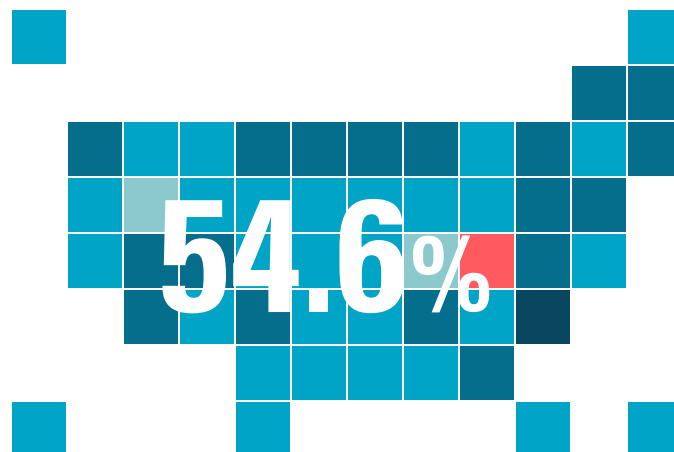


# A STRONGER NATION

*Learning beyond high school builds American talent*



**Virginia's Report 2019**

# Virginia's progress toward the goal

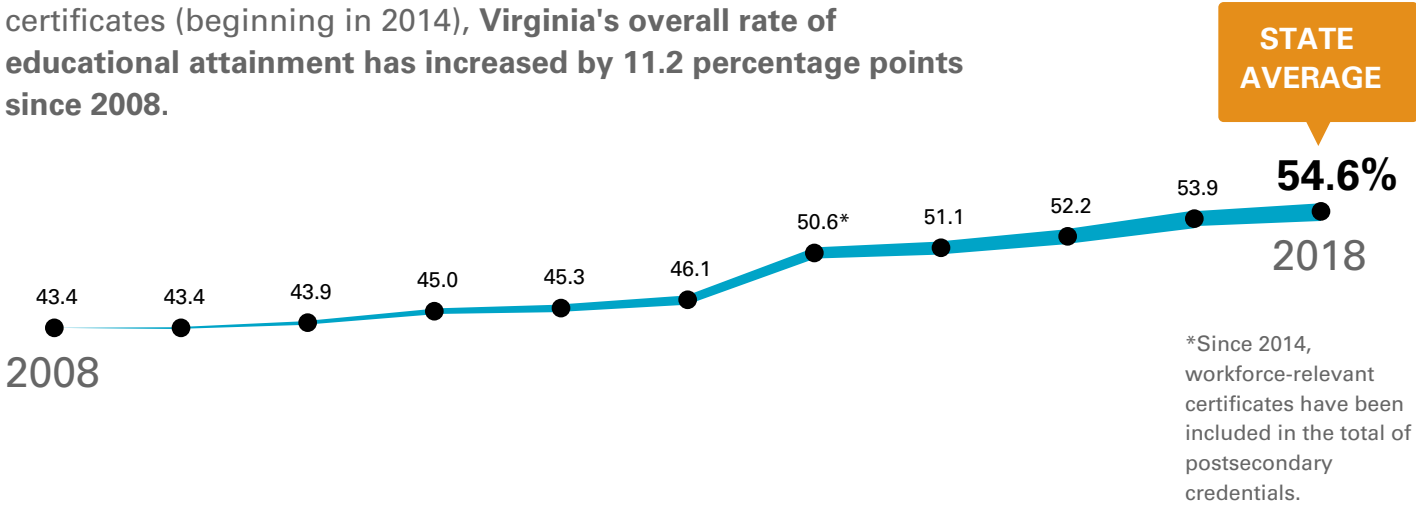
By 2025, 60 percent of Americans will need some type of high-quality credential beyond high school. To count toward this important goal, any credential must have clear and transparent learning outcomes that lead to further education and employment. **Virginia's attainment rate is 55 percent, and the state is working toward its attainment goal of 70 percent by 2030.**

Educational attainment in Virginia exceeds the national average, but work remains before it reaches 60 percent.



