

Economic Conditions in Virginia

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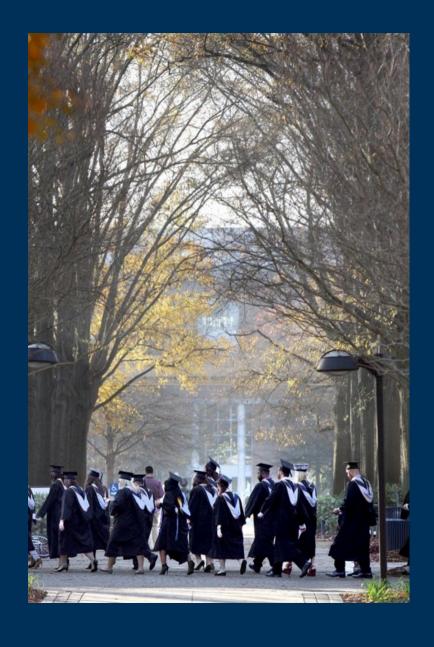
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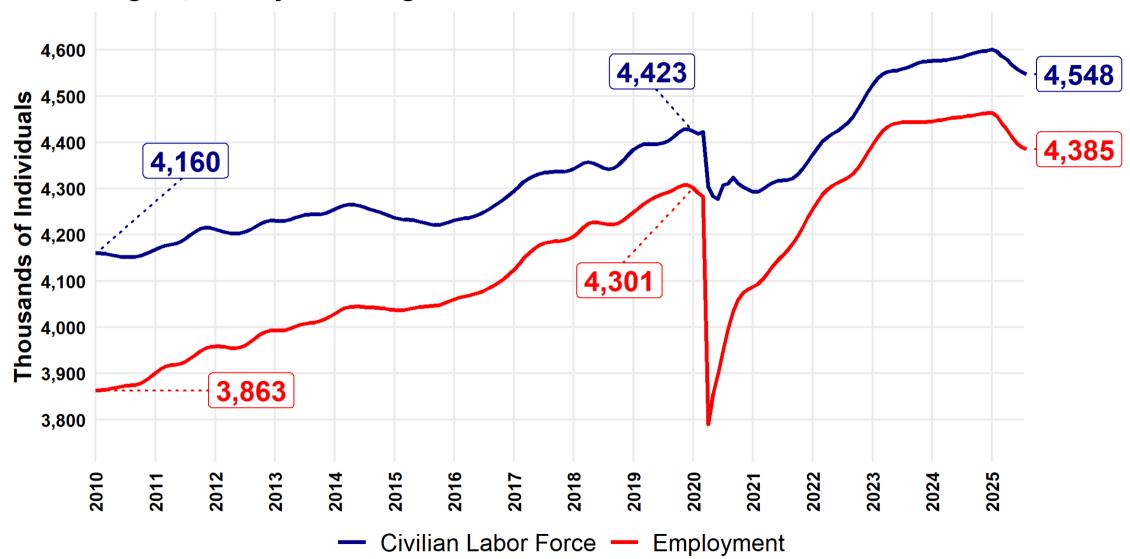
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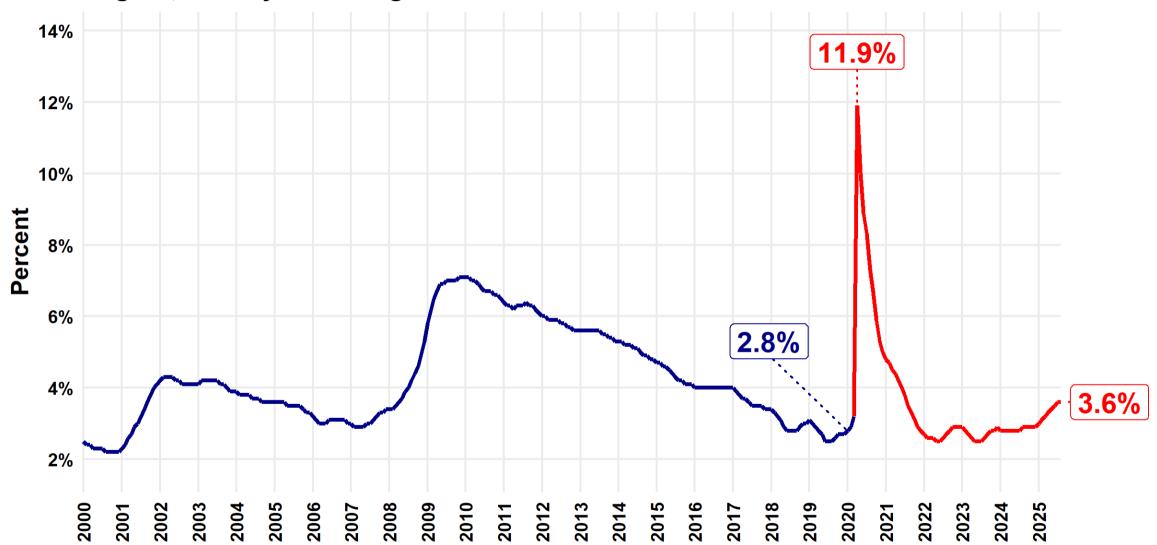


