

III. Economic Profile

Overview

The Economic Profile of Mecklenburg County will provide a selection of workforce data collected and developed by the Virginia Employment Commission (VEC), along with data stemming from a partnership with the U.S. Census Bureau.

In its central concentration, economic data provides insight into the area's industrial strengths and weaknesses. Viewing our historical and current Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) data, one can track employment levels as industry reacts to domestic and foreign exogenous effects. Industry's need for workers will, in time, be reflected in the Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) data; this series is a useful gauge on the health of the overall economy. The Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed is an accurate depiction of the social and economic attributes of the worker that is available for hire. This data is a valuable resource for economic developers in marketing the unemployed workers to prospective companies, especially where mass layoffs have occurred. The LAUS and Characteristics of the Insured Unemployment data are useful in viewing the surpluses and shortages of labor, and also who this labor is. Unemployment Insurance Payments data is a temporal series designed to track the dollar amount of payments made to claimants of unemployment insurance. It is yet another measure of the wellness of the local workforce and area.

The Occupational Employment Statistics (OES) program is a survey of the businesses in Virginia in relation to the occupations of the people they employ. This data is a vital segment of the long-term Industry and Occupational Projections that are prepared every other year. These data are aggregated at the state and WIB levels. Recently, the VEC and the U.S. Census Bureau partnered to produce a new workforce data series that would possess a dimensional quality. The aptly named Local Employment Dynamics (LED) data describes the workforce not only by industry but also by demographic qualities such as gender and age brackets. LED also enumerates the flow of the workforce within the local and state economies. Lastly, this profile chronicles ten years of the monthly Consumer Price Index (CPI) and the Local Option Sales Tax.

Related Terms and Definitions

Average Weekly Wage

Computed as average quarterly wages divided by 13.

Consumer Price Index (CPI)

The Consumer Price Index measures the average change over time in the prices paid by urban consumers for a representative market basket of consumer goods and services.

Local Employment Dynamics (LED)

The Local Employment Dynamics Program at the Census Bureau, together with its state partners, provides employment information at the county, city, and Workforce Investment Area level. This information tracks workers in different industries by age and gender and provides statistics on job creation, separation, turnover, and wages.

Quarterly Census of Employment & Wages (QCEW)

A federal/state cooperative program that collects and compiles employment and wage data for workers covered by state unemployment insurance (UI) laws and the federal civilian workers covered by Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employees (UCFE). These data are maintained at the state in micro and macro levels and also sent to BLS quarterly.

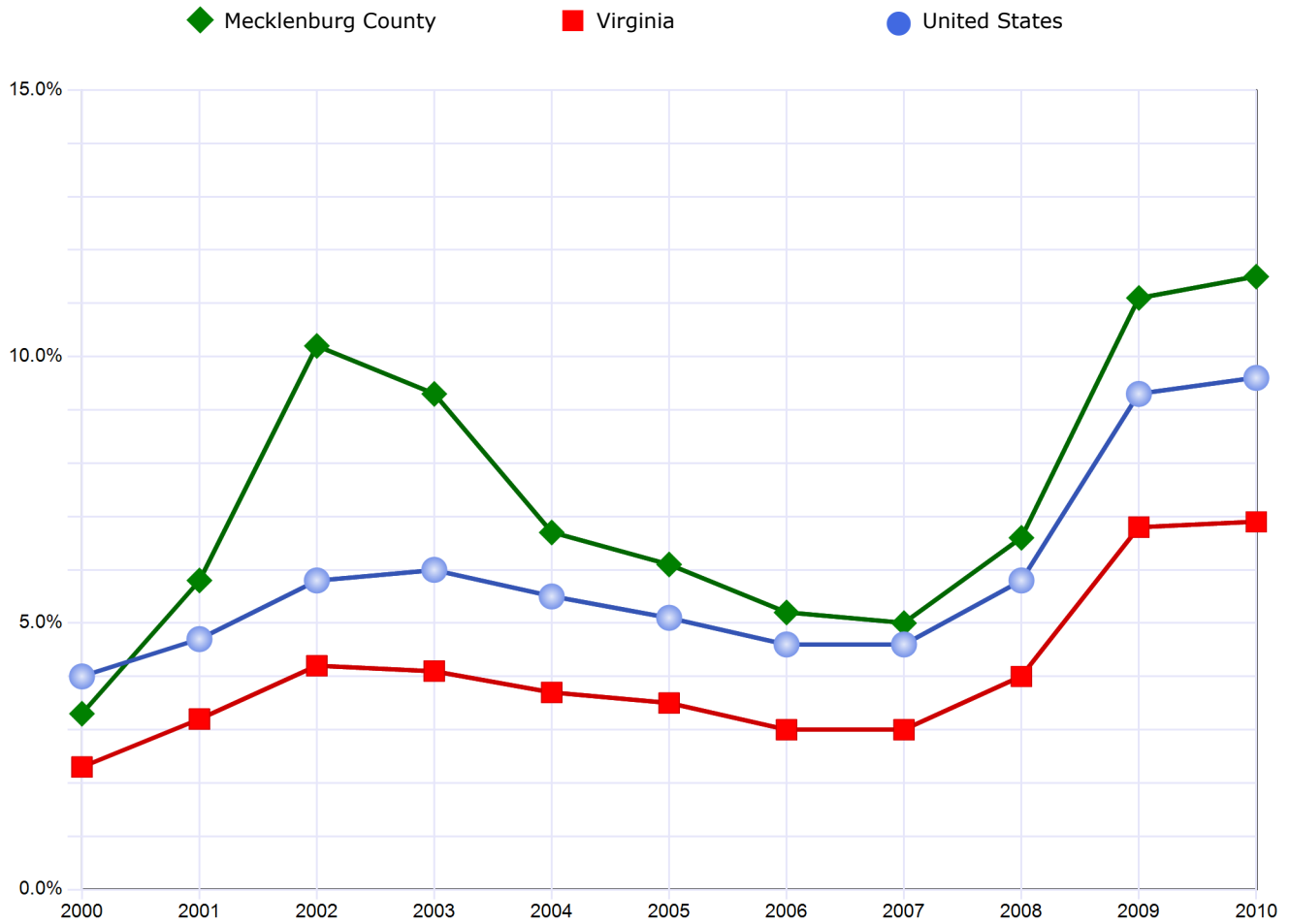
Unemployment Insurance (UI)

Unemployment insurance is a program for the accumulation of funds paid by employers to be used for the payment of unemployment insurance to workers during periods of unemployment which are beyond the workers' control. Unemployment insurance replaces a part of the worker's wage loss if he becomes eligible for payments. UI serves as an economic stabilizer by maintaining an individual's purchasing power when unemployed.

Unemployment Rate

The number of unemployed people as a percentage of the labor force.

