\$992,820,512
2011	\$1,449,899	\$1,035,981,229
2012	\$1,556,268	\$1,080,663,042
2013	\$1,523,122	\$1,093,292,668
2014	\$1,828,476	\$1,131,194,860
2015	\$1,808,876	\$1,179,611,271
2016	\$1,628,435	\$1,202,257,995
2017	\$1,573,432	\$1,232,981,515
2018	\$2,095,378	\$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



	Giles County	Virginia
Dec. 2017	\$147,166	\$123,193,863
Jan. 2018	\$111,999	\$90,794,207
Feb. 2018	\$204,760	\$90,576,093
Mar. 2018	\$135,812	\$107,834,402
Apr. 2018	\$128,399	\$102,372,977
May 2018	\$163,016	\$110,211,496
Jun. 2018	\$203,781	\$112,529,037
Jul. 2018	\$270,391	\$107,211,401
Aug. 2018	\$179,365	\$109,428,585
Sep. 2018	\$173,016	\$105,468,340
Oct. 2018	\$213,029	\$107,742,243
Nov. 2018	\$145,097	\$112,348,128
Dec. 2018	\$166,713	\$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 Giles County 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

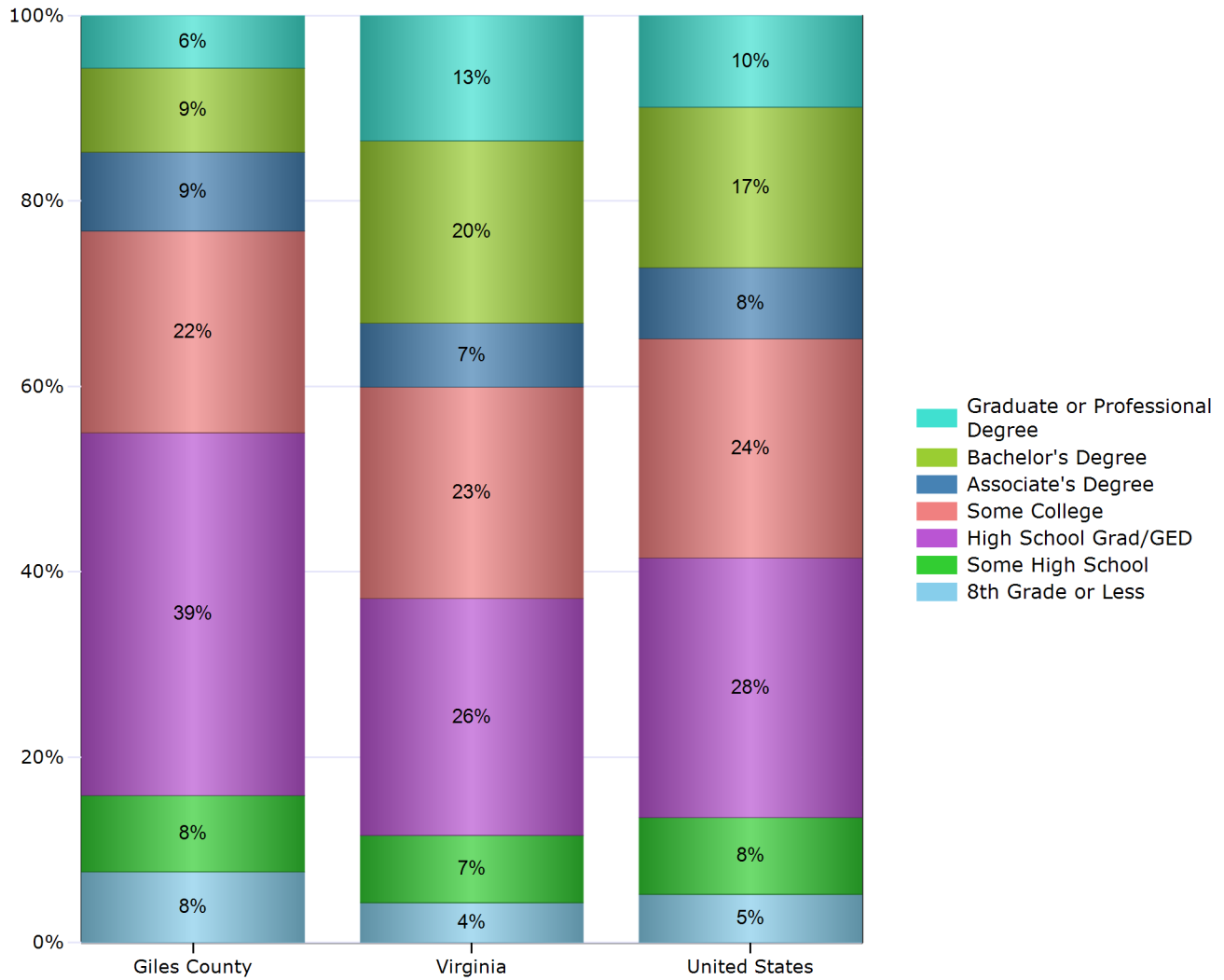
The highest award a student can earn for graduate study.