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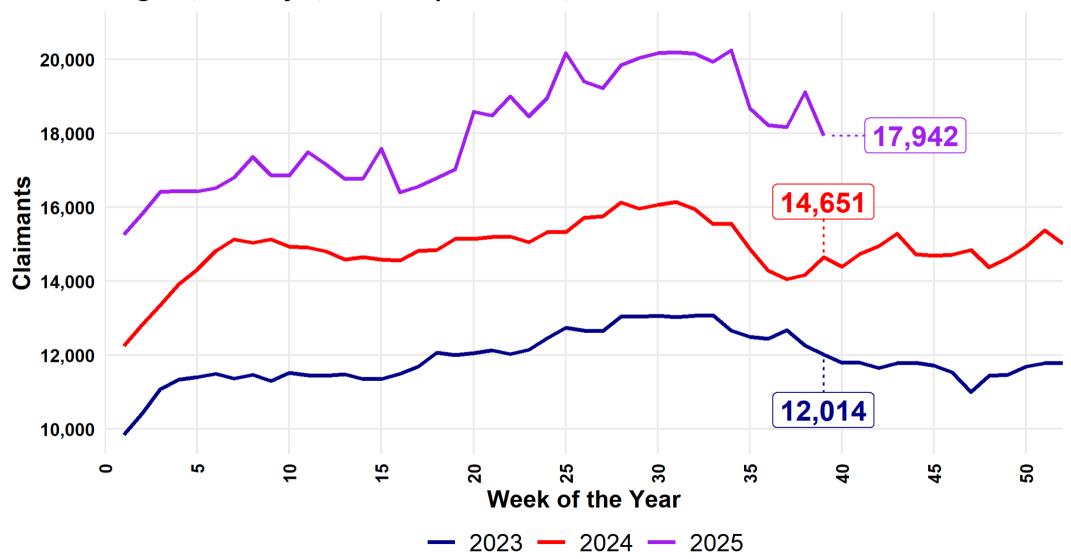
Civilian Labor Force and Individual Employment Virginia, January 2010 - August 2025



Unemployment Rate (U3) Virginia, January 2000 - August 2025

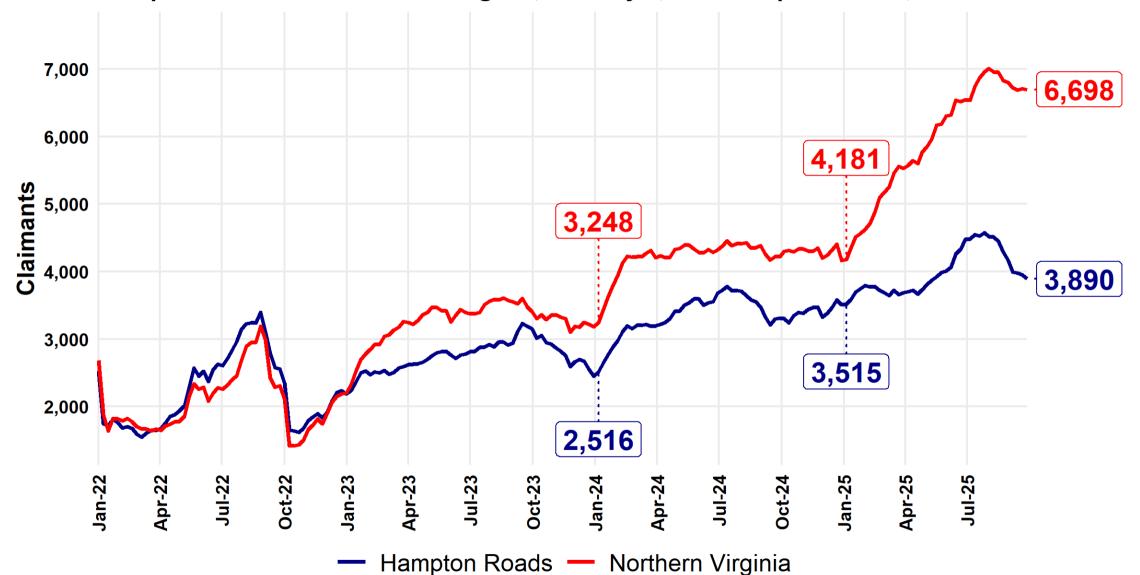


Weekly Unemployment Continued Claims Virginia, January 7, 2023 - September 27, 2025

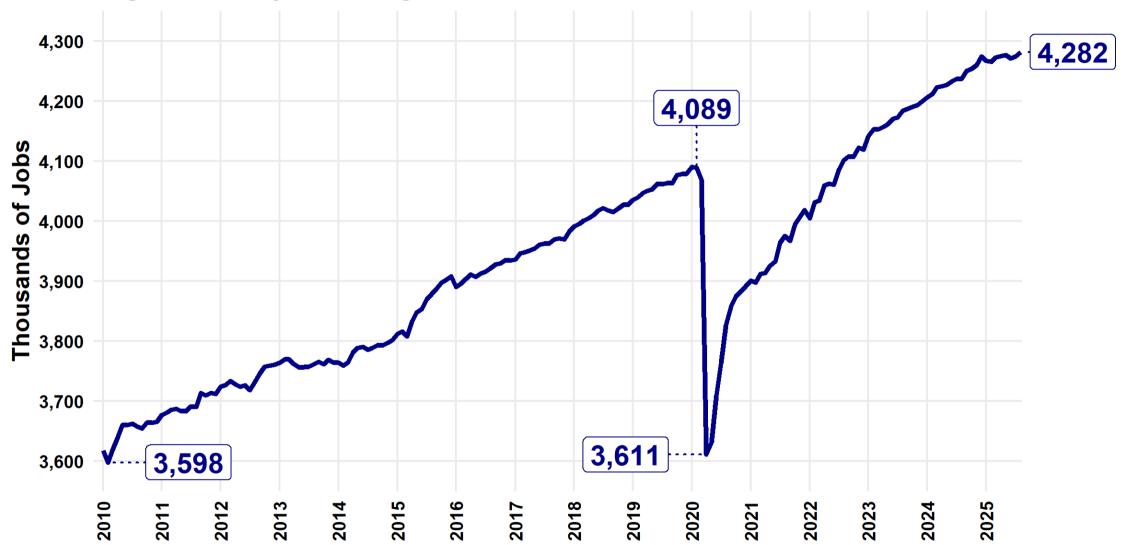


Source: Virginia Works, non-seasonally adjusted data.