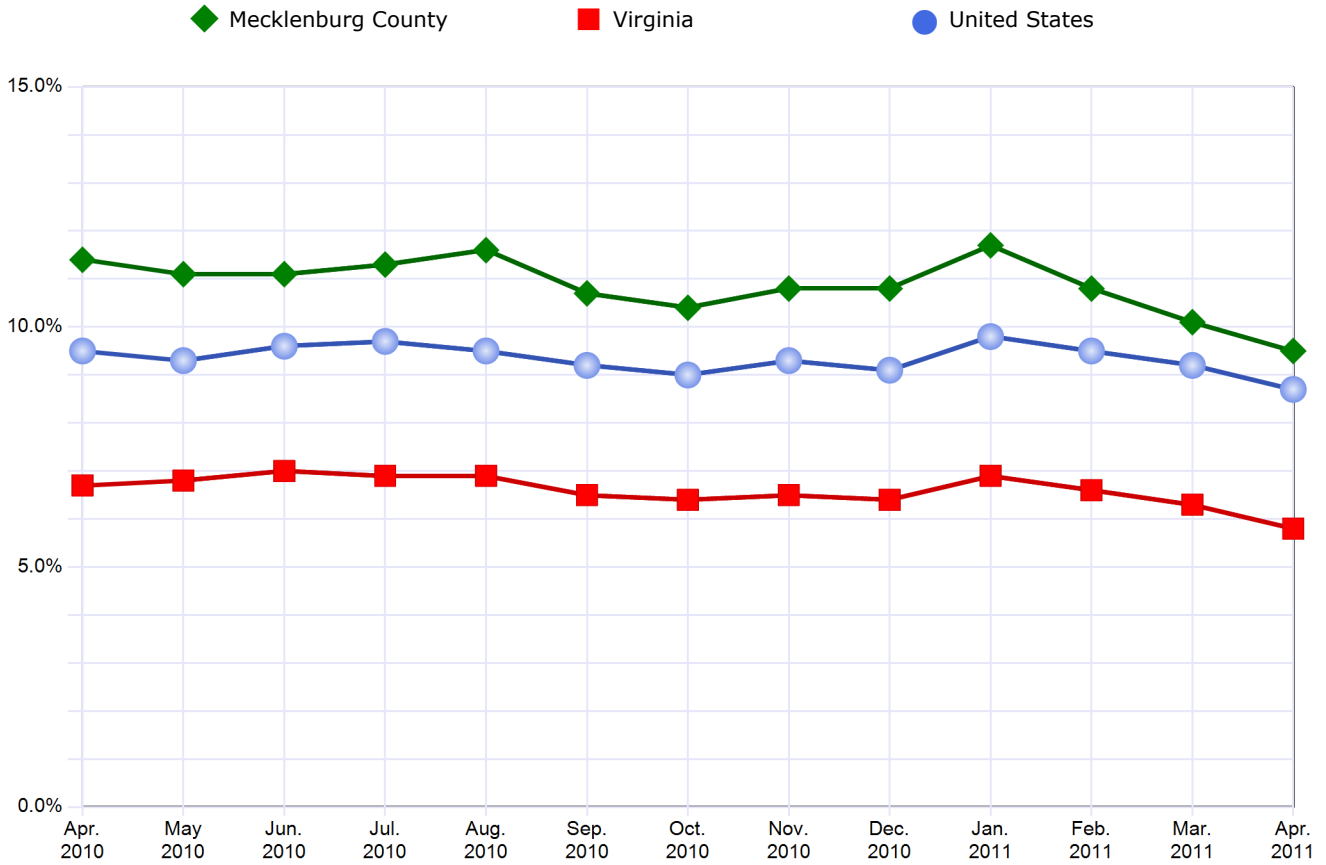
Unemployment Rates *Trends*



	Mecklenburg County	Virginia	United States
2000	3.3%	2.3%	4.0%
2001	5.8%	3.2%	4.7%
2002	10.2%	4.2%	5.8%
2003	9.3%	4.1%	6.0%
2004	6.7%	3.7%	5.5%
2005	6.1%	3.5%	5.1%
2006	5.2%	3.0%	4.6%
2007	5.0%	3.0%	4.6%
2008	6.6%	4.0%	5.8%
2009	11.1%	6.8%	9.3%
2010	11.5%	6.9%	9.6%

Source: Virginia Employment Commission,
Local Area Unemployment Statistics.

Unemployment Rates Past 12 Months



	Mecklenburg County	Virginia	United States
Apr. 2010	11.4%	6.7%	9.5%
May 2010	11.1%	6.8%	9.3%
Jun. 2010	11.1%	7.0%	9.6%
Jul. 2010	11.3%	6.9%	9.7%
Aug. 2010	11.6%	6.9%	9.5%
Sep. 2010	10.7%	6.5%	9.2%
Oct. 2010	10.4%	6.4%	9.0%
Nov. 2010	10.8%	6.5%	9.3%
Dec. 2010	10.8%	6.4%	9.1%
Jan. 2011	11.7%	6.9%	9.8%
Feb. 2011	10.8%	6.6%	9.5%
Mar. 2011	10.1%	6.3%	9.2%
Apr. 2011	9.5%	5.8%	8.7%

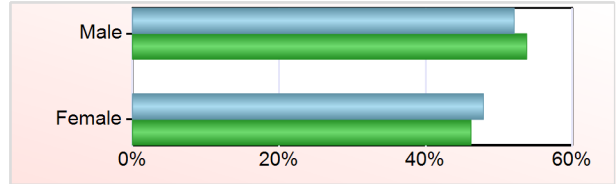
Source: Virginia Employment Commission, Local Area Unemployment Statistics.

Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed

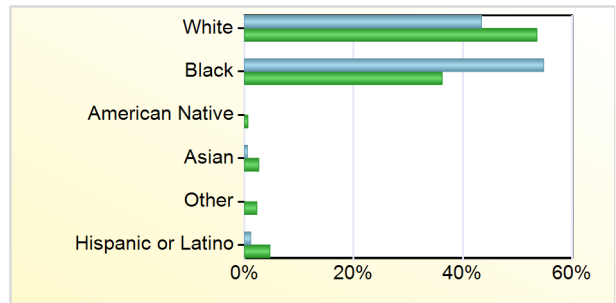
Mecklenburg County - (334 claimants)

Virginia - (52,934 claimants)

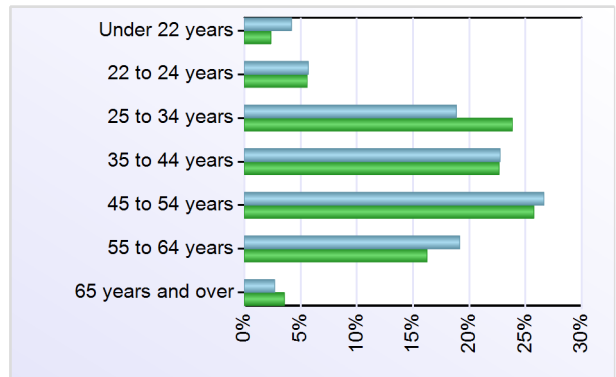
Gender	Mecklenburg County	Virginia
Male	174	28,478
Female	160	24,456
Unspecified		



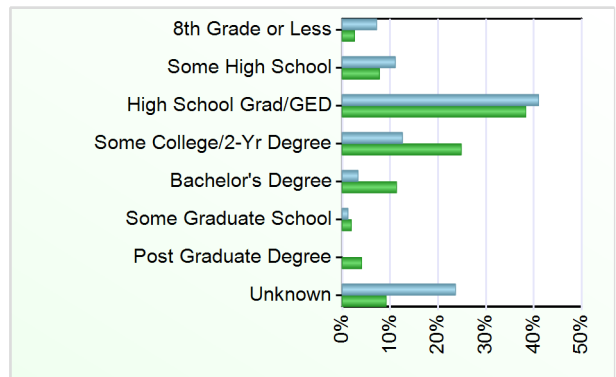
Race	Mecklenburg County	Virginia
White	145	28,350
Black	183	19,167
American Native		338
Asian	2	1,390
Other		1,208
Hispanic or Latino	4	2,481



Age	Mecklenburg County	Virginia
Under 22 years	14	1,249
22 to 24 years	19	2,959
25 to 34 years	63	12,620
35 to 44 years	76	11,994
45 to 54 years	89	13,627
55 to 64 years	64	8,599
65 years and over	9	1,886
Unknown		



