



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: POLICIES AND PROGRAMS DESIGNED TO ENCOURAGE GROWTH IN JOBS, WAGES, AND INVESTMENT

VEDP accomplishes this through:



Marketing Virginia to raise awareness of the Commonwealth's advantages for business and cultivate new leads



Recruiting out-of-state firms to select Virginia for new job-creating projects



Encouraging and assisting the retention and expansion of existing Virginia firms



Assisting Virginia companies to establish and/or expand international sales (i.e., trade development)



Encouraging **coordination** of economic development efforts among local, regional, and state partners



Developing recommended economic development policies and strategies to position Virginia and its regions for growth



Conducting research to understand and effectively present Virginia's competitive advantages



Administering performance-based **incentives** that encourage job creation and capital investment



Providing grants or custom workforce **solutions** to address talent recruitment and training needs of expanding firms



Collaborating with localities to develop project-ready sites for manufacturing and supply chain projects

VEDP DOES ITS WORK IN COLLABORATION WITH HUNDREDS OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS ACROSS VIRGINIA

Core VEDP partners include the Governor's Administration, Virginia General Assembly, other state agencies, 18 regional economic development organizations, over 100 local economic development partners, utilities, railroads, and trade associations





















































LIKE ALL OTHER STATES, VIRGINIA'S ECONOMY IS COMPRISED OF TRADED AND NON-TRADED INDUSTRY SECTORS

Traded sector: Businesses that generate most of their sales from out-ofstate customers, resulting in new jobs, wages, and tax revenues for the Commonwealth











Corporate HQs

Manufacturing

Technology¹

Business Process
Outsourcing

Supply Chain

Non-traded sector: Businesses that primarily serve local (i.e., in-state) customers, typically competing with other non-traded sector businesses for in-state sales







Restaurant



Hospital



Entertainment



Local Services

Job breakdown by sector

1/3

of Virginia employment is in **traded sector** jobs

2/3

of Virginia employment is in **non-traded sector** jobs

TRADED SECTORS DRIVE JOB CREATION WITH HIGH EMPLOYMENT MULTIPLIERS AND GENERATE NEW REVENUE







Employment multiplier

Additional jobs created for every 1 direct job

Direct jobsPlastic resin manufacturer

Indirect jobs
Suppliers to company

Induced jobsWhere employees spend money

Total jobs

1.0

+

1.2

+

2.2

4.4

Example: Plastic resin manufacturer

25

+

30

+

55

110

NON-TRADED SECTORS GENERALLY DO NOT GENERATE NET JOB GAINS OR CREATE NEW REVENUE IN A COMMUNITY







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Example: Full-service restaurant

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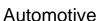
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VEDP FOCUSES MOST OF ITS BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS ON A SET OF TARGET INDUSTRIES FOR WHICH VA IS COMPETITIVE







Software



Headquarters



Aerospace



Cybersecurity



Life Sciences



Unmanned Systems



Wood Products



Data Centers



Business Process Outsourcing



Supply Chain Management



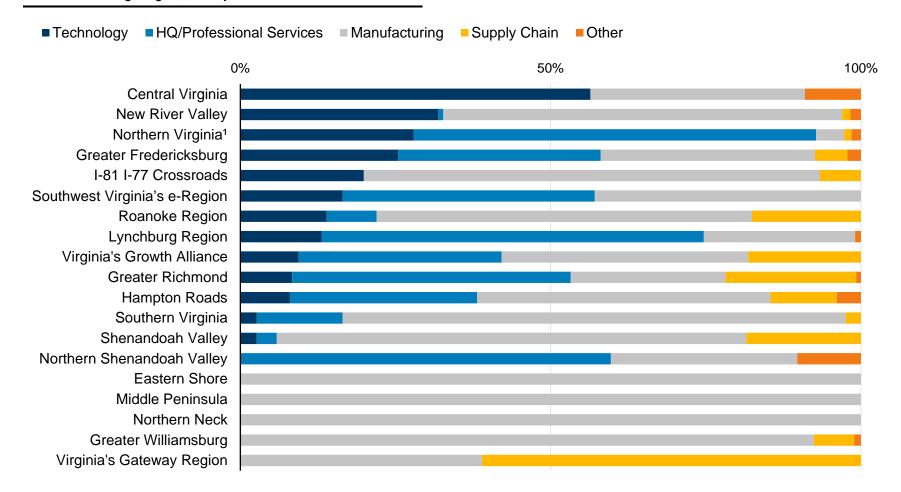
Food & Beverage **Processing**



Advanced **Materials**

REGIONAL PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENTS REFLECT SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCES IN REGIONAL ECONOMIC DIVERSITY

Total new regional employment, including expansions VEDP Marketing Region, New jobs announced FY17 – FY20



¹Excluding Amazon HQ2 Source: VEDP Announcements Database

WHILE RARELY APPARENT IN MEDIA COVERAGE, ROUGHLY 2/3 OF **VEDP-ASSISTED PROJECTS ARE EXPANSIONS OF EXISTING FIRMS**



PURSUING A TECH GIANT



How Virginia sealed the deal with Amazon

For state officials, splitting HQ2 made the project more palatable

BY MICHAEL MARTZ

As autumn began, Virginia lawmakers were not completely handle the massive influx of sold on the deal they had been putting together for a year to land Amazon's second headquarters in the Northern Vir-ginia suburbs.

nia suburbs. The lure of a \$5 billion investment and 50,000 high-paying jobs was powerful, but so was the fear of having to justify \$1 billion in direct state incen rives to a company valued at S1 trillion.

Members of the Major Em-

ployment and Investment Project Approval Commission also

were concerned about the ability of any community in North ern Virginia's already teeming and traffic-clogged suburbs to

That's when Amazon made a pivotal decision to divide the project in half, ultimately awarding 25,000 new jobs and up to \$2.5 billion in investment each to Virginia and New York about six weeks later

"That's when I knew I could support it," said House Appro ions Chairman Chris Iones last week that until the deci-

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Northam spoke with former Gov Terry McAuliffe before the start of

> "I said, 'We've got to win this!' Literally, it would finish what we started in diversifying and building

Brian Huseman, Amazon's vice

president of public policy, after

Tuesday's news conference in

a new economy." Terry McAulitte, former Visiona apvento

New aviation firm prevails in Chesterfield

Proposal for airport became political in character after years of discussions

BY C. SUAREZ ROJAS

operator is coming to the Chesterfield County Air-port after years of underlying discourse regarding the county's oversight of a public partner that has been in charge of most ions there since

In the weeks leading up to the approval of a lease with Richmond Executive Aviation, pilots weary of Dominion Avia-tion welcomed the idea of having a second com-pany that could work on their aircraft and expand options for flight instruction at the county's g eral aviation airport.