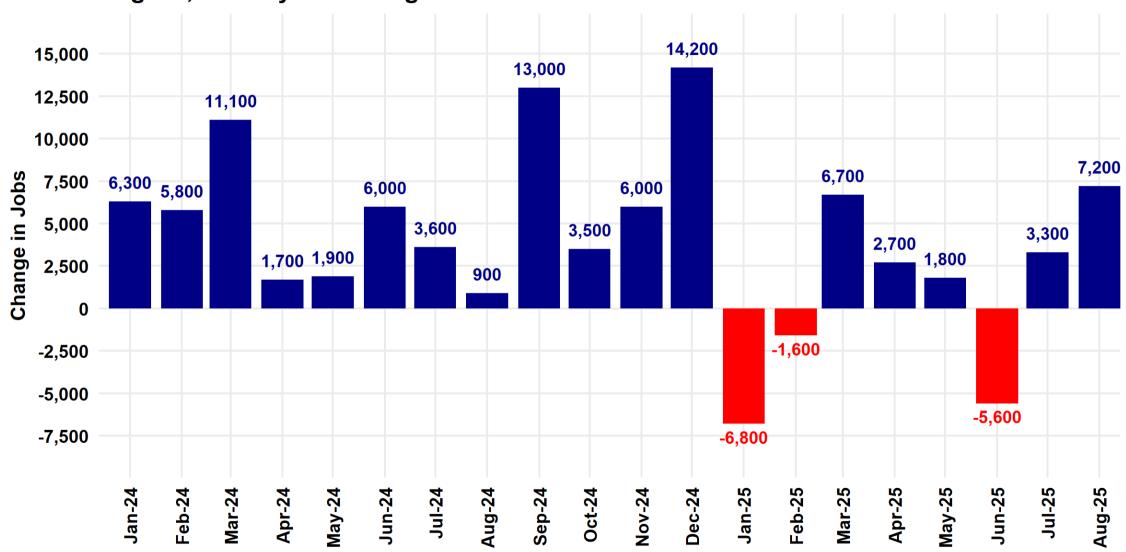
Weekly Unemployment Continued Claims Hampton Roads and Northern Virginia, January 1, 2022 - September 27, 2025



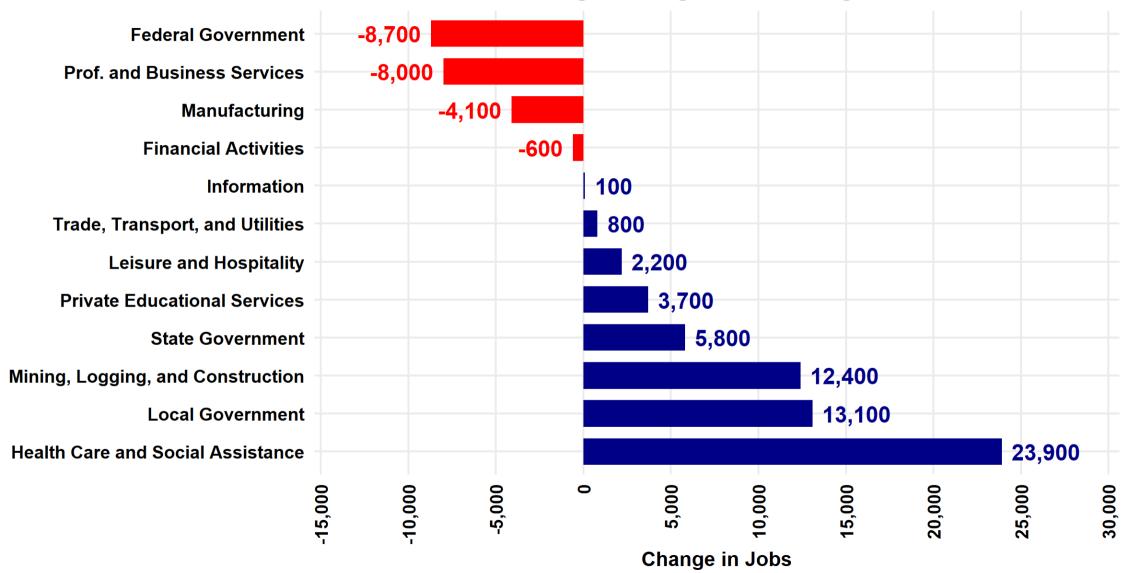
Nonfarm Payrolls Virginia, January 2010 - August 2025