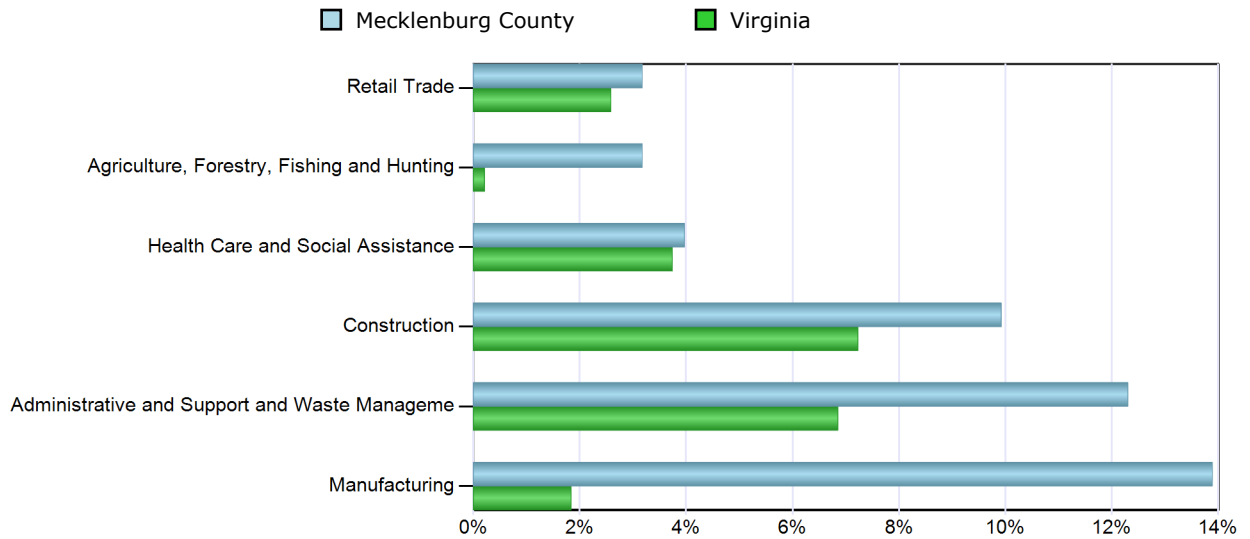
Education	Mecklenburg County	Virginia
8th Grade or Less	24	1,358
Some High School	37	4,111
High School Grad/GED	137	20,305
Some College/2-Yr Degree	42	13,157
Bachelor's Degree	11	6,003
Some Graduate School	4	1,001
Post Graduate Degree		2,143
Unknown	79	4,856



Source: Virginia Employment Commission, Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed, May 2011.

Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed

Top 5 Industries With Largest Number of Claimants in Mecklenburg County
(excludes unclassified)

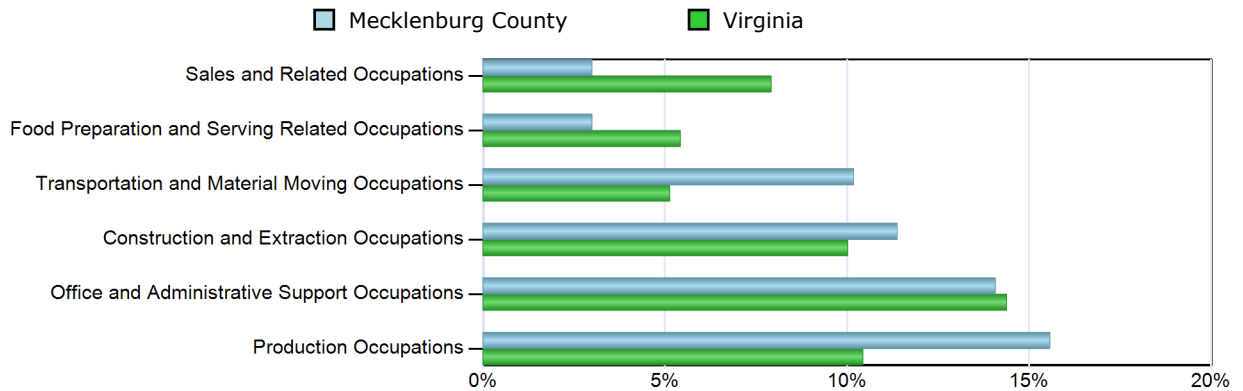


Industry	Mecklenburg County	Virginia
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	8	102
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction		116
Utilities		14
Construction	25	3,512
Manufacturing	35	893
Wholesale Trade	6	754
Retail Trade	8	1,256
Transportation and Warehousing	3	492
Information	2	320
Finance and Insurance	2	511
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing		375
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	2	1,559
Management of Companies and Enterprises		81
Administrative and Support and Waste Management	31	3,329
Educational Services		205
Health Care and Social Assistance	10	1,817
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	1	170
Accommodation and Food Services	6	2,504
Other Services (except Public Administration)	5	688
Unclassified	108	29,898

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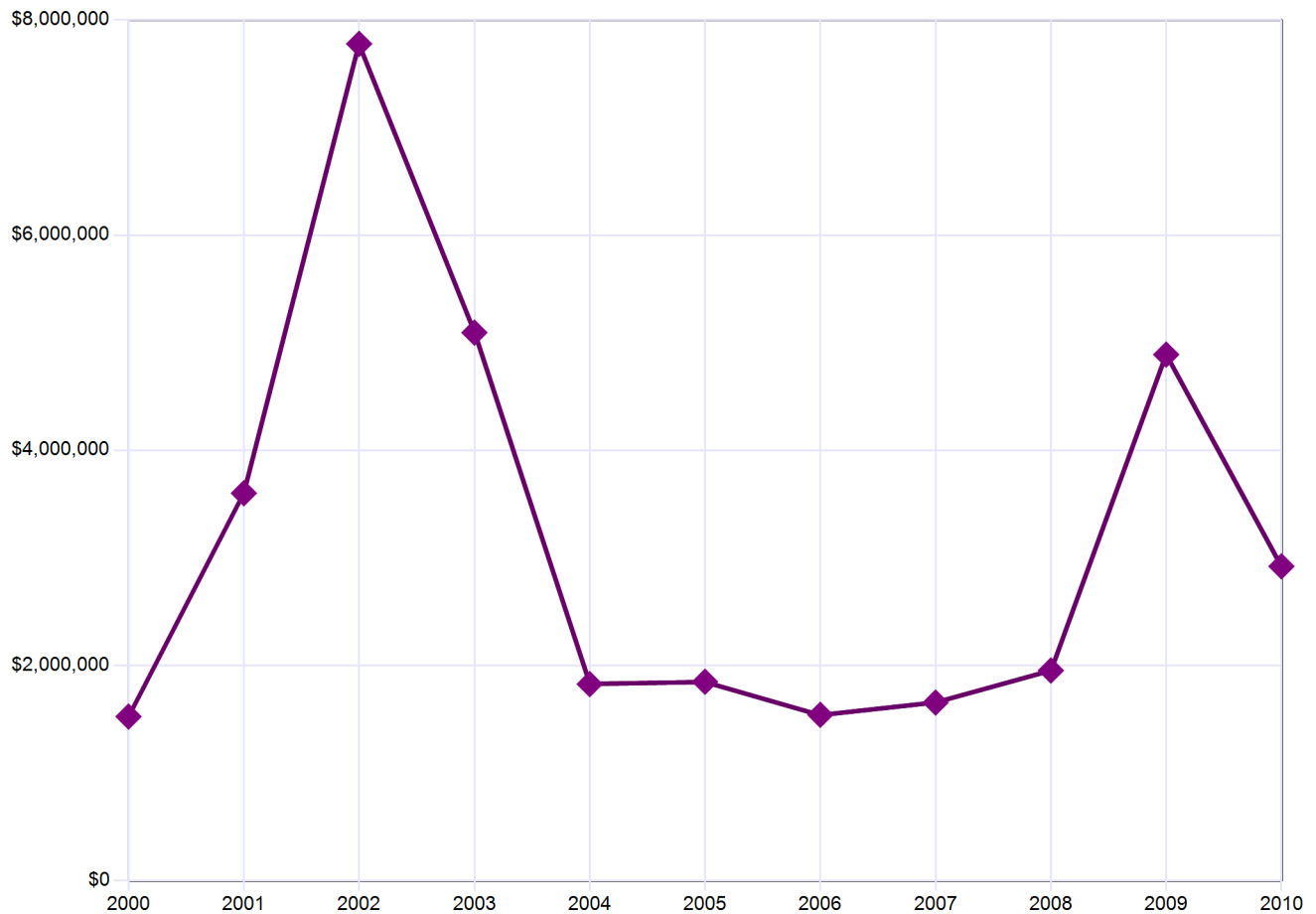
Top 5 Occupation Groups With Largest Number of Claimants in Mecklenburg County
(excludes unclassified)