sors Steve Elswick, Jim Holland and Chris Winallowed to compete against the airport's only

operator. Speaking at Wednes timately came down to a difference in philosophy, but several pilots said While some pilots sup- the county's history with

management and flight

minion Aviation, its sup-

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supervisors had numer

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about RFA's business

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slow approved the agree

ments on the belief that REA, as an unproven

newcomer, should be

Nonetheless Simerys

As Genworth nears final merger, report questions viability of the \$2.7B deal

BY JOHN REID BLACKWELL

More than two years nounced, the proposed acquisition of Henrico financial conglomerate finally may be nearing completion. Genworth, a seller

giant Genworth Financial lic hearing, however, Inc. by a China-based a report by one inves deal and prompted an

of mortgage and longterm care insurance with on Nov. 1 by Hindenthousands of employ-ees in Virginia, has said

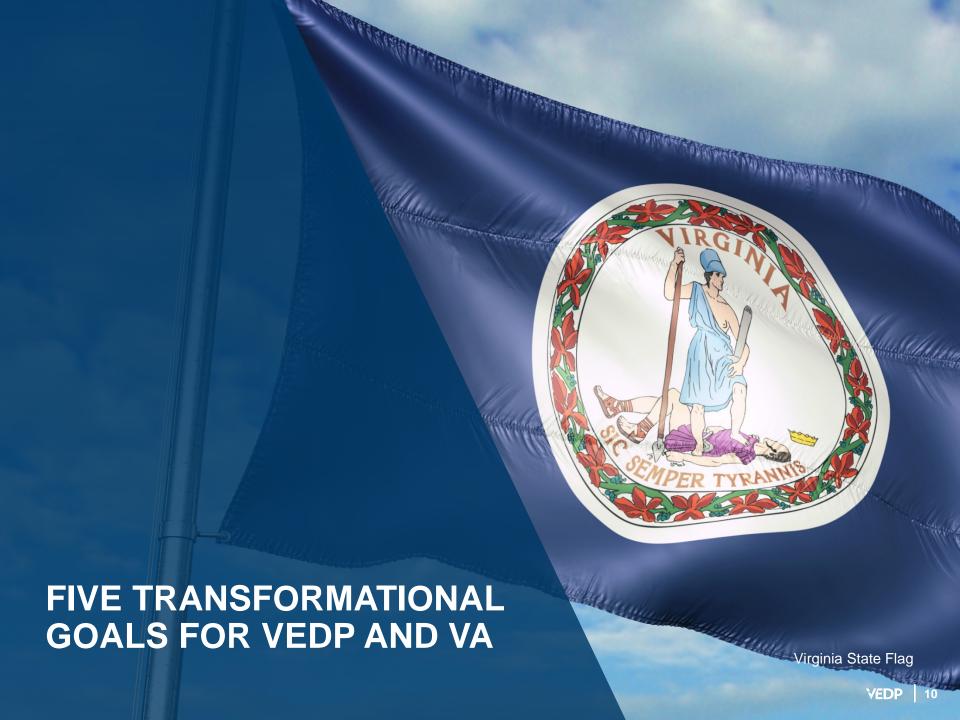
it hopes to clear the final regulatory hurdles by the end of the year for its long-delayed acquisition by China Oceanwide Holdings Group Co. Ltd. As the proposed serger nears a key pubabout the viability of the

online debate. The report, published burg Besearch, based in



Big, new-to-Virginia projects often get frontpage coverage

Smaller expansions of existing firms rarely make the front page



TRANSFORMATIONAL GOALS FOR THE COMMONWEALTH

Robust State Growth

Over the next several years, position VA to achieve a growth rate among that of the top 5-10 states in the U.S.

Every Region Wins

Ensure that every region participates in the growth of the Commonwealth

Best State for Business

Restore Virginia to its previous leadership position near the top of the national business climate rankings

Top State EDO

Reestablish VEDP as a one of America's most effective state EDOs

Super Collaborator

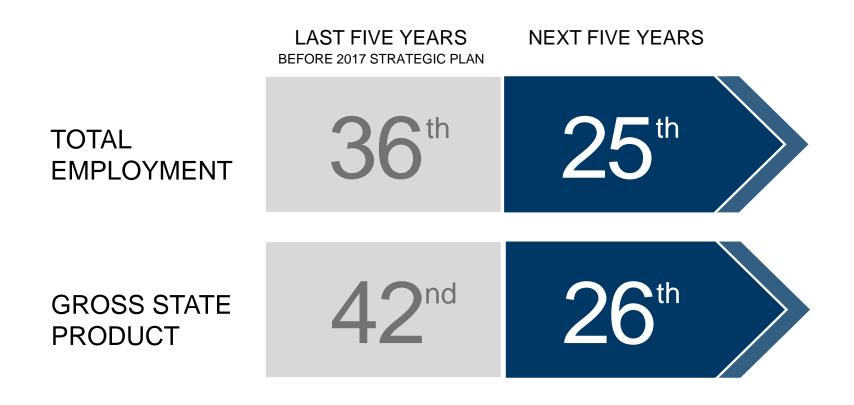
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VIRGINIA'S 5-YEAR GROWTH RANKINGS HAVE IMPROVED SINCE 2017

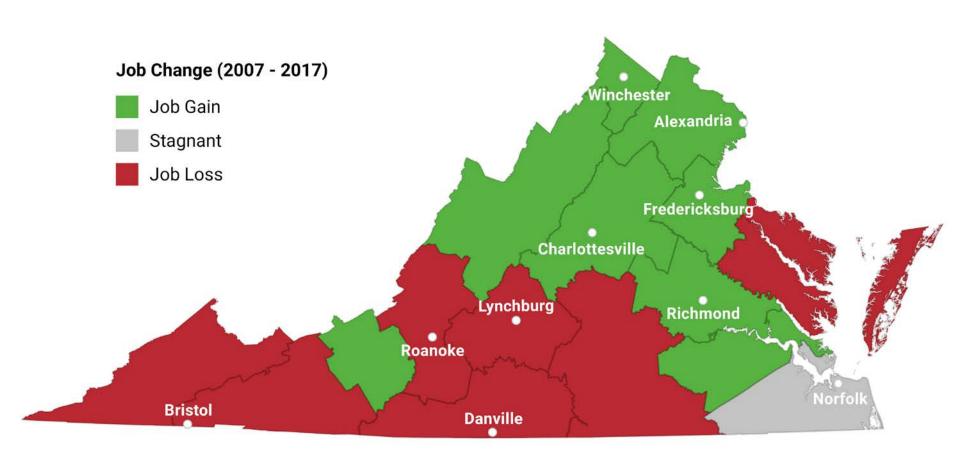


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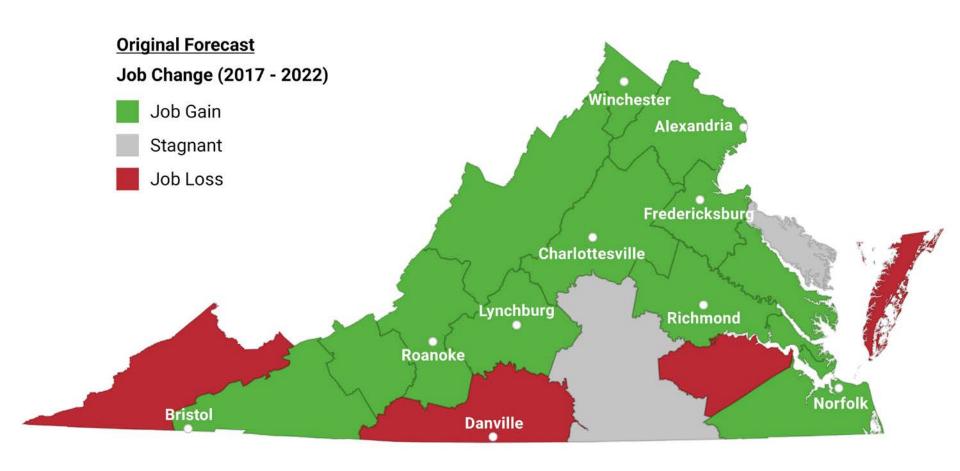
Ensure that every region participates in the growth of the Commonwealth



