

Economic Conditions in Virginia and the United States

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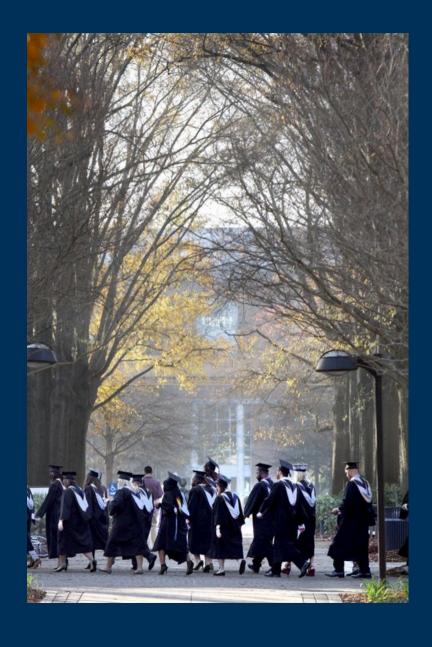
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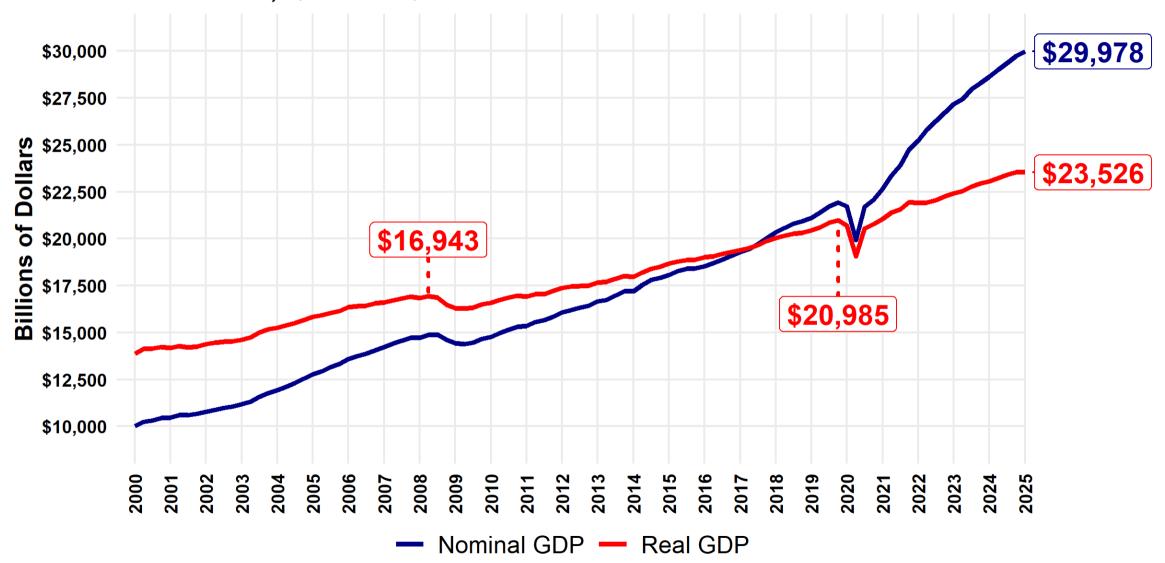
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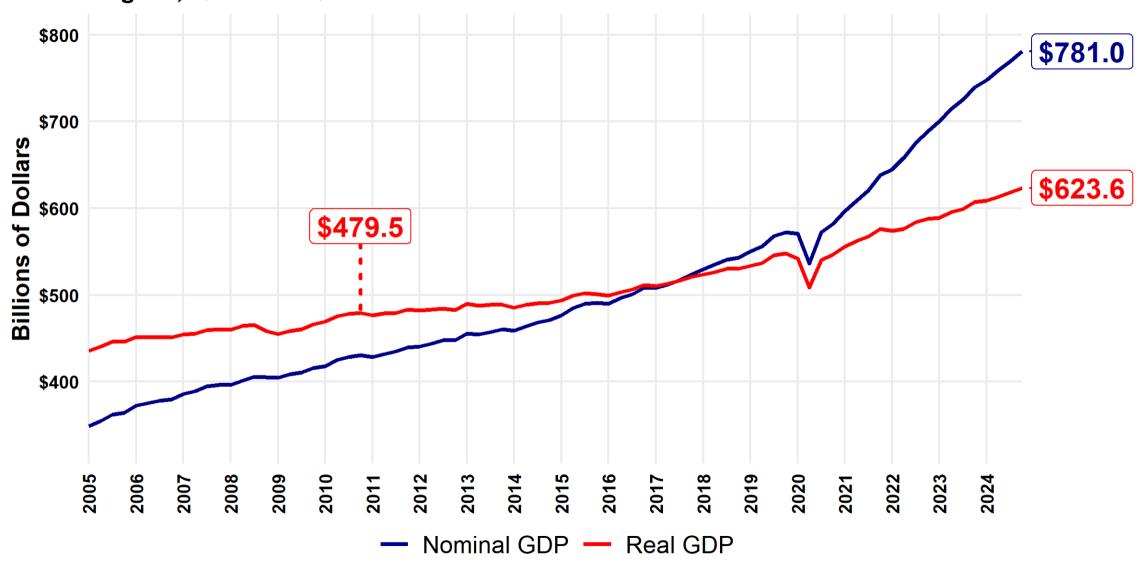


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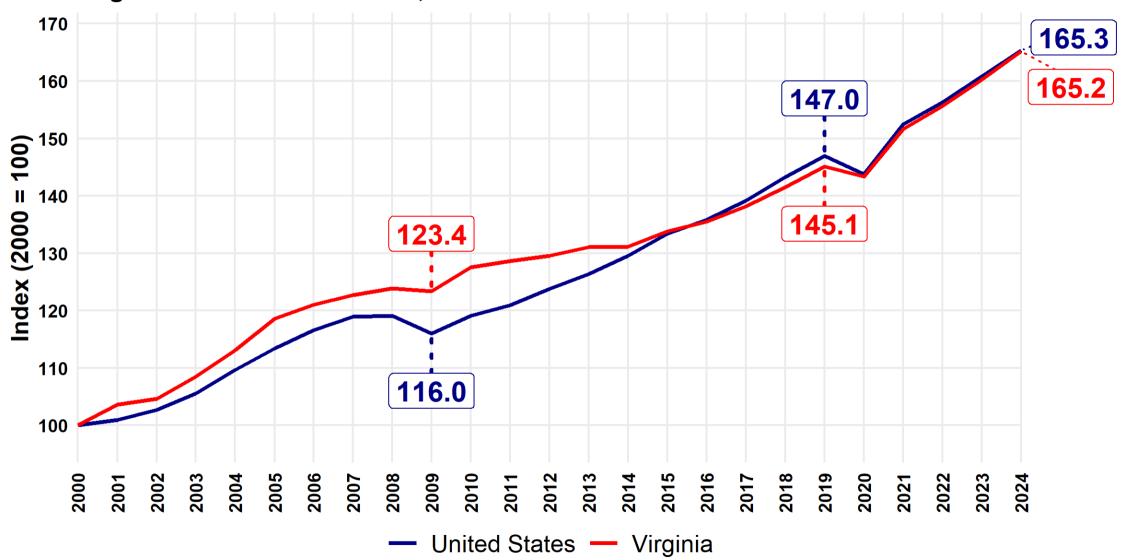