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

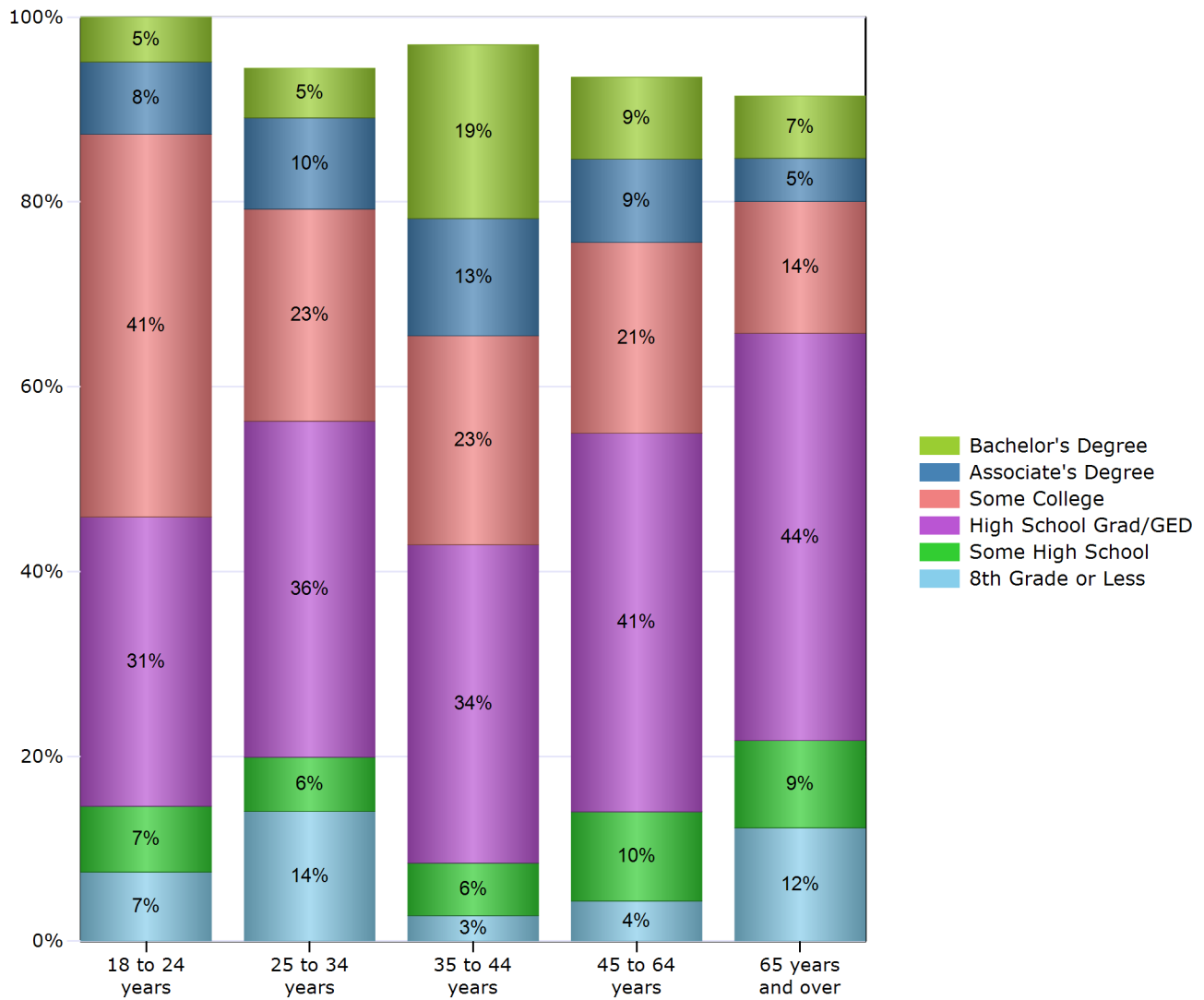
(Population 18 years and over)