Occupation	Mecklenburg County	Virginia
Management Occupations	9	4,058
Business and Financial Operations Occupations	6	2,017
Computer and Mathematical Occupations	1	1,359
Architecture and Engineering Occupations	1	816
Life, Physical, and Social Science Occupations		210
Community and Social Services Occupations	4	465
Legal Occupations		253
Education, Training, and Library Occupations	4	579
Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media Occ	3	743
Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations	4	1,011
Healthcare Support Occupations	5	1,411
Protective Service Occupations	2	620
Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations	10	2,869
Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance Occu	4	1,150
Personal Care and Service Occupations	6	704
Sales and Related Occupations	10	4,190
Office and Administrative Support Occupations	47	7,614
Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations	5	287
Construction and Extraction Occupations	38	5,301
Installation, Maintenance, and Repair Occupations	4	1,962
Production Occupations	52	5,522
Transportation and Material Moving Occupations	34	2,714
Military Specific Occupations	2	628
Unknown Occupational Code	83	6,451

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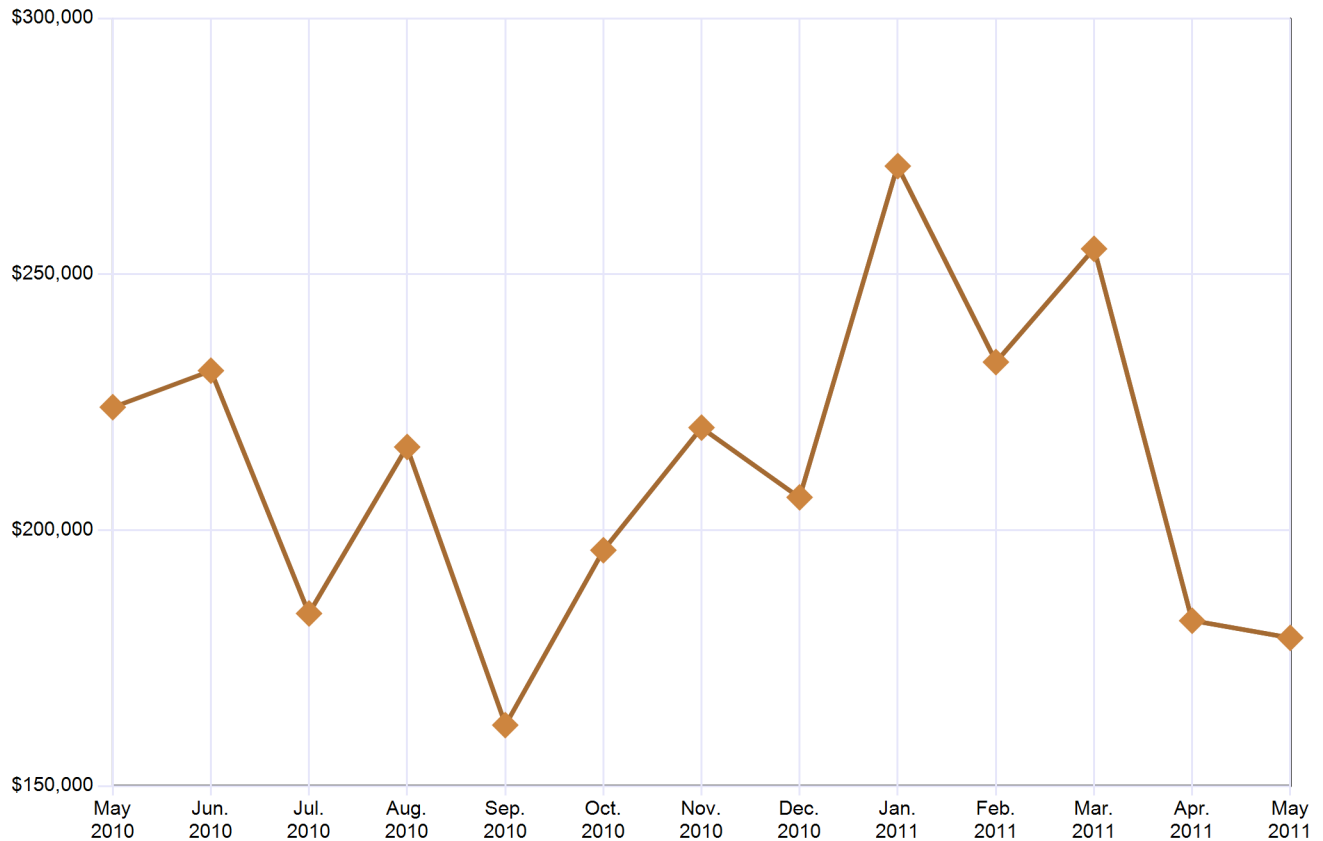
Unemployment Insurance Payments *Trends*



	Mecklenburg County		Virginia	
	Weeks Paid	Amount Paid	Weeks Paid	Amount Paid
2000	8,636	\$1,525,192	937,805	\$187,330,159
2001	16,417	\$3,601,159	1,556,117	\$377,609,910
2002	30,645	\$7,777,853	2,494,138	\$741,502,766
2003	21,832	\$5,093,962	2,320,260	\$608,250,060
2004	10,160	\$1,826,583	1,632,841	\$376,193,745
2005	9,749	\$1,849,109	1,382,659	\$327,192,126
2006	7,662	\$1,541,332	1,334,848	\$334,996,815
2007	7,864	\$1,655,295	1,384,335	\$364,789,088
2008	8,923	\$1,953,304	1,699,923	\$468,544,246
2009	22,058	\$4,889,635	3,782,630	\$1,069,206,277
2010	13,677	\$2,921,450	2,727,738	\$748,174,724

Source: Virginia Employment Commission, Unemployment Insurance Program.