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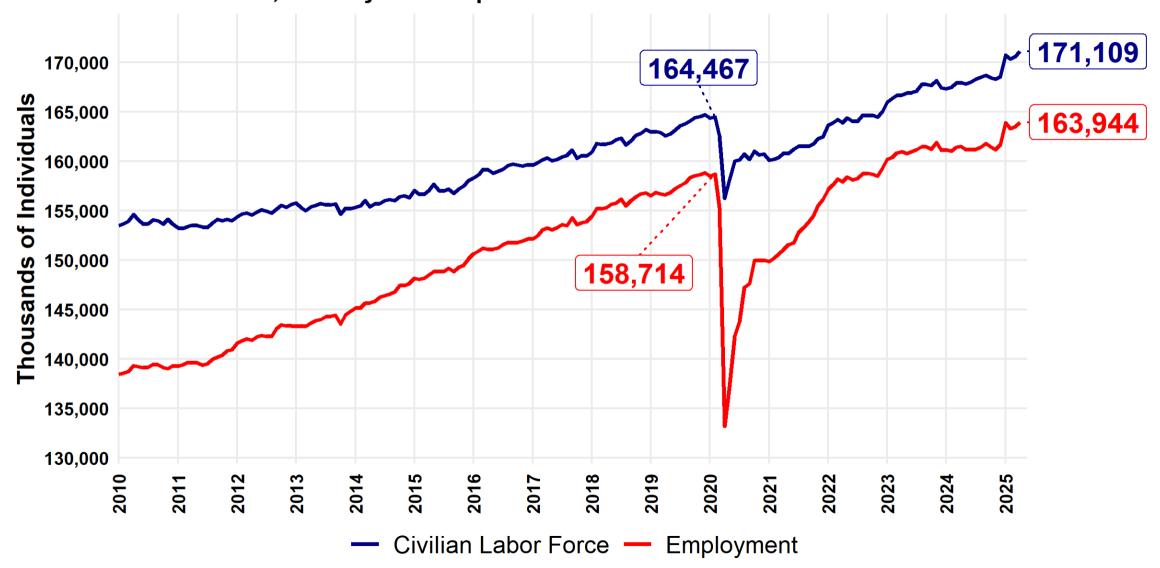
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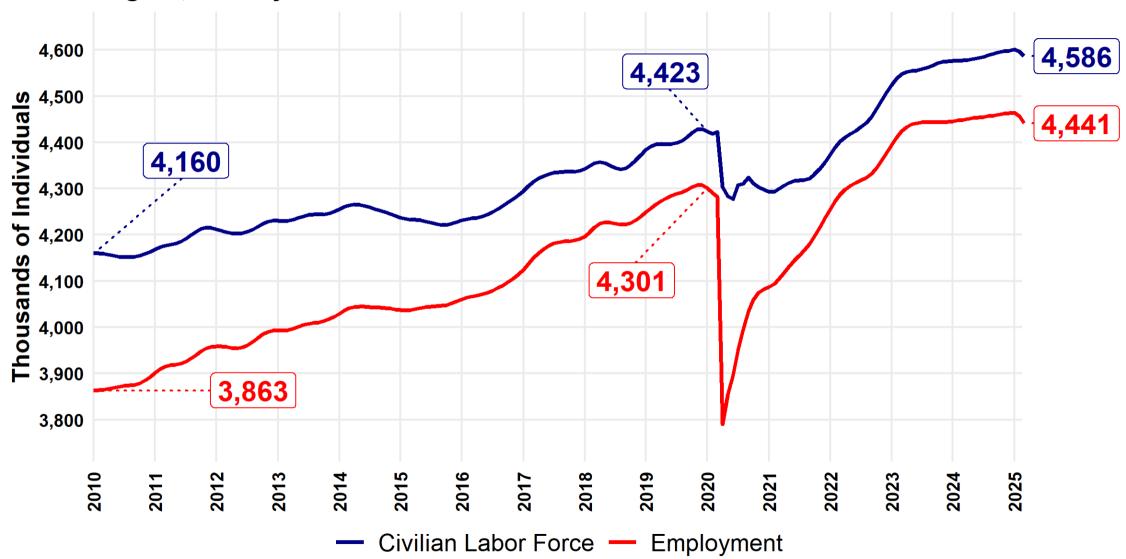
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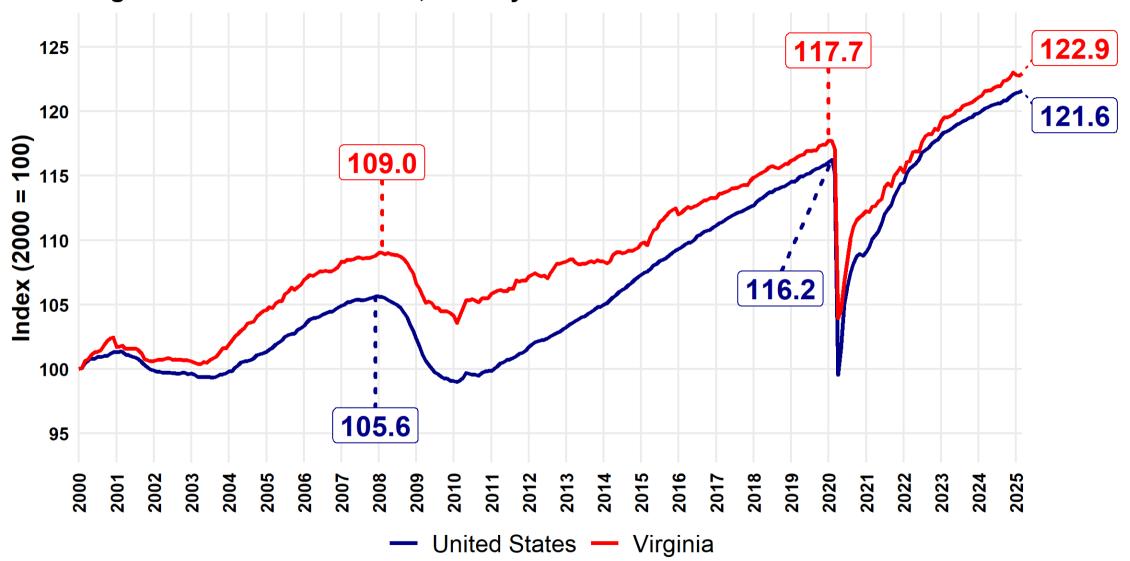
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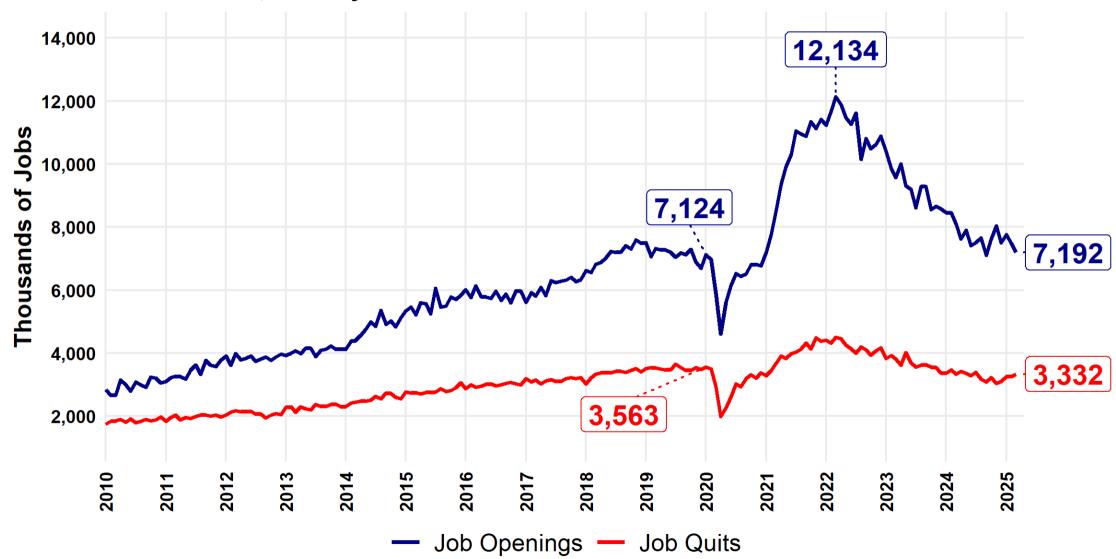
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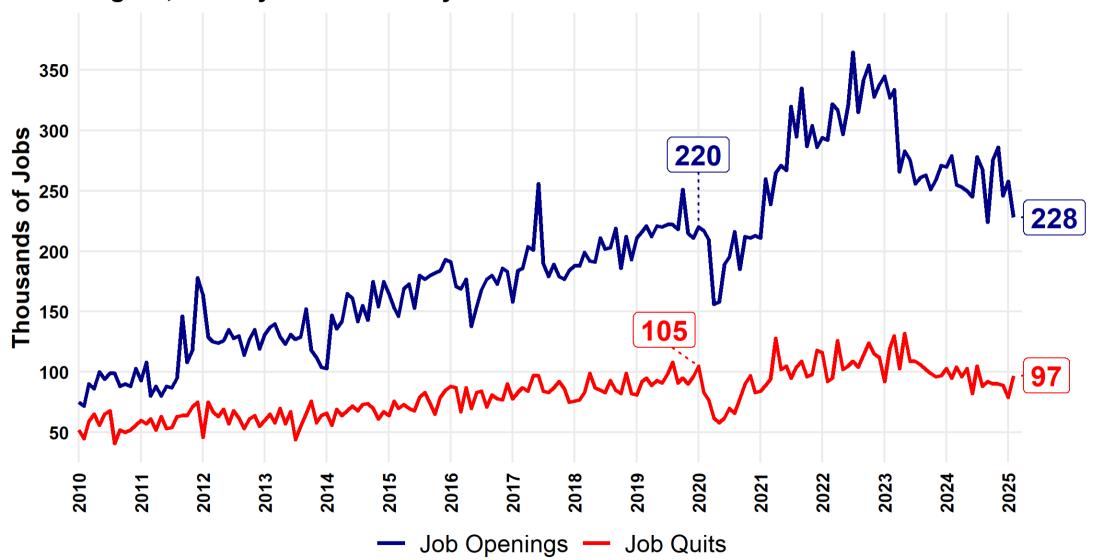
