



COVID-19 Update

Thursday, April 23, 2020

Virginia Daily Key Statistics - *(please note that the VDH and VHHA numbers may vary slightly due to reporting times.)*

Virginia's Daily COVID-19 Statistics - Virginia Department of Health:

<http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus/> *(This page is updated daily before 10 AM. Numbers are preliminary and close out at 5 PM the day before posting. Case counts reflect what has been reported to VDH by healthcare providers and laboratories.)*

Number of People Tested: 64,518

Total Cases: 10,998

Total Hospitalizations: 1,753

Total Deaths: 372

COVID in Virginia's Hospitals Dashboard: <https://www.vhha.com/communications/virginia-hospital-covid-19-data-dashboard/>

Surge models for Virginia

Predicting the peak of COVID 19 infections and the number of healthcare workers needed to serve them has led to a number of predictive models that often convey conflicting information. Nevertheless, here are a few leading scenarios for Virginia.

Virginia COVID-19 projections assuming full social distancing through May 2020:

<https://covid19.healthdata.org/united-states-of-america/virginia>

Source: The Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation (IHME) is an independent global health research center at the University of Washington. This is best viewed in a Chrome browser.

Governor Northam's Press Release on Virginia's COVID 19 Surge Models:

<https://www.governor.virginia.gov/newsroom/all-releases/2020/april/headline-856112-en.html>

Virginia COVID 19 Models

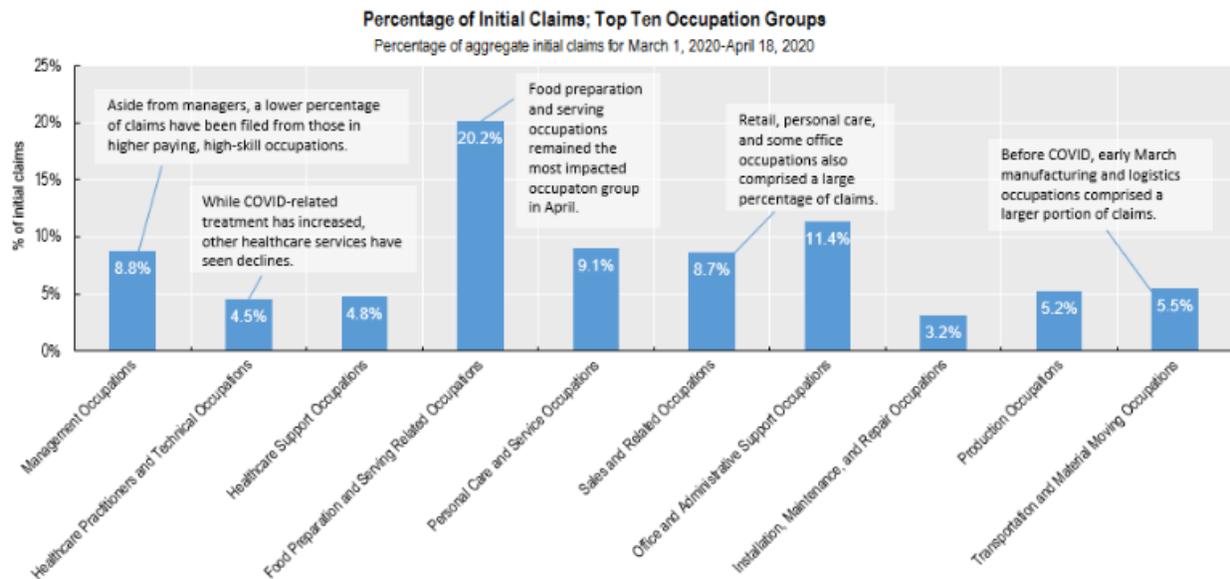
Presentation: <https://www.governor.virginia.gov/media/governorvirginiagov/governor-of-virginia/pdf/Combined-PPT-April-13.pdf>

Unemployment Data

VEC Report for the Week: <https://www.vec.virginia.gov/node/11864>

For the filing week ending April 18, the figure for seasonally unadjusted initial claims in Virginia was 82,729. This brings the most recent five-week (March, 21, March 28, April 4, April 11, and April 18) total of weekly initial claims filings to 493,501, which is greater than the average of all initial claims filed during the last three economic recessions. The latest claims figure was a decrease of 21,890 claimants from the previous week. The 20.9% decrease indicates that initial claims volumes may have peaked during the April 4 filing week, even as they remained stratospheric compared to historical trends.

