

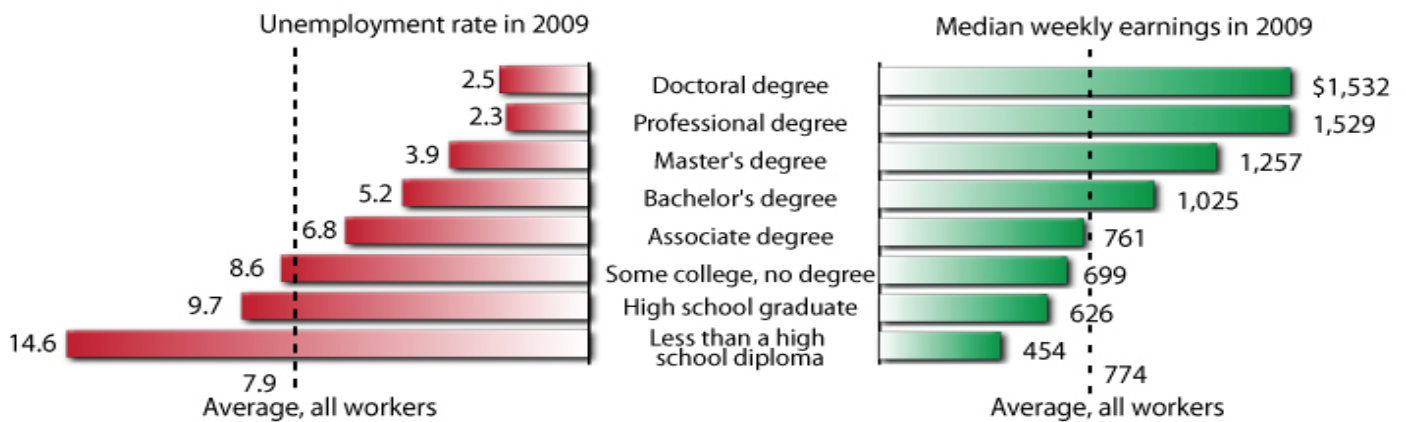
Adult High School Completion and English Proficiency in Virginia

Age 18 – 64, without a high school diploma or equivalency	581,165
Age 65+, without a high school diploma or equivalency	253,400
Age 18 - 64, do not speak English well or at all	152,349
Age 65+, do not speak English well or at all	21,820

U.S. Census, 2005-2009 American Community Survey

Adult Education in Virginia is concentrating its efforts not only on education and credentials for the 21st century, but also on providing transition pathways to postsecondary education and employment.

Education pays



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey



PluggedIn VA seeks to provide motivated adult learners with a contextualized *GED* program integrated with technical training as a means to develop essential workplace skills for entry-level jobs in targeted industries. Central to the **PluggedIn VA** curriculum is the development of digital literacy skills, 21st century skills, and professional soft skills to prepare learners for employment in a variety of contexts as they complete their GED credential and Career Readiness Certificate (CRC). Visit: www.PluggedinVA.com

Virginia GED Testing, January-December 2010

Virginia gained 14,588 new GED recipients in 2010!

Nearly 24,000 individuals took the GED test in Virginia in 2010.

3,184 of those have passed parts of the GED and are still working on their credential.

From: Addressing the Education, Skill, & Workforce Needs of Adults Without a High School Diploma or Equivalent: Report of the Virginia Adult Learning Panel.

Report to the Governor, September 2008.

<http://www.education.virginia.gov/documents/FINALAdultLearningPanelReport.pdf>

"... as of 2006, national enrollment in adult education programs had declined to only 2.4 million, a decline of nearly 10 percent from 2001. The United States is also the only democratic, industrialized country where young adults are less educated than the previous generation, ranking 11th in the percentage of adults with a high school diploma." (pp. 3-4)

"Virginia ranks 37th nationally in state expenditure for adult education and literacy." (p. 8)

"Virginia exceeds the required minimum 25% state match with a match of 51% of federal funds. However, this match pales in comparison to the contributions of other states. At the same time, many localities across the Commonwealth understand the need and exceed the 15% [localities] match." (pp. 9-10)

"It is not simply a matter of money but Virginia's 51 percent state match to federal adult education grants will not get it done; twenty-eight states and the District of Columbia exceed the federal grant and many of them by several times the grant amount. In the final analysis, more funding and innovative, collaborative programs and approaches are required in order to reach a much larger number of under-educated adults in the Commonwealth." (p. 27)

How Much Does a High School Dropout Cost?

Researchers have started to examine various annual and lifetime costs associated with high school dropouts.

- The United States could save between \$7.9 and \$10.8 billion annually by improving educational attainment among all recipients of Temporary Assistance to Needy Families, food stamps, and housing assistance (Garfinkel et al., 2005).
- A high school dropout contributes about \$60,000 less in taxes over a lifetime (Rouse, 2005).
- If the male graduation rate were increased by only 5 percent, the nation would see an annual savings of \$4.9 billion in crime-related costs (Alliance for Excellent Education, 2006b).
- America could save more than \$17 billion in Medicaid and expenditures for health care for the uninsured by graduating all students (Alliance for Excellent Education, 2006a).

Alliance for Excellent Education, 2007

English for Speakers of Other Languages

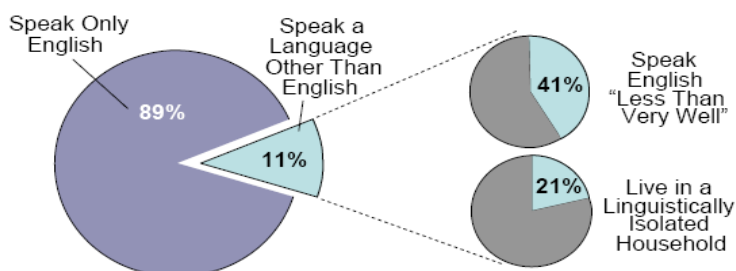
Virginia's Foreign-Born Population makes up...

10.3% (794,246) of Virginia's 2007 population
13.6% of Virginia's 2007 civilian-employed workforce

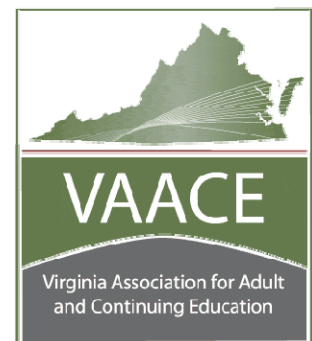
More than 43% are U.S. citizens. The foreign-born, limited English proficient (LEP) population age 5 and older in Virginia increased by 41.2% between 2000 and 2007.

English Proficiency of Virginia Residents

Of 6.6 Million Virginia Residents
Ages Five and Older



JALRC 2007



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