	Giles County	Virginia	United States
8th Grade or Less	1,027	275,329	12,639,425
Some High School	1,106	464,075	20,093,117
High School Grad/GED	5,261	1,633,105	68,044,371
Some College	2,926	1,457,887	57,431,237
Associate's Degree	1,143	440,219	18,586,866
Bachelor's Degree	1,219	1,258,661	42,027,629
Graduate or Professional Degree	761	862,686	24,008,551
	13,443	6,391,962	242,831,196

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

Educational Attainment by Age

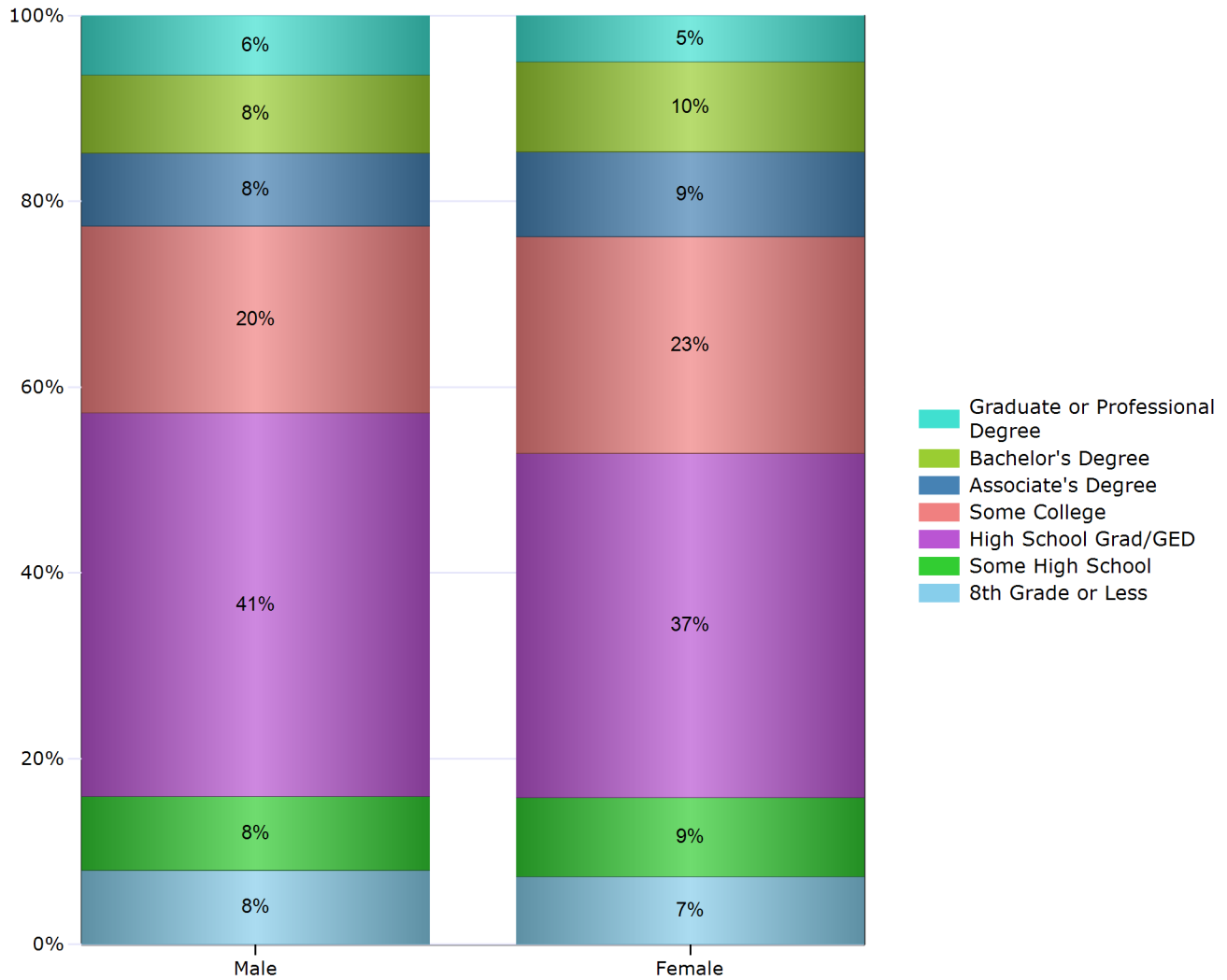


	18 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 44	45 - 64	65+	Total
8th Grade or Less	102	242	59	210	414	1,027
Some High School	97	101	122	467	319	1,106
High School Grad/GED	427	627	738	1,980	1,489	5,261
Some College	565	396	485	998	482	2,926
Associate's Degree	107	170	272	436	158	1,143
Bachelor's Degree	66	93	403	429	228	1,219
Graduate or Professional Degree		95	64	314	288	761
	1,364	1,724	2,143	4,834	3,378	13,443

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

Educational Attainment by Gender

(Population 18 years and over)