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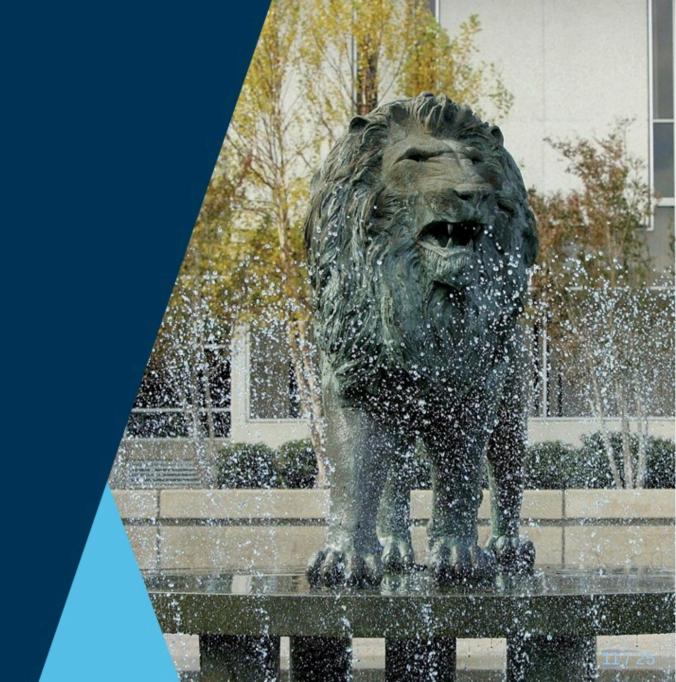


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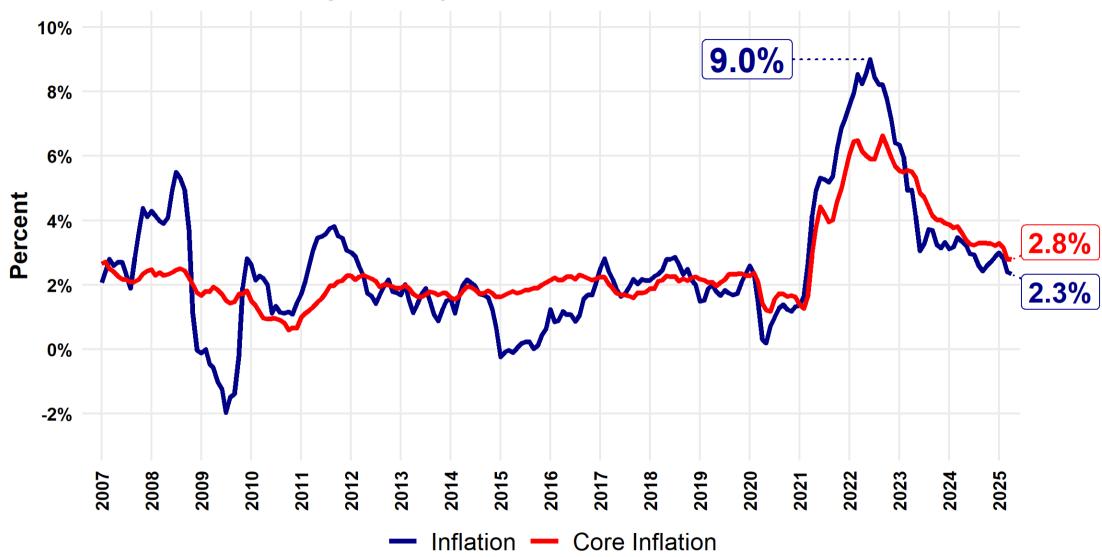




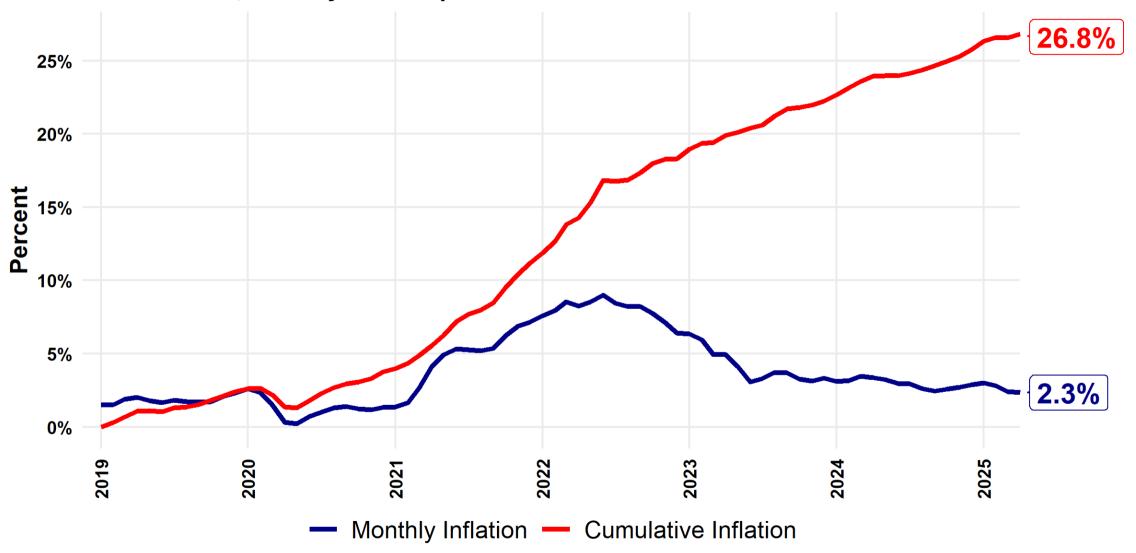
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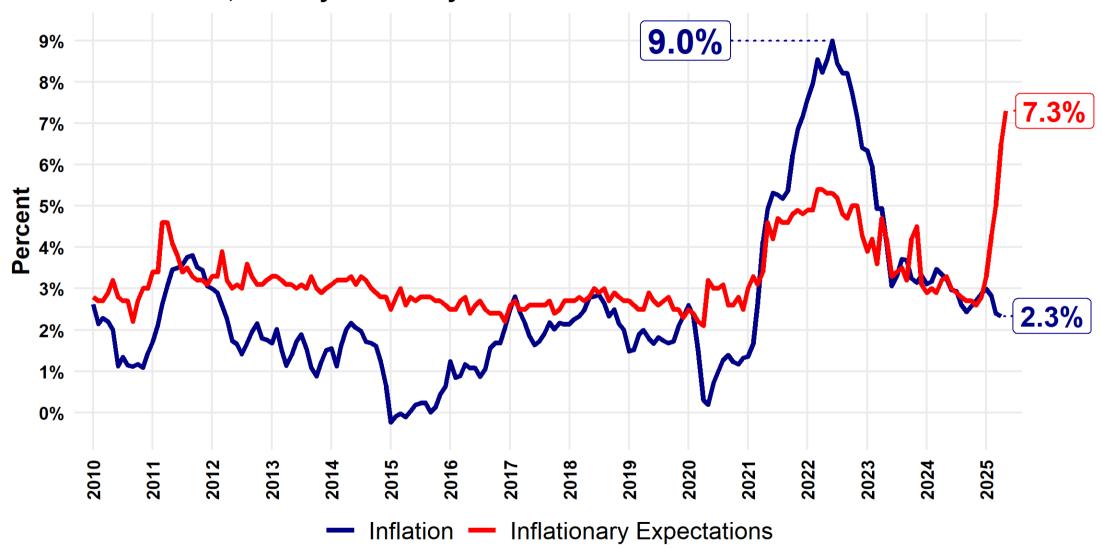
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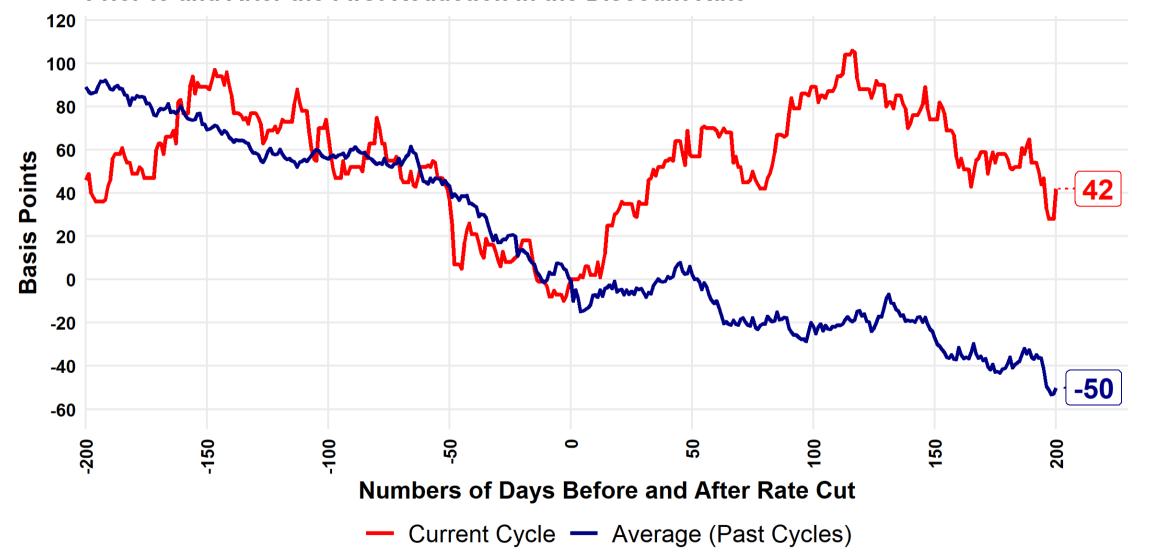