For the most recent filing week, continued weeks claimed totaled 297,993, up over a quarter from the previous week and 279,498 higher than the 18,495 continued claims from the comparable week last year. The continued claims total overtook the initial claims total in recent weeks as it accumulated those recent initial claimants who continued to file for unemployment insurance.



Source: The Virginia Employment Commission. Occupational classifications are self-reported which may result in nonresponse and misclassification errors. Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) groupings.

Support for Higher Education

CARES ACT

US Department of Education released guidance for the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund: <https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/heerfstudentfaqs.pdf>

National Dislocated Worker Grant

Virginia received \$3.3 million in National Dislocated Worker funds to address the workforce-related impacts of the public health emergency related to COVID-19.
<https://www.dol.gov/newsroom/releases/eta/eta20200318>

Support for Businesses

- **Virginia State Resources:** <https://www.virginia.gov/coronavirus/support-for-businesses/#854620>
- **Support for affected workers:** <https://www.virginia.gov/coronavirus/employment-and-financial-support/#855804>
- **F.A.Q. on Coronavirus Relief for Small Businesses, Freelancers**
<https://www.nytimes.com/article/small-business-loans-stimulus-grants-freelancers-coronavirus.html>
- The **Paycheck Protection Program** (PPP), a provision of the CARES Act, offers forgivable low-interest loans to small businesses facing uncertainty during the COVID-19 emergency, so businesses can retain workers, maintain **payroll**, and cover certain other existing overhead costs. <https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/coronavirus-relief-options/paycheck-protection-program-ppp>
 - Update: The SBA has run out of money to fund this program. Small Business Emergency Relief Program Hits \$349 Billion Cap In Less Than 2 Weeks: <https://www.npr.org/sections/coronavirus-live-updates/2020/04/16/835958069/small-business-emergency-relief-program-hits-349-billion-cap-in-less-than-2-week>
 - The House will vote Thursday afternoon on a coronavirus relief bill to replenish a small business loan program, send aid to hospitals and expand testing. The Senate already passed the legislation, so House approval will send it to President Donald Trump. <https://www.cnbc.com/2020/04/23/coronavirus-updates-house-to-pass-small-business-relief-bill.html>