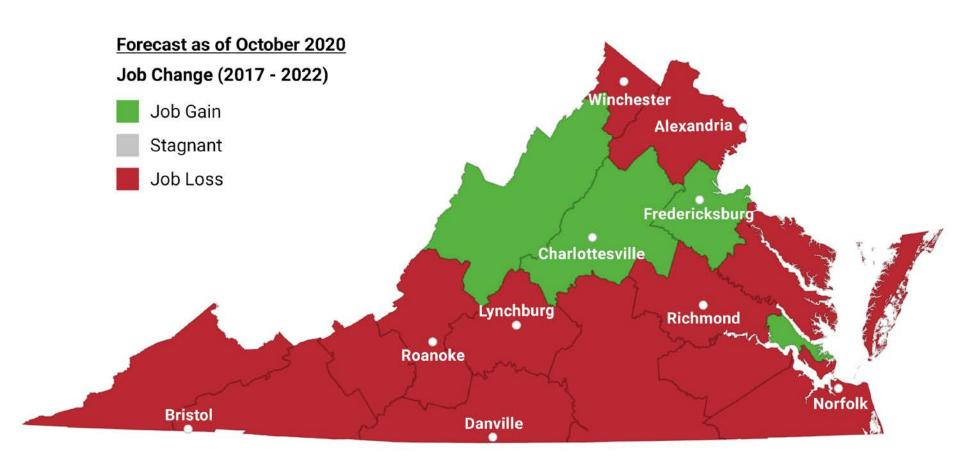
MANY RURAL VIRGINIA REGIONS AND SMALL METRO AREAS WERE EXPERIENCING JOB LOSSES PRIOR TO VEDP'S RELAUNCH IN 2017



PRE-COVID FORECASTS SHOWED IMPROVEMENTS BUT SUGGESTED MORE WORK NEEDED TO ENSURE SHARED GROWTH ACROSS VA



POST-COVID FORECAST INDICATES WIDESPREAD JOB LOSSES THAT WILL REQUIRE EXECUTION OF STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



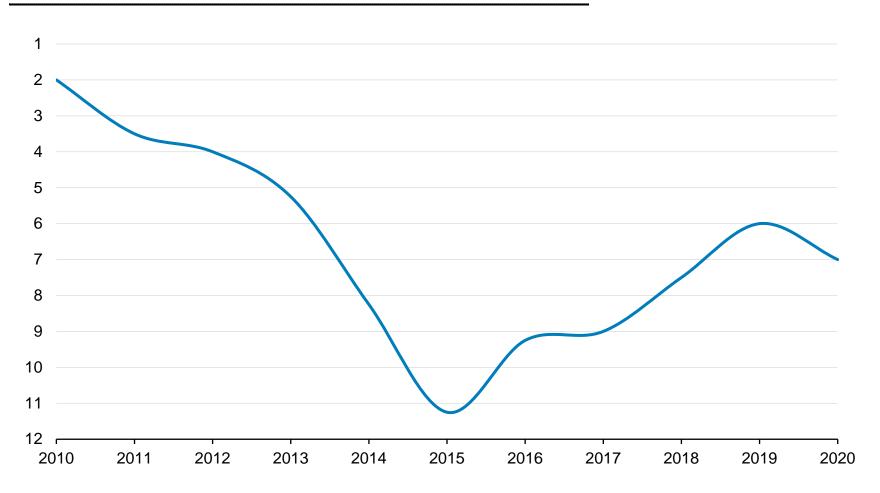
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Restore Virginia to its previous leadership position near the top of the national business climate rankings



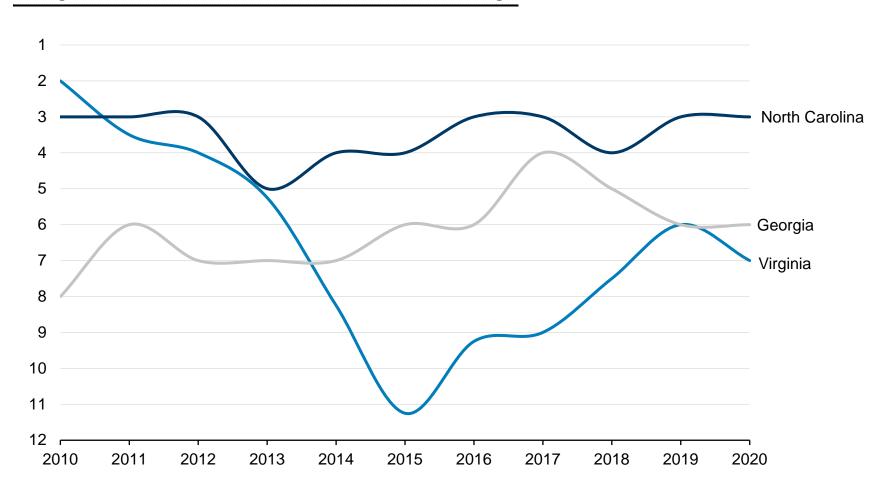
THE COMMONWEALTH'S BUSINESS CLIMATE RANKINGS FELL AFTER 2010 AND VIRGINIA'S STANDING SINCE HAS SOMEWHAT IMPROVED