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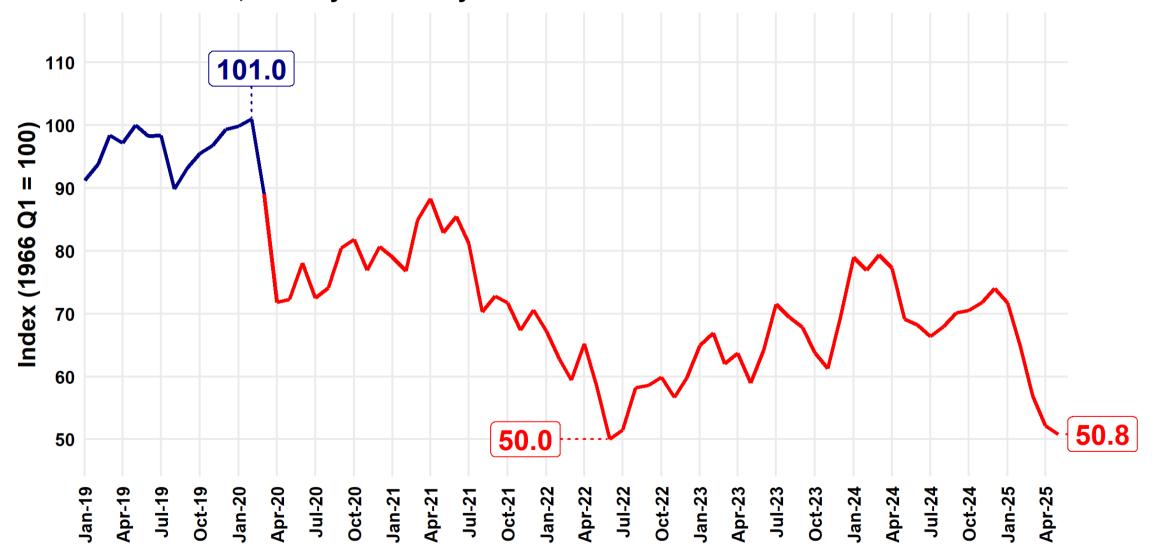
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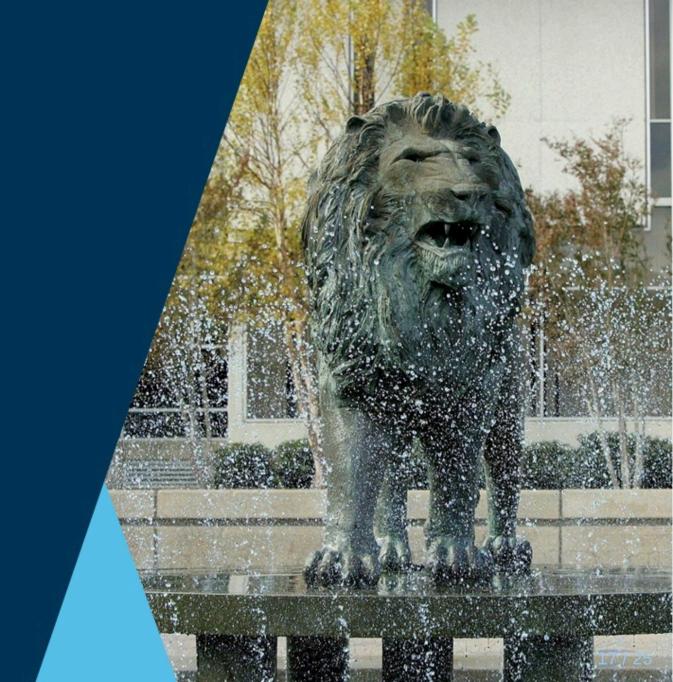
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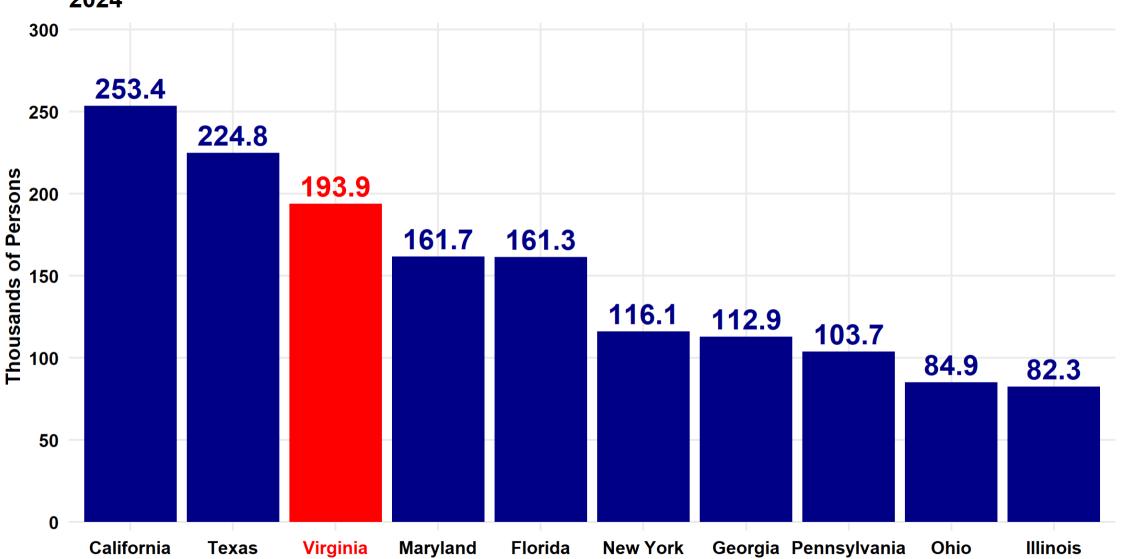




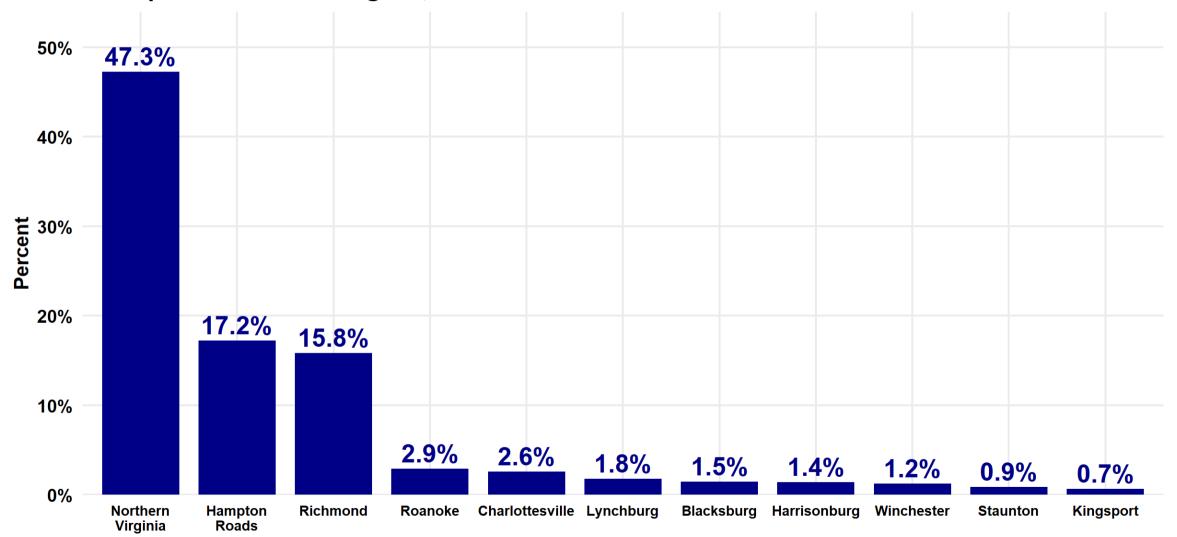
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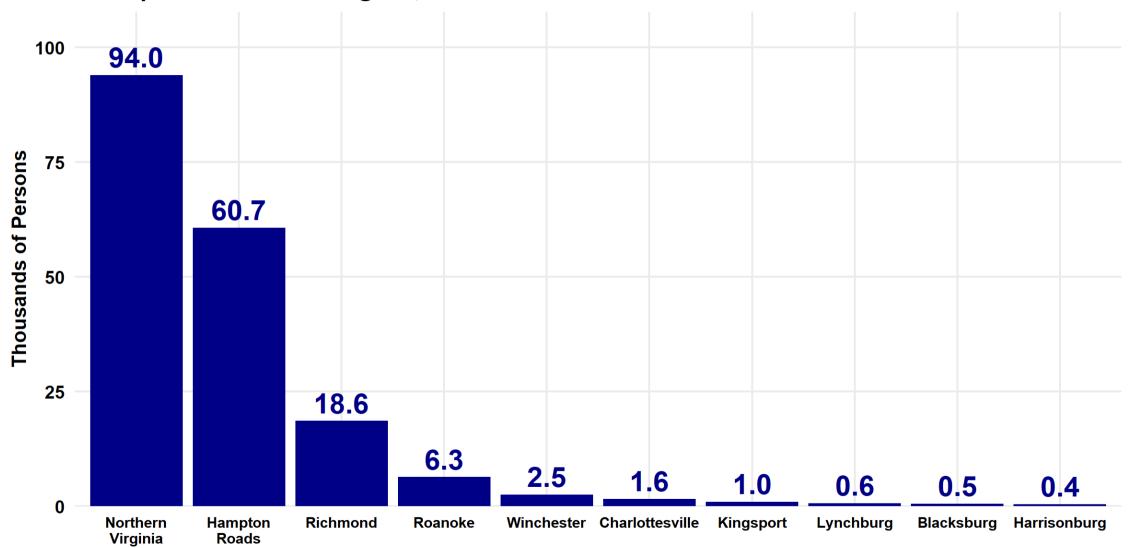
