

VIRGINIA

- CENTRAL
- WEST CENTRAL
- SOUTHSIDE
- HAMPTON ROADS
- EASTERN
- SOUTHWEST
- NORTHERN
- VALLEY



For more information about VIRGINIA, click here: <https://virginia.gov/>

MAJOR CITIES:

Central VIRGINIA
North VIRGINIA
East VIRGINIA
South VIRGINIA

Fredericksburg
Arlington, Alexandria, DC Metro
Eastern Shores, Virginia Beach
Roanoke, Danville, Richmond

VIRGINIA – CLIMATE

The **climate of Virginia**, a state on the east coast of the United States, is considered mild compared to other areas of the United States. Most of Virginia east of the Blue Ridge Mountains, the southern part of the Shenandoah Valley, and the Roanoke Valley, has a humid subtropical climate (Köppen climate classification Cfa). In the mountainous areas west of the Blue Ridge, the climate becomes humid continental (Köppen Dfa) and maritime temperate (Köppen Cfb).[1] Severe weather, in the form of tornadoes, tropical cyclones, and winter storms, impacts the state on a regular basis. Central Virginia received significant snowfall of 20 inches in December of 2009.

Many variations occur because of the state's significant relief. Elevations in Virginia vary from sea level to Mount Rogers at 5,729 ft (1,746 m) above sea level, with major gradations occurring at the edges of the Atlantic Ocean, the end of the Piedmont, and the Blue Ridge and Allegheny chains of the Appalachian Mountains. The moderating influence of the ocean from the east, powered by the Gulf Stream, also creates the potential for hurricanes near the mouth of Chesapeake Bay. Cold air masses arrive over the mountains, especially in winter, which can lead to significant snowfalls when coastal storms known as noreasters move up the Atlantic coast. Much of central and southern Virginia however has not had over one foot of snow in a single storm since the Blizzard of February 5, 2010

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

Click on these sites for more cultural activity ideas:

<https://www.virginia.org/ThingsToDo/>

<https://www.virginia.org/ThingsToDo/>

<https://www.fairfaxfamilyfun.com/community-festivals>



- **Virginia Beach**

Three different beaches stretch across the span of 14 miles, providing sand, surf, and boardwalk galore. You can rest in quieter areas or be right in the heat of the crowd. Even if you're not much of a fan of sand, the boardwalk offers plenty of space for fun through cycling, skating, and just walking to explore, with lots of shops, statues, and dining establishments to try out. Of course, though we refer mainly to the beach area, Virginia Beach is about more than just that. It's a coastal resort city, after all, with plenty of exciting features, including boat tours, water sports, amusement rides, golfing areas, and nightlife. So, while heading to the beach itself is among the best things to do in Virginia, don't forget to check out the rest of the city while you're here!

<https://www.visitvirginiabeach.com/>



- **Virginia Aquarium and Marine Science Center**

The [Virginia Aquarium and Marine Science Center](https://www.virginiaaquarium.com/Pages/default.aspx) is one of the best ways to travel across the world without even leaving the state! Over 700 different species of animals live in this vast establishment, with a total of more than 12,000 individual animals of all kinds living across various habitats and 800,000 gallons' worth of exhibits!

One of the popular exhibits here is the Bay and Ocean Pavilion, which showcases bodies of water of the state and their journeys through it.

<https://www.virginiaaquarium.com/Pages/default.aspx>



- **[Shenandoah Caverns – Quicksburg, VA](#)**

The entire family will love a visit to explore the natural geological formations in [Shenandoah Caverns](#). The mile-long collection of caves and tunnels goes through seventeen connecting chambers with different formations such as the Rainbow Lake, the Diamond Cascade, the Grotto of the Gods, the Capitol Dome, and the Oriental Tea Garden.

The caverns will intrigue visitors young and old as they gain a sense of adventure and explore the many hidden passageways found underground. The guided tour is approximately an hour long, and visitors learn fun facts about the history of the land, how the caves were discovered, and the creation of the formations.