Virginia's average state rank in selected national business climate rankings

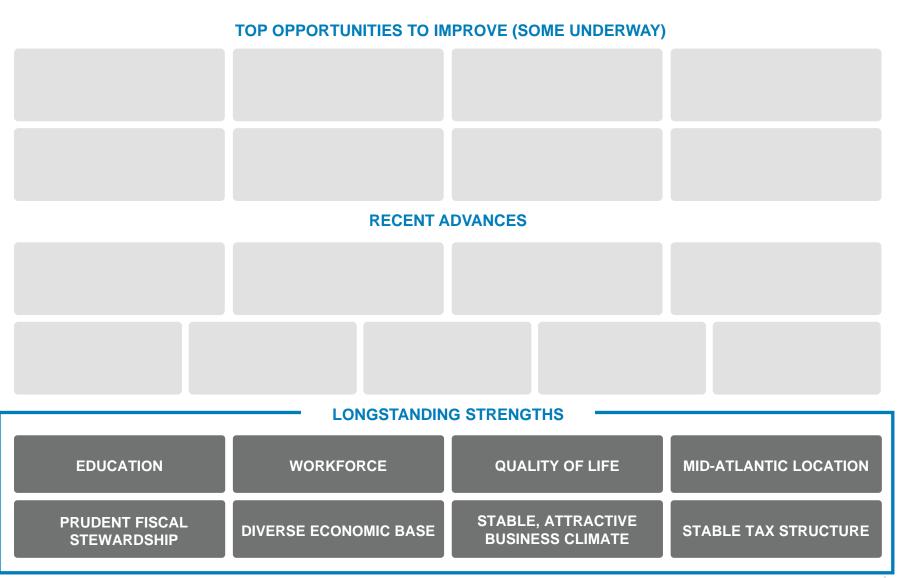


VIRGINIA HAS BEEN CLOSING THE GAP WITH TOP COMPETITORS BUT COULD STAGNATE WITHOUT BOLD ACTION

Average state rank in selected national business climate rankings



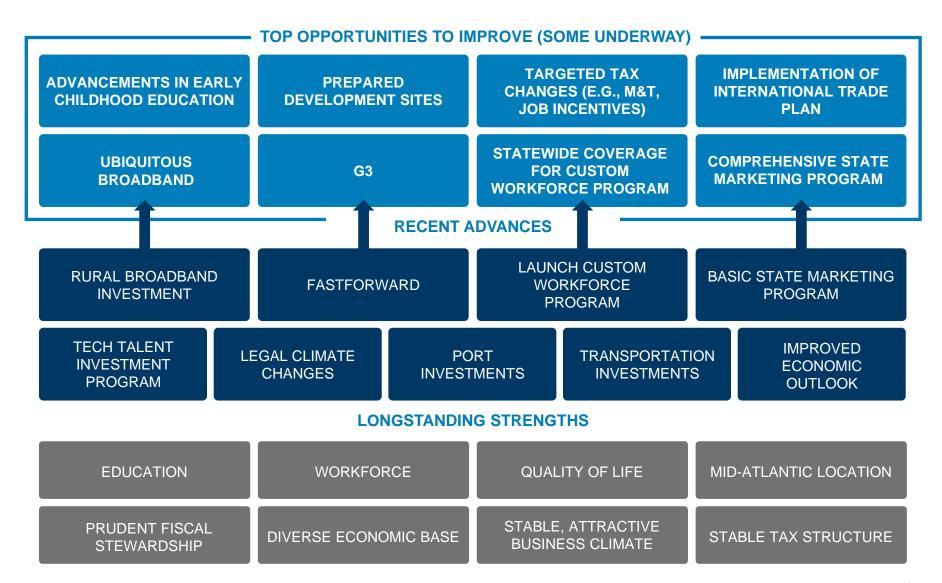
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4.

Reestablish VEDP as a one of America's most effective state EDOs (principally to enable achievement of the top three big goals)

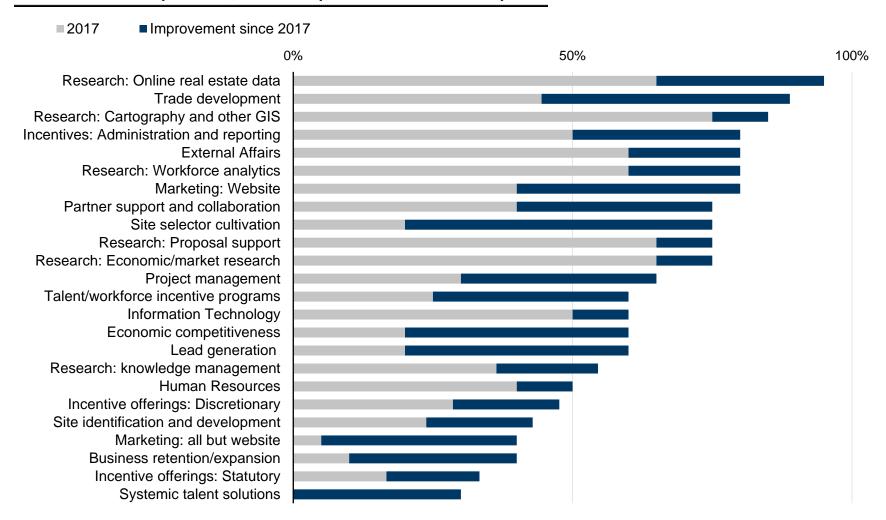


VEDP HAS MADE SWEEPING CHANGES TO IMPROVE ITS PERFORMANCE AND BETTER MANAGE STATE RESOURCES

Notable examples: Successfully completed implementation of JLARC recommendations 92% increase in leads generated by VEDP since FY17 eading European Business Investment office for a state EDO Named most competitive state EDO in America in 2019 by Site Selection

VEDP LEADS IN SOME AREAS, BUT HAS SUBSTANTIAL ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT IN OTHERS

VEDP functional capabilities, estimated performance relative to peers



5.

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VEDP CONDUCTS ITS WORK IN CLOSE PARTNERSHIP WITH OTHERS

State Local/Regional **Project Delivery Policy & Programmatic ED Practitioners** Leadership **Partners Partners Lead Generation** Collaborates on specific economic development Shares strategic priorities Administration and projects **General Assembly** alignment on strategic Retention/ priorities **Expansion** Single point of contact Collaborates to improve **RFI** Responses between businesses and economic state agencies competitiveness **Prospect Management** Collaborates on leads/active projects Coordinates incentive Conducts sector specific packages research to companies Marketing



VEDP BY THE NUMBERS: A TYPICAL YEAR

13,000

New jobs from VEDPassisted announcements 100

Project announcements

\$3.9B

New capital investment from VEDP-assisted announcements

\$793M

New international sales of VEDP-assisted firms

1,000+

In-state partners who we regularly engage

40,000+

Calls conducted by call center

8,000+

Corporate execs and site consultants receiving the Virginia Economic Review +008

Prospect meetings

60+

Site consultant meetings

28

Consultants and national media participating in in-bound FAM tours

400+

New leads generated

329

Companies enrolled in international trade programs

VEDP'S PROJECT ACTIVITY SPANS ALL REGIONS OF THE COMMONWEALTH

VEDP Business Investment activities by VEDP marketing region

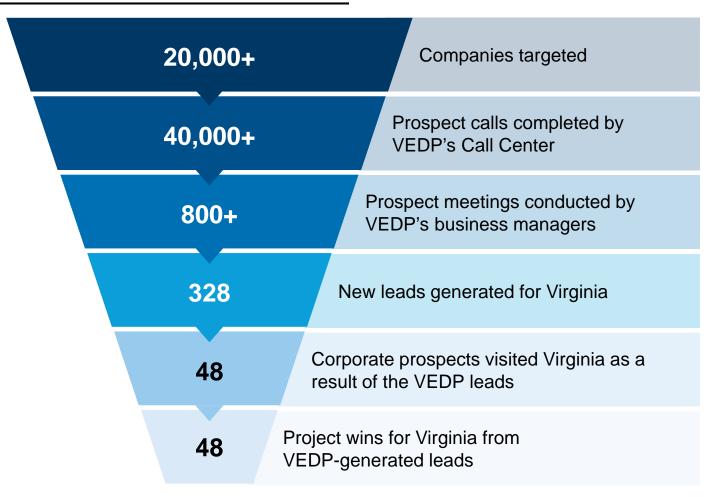
Unique VEDP-sourced opportunities referred to a region & project announcement information, FY17 to FY20