## Virginia's progress

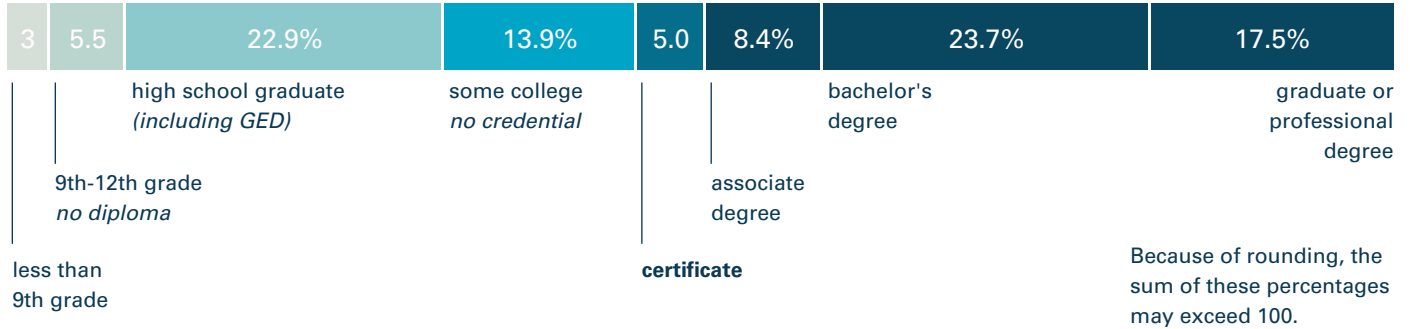
To reach state goals, the state will not only have to maintain current rates of attainment but also significantly increase the number of people who enroll in programs and earn all types of credentials beyond high school. With the inclusion of workforce certificates (beginning in 2014), **Virginia's overall rate of educational attainment has increased by 11.2 percentage points since 2008.**



# Highest Education Level Across Virginia

VIRGINIA AGES 25-64

**54.6% attainment**



## Virginia's racial and ethnic disparities

There are **significant gaps** in educational attainment that must be closed – specifically, **gaps linked to race and ethnicity. These gaps persist in every state.** Because educational attainment beyond high school has become the key determinant of economic opportunity and social mobility, **closing these gaps is crucial.**

















































# Comparing Virginia Counties

















































Exploring educational attainment at the local level can be especially helpful to local leaders as they work on talent development. For example, by pinpointing counties or regions where attainment lags, resources can be targeted where they're needed most. Conversely, in areas of high attainment, other regions may find practices or processes they can emulate.








**Compare degree attainment rates across Virginia's 133 counties.** Attainment is shown here as the percentage of people ages 25-64 with at least an associate degree.\*

sorted by COUNTY NAME ▼▲

Attainment	County	Population	Pop. Rank	Attainment	County	Population	Pop. Rank
27.3%	Accomack	32,545	52	17.9%	Buchanan	21,514	79
61.7%	Albemarle	107,702	16	17.3%	Buckingham	17,065	86
68.3%	Alexandria city	160,035	12	23.9%	Buena Vista city	6,327	125
27.0%	Alleghany	15,122	96	34.4%	Campbell	55,010	32
26.6%	Amelia	13,020	104	29.1%	Caroline	30,461	57
31.9%	Amherst	31,594	54	25.6%	Carroll	29,708	58
31.6%	Appomattox	15,681	93	21.6%	Charles City County	unknown	132
80.3%	Arlington	234,965	9	24.6%	Charlotte	12,119	107
31.9%	Augusta	75,144	27	59.4%	Charlottesville city	48,019	37
20.8%	Bath	4,297	129	44.2%	Chesapeake city	240,397	8
40.0%	Bedford	77,974	26	50.0%	Chesterfield	343,599	5
30.2%	Bland	6,350	124	43.6%	Clarke	14,508	101
43.6%	Botetourt	33,192	51	34.3%	Colonial Heights city	17,830	81
33.2%	Bristol city	16,790	88	26.1%	Covington city	5,531	126
20.5%	Brunswick	16,244	91	32.5%	Craig	5,062	128

