

# 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/>

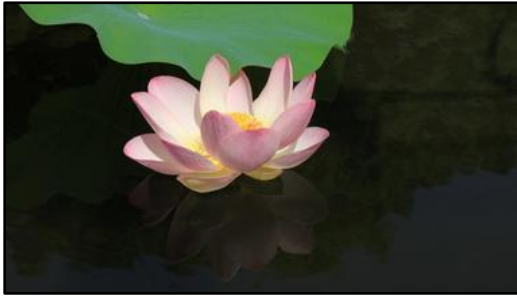


- **[George Washington's Mount Vernon – Mt. Vernon, VA](#)**

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

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



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

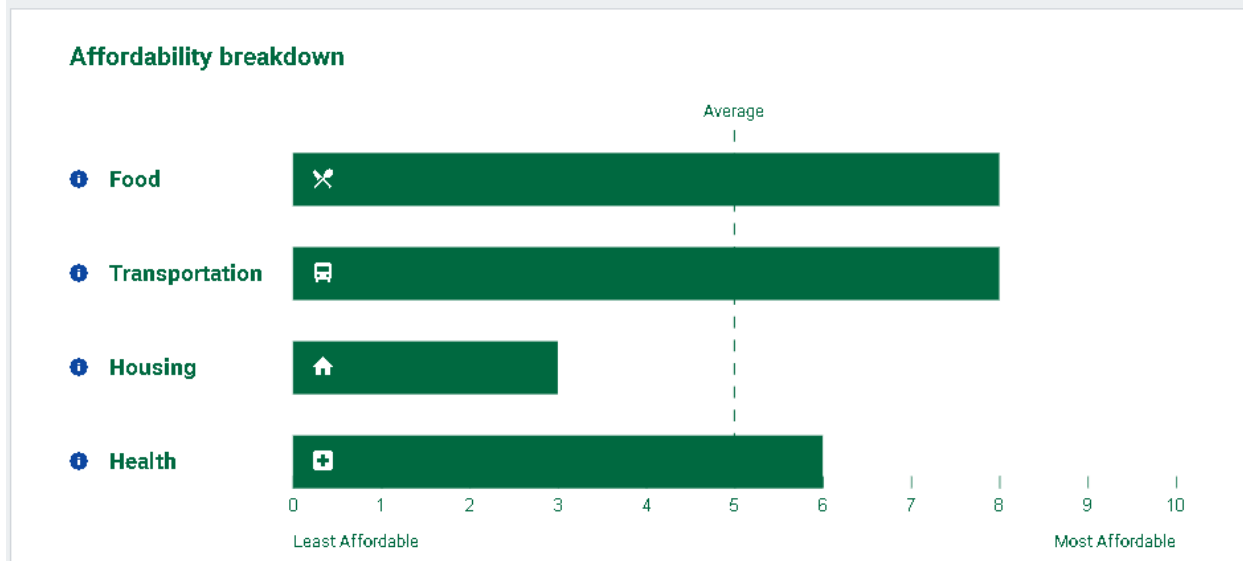
Higher than national average

### 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/>