Educational Attainment in Virginia 2018

Educational Attainment from 1970 to 2018

Earnings and Employment by Educational Attainment in 2018

Median Earnings

Graduate or Professional Degree
- Virginia: $72,492
- United States: $82,600

Bachelor's Degree
- Virginia: $54,628
- United States: $60,105

Some College or Associate's Degree
- Virginia: $36,854
- United States: $39,440

High School or Equivalent
- Virginia: $31,269
- United States: $31,831

Less than High School
- Virginia: $24,900
- United States: $24,530

Unemployment Rate (Percent)

Bachelor's Degree or Higher
- Virginia: 2.0%
- United States: 2.4%

Some College or Associate's Degree
- Virginia: 3.6%
- United States: 4.0%

High School Graduate or Equivalent
- Virginia: 4.8%
- United States: 5.3%

Less than High School Graduate
- Virginia: 7.5%
- United States: 5.9%

Labor Force Participation Rate (Percent)

Bachelor's Degree or Higher
- Virginia: 87.8%
- United States: 86.8%

Some College or Associate's Degree
- Virginia: 80.0%
- United States: 79.4%

High School Graduate or Equivalent
- Virginia: 73.4%
- United States: 72.5%

Less than High School Graduate
- Virginia: 60.7%
- United States: 60.8%

Educational Attainment by Race in 2018

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<tr>
<th>Race</th>
<th>Total (Population 25 and Older)</th>
<th>White (not Hispanic or Latino)</th>
<th>Hispanic or Latino</th>
<th>Black</th>
<th>Asian</th>
<th>Other</th>
<th>Two or More Races</th>
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<td>Less than High School Graduate (Percent)</td>
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Educational Attainment by County in 2018

Bachelor’s Degree or Higher
Percent of Total
- 9.0 - 20.1
- 20.2 - 30.9
- 31.0 - 45.8
- 45.9 - 78.5

Educational Attainment by Age in 2018

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<th>Age Group</th>
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<th>High School</th>
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| Male         | 15.7                  | 23.6        | 22.1                        | 18.3       | 20.4                    |
| Virginian    | 14.2                  | 27.0        | 25.7                        | 17.6       | 15.5                    |
| United States| 12.6                  | 29.4        | 27.6                        | 18.3       | 12.1                    |

| Female       | 15.1                  | 31.1        | 25.4                        | 16.5       | 12.0                    |
| Virginian    | 15.4                  | 33.9        | 26.5                        | 13.8       | 10.5                    |
| United States| 10.6                  | 26.1        | 31.1                        | 19.7       | 12.5                    |

Notes:
- Unless otherwise noted, all data comes from the Census Bureau’s 2018 American Community Survey (ACS), one year estimates, for the population 25 and older.
- Historical educational attainment comes from the Decennial Census for 1970-2000, and from the American Community Survey for 2010 (five year estimates) and 2018 (one year estimates).
- "College" is defined as a bachelor’s degree or higher from 1990 on, and as four or more years of schooling prior to 1990.
- "Some College" is defined as an associate’s degree or some college with no degree from 1990 on, and as one to three years of college prior to 1990.
- Unemployment and labor force participation rates are calculated by the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond from ACS data.
- The race category “Other” includes American Indian and Alaska Native and “Some Other Race”, when estimates are available.
- The map of educational attainment by county uses 5-year estimates from the ACS.