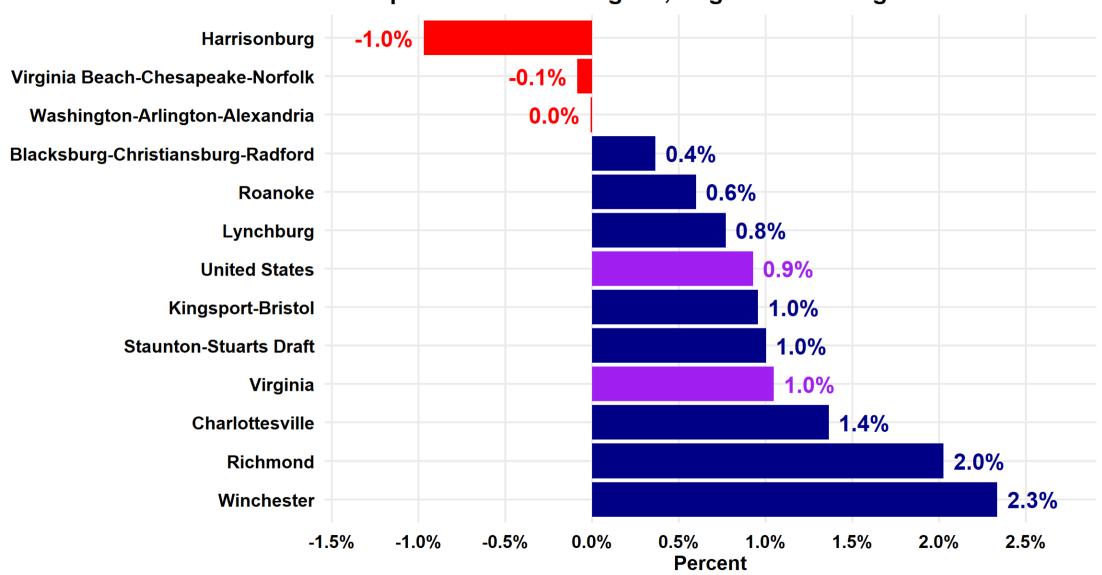
Change in Nonfarm Payrolls Virginia, January 2024 - August 2025



Nonfarm Jobs Gained/Lost Selected Sectors in Virginia, August 2024 - August 2025



Percent Change in Nonfarm Payrolls Metropolitan Areas in Virginia, August 2024 - August 2025