 <b>32.4%</b> Culpeper	51,282	35	 <b>28.4%</b> Halifax	34,563	49
 <b>24.9%</b> Cumberland	9,811	115	 <b>38.3%</b> Hampton city	134,669	14
 <b>30.5%</b> Danville city	41,130	40	 <b>51.7%</b> Hanover	105,923	17
 <b>22.1%</b> Dickenson	14,782	99	 <b>44.0%</b> Harrisonburg city	54,215	34
 <b>29.0%</b> Dinwiddie	28,208	62	 <b>52.9%</b> Henrico	327,898	6
 <b>24.1%</b> Emporia city	5,282	127	 <b>28.3%</b> Henry	51,227	36
 <b>20.0%</b> Essex	11,028	112	 <b>25.2%</b> Highland	2,212	131
 <b>67.8%</b> Fairfax	1,148,433	1	 <b>22.8%</b> Hopewell city	22,621	75
 <b>68.6%</b> Fairfax city	24,097	69	 <b>41.3%</b> Isle of Wight	36,552	46
 <b>83.1%</b> Falls Church city	14,583	100	 <b>56.6%</b> James City County	<i>unknown</i>	133
 <b>45.1%</b> Fauquier	69,465	28	 <b>44.4%</b> King George	26,337	66
 <b>33.2%</b> Floyd	15,755	92	 <b>33.0%</b> King William	16,708	89
 <b>42.8%</b> Fluvanna	26,452	65	 <b>30.4%</b> King and Queen	7,003	121
 <b>32.0%</b> Franklin	56,445	31	 <b>33.8%</b> Lancaster	10,788	113
 <b>34.0%</b> Franklin city	8,176	118	 <b>20.7%</b> Lee	23,758	70
 <b>38.4%</b> Frederick	86,484	23	 <b>55.4%</b> Lexington city	7,106	120
 <b>48.6%</b> Fredericksburg city	28,360	61	 <b>69.0%</b> Loudoun	398,080	4
 <b>21.2%</b> Galax city	6,625	122	 <b>30.8%</b> Louisa	35,860	48
 <b>29.4%</b> Giles	16,837	87	 <b>17.7%</b> Lunenburg	12,235	106
 <b>31.3%</b> Gloucester	37,292	45	 <b>45.7%</b> Lynchburg city	80,995	24
 <b>47.4%</b> Goochland	22,685	73	 <b>31.1%</b> Madison	13,277	102
 <b>24.5%</b> Grayson	15,665	94	 <b>41.4%</b> Manassas Park city	16,591	90
 <b>36.6%</b> Greene	19,612	80	 <b>38.6%</b> Manassas city	41,501	39
 <b>14.5%</b> Greensville	11,679	110	 <b>31.9%</b> Martinsville city	13,142	103