Region	Regional share of VA employment	Leads	DVA	CapEx (\$M)	Jobs
Eastern Shore	1%	21	2	2	46
Northern Neck	1%	9	3	14	107
Middle Peninsula	1%	15	3	5	42
Virginia's Gateway Region	2%	179	7	180	525
Southwest Virginia	2%	88	13	93	585
Virginia's Growth Alliance	2%	147	10	309	458
Greater Williamsburg	2%	82	2	95	221
I-81 I-77 Crossroads	2%	137	20	106	1,269
N. Shenandoah Valley	2%	98	16	238	2,160
New River Valley	2%	93	19	497	1,989
Southern Virginia	2%	150	33	435	2,775
Lynchburg Region	3%	68	17	93	1,156
Roanoke Region	4%	141	25	486	1,441
Greater Fredericksburg	4%	95	10	56	477
Shenandoah Valley	4%	141	30	1,650	1,496
Central Virginia	4%	75	14	38	852
Greater Richmond	13%	282	55	2,120	7,401
Hampton Roads	17%	238	58	825	8,615
Northern Virginia	33%	131	96	6,629	42,326
Statewide Total		580	433	13,870	73,941

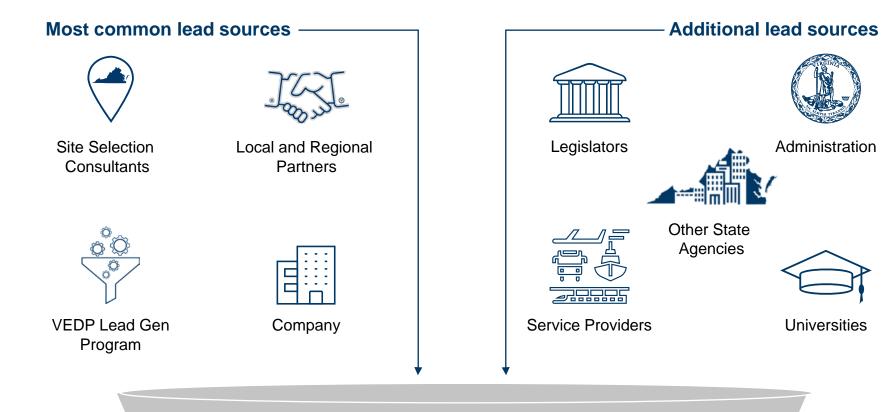
Note: DVA refers to Decisions for Virginia. For Leads, one opportunity can be counted multiple times across regions. However, multiple properties referred to the same opportunity in the same region are only counted once for that region. Statewide total may not equal sum of regional totals

VEDP'S LEAD GENERATION PROGRAM PRODUCES A STRONG PROJECT PIPELINE FOR VIRGINIA

FY20 Lead Generation program by the numbers



PROJECT LEADS COME TO VEDP FROM A VARIETY OF SOURCES



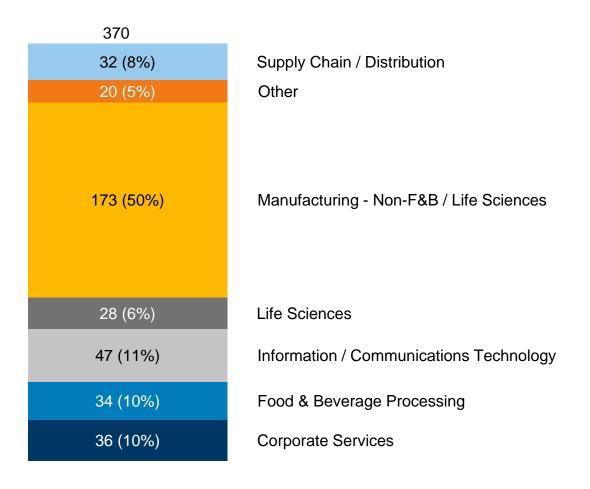
VEDP Project Funnel

Administration

Universities

HALF OF VEDP'S CURRENT PIPELINE IS REPRESENTED BY MANUFACTURING PROJECTS

VEDP project pipeline by industry sector¹



¹As of November 23, 2020

PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SELECTION FACTORS FOR SITE-SELECTION COMPETITIONS

Primary selection factors*

- Quality, availability, and cost of target workforce
- Proximity to key customers and suppliers
- Availability of target real-estate solution (size, cost, control, water/sewer/rail connectivity, etc.)
- Tax and regulatory climate
- Transportation infrastructure
- Operating costs (electricity, insurance, workers comp, etc.)
- Quality-of-life factors (public K-12 options, regional amenities, crime rate, etc.)
- Accurate and thorough RFI, RFP, and proposal requests

Secondary selection factors**

- Availability and quality of customized recruitment and training solutions
- Customized (discretionary) incentives
- By-right financial incentives
- Level of state-and-community support (e.g., fast-track permitting)
- Personal preferences of executives involved in decision process (e.g., affinity for a particular place)
- Strong business retention program to assist with corporate intelligence and after care
- Creative and innovative solutions to key project decision factors

^{*}Priority of selection factors varies from project to project; however, quality and availability of workforce almost always is one of the top three considerations

^{**}Typically these factors come into play when multiple locations offer relatively comparable characteristics relative to primary site-selection criteria; however, a large incentive package can represent a primary selection factor Source: VEDP CEO experience with hundreds of site-selection projects; Site Selection (January 2018); VEDP analysis

TOP REASONS VIRGINIA IS NOT CONSIDERED OR LOSES PROJECTS

If Virginia not considered	 Company executives unaware of Virginia's advantages for their industry* Company only considers states with substantial incentive offerings Company and/or site consultant screen out states based on high state/local tax burdens on new investment** Concern over potential shift in public policy environment
Virginia considered but not selected	 Lack of suitable site or building option (e.g., not pad-ready, insufficient infrastructure, incomplete due diligence) Availability of skilled workforce (typically in smaller regions) Much smaller incentive packages compared to competitors (e.g., Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Alabama, etc.) Operating costs and regulatory burden (e.g., machinery and tools taxes, market-based sourcing versus cost of performance for service based/HQ projects, zoning, permitting, licensing, reporting requirements) Inadequate utility/transportation infrastructure

Source: Tax Foundation; interviews with site consultants; Salesforce records; VEDP analysis

^{*}Largely due to a lack of awareness of Virginia's advantages for business, the Commonwealth typically ranks well below most of its leading competitors in surveys of corporate execs (e.g., in the latest Chief Executive survey, Virginia ranks no. 16, while Texas, Florida, Tennessee, and North Carolina rank nos. 1, 2, 4, and 6, respectively, i.e., all at least 10 spots ahead of Virginia)

**While Virginia is a relatively low-tax-burden state for existing businesses, it is a relatively high-tax state for most types of new business investment due to its lack of statutory tax credits/incentives for new business investment and job creation

BEFORE THE PANDEMIC...