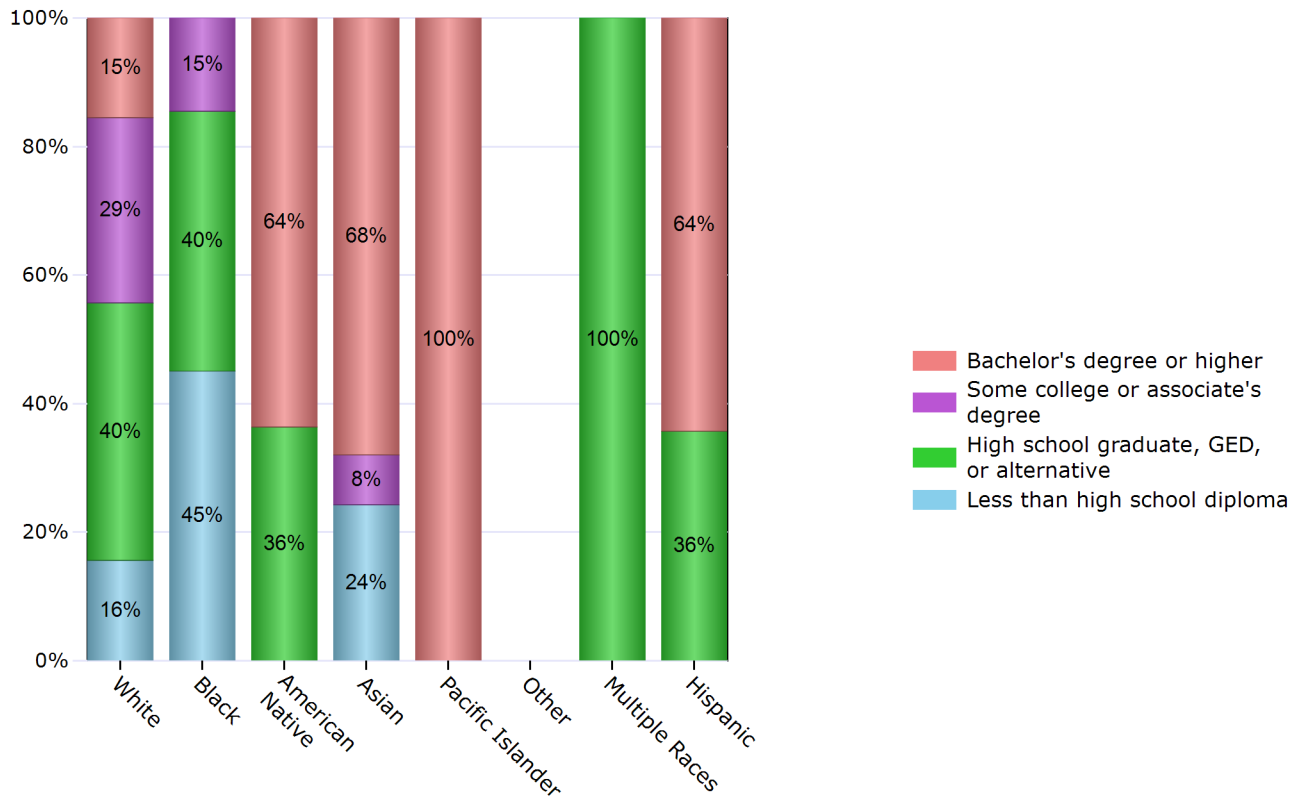


	Male	Female	Total
8th Grade or Less	524	503	1,027
Some High School	519	587	1,106
High School Grad/GED	2,706	2,555	5,261
Some College	1,317	1,609	2,926
Associate's Degree	514	629	1,143
Bachelor's Degree	551	668	1,219
Graduate or Professional Degree	418	343	761
	6,549	6,894	13,443

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

Educational Attainment by Race/Ethnicity

(Population 25 years and over)



Race	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	1,822	4,670	3,361	1,807	11,660
Black or African American	87	78	28	0	193
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	16	0	28	44
Asian	25	0	8	70	103
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0	0	0	9	9
Other	0	0	0	0	0
Multiple Races	0	70	0	0	70
Ethnicity					
Not Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	0	0	0	0	0
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	0	5	0	9	14
	1,934	4,839	3,397	1,923	12,093

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

Graduate Data Trends

Giles County

	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 Giles County

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 Polytechnic Institute and State

