

# Virginia Quick Facts on Child Care

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| <b>Children in Virginia</b>  |          |
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| Number of Children Under Age 5   | 510,501  |
| Number of Children Age 4   | 102,983  |
| Number of Children Age 5 - 9 Years   | 519,046  |
| Number of Children Age 10 – 12 Years   | 314,488  |
| Number of Children Under Age 6 with Working Parents  | 387,037  |
| Number of Children Age 6 – 12 with Working Parents   | 496,000  |
| <b>Families in Virginia</b>  |          |
| Families with Children Under Age 18  | 880,662  |
| Married Couples with Children Under Age 18   | 620,079  |
| Dads Raising Children Under Age 18   | 63,144   |
| Moms Raising Children Under Age 18   | 197,439  |
| Grandparents Raising Grandchildren   | 72,464   |
| <b>Low Income Working Families in Virginia</b>   |          |
| Percentage of Children Under Age 5 Living in Poverty                                       | 14.6%    |
| Percentage of Children Age 5 - 17 Years Living in Poverty                                  | 13.6%    |
| Percentage of Families with Children Under Age 5 Living in Poverty                         | 11.3%    |
| Percentage of Families with Children Under Age 18 Living in Poverty                        | 11.9%    |
| Percentage of Families with Children Under Age 5 Living with Mom in Poverty                | 34.2%    |
| Number of Children Under Age 18 Living Below 200% of the Poverty Level                     | 621,843  |
| Percentage of Children Under Age 18 Living Below 200% of the Poverty Level                 | 33.8%    |
| Number of children Under Age 18 who were Food Insecure at Some Point During the Year       | 268,670  |
| Percentage of Children Under Age 18 who were Food Insecure at Some Point During the Year   | 14%      |
| <b>Education Related Stats for Virginia</b>  |          |
| Number of Children in Virginia’s Preschool Initiative                                      | 18,356   |
| Number of Children Participating in Head Start (Includes 3,467 in Early Head Start)        | 15,422   |
| Fourth Graders Reading Below Grade Level (2015 NAEP Test Results)                          |          |
| Percentage of White 4th Grade Students Reading Below Grade Level                           | 18%      |
| Percentage of Hispanic 4th Grade Students Reading Below Grade Level                        | 36%      |
| Percentage of African American 4th Grade Students Reading Below Grade Level                | 46%      |
| Percentage of 4th Grade Students Eligible for Free/Reduced Price Lunch Reading Below Grade | 44%      |
| Children Ages 6-17 Who Repeated a Grade Since Kindergarten (2011-2012)                     | 106,000  |
| Percentage of Children Ages 6-17 Who Repeated a Grade Since Kindergarten (2011-2012)       | 9%       |
| High School On Time Graduation Rate (All Students)   | 91.4%    |
| High School On Time Graduation Rate (Economically Disadvantaged)                           | 87.6%    |
| <b>Early Care &amp; Education Workforce in Virginia</b>                                    |          |
| Average Hourly Wage for Child Care Workers   | \$11.07  |
| Average Annual Wage for Child Care Workers   | \$23,030 |

| <b>Child Care Programs in Virginia</b>  |          |
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| Child Care Centers  | 2,568    |
| Family Child Care Homes   | 3,549    |
| Religious License-Exempt Programs   | 984      |
| <b>Child Care Subsidies in Virginia</b>   |          |
| Average Monthly Number of Children Who Receive a Subsidy                                | 24,800   |
| Average Monthly Number of Families Who Receive a Subsidy                                | 14,400   |
| Number of Children Receiving a Subsidy in Licensed Care                                 | 24,056   |
| Percentage of Children Receiving a Subsidy in Licensed Care                             | 97%      |
| Number of Children Receiving a Subsidy in Unlicensed Care                               | 667      |
| Percentage of Children Receiving a Subsidy in Unlicensed Care                           | 3%       |
| Provider Payment Rates at the 75 <sup>th</sup> percentile or higher in all communities? | No       |
| <b>Average Annual Fees Charged to Parents for Child Care Programs in Virginia</b>       |          |
| Center-based Infant Care  | \$12,792 |
| Center-based Preschool-age Care   | \$9,568  |
| Family Child Care Home Infant Care  | \$9,516  |
| Family Child Care Home Preschool-age Care   | \$8,060  |
| Annual Cost of College Tuition and Related Fees in VA                                   | \$12,820 |

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