2.4%

Lowest unemployment rate more than a decade





Strong Liftoff for Historic **Tech Talent Investment Program**







Launch of World-Class Virginia Talent Accelerator Program



AS IN OTHER STATES ACROSS AMERICA, COVID-19 HAS HAD DEVASTATING HEALTH EFFECTS ON VIRGINIANS

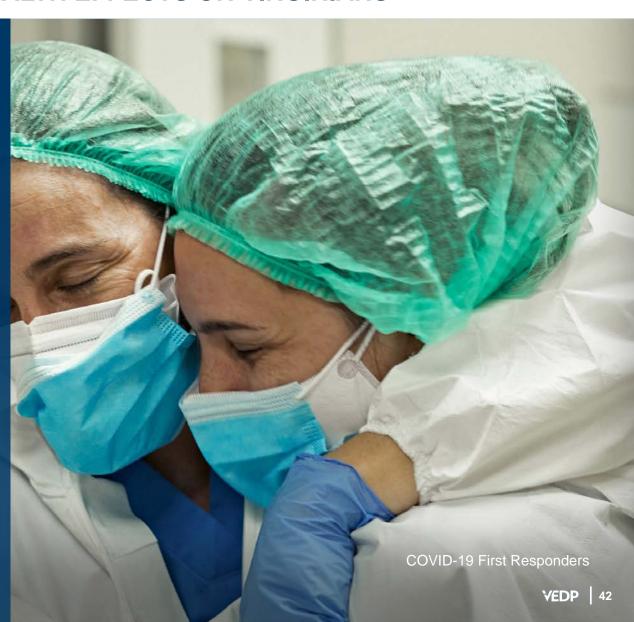
210,000+

Total cases

3,900+

Total deaths

Note: Cumulative impact in Virginia from March 17, 2020 through November 18, 2020 Source: VDH, COVID-19 summary



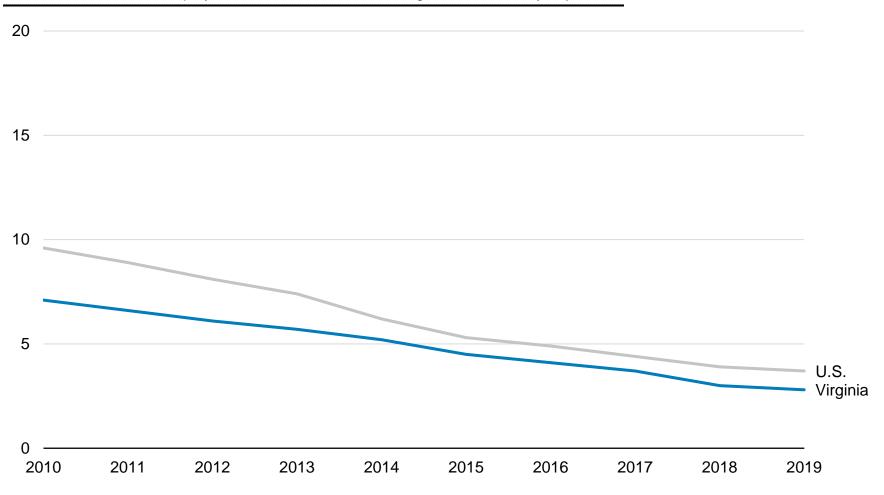
FRONTLINE HEROES AND STATE LEADERS KEPT THE COMMONWEALTH GOING THROUGH UNPRECEDENTED TIMES



BEFORE COVID-19, VA EXPERIENCED ALMOST A DECADE OF LABOR MARKET IMPROVEMENTS COMING OUT OF GREAT RECESSION

Average annual unemployment rate for the U.S. and Virginia

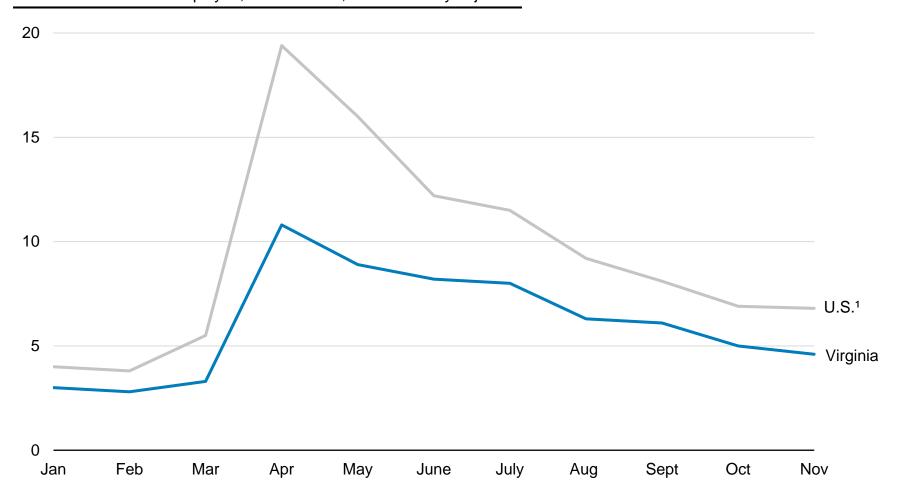
Percent labor force unemployed, 2010-2019, annual average, not seasonally adjusted



VIRGINIA UNEMPLOYMENT RATE CONSISTENTLY BETTER THAN U.S., WITH STEADY IMPROVEMENT SINCE PEAKING AT 10.8% IN APRIL

Monthly unemployment rate for the U.S. and Virginia

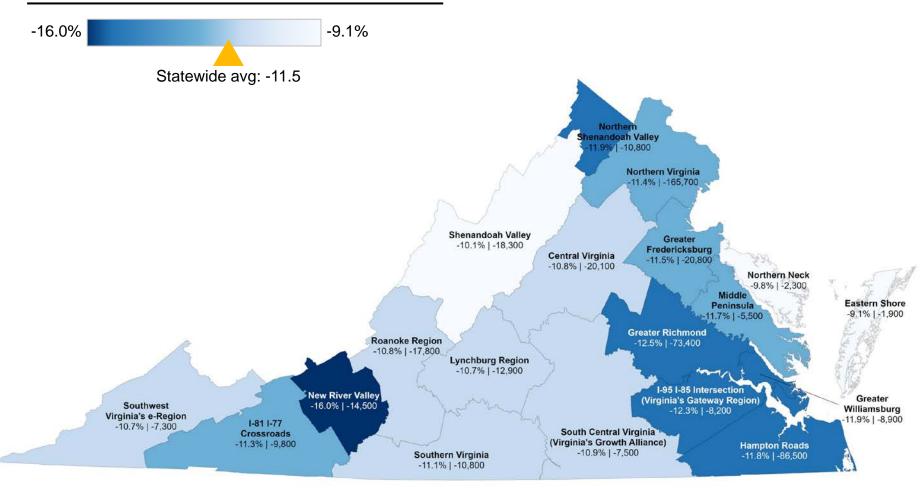
Percent labor force unemployed, Jan.-Nov. '20, not seasonally adjusted



¹U.S. rate is corrected for sampling error using corrected rate provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics Source: Current Population Survey / Employment Report (U.S. rate); Local Area Unemployment Statistics (state data)