Unemployment Insurance Payments Past 12 Months



	Mecklenburg County		Virginia	
	Weeks Paid	Amount Paid	Weeks Paid	Amount Paid
May 2010	1,058	\$224,062	204,817	\$57,048,433
Jun. 2010	1,077	\$231,189	243,851	\$66,936,766
Jul. 2010	809	\$183,753	204,326	\$55,453,420
Aug. 2010	1,002	\$216,278	226,637	\$61,409,847
Sep. 2010	747	\$161,930	185,846	\$50,893,789
Oct. 2010	958	\$196,109	179,450	\$48,991,848
Nov. 2010	1,012	\$220,063	211,716	\$57,336,865
Dec. 2010	964	\$206,442	197,294	\$52,609,736
Jan. 2011	1,276	\$271,164	218,926	\$57,878,601
Feb. 2011	1,057	\$232,872	215,045	\$57,417,781
Mar. 2011	1,218	\$255,000	245,941	\$66,152,979
Apr. 2011	863	\$182,338	180,075	\$49,060,815
May 2011	854	\$178,979	170,093	\$46,488,654

Source: Virginia Employment Commission, Unemployment Insurance Program.

Employers by Size of Establishment

	Mecklenburg County	Virginia
0 to 4 employees	531	136,322
5 to 9 employees	187	37,012
10 to 19 employees	121	26,311
20 to 49 employees	72	18,933
50 to 99 employees	18	6,561
100 to 249 employees	15	3,622
250 to 499 employees	***	973
500 to 999 employees	***	381
1000 and over employees	0	228
	950	230,343

Employment by Size of Establishment

	Mecklenburg County	Virginia
0 to 4 employees	938	211,525
5 to 9 employees	1,231	245,581
10 to 19 employees	1,607	357,251
20 to 49 employees	2,196	576,377
50 to 99 employees	1,232	449,403
100 to 249 employees	2,193	542,183
250 to 499 employees	***	337,653
500 to 999 employees	***	260,346
1000 and over employees	0	594,101
	12,500	3,574,420

Note: Asterisks (***) indicate non-disclosable data.

'Zero; no employment' typically represents new startup firms or sole-proprietorships.

Source: Virginia Employment Commission,
Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW), 4th Quarter (October, November, December) 2010.

50 Largest Employers

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|---|---------------------------------------|
| 1. Mecklenburg County School Board | 26. Southside Community Services |
| 2. Community Memorial Health | 27. Hardee's |
| 3. Jones Distribution Corp | 28. Virginia Quilting |
| 4. Peebles | 29. Southside Medical Managem Inc |
| 5. Mecklenburg Correctional Center | 30. Mecklenburg Electric Co-operative |
| 6. Monroe Tree Services Division | 31. BGF Industries Inc. |
| 7. Wal Mart | 32. Town of South Hill |
| 8. Global Safety Textiles LLC | 33. McDonald's |
| 9. Penmac Personnel Services | 34. Postal Service |
| 10. County of Mecklenburg | 35. Regitex USA LLC |
| 11. Lake Country Area Agency on Aging | 36. VQC, Inc. |
| 12. International Veneer Company | 37. American Indust Heat Transfer |
| 13. Food Lion | 38. Brian's Steak House & Lounge |
| 14. Key Construction Company | 39. Uppy's |
| 15. Eastern Region Field Unit | 40. Sherwood Foods |
| 16. Meadowview Terrace | 41. U.S. Department of Defense |
| 17. Chase City Nursing And Rehab Center | 42. Dolgencorp LLC |
| 18. Lawson, Mardon, Wheaton | 43. Mimis Cafe |
| 19. VDOT | 44. Southside Transport LLC |
| 20. American Buildings Company | 45. Palletone of Virginia Llc |
| 21. The Home Depot | 46. Aaron's Creek Farms |
| 22. Roi Opportunities For Sen Corp | 47. Citizens Community Bank |
| 23. Cracker Barrel Old Country Store | 48. Electronic Data Systems Corp |
| 24. Southern Textile Service | 49. Rose's |
| 25. Parker Oil Company, Inc. | 50. Womack Publishing, Inc. |

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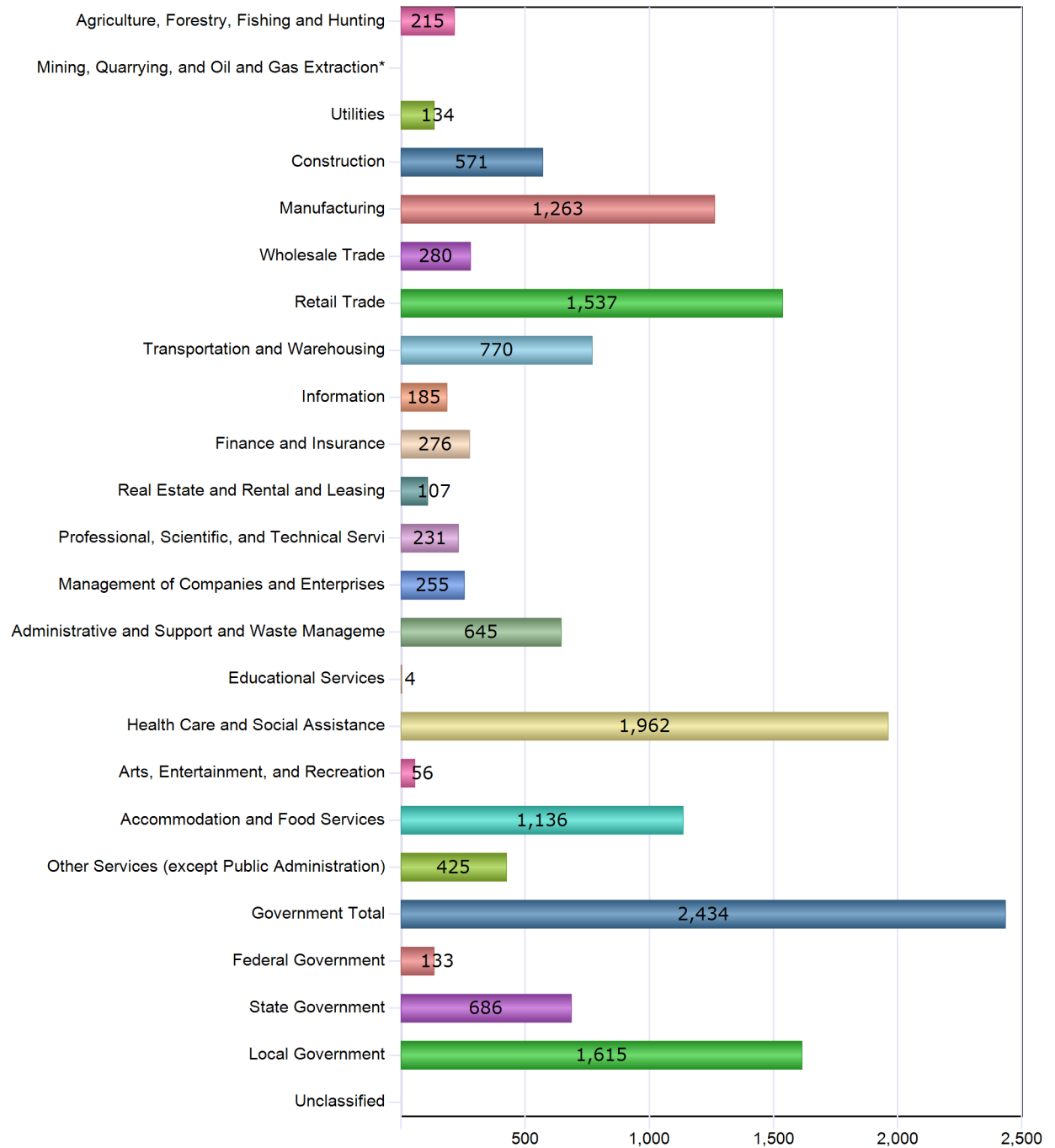
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Employment by Industry