<https://shenandoahcaverns.com/>



- **[George Washington's Mount Vernon – Mt. Vernon, VA](#)**

An iconic American landmark, The George Washington's Mount Vernon is a historic reminder of the legacy and life of the Father of Our Country. In the 18th century, Mount Vernon was a vibrant plantation. It is now one of the most beloved historic sites in the nation. Visitors can explore the estate and the reconstructions that give form to 18th-century plantation life mixed with modern-day functionality and features.

Each of the 18th century homes have been constructed to authentic form, and visitors can explore them and the surrounding lush gardens and grounds, as well as the intriguing museum galleries that are filled with exhibits and immersive programs honoring George Washington's legacy.

<https://www.mountvernon.org/>



- **[Norfolk Botanical Garden – Norfolk, VA](#)**

Open all year round, the Norfolk Botanical Garden has a lovely indoor exhibit in the Baker Hall Visitor Center, including rotating exhibits of photography, painting, and other art. There's different things to do for visitors of all ages; the younger ones will enjoy the Children's Adventure Garden or the Bristow Butterfly Garden, while adult visitors might prefer touring the land on one of the daily evening bike rides.

Some of the themed gardens include desert plants, a Japanese garden, rose garden, and the Annette Kagan Healing Garden, which is filled with medicinal plants and streams. There's a guide-driven tram that starts from the Baker Hall Visitor Center and goes in a circle around the garden while stopping in various locations as well as a boat ride that goes out into Lake Whitehurst.

<https://norfolkbotanicalgarden.org/>



- **[Steven F. Udvar – Hazy Center – Chantilly, VA](#)**

A part of the Air and Space Museum in Washington D.C.'s National Mall, the Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center has thousands of aviation and space artifacts on display in their two large hangars – the James S. McDonnell Space Hangar and the Boeing Aviation Hangar. The items on display include the Space Shuttle Discovery and a Lockheed SR-71 Blackbird alongside various aircraft, spacecraft, engines, uniforms, models, and other objects on display.

Visitors of all ages will enjoy watching interactive videos at the Airbus IMAX® Theater or stunning 360-degree bird's eye views of planes taking off and landing at Washington Dulles International Airport from the Donald D. Engen Observation Tower. Other activities at the Udvar-Hazy Center include watching specialists reconstruct and repair rare artifacts at the Mary Baker Engen Restoration Hangar, participating in an educational Learning Lab program or in a science demonstration, or getting their own flight experience in a jet simulator!

<https://airandspace.si.edu/udvar-hazy-center>



- **[Edith J. Carrier arboretum – Harrisonburg, VA](#)**

The Edith J. Carrier Arboretum is located in the Shenandoah Valley on the James Madison University campus and is the only arboretum and botanical garden located on the campus of a Virginia state university.

Visitors are invited to discover the intricate trail system that takes them through various exhibits in the 125 acres the attraction takes up. Lined with mature Oak-Hickory Forrest, visitors will also come across a variety of flowers, trees, and plants, ranging from daffodils in the April Walk Daffodil Garden to New York fern in Fern Valley. There is also an herb garden, a wetlands garden, and an experimental planting area with hybrid azaleas.

<https://www.jmu.edu/arboretum/>



- **[Thomas Jefferson’s Monticello – Charlottesville, VA](#)**

Thomas Jefferson’s Monticello in Charlottesville educates its visitors by getting an up close and personal look at the 3rd President of the United States and his beautiful plantation. There are multiple tours of the house and grounds daily, a state-of-the-art visitor center, dedicated exhibitions, a discovery room, museum shop, and a media center that plays interactive videos for visitors.

The tours are focused and guide visitors on specific aspects of the house, the gardens and grounds, or on slavery at Monticello. Designated a National Historic Landmark and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, Monticello takes back to one of our nation’s most historic times while exploring Thomas Jefferson’s Monticello.