EMPLOYMENT LOSSES PEAKED IN APRIL / MAY, IMPACTING REGIONS TO DIFFERENT DEGREES



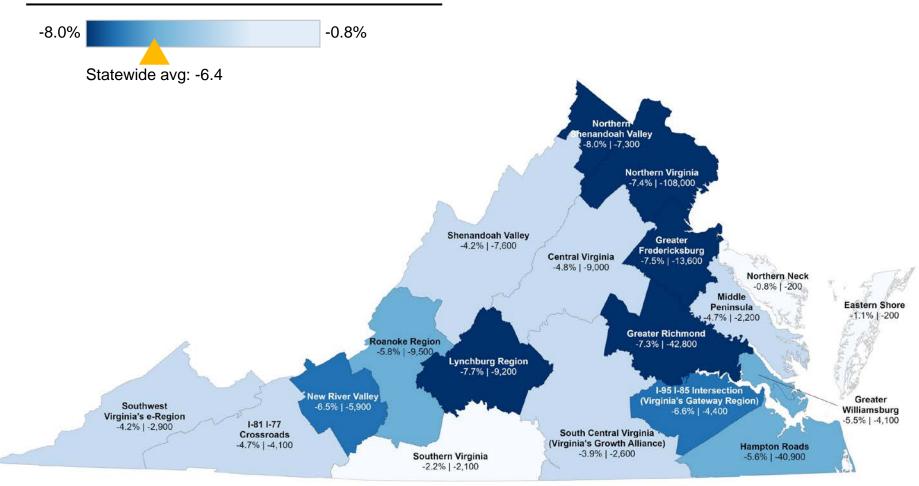


¹Job losses peaked in April for all regions except New River Valley, where it peaked the following month Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

VIRGINIA HAS SEEN PROGRESSIVE RECOVERY OF JOBS LOST, BUT NOT ALL REGIONS HAVE RECOVERED TO THE SAME EXTENT

Employment change from February to November 2020

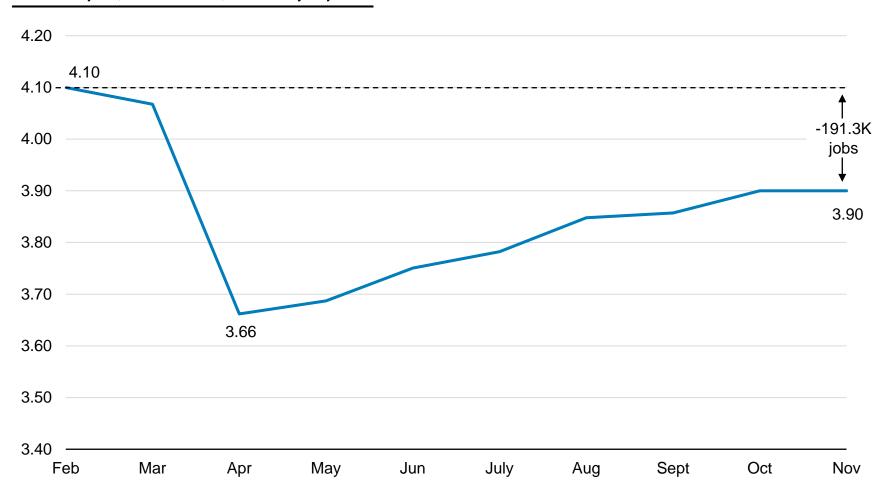
% | absolute employment change, not seasonally adjusted



VIRGINIA EMPLOYMENT REMAINS 191K JOBS BELOW PRE-COVID-19 LEVELS

Virginia non-farm payroll employment

Millions of jobs, Feb.-Nov. '20, seasonally adjusted

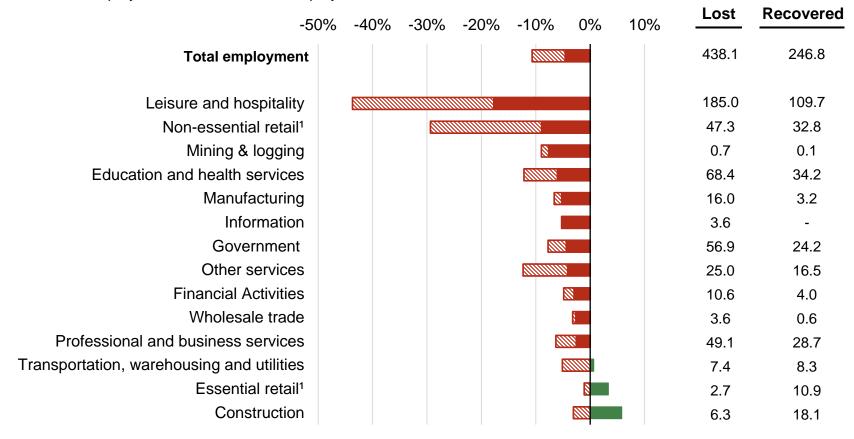


DESPITE IMPROVEMENTS SINCE APRIL, VA EMPLOYMENT REMAINS BELOW FEBRUARY 2020 LEVELS IN ALMOST ALL SUPERSECTORS

Virginia employment change since February 2020 by supersector % non-farm payroll employment change from Feb.-Nov. '20, seasonally adjusted

Change in # jobs since Feb. Thousands of jobs

■Lowest employment level ■Current employment level



¹Essential / non-essential retail employment change based on assumptions from national trends due to lack of data at state level

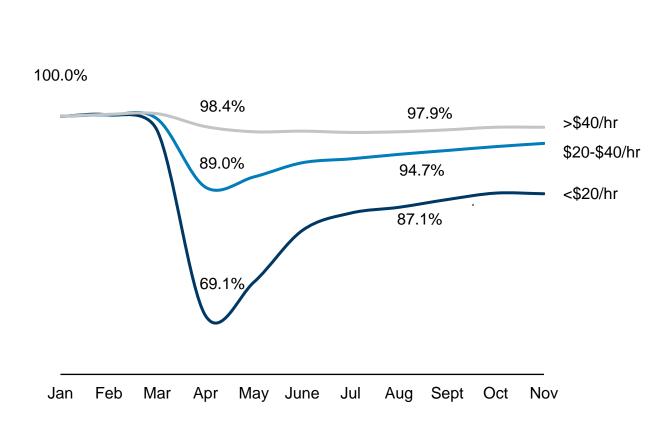
COVID-19 IMPACT IN VIRGINIA GOES WELL BEYOND THE UNEMPLOYED POPULATION

Impacted populations	Jan-Nov change	Jan-Nov % change
Lost primary job – actively looking	89,840	76%
Lost secondary job	99,095	30%
Involuntary reduction of hours	120,712	179%
Not actively looking, but want a job	12,200	11%
Total impacted population	321,847	108%

COVID-19 ECONOMIC SHOCK HAS DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED LESS EDUCATED, MINORITIES, WOMEN, & LOWER WAGE EARNERS

Change in U.S. employment by average industry earnings

Non-farm payroll jobs, Jan.-Nov. '20, indexed to Jan. '20 employment levels



Virginia workers earning less than \$20/hour¹

22%

Have a Bachelor's degree or higher (vs. 77% of workers earning >\$40/hr)