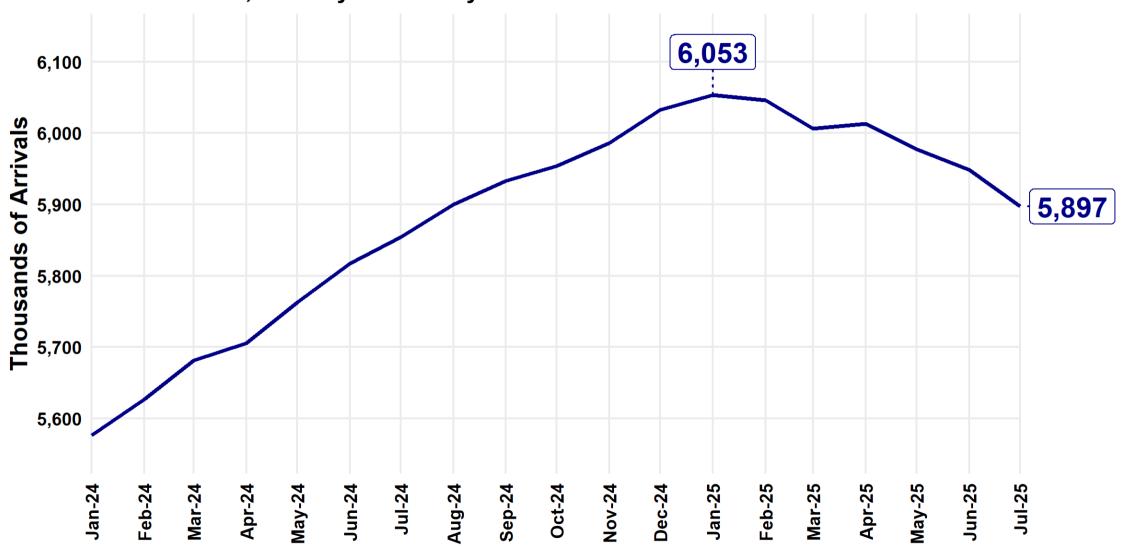




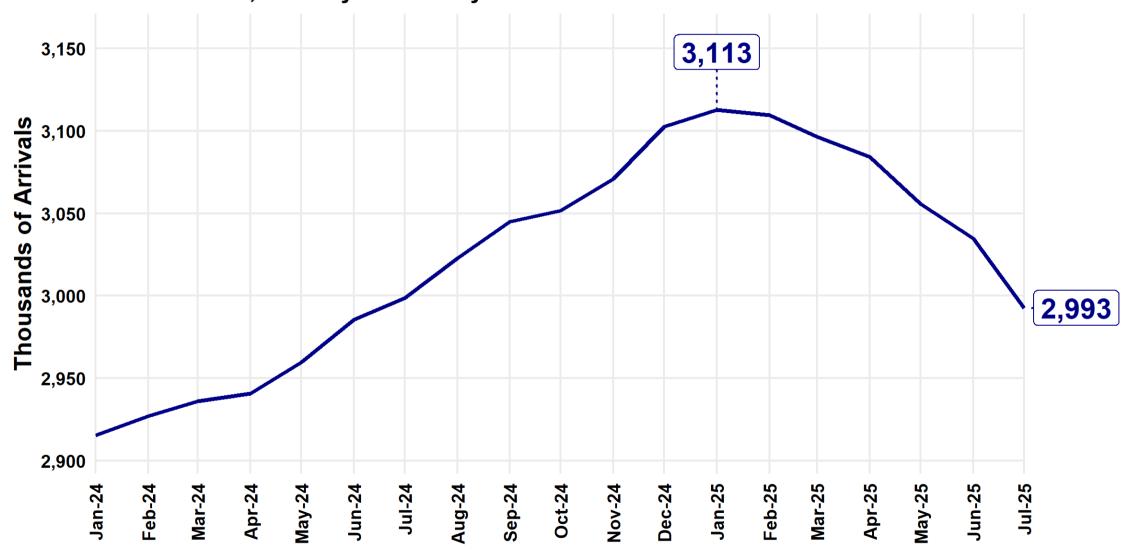
Impacts on Virginia: Immigration



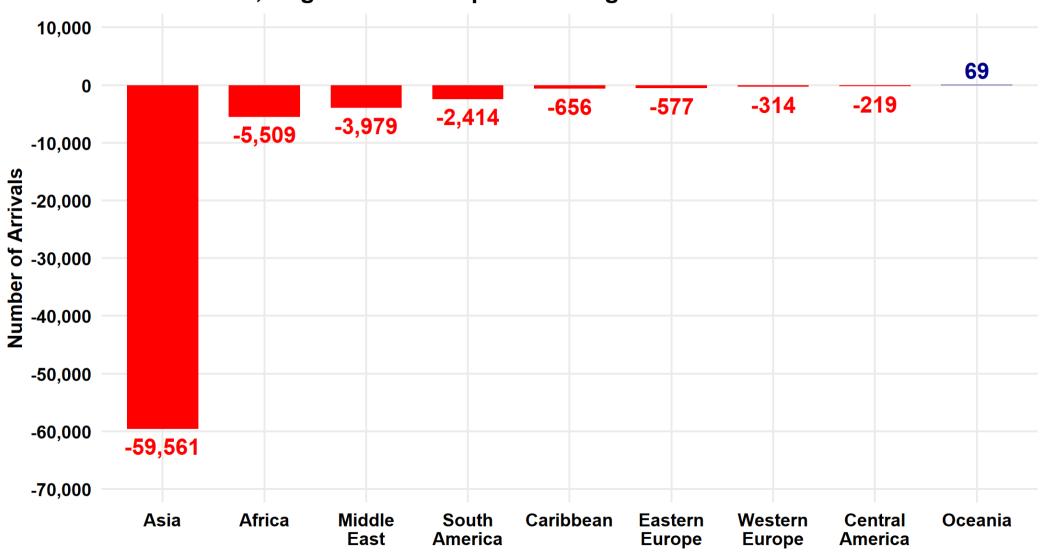
Numbers of Total International Arrivals, 12-Month Moving Average United States, January 2024 - July 2025



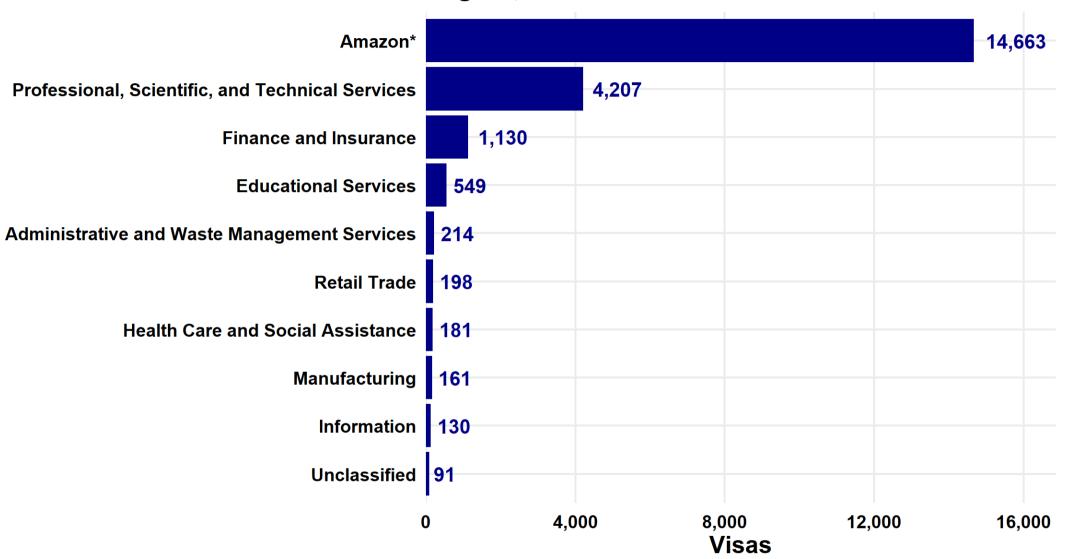
Numbers of Arrivals from Canada and Mexico, 12-Month Moving Average United States, January 2024 - July 2025



Change in International Student Arrivals United States, August 2025 Compared to August 2024



Top 10 Industries by Approved H-1B Visas Virginia, Fiscal Year 2025



H-1B Visa (Non-immigrant)

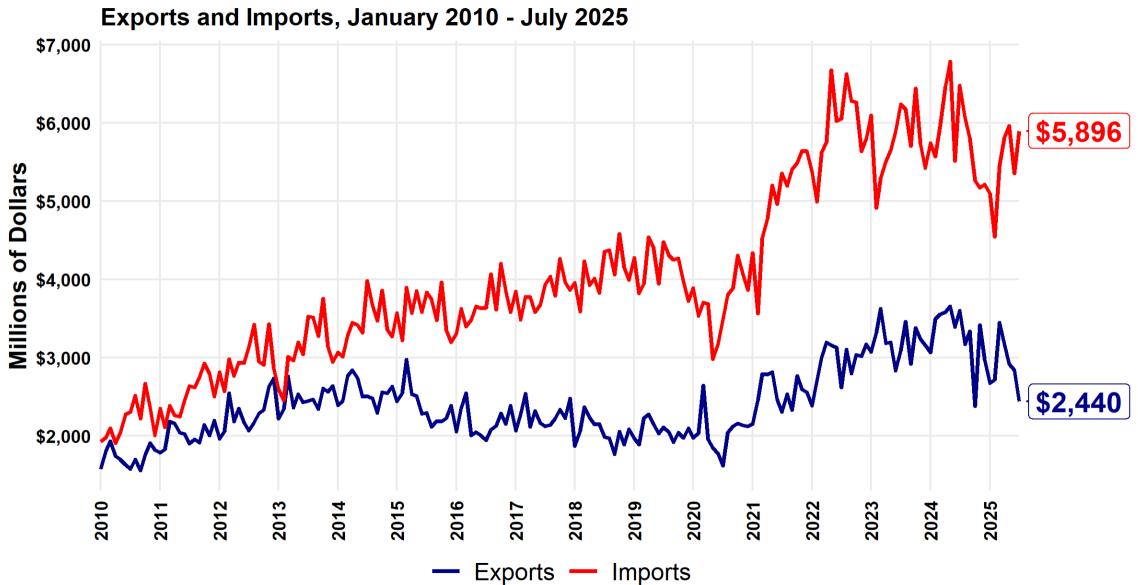
- President Trump signed a proclamation on Friday, September 19 that would require a \$100,000 fee for an H-1B visa petition for new applicants.
- The H-1B visa allows employers to petition for highly educated foreign professionals to temporarily work in 'specialty occupations.' These jobs require at least a bachelor's degree or its equivalent.
- H-1B workers are often in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics fields, and are employed, among others, as software engineers, doctors, researchers, architects, and financial analysts. The majority in 2024 had computer-related jobs.
- Of the 141,000 new employment beneficiaries in FY 2024, about 54% were already in the United States on other non-immigrant visas, and, of those, about 70% were international students.