210 Burruss Hall, 800 Drillfield Dr

Blacksburg, VA 24061

Phone: (540) 231-6000

<http://www.vt.edu>

Number of 2016 graduates: 8,438

VA College of Osteopathic Medicine

2265 Kraft Dr

Blacksburg, VA 24060

Phone: (540) 231-4000

<http://www.vcom.edu>

Number of 2016 graduates: 399

Radford University

801 East Main St.

Radford, VA 24142

Phone: (540) 831-5000

<http://www.radford.edu>

Number of 2016 graduates: 2,467

Emory and Henry College

30461 Garnand Drive

Emory, VA 24327

Phone: (276) 944-4121

<http://www.ehc.edu>

Number of 2016 graduates: 297

Wytheville Community College

1000 E Main Street

Wytheville, VA 24382

Phone: (276) 223-4700

<http://www.wcc.vccs.edu>

Number of 2016 graduates: 995

Washington County Adult Skill Center

848 Thompson Dr

Abingdon, VA 24210

Phone: (276) 676-1948

<http://www.wcskillcenter.org>

Number of 2016 graduates:

New River Community College

5251 College Drive

Dublin, VA 24084

Phone: (540) 674-3600

<http://www.nr.edu>

Number of 2016 graduates: 692

Virginia Highlands Community College

100 Vhcc Drive

Abingdon, VA 24212

Phone: (276) 739-2400

<http://www.vhcc.edu>

Number of 2016 graduates: 607

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