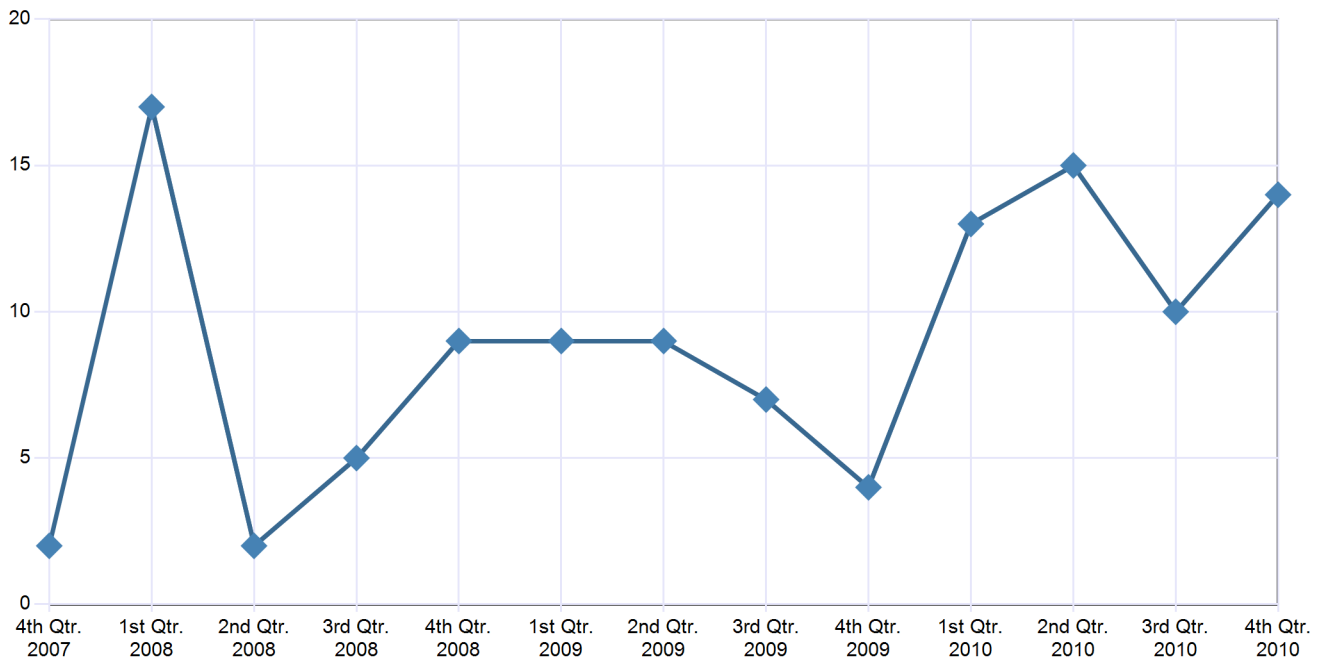


Total: 12,500

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Source: Virginia Employment Commission, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW), 4th Quarter (October, November, December) 2010.

New Startup Firms

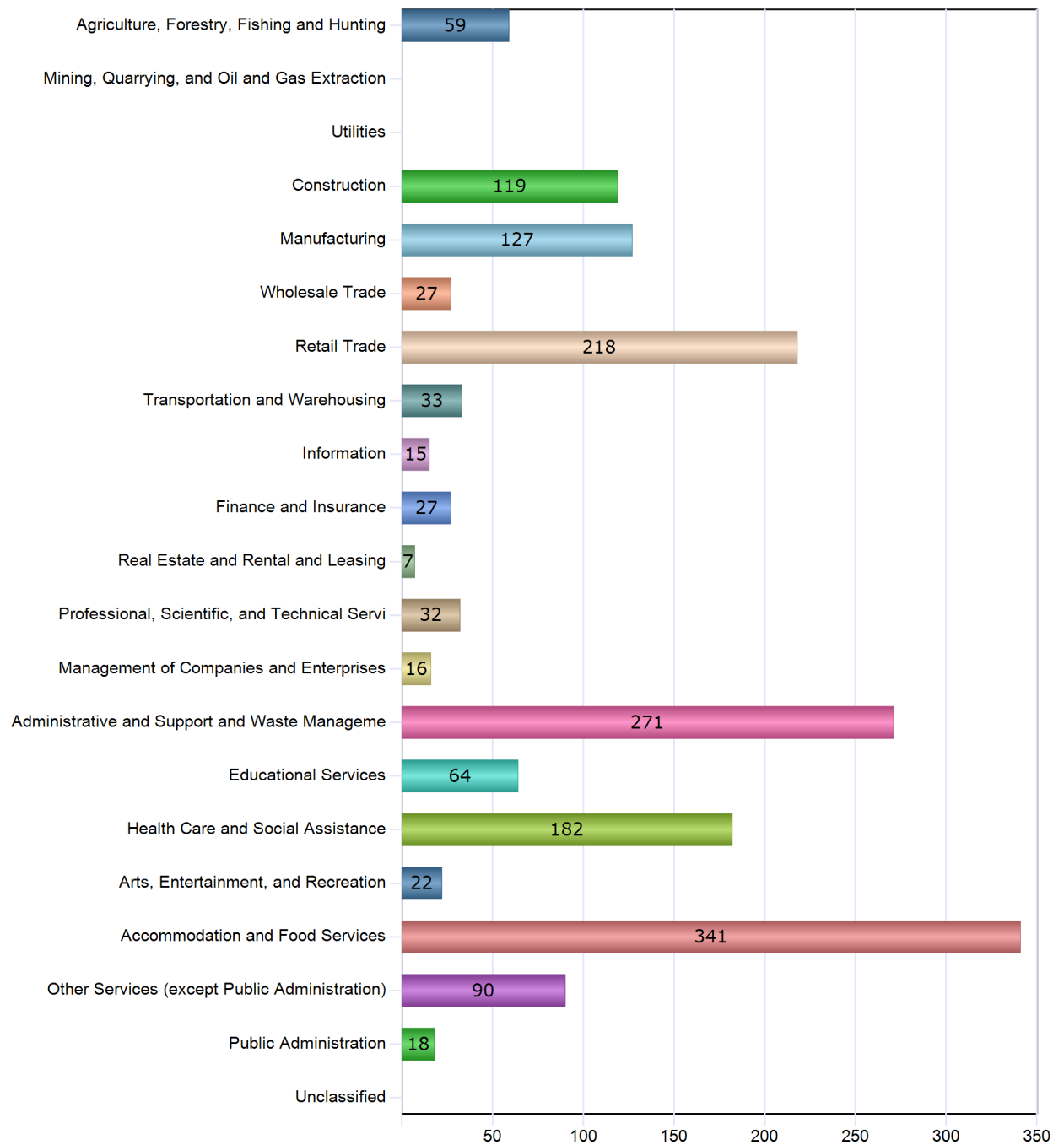


	Mecklenburg County	Virginia
4th Qtr. 2007	2	878
1st Qtr. 2008	17	4,819
2nd Qtr. 2008	2	1,894
3rd Qtr. 2008	5	2,304
4th Qtr. 2008	9	2,163
1st Qtr. 2009	9	2,466
2nd Qtr. 2009	9	2,467
3rd Qtr. 2009	7	2,475
4th Qtr. 2009	4	2,169
1st Qtr. 2010	13	2,668
2nd Qtr. 2010	15	2,514
3rd Qtr. 2010	10	2,791
4th Qtr. 2010	14	2,616

Note: The following criteria was used to define new startup firms:
 1.) Setup and liability date both occurred during 4th Quarter (October, November, December) 2010
 2.) Establishment had no predecessor UI Account Number
 3.) Private Ownership
 4.) Average employment is less than 250
 5.) For multi-unit establishments, the parent company must also meet the above criteria.