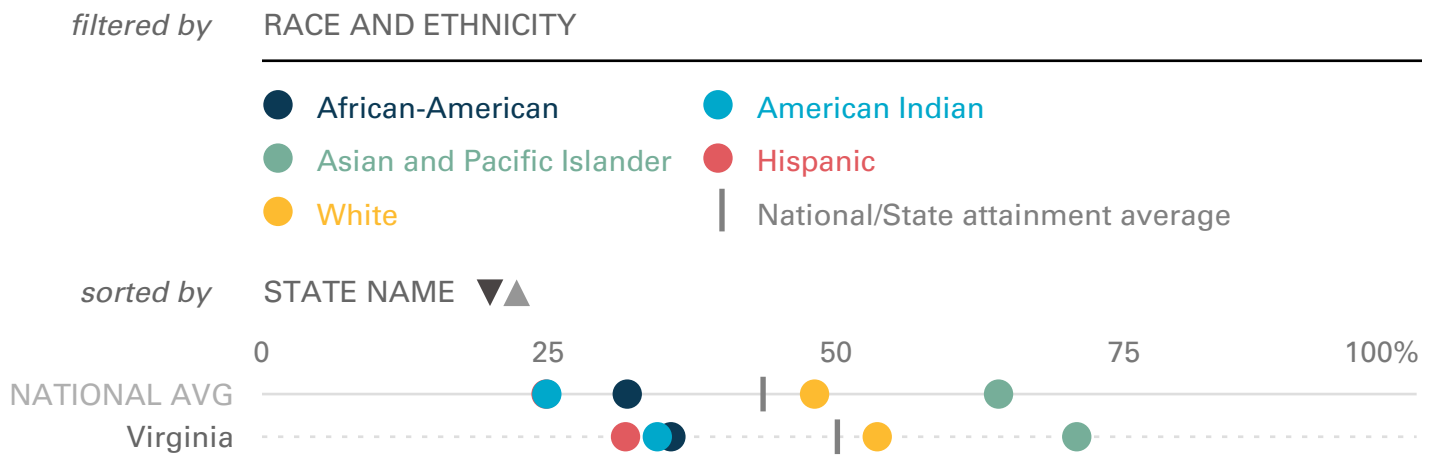
 <b>35.1%</b> Mathews	8,779	117	 <b>51.5%</b> Radford city	17,658	85
 <b>28.3%</b> Mecklenburg	30,686	55	 <b>38.8%</b> Rappahannock	7,321	119
 <b>29.9%</b> Middlesex	10,679	114	 <b>24.5%</b> Richmond	8,939	116
 <b>56.2%</b> Montgomery	98,559	19	 <b>46.4%</b> Richmond city	227,032	10
 <b>34.1%</b> Nelson	14,943	98	 <b>51.6%</b> Roanoke	93,730	21
 <b>38.9%</b> New Kent	21,682	78	 <b>34.6%</b> Roanoke city	99,837	18
 <b>37.1%</b> Newport News city	179,388	11	 <b>35.8%</b> Rockbridge	22,659	74
 <b>37.7%</b> Norfolk city	244,703	7	 <b>34.9%</b> Rockingham	80,227	25
 <b>30.7%</b> Northampton	11,846	109	 <b>26.7%</b> Russell	27,048	64
 <b>34.1%</b> Northumberland	12,275	105	 <b>44.6%</b> Salem city	25,862	67
 <b>29.3%</b> Norton city	3,936	130	 <b>26.0%</b> Scott	21,865	77
 <b>19.9%</b> Nottoway	15,434	95	 <b>29.4%</b> Shenandoah	43,225	38
 <b>31.0%</b> Orange	36,073	47	 <b>27.4%</b> Smyth	30,656	56
 <b>20.1%</b> Page	23,731	71	 <b>27.3%</b> Southampton	17,750	83
 <b>27.2%</b> Patrick	17,665	84	 <b>40.2%</b> Spotsylvania	133,033	15
 <b>24.0%</b> Petersburg city	31,750	53	 <b>49.8%</b> Stafford	146,649	13
 <b>25.9%</b> Pittsylvania	61,258	30	 <b>43.9%</b> Staunton city	24,528	68
 <b>55.2%</b> Poquoson city	12,053	108	 <b>38.8%</b> Suffolk city	90,237	22
 <b>30.9%</b> Portsmouth city	94,572	20	 <b>27.5%</b> Surry	6,540	123
 <b>38.3%</b> Powhatan	28,601	60	 <b>17.8%</b> Sussex	11,373	111
 <b>35.4%</b> Prince Edward	22,703	72	 <b>29.5%</b> Tazewell	41,095	41
 <b>33.9%</b> Prince George	37,809	44	 <b>46.9%</b> Virginia Beach city	450,435	3
 <b>48.8%</b> Prince William	463,023	2	 <b>29.2%</b> Warren	39,563	42
 <b>34.3%</b> Pulaski	34,184	50	 <b>35.7%</b> Washington	54,387	33