45%

Are non-white / Hispanic (vs. 30% of workers earning >\$40/hr)

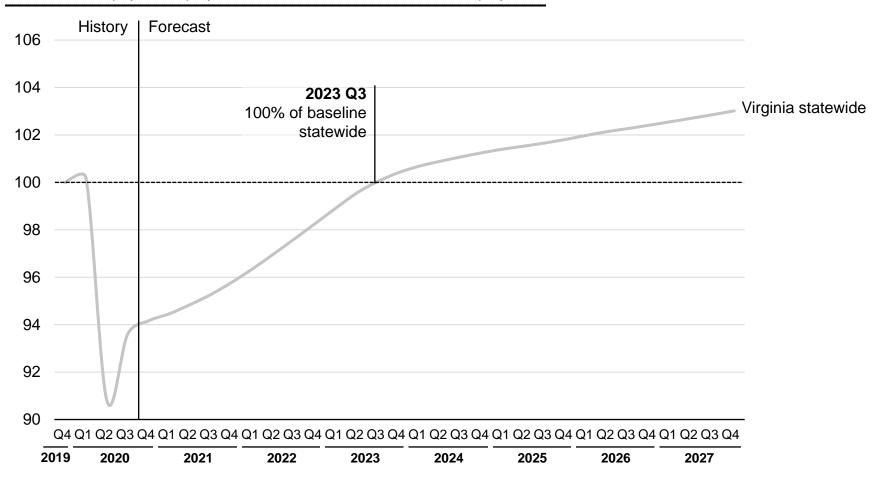
55%

Are women (vs. 35% of workers earning >\$40/hr)

STATEWIDE, EMPLOYMENT IS CURRENTLY PROJECTED TO REACH PRE-COVID-19 LEVELS BY MID-2023

Forecasted quarterly employment as % of pre-COVID-19 baseline

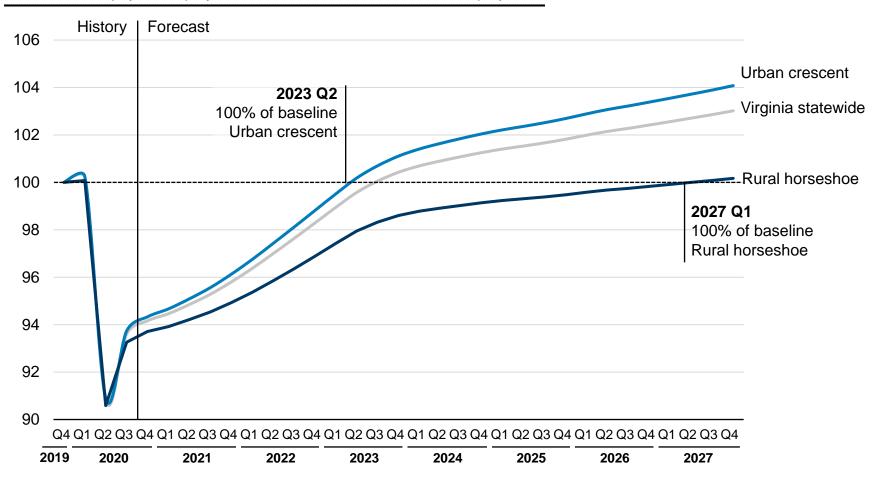
Total non-farm payroll employment¹, indexed to actual 2019 Q4 employment



OUTSIDE VIRGINIA'S URBAN CRESCENT, THE RECOVERY IS EXPECTED TO LAG BY ALMOST 4 YEARS

Forecasted quarterly employment as % of pre-COVID-19 baseline

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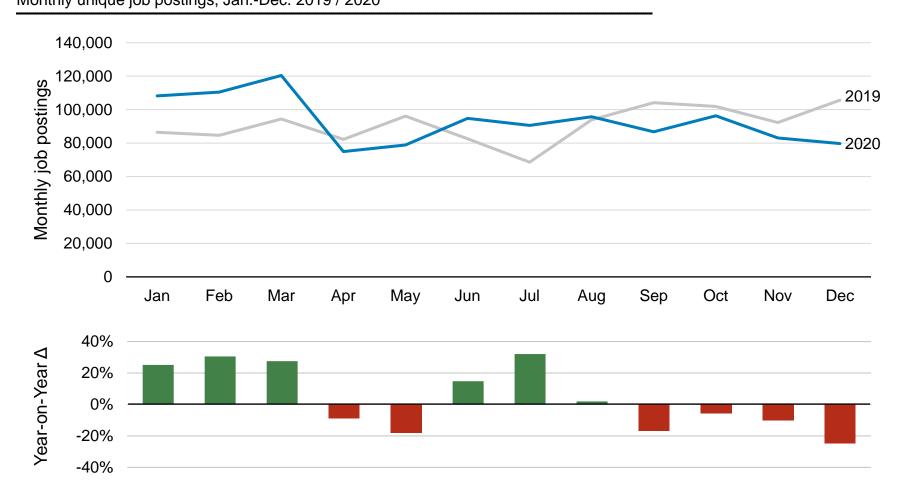


¹Locality forecast data have been corrected to match statewide employment forecasts; data differs slightly due to methodological differences in Moody's state and sub-state models

Source: Moody's Analytics (December baseline forecast); Census Bureau; VEDP analysis

AFTER SURGING DUE TO THE RE-OPENING OVER THE SUMMER, JOB POSTINGS DIPPED SIGNIFICANTLY BELOW EARLY 2020 LEVELS

Number of unique job postings in Virginia (above) and year-on-year change (below) Monthly unique job postings, Jan.-Dec. 2019 / 2020



SOME SECTORS (E.G., HOSPITALITY AND RETAIL) LIKELY TO EXPERIENCE LONGER-LASTING NEGATIVE EFFECTS OF PANDEMIC



HIGH-IMPACT INITIATIVES THAT WOULD ACCELERATE ECONOMIC RECOVERY ACROSS VIRGINIA (NOT COMPREHENSIVE)

- Reskilling programs linked to high-wage job creation
 - Virginia Talent Accelerator Program
 - Virginia Jobs Investment Program (VJIP)
- Reskilling programs linked to high-wage occupations
 - FastForward (VCCS), with VA Ready completion awards
 - G3 (VCCS)
- Implementation of international trade plan
- Site development (very important for rural localities, smaller metros)
- Rural broadband investment
- Marketing (very important for rural localities, smaller metros)

VIRGINIA WILL BE WELL-POSITIONED FOR HEALTHY GROWTH IN POST-PANDEMIC AMERICA



Cloud Computing • Data Centers • Autonomous Systems • E-Commerce • Food-and-Beverage Processing • Commercial Trucks • Delivery Vehicles • Logistics • Broadband Investments

THE COMMONWEALTH STRATEGIC ECONOMIC RESTORATION ROADMAP IS DESIGNED AROUND FOUR BIG OPPORTUNITIES



Capture manufacturing reshoring and new supply chain opportunities



Accelerate Digital Virginia (cloud computing, software, data centers)



Seize telework transition opportunities, with special focus on rural & small metro regions



Retool and reskill Virginia's (unemployed) workforce for post-COVID career opportunities

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