Source: Virginia Employment Commission, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW), 4th Quarter (October, November, December) 2010.

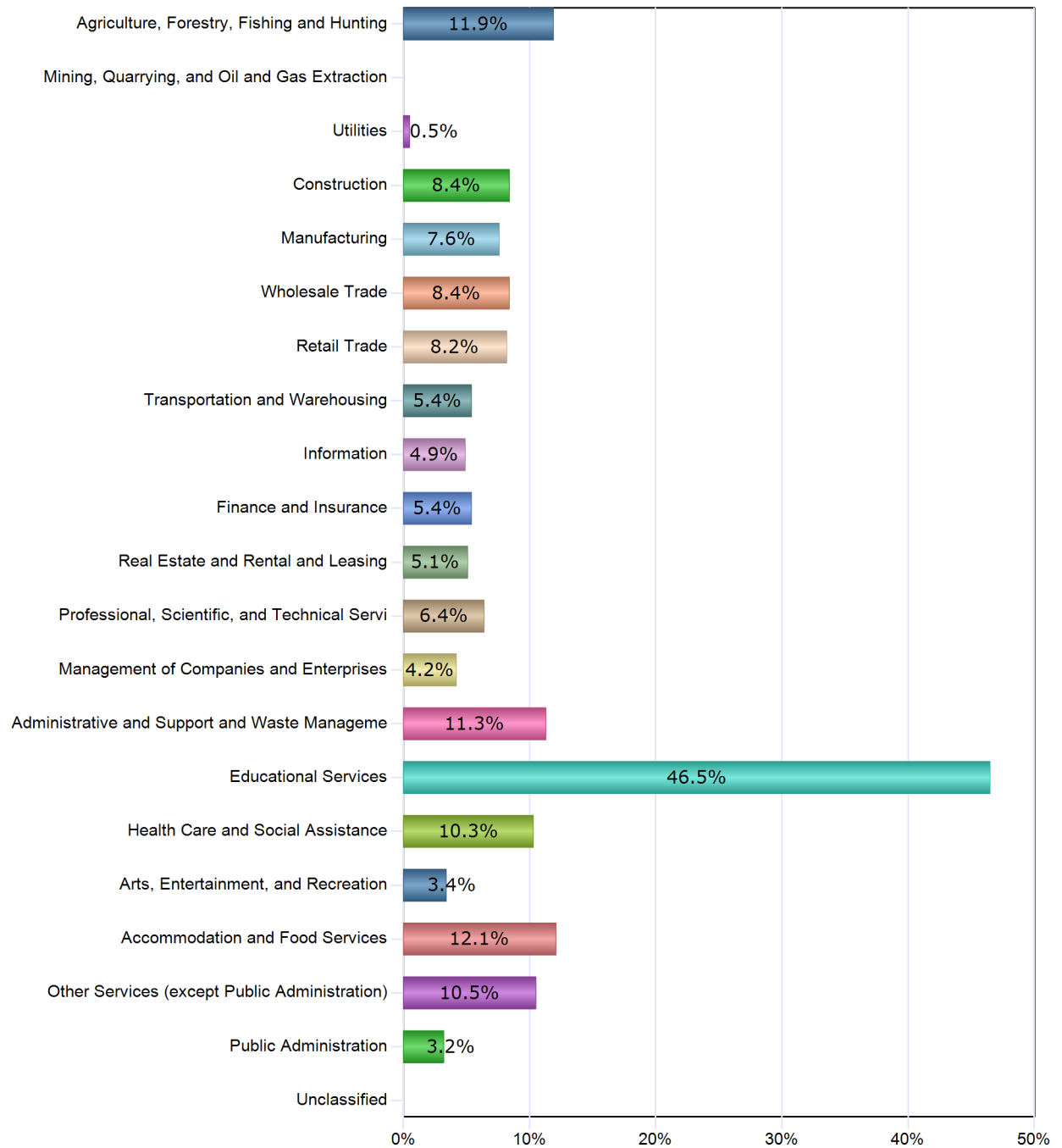
New Hires by Industry



Total: 1,668

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Local Employment Dynamics (LED) Program, 2nd Quarter (April, May, June) 2010, all ownerships.

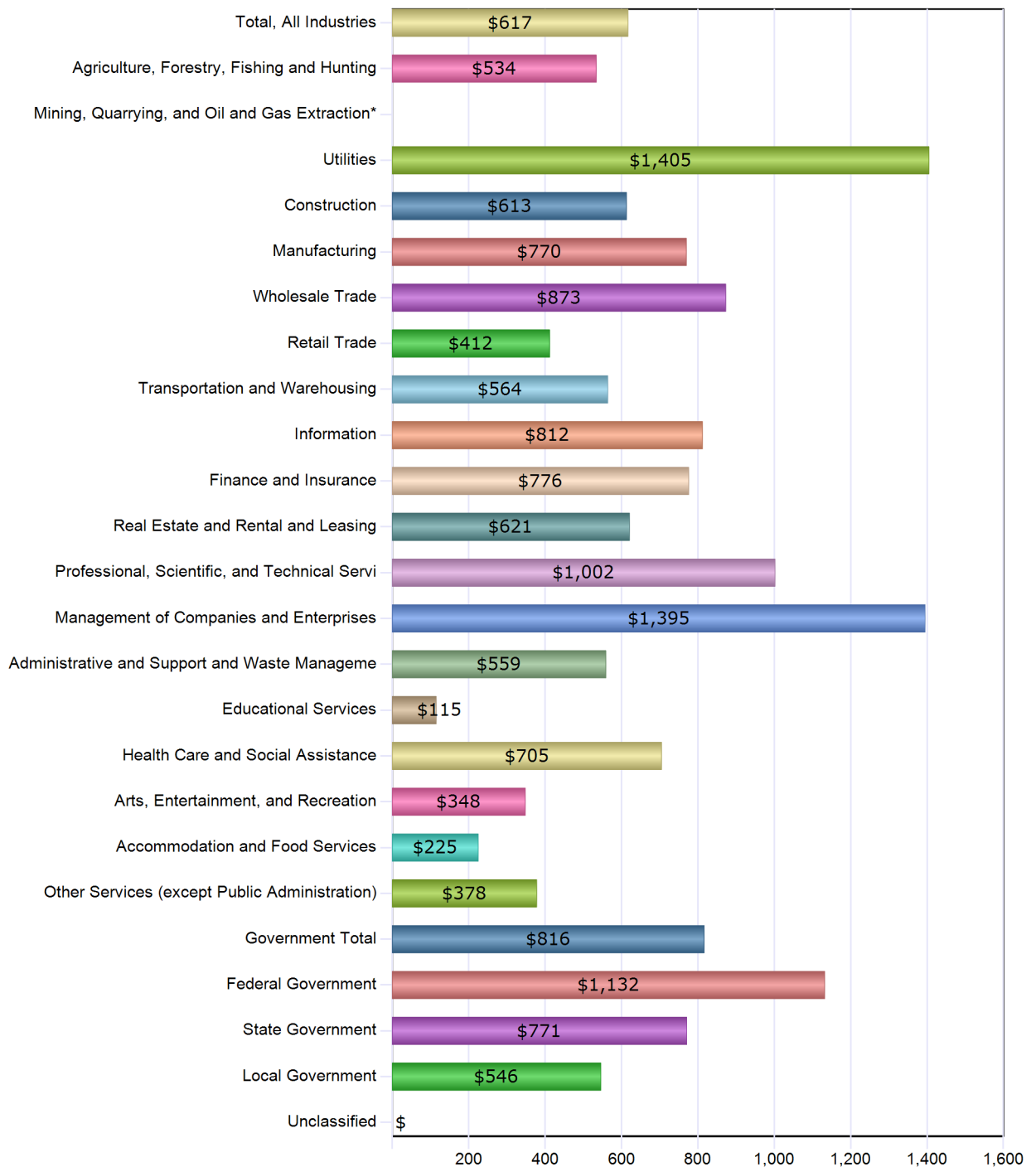
Turnover by Industry



Average: 8.2%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Local Employment Dynamics (LED) Program, 1st Quarter (January, February, March) 2010, all ownerships.