 <b>33.1%</b> Waynesboro city	22,327	76	 <b>25.5%</b> Wise	38,586	43
 <b>31.0%</b> Westmoreland	17,780	82	 <b>30.9%</b> Wythe	28,882	59
 <b>59.5%</b> Williamsburg city	15,031	97	 <b>59.3%</b> York	67,739	29
 <b>43.4%</b> Winchester city	27,932	63			

# Results by race and ethnicity in Virginia

A growing proportion of today's learners are African-American, Hispanic, and American Indian; and data show persistent and troubling gaps between their attainment levels and those of their white peers. Addressing these gaps – and expanding post-high-school learning opportunities for all – is essential to reducing the inequality that influences much of American life.

Explore **Virginia's attainment rates across five racial and ethnic groups**, and see how it performs relative to other states. Attainment is shown here as the percentage of residents, ages 25-64 with at least an associate degree.\*

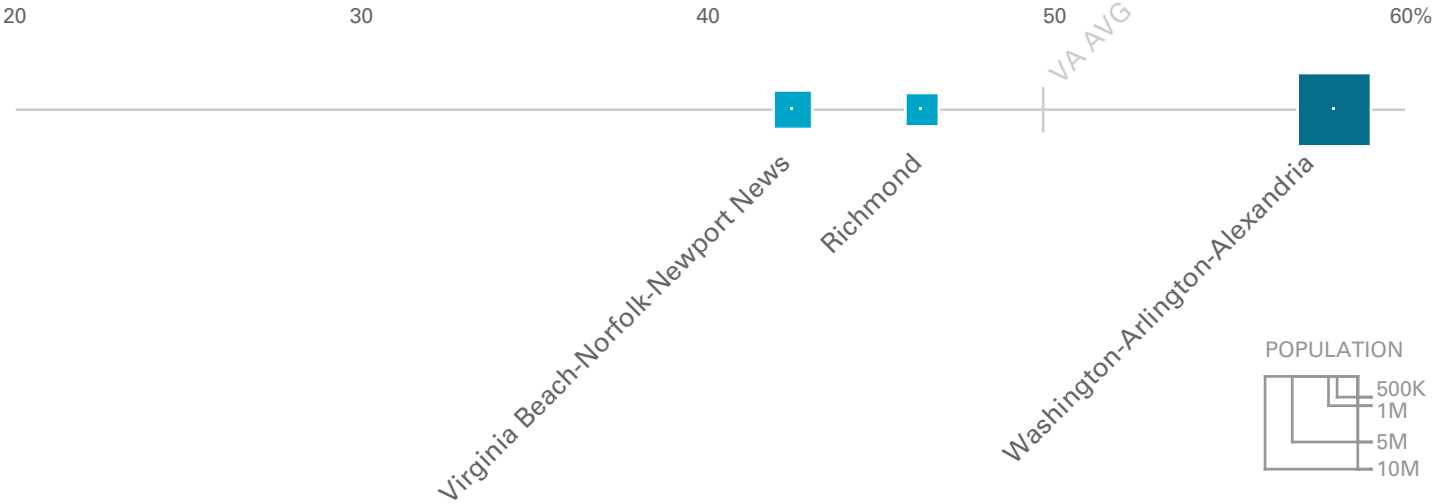




# Virginia's metro areas

Metropolitan areas are important talent hubs, because the majority of the nation's population lives within these areas.

Explore attainment rates in Virginia's Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs). Attainment is shown here as the percentage of residents, ages 25-64, with at least an associate degree.



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