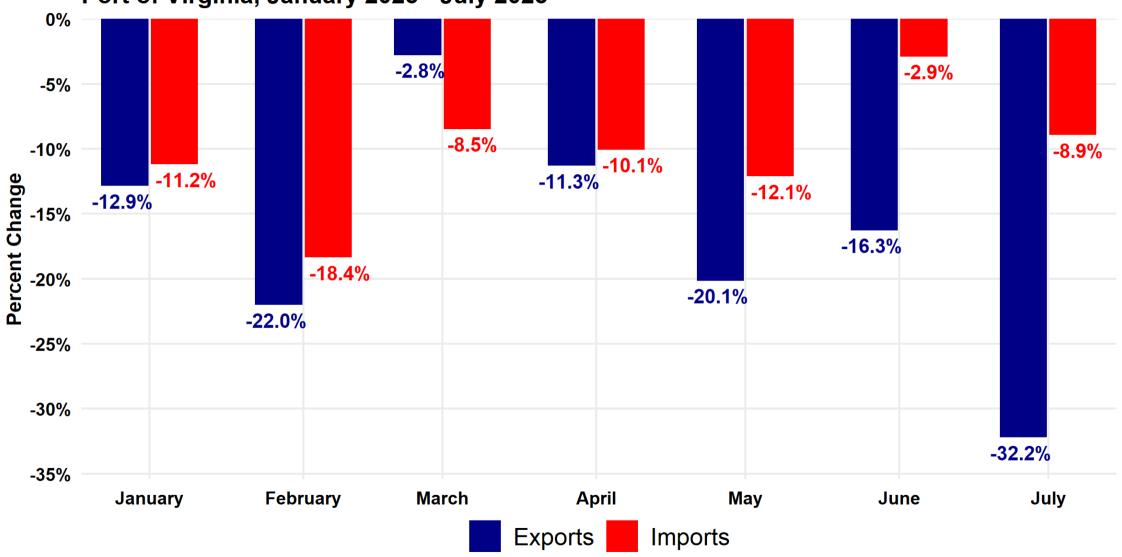
Impacts on Virginia: International Trade