<https://www.monticello.org/>

GROCERY SHOPPING

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Click on this site for more grocery stores in Virginia:

<http://supermarketpage.com/state/VA/>

SHOPPING

📍 Malls in Virginia

1	Apple Blossom Mall	Winchester, VA (Northern VA)	82 stores
2	Ballston Quarter	Arlington, VA (Northern VA)	14 stores
3	Barracks Road Shopping Center	Charlottesville, VA (Central VA)	81 stores
4	Boonsboro Shopping Center	Lynchburg, VA (Central VA)	36 stores
5	Charlottesville Fashion Square	Charlottesville, VA (Central VA)	66 stores
6	Chesapeake Square	Chesapeake, VA (Eastern VA)	69 stores
7	Chesterfield Towne Center	Richmond, VA (Central VA)	111 stores
8	Danville Mall	Danville, VA (Central NC)	47 stores
9	Dulles Town Center	Dulles, VA (Eastern VA)	123 stores
10	Fair Lakes Center	Fairfax, VA (Northern VA)	105 stores
11	Fair Oaks Mall	Fairfax, VA (Northern VA)	163 stores
12	Fashion Centre at Pentagon City	Arlington, VA (Eastern VA)	163 stores
13	Greenbrier Mall	Chesapeake, VA (Eastern VA)	106 stores

 14	JANAF Shopping Yard	Norfolk, VA (Eastern VA)	113 stores
 15	Landmark Mall	Alexandria, VA (Northern VA)	59 stores
 16	Leesburg Corner Premium Outlets	Leesburg, VA (Northern VA)	115 stores
 17	Lynnhaven Mall	Virginia Beach, VA (Eastern VA)	134 stores
 18	MacArthur Center	Norfolk, VA (Eastern VA)	114 stores
 19	Manassas Mall	Manassas, VA (Northern VA)	72 stores
 20	New River Valley Mall	Christiansburg, VA (Central VA)	54 stores
<small>https://mallseeker.com/janaf-shopping-yard.aspx</small>			
 21	Patrick Henry Mall	Newport News, VA (Eastern VA)	91 stores
 22	Pembroke Mall	Virginia Beach, VA (Eastern VA)	54 stores
 23	Potomac Mills	Prince William, VA (Eastern VA)	203 stores
 24	Regency Square	Richmond, VA (Central VA)	60 stores
 25	River Ridge Mall	Lynchburg, VA (Central VA)	63 stores
 26	Short Pump Town Center	Richmond, VA (Central VA)	135 stores
 27	Smoketown Stations	Woodbridge, VA (Eastern VA)	46 stores
 28	Southpark Mall	Colonial Heights, VA (Central VA)	96 stores
 29	Spotsylvania Towne Centre	Fredericksburg, VA (Eastern VA)	142 stores
 30	Springfield Town Center	Springfield, VA (Eastern VA)	144 stores
 31	Staunton Mall	Staunton, VA (Northern VA)	28 stores
 32	Stony Point Fashion Park	Richmond, VA (Central VA)	58 stores
 33	Tanglewood Mall	Roanoke, VA (Western VA)	31 stores
 34	The Shops at Stonefield	Charlottesville, VA (Central VA)	

	The Shops at Willow Lawn	Richmond, VA (Eastern VA)	51 stores
	The Town Center of Virginia Beach	Virginia Beach, VA (Eastern VA)	
	Tysons Corner Center	McLean, VA (Northern VA)	301 stores
	Tysons Galleria	McLean, VA (Northern VA)	111 stores
	Valley Mall	Harrisonburg, VA (Central VA)	60 stores
	Valley View Mall	Roanoke, VA (Western VA)	115 stores
	Village of Martinsville	Martinsville, VA (Western VA)	11 stores
	Virginia Center Commons	Glen Allen, VA (Eastern VA)	41 stores
	White Oak Village	Richmond, VA (Central VA)	28 stores
	Williamsburg Pottery Factory Outlets	Williamsburg, VA (Eastern VA)	6 stores
	Williamsburg Premium Outlets	Williamsburg, VA (Eastern VA)	121 stores

Click here for more information on shopping:

<https://mallseeker.com/virginia-malls.aspx>

PHARMACIES

CVS Pharmacy
Walgreens
Walmart
Rite Aid
Kroger Pharmacy
Giant Pharmacy
Harris Teeter

Click here for locating other pharmacies in Virginia:

<http://www.superpages.com/yellowpages/C-Pharmacies/S-VA/>

POST OFFICES/SHIPPING



Click here for more information:

<http://www.postofficehours.net/state/VA.html>



Click here for more information:

<http://local.fedex.com/va/>



Click here for more information:

https://www.ups.com/dropoff?loc=en_US

TIME ZONES

VIRGINIA Time Zone –VIRGINIA Current Local Time - Daylight Saving Time

VIRGINIA is in the Eastern Daylight Time

Click here for more information:

<https://www.timeanddate.com/time/zone/usa/virginia>

COST OF LIVING IN VIRGINIA

Cost of Living / United States / Virginia

Data powered by ERI's Geographic Assessor

Cost of Living Score

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The cost of living score is calculated based on accumulating the cost of food, transportation, health services, rent, utilities, taxes, and miscellaneous.

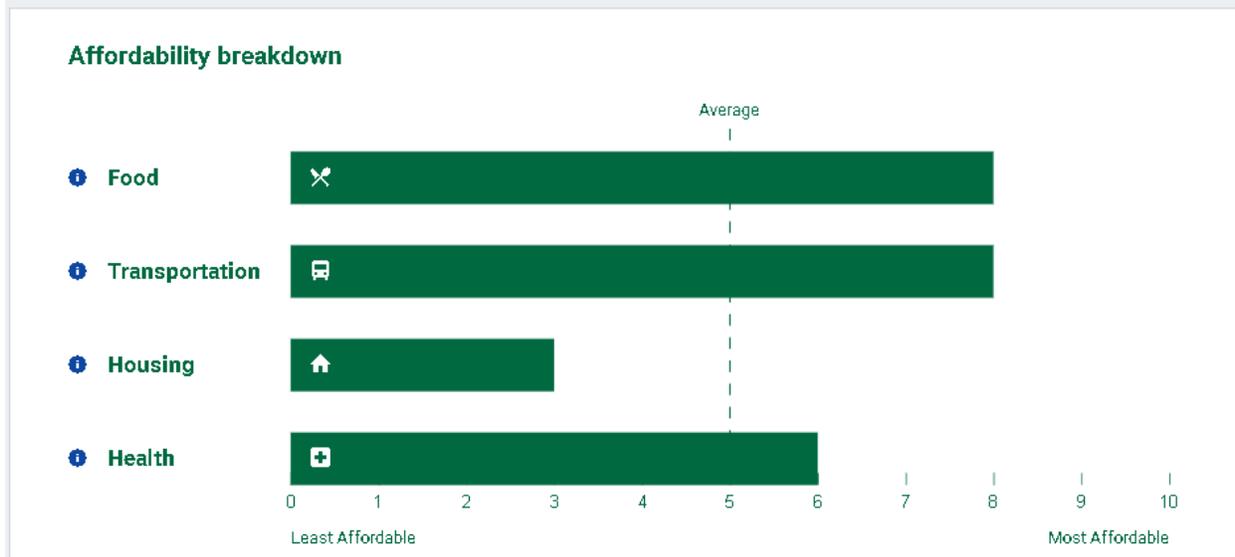
↑ **12%**
 Higher than national average

Average Salary

\$56,736 (USD) Yearly

\$27 (USD) Hourly

Calculate your salary based on job title, location and experience



Click here for more information:

<https://www.eri.com/cost-of-living/united-states/virginia>

MINIMUM WAGE

State	2020 Minimum Wage	2020 Tipped Wage
VA	\$7.25	\$2.13

Click here for more information:

<https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/minimum-wage/state#va> or

<https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/state/minimum-wage/tipped#Virginia>

WORKERS' COMPENSATION

Click here for more information:

<http://vwc.state.va.us/>

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Department of Rail & Public Transportation

Abingdon Public Transit System

Valley Metro

Bay Transit

PRTC Transit Center

Radford Transit

James River Transportation

Galax Public Transit

District Three Public Transit

Public Transit Division

Click here for more information:

<https://www.apta.com/research-technical-resources/public-transportation-links/virginia/>