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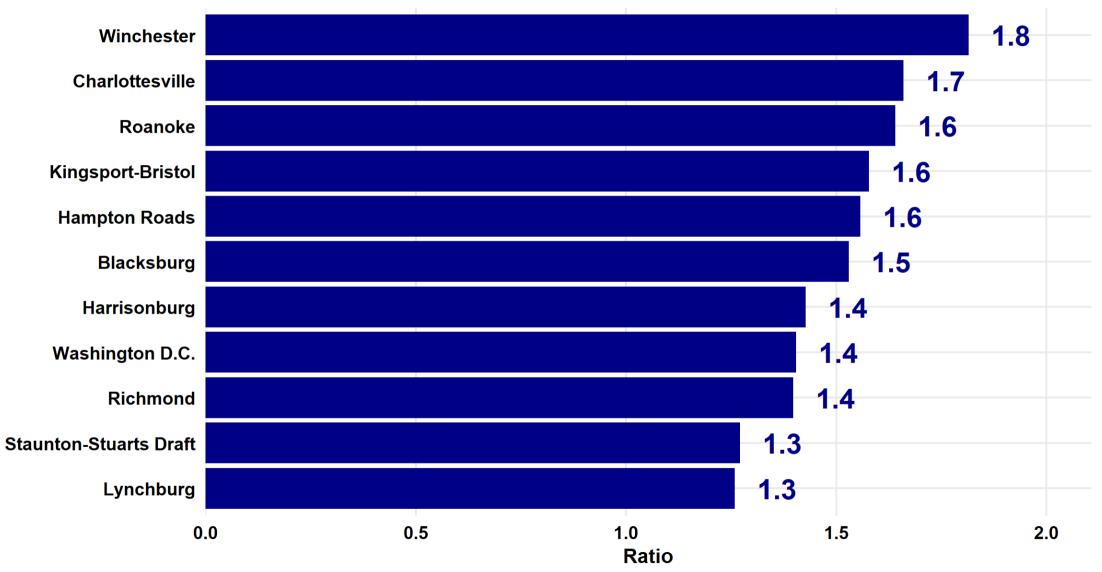
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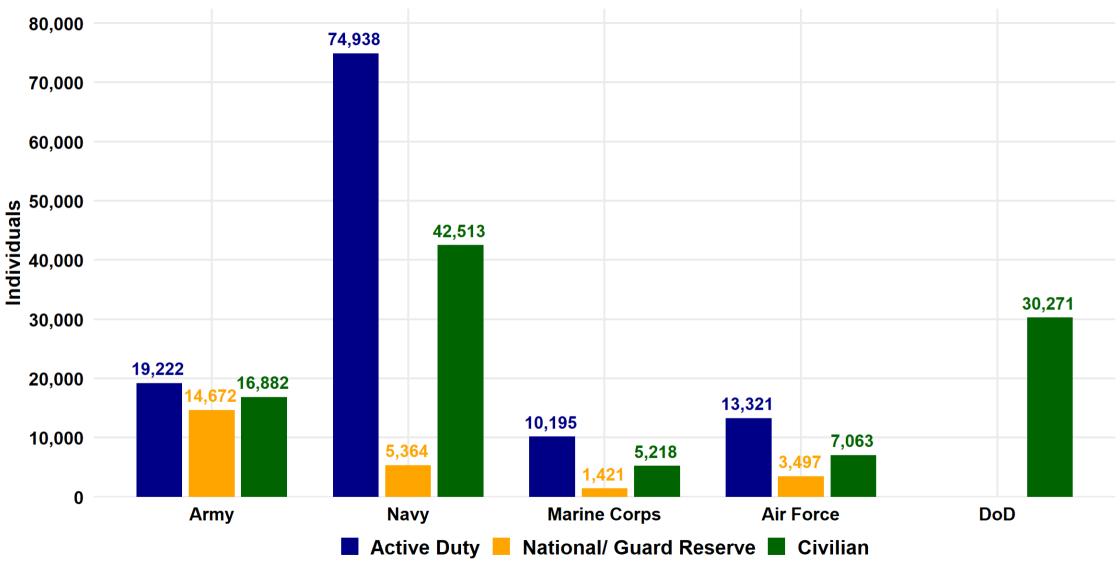
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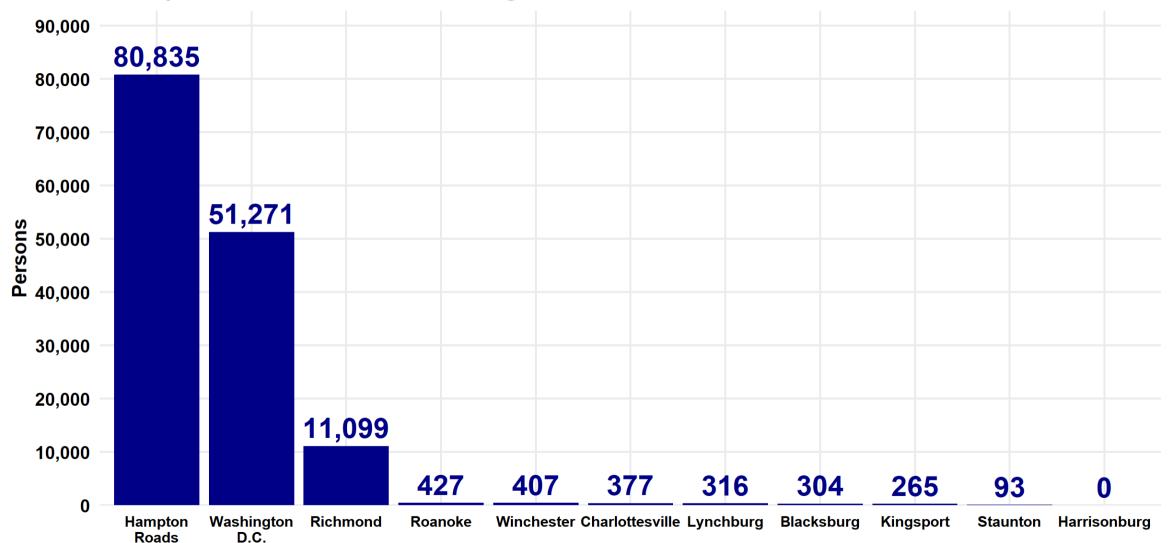
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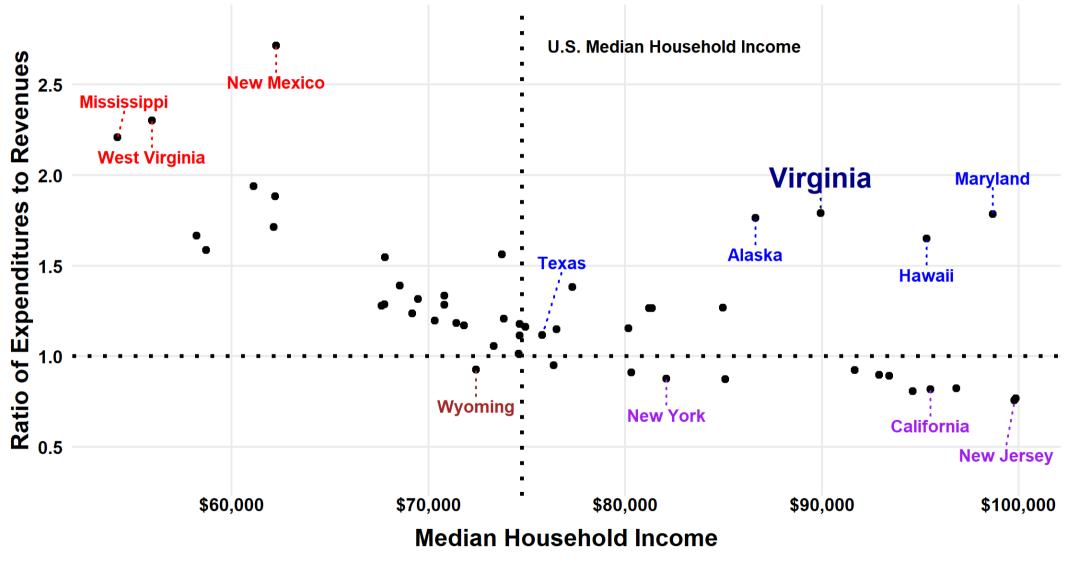
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Uncertainty, Inflation, and a Recession?

- Economic data continues to lag policy. Forward-looking data on container bookings points to a slowdown in cargo traffic from China in the coming months. If this materializes, we will experience significant layoffs and persistent supply chain disruptions through the remainder of 2025.
- While the April jobs and inflation reports were positive, macroeconomic data typically lag policy by 3 to 6 months. Imports surged in the first quarter as businesses attempted to avoid higher import taxes. If the current pauses on automobile, electronic, and other goods expire in the coming months, then prices will increase as inventories are depleted.
- The April Federal Reserve Beige Book noted that "Many firms have already received notices from suppliers that costs would be increasing. Firms reported adding tariff surcharges or shortening pricing horizons to account for uncertain trade policy." A reoccurring theme from earnings reports and business surveys is that tariff uncertainty is increasing costs, delaying investments, and undermining expectations.
- Virginia is relatively vulnerable to changes in federal policy. Reductions in federal employment and persistent tariffs will reduce incomes in Northern Virginia and the flow of goods through the Port of Virginia. The growth prospects for the Commonwealth are markedly diminished from January 2025.