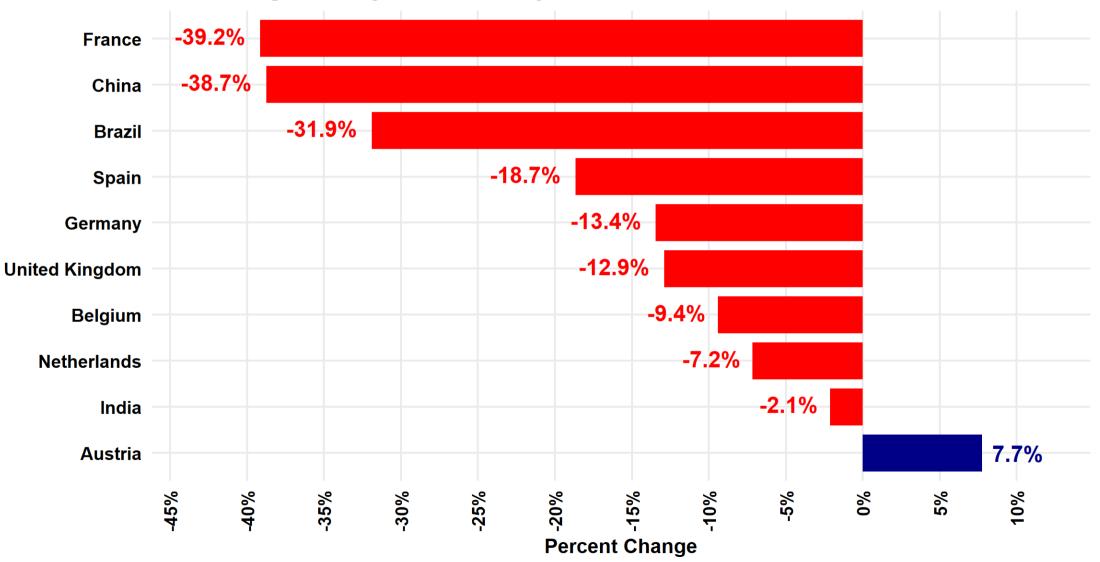
Port of Virginia



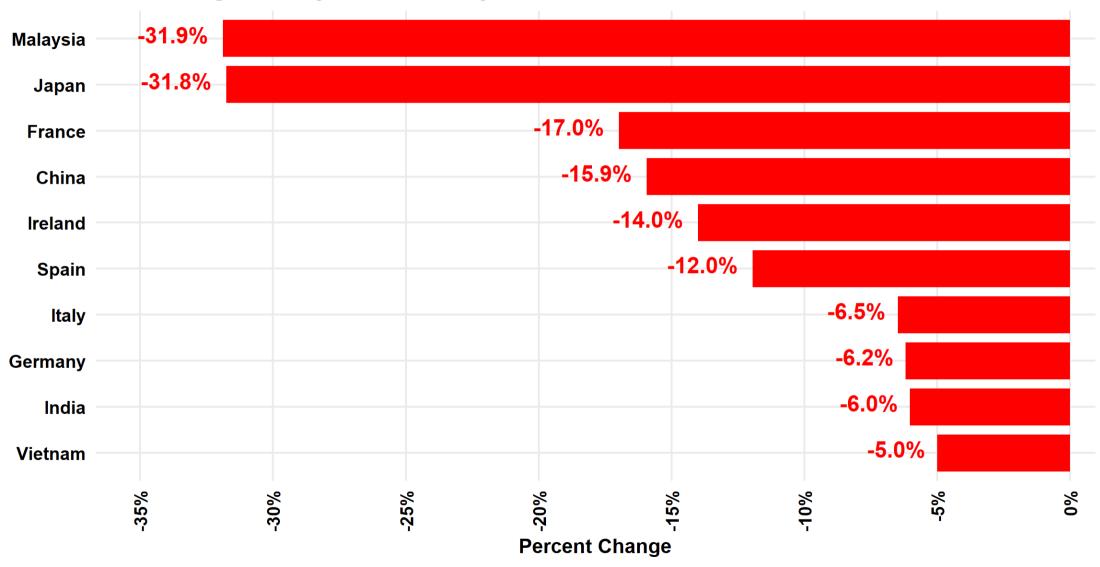
Percent Change in Dollar Value Exports and Imports Port of Virginia, January 2025 - July 2025



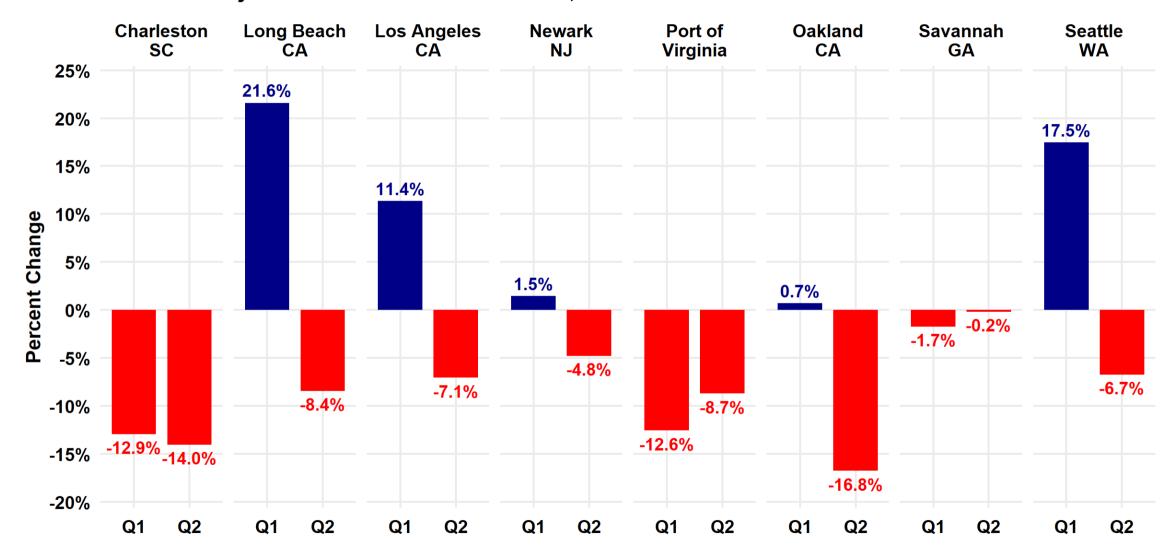
Percent Change in Dollar Value of Exports Port of Virginia, July 2024 and July 2025



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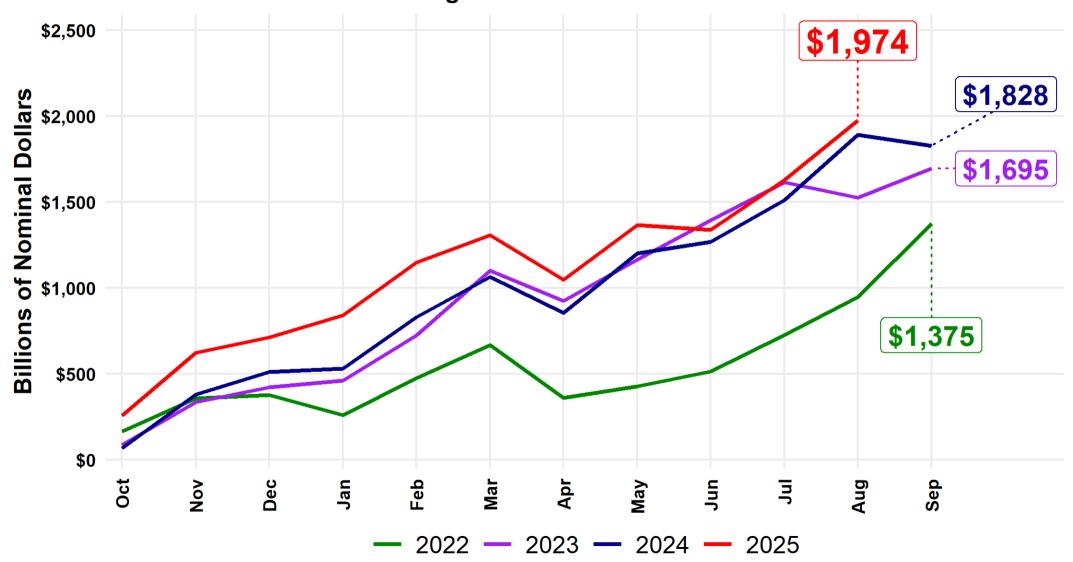
Percent Change in Dollar Value of Imports by Quarter Selected Major Ports in the United States, Q1 & Q2 2025