WARN notices

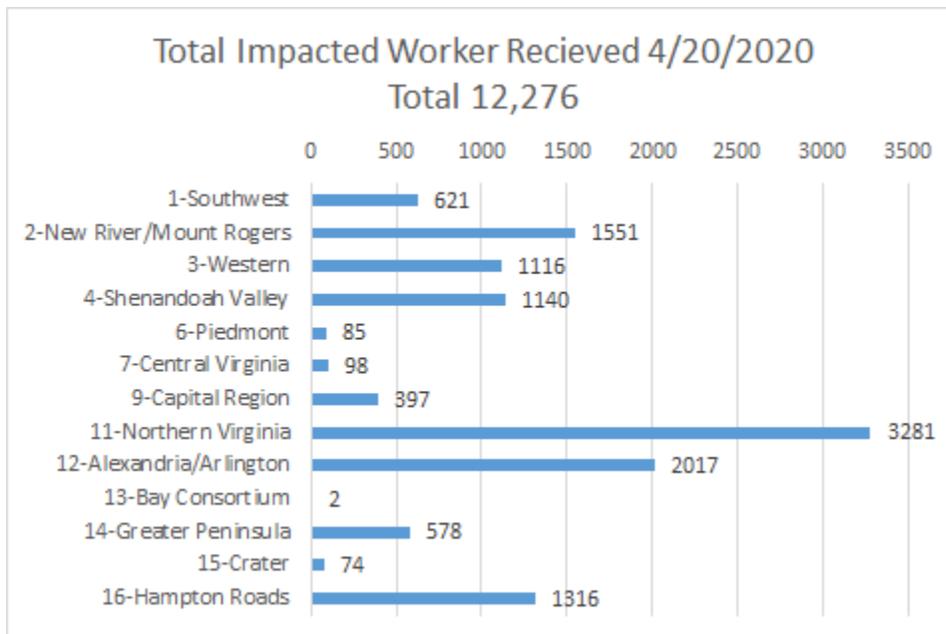
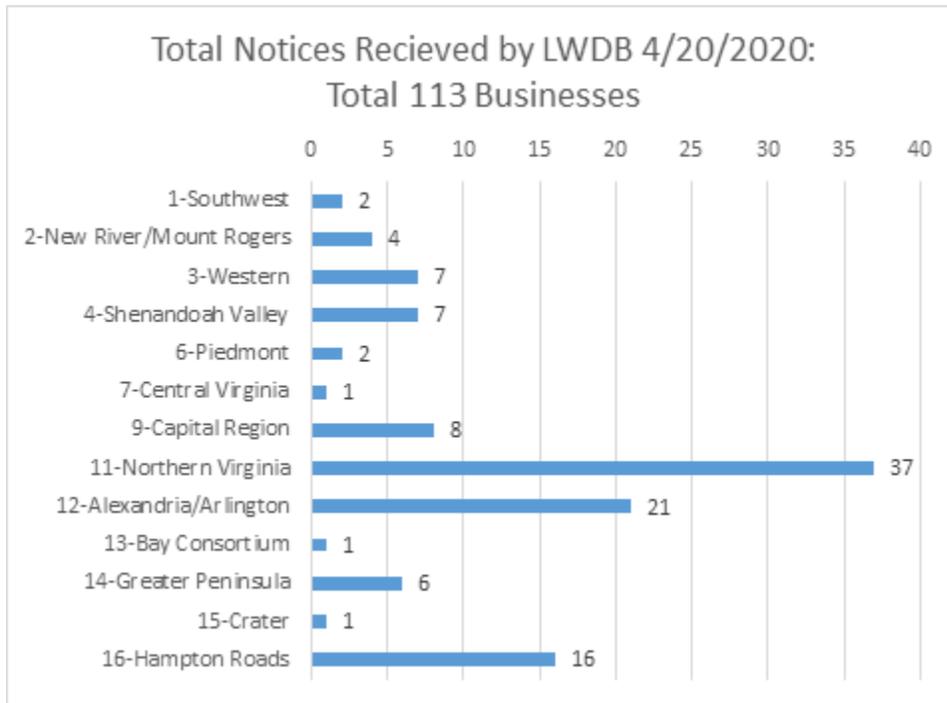
Due to severe restrictions aimed at curbing the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19), some businesses are being forced to significantly reduce staff, and many will likely close altogether for at least some period of time.

The federal WARN Act requires covered employers to provide 60 days' advanced notice before terminating or laying off employees in connection with a plant closing or mass layoff. However, there are three exceptions to the 60 days' notice requirement and two of these exceptions—for

unforeseeable business circumstances and for faltering businesses—are likely to apply during the crisis that is unfolding from COVID-19.

***Businesses with fewer than 100 employees are not covered under the WARN Act and do not have to file WARN letters with the state. Therefore this is not a comprehensive reflection of business closures in Virginia.*

<http://www.vec.virginia.gov/warn-notice>



The above graphics do not represent all layoffs that have occurred in the Commonwealth of Virginia, only the businesses that have filed official notices with the Commonwealth or who have sought assistance from the workforce system.

Virginia news:

- Virginia Mercury: <https://www.virginiamercury.com/>

National news:

- Sign up for The New York Times Morning Briefing: <https://www.nytimes.com/series/us-morning-briefing>

The Daily podcast: <https://www.nytimes.com/column/the-daily>