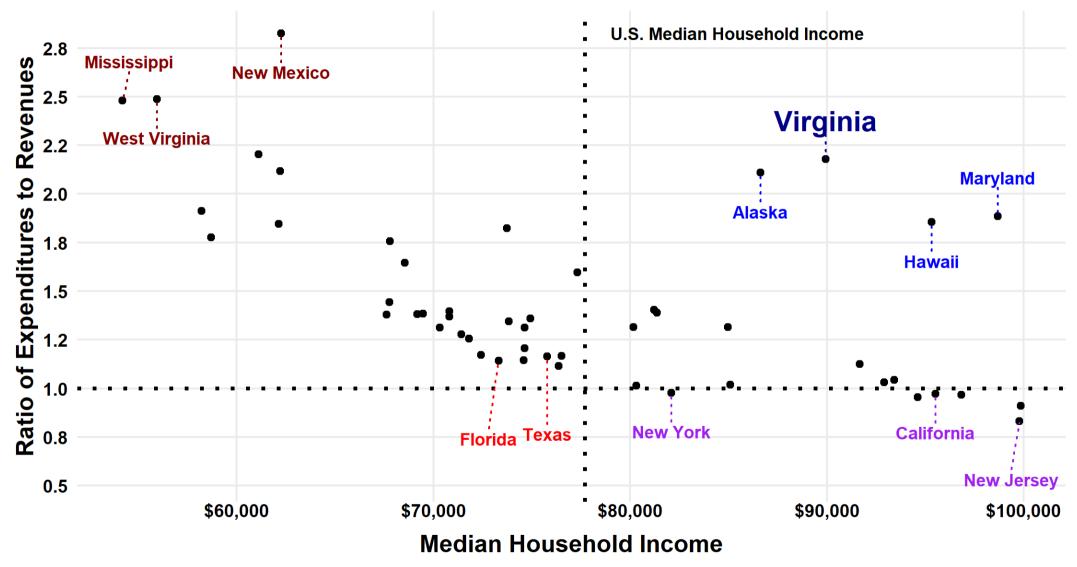
Monthly Net Customs Duties United States, March 2015 - August 2025



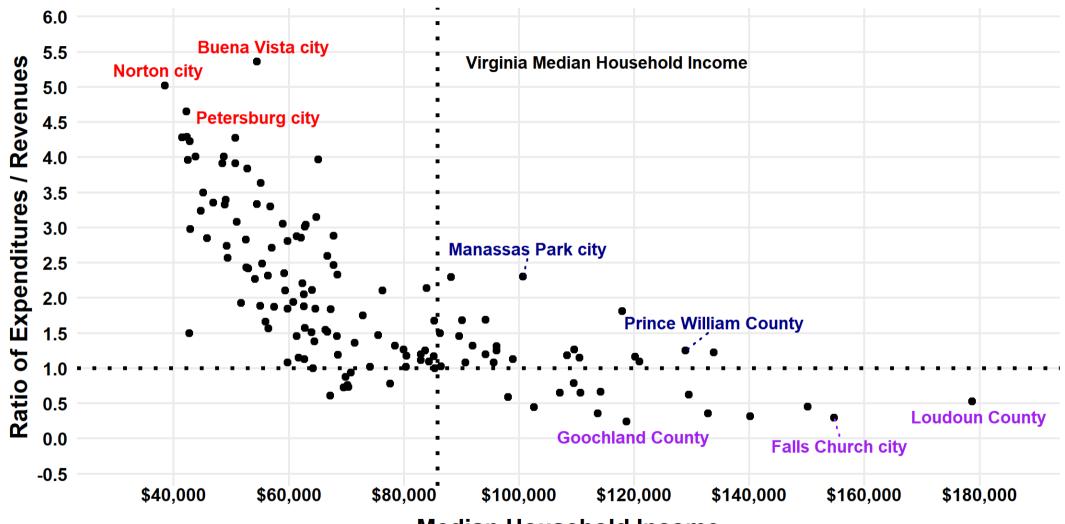
Cumulative U.S. Federal Government Deficit by Month Fiscal Year October 2021 - August 2025



Median Household Income and Ratio of Federal Expenditures to Revenues by State United States, 2023



Balance of Payments for State - Local Intergovernmental Transfers Virginia, 2022



Median Household Income

Fewer Jobs, Higher Prices, Slower Growth

- Economic data continues to lag policy, however, there is strong evidence that the national and Virginia economies have slowed and will continue to slow in the second half of 2025.
- Declines in imports will boost the headline GDP estimate in 2025 Q3, however, inventories, business investment, and hiring have slowed or declined outright. Price pressures continue to materialize in the data for import-dependent categories.
- While record setting tariff revenues may appear to be positive news, these revenues are the result of higher import taxes on American consumers and businesses. If sustained, these tariffs would represent the largest increase in federal taxes in revenue and percentage of GDP in over 50 years.
- 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.