Average Weekly Wage by Industry



Note: Asterisk (*) indicates non-disclosable data.

Source: Virginia Employment Commission, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW), 4th Quarter (October, November, December) 2010.

Age of Workers by Industry

	14 - 18	19 - 21	22 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 44	45 - 54	55 - 64	65+
Total, All Industries	237	546	554	2,007	2,281	2,818	1,965	664
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	6	13	13	36	57	73	46	17
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction								
Utilities				20	33	48	26	
Construction	4	19	25	89	133	165	101	30
Manufacturing	5	25	38	233	260	336	236	60
Wholesale Trade			5	39	39	50	44	19
Retail Trade	48	128	101	231	269	328	220	112
Transportation and Warehousing	3	15	25	116	148	218	167	37
Information	3	7	6	31	34	45	41	18
Finance and Insurance		7	14	48	63	65	43	15
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing			3	15	27	34	23	6
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Servi	4	19	18	96	98	71	59	31
Management of Companies and Enterprises		10	20	58	61	86	67	26
Administrative and Support and Waste Manageme	7	30	45	152	142	168	72	15
Educational Services					6	8	5	
Health Care and Social Assistance	12	66	94	393	437	521	404	139
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	6	5	3	7	9	15	17	9
Accommodation and Food Services	116	173	94	235	171	169	94	29
Other Services (except Public Administration)	15	23	20	58	61	88	65	56
Public Administration		4	26	149	235	330	237	43

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Local Employment Dynamics (LED) Program, 2nd Quarter (April, May, June) 2010, all ownerships.

What is LED?

Developed by the U.S. Census Bureau, the Local Employment Dynamics (LED) program merges Virginia's Unemployment Compensation wage and employer records with Census demographic data. Read more about LED on the following website:

<http://lehd.did.census.gov/led/>



Total Employment by Industry

	Employment			Percent	
	Estimated 2008	Projected 2018	Change	Total	Annual
Total, All Industries	61,063	68,359	7,296	11.95%	1.14%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	653	584	-69	-10.57%	-1.11%
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	193	176	-17	-8.81%	-.92%
Utilities	395	373	-22	-5.57%	-.57%
Construction	3,473	4,166	693	19.95%	1.84%
Manufacturing	6,556	6,054	-502	-7.66%	-.79%
Wholesale Trade	1,420	1,502	82	5.77%	.56%
Retail Trade	6,811	7,169	358	5.26%	.51%
Transportation and Warehousing	2,597	2,778	181	6.97%	.68%
Information	487	471	-16	-3.29%	-.33%
Finance and Insurance	1,144	1,210	66	5.77%	.56%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	484	543	59	12.19%	1.16%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Servi	981	1,281	300	30.58%	2.7%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	656	693	37	5.64%	.55%
Administrative and Support and Waste Managemen	1,679	2,042	363	21.62%	1.98%
Educational Services	8,287	9,928	1,641	19.8%	1.82%
Health Care and Social Assistance	7,693	10,261	2,568	33.38%	2.92%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	509	614	105	20.63%	1.89%
Accommodation and Food Services	4,464	4,978	514	11.51%	1.1%
Other Services (except Public Administration)	1,589	1,754	165	10.38%	.99%

Note: Asterisks (***) indicate non-disclosable data.
Projections data is for South Central (LWIA VIII). No data available for Mecklenburg County.

Source: Virginia Employment Commission,
Industry and Occupational Projections, 2008-2018.

Employment by Major Occupation Group

	Employment			Openings		
	Estimated 2008	Projected 2018	% Change	Replace-ments	Growth	Total
Total All occupations	61,063	68,359	11.95%	1,381	802	2,183
Management Occupations	2,098	2,201	4.91%	53	13	66
Business and Financial Operations Occupations	1,510	1,743	15.43%	30	24	54
Computer and Mathematical Occupations	517	607	17.41%	10	9	19
Architecture and Engineering Occupations	415	433	4.34%	8	3	11
Life, Physical, and Social Science Occupations	284	317	11.62%	8	3	11
Community and Social Services Occupations	1,219	1,546	26.83%	26	33	59
Legal Occupations	145	165	13.79%	3	2	5
Education, Training, and Library Occupations	5,052	6,155	21.83%	113	110	223
Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media Occupations	594	697	17.34%	15	12	27
Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations	3,477	4,340	24.82%	79	86	165
Healthcare Support Occupations	1,797	2,551	41.96%	19	75	94
Protective Service Occupations	2,149	2,413	12.28%	58	26	84
Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations	4,898	5,549	13.29%	142	67	209
Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance Occupations	2,618	2,890	10.39%	44	27	71
Personal Care and Service Occupations	1,510	2,012	33.25%	35	50	85
Sales and Related Occupations	6,037	6,454	6.91%	193	42	235
Office and Administrative Support Occupations	8,350	9,122	9.25%	169	89	258
Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations	827	726	-12.21%	22	1	23
Construction and Extraction Occupations	3,559	4,046	13.68%	66	49	115
Installation, Maintenance, and Repair Occupations	3,039	3,332	9.64%	57	32	89
Production Occupations	5,011	4,919	-1.84%	94	19	113
Transportation and Material Moving Occupations	5,957	6,141	3.09%	138	29	167

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Source: Virginia Employment Commission, Industry and Occupational Projections, 2008-2018.

Growth Occupations

	Employment			Average Annual Openings			Average Annual Salary
	Estimated 2008	Projected 2018	% Change	Replacements	Growth	Total	
Museum Technicians and Conservators	1	2	100%	0	0	0	N/A
Personal and Home Care Aides	448	756	68.75%	6	31	37	\$16,864
Home Health Aides	433	710	63.97%	4	28	32	\$20,328
Network Systems and Data Communications Analysts	52	77	48.08%	1	3	4	\$43,803
Mental Health Counselors	98	138	40.82%	2	4	6	\$37,952
Physical Therapists	62	87	40.32%	1	3	4	\$86,898
Rehabilitation Counselors	202	282	39.6%	4	8	12	\$28,807
Substance Abuse and Behavioral Disorder Counselors	26	36	38.46%	1	1	2	\$37,008
Dental Hygienists	50	69	38%	1	2	3	\$60,116
Vocational Education Teachers, Postsecondary	16	22	37.5%	0	1	1	\$39,513
Nursing Aides, Orderlies, and Attendants	934	1,275	36.51%	9	34	43	\$20,081
Coaches and Scouts	198	270	36.36%	4	7	11	\$24,490
Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers	244	332	36.07%	4	9	13	\$30,560
Medical Assistants	160	217	35.63%	2	6	8	\$27,759
Physical Therapist Aides	21	28	33.33%	0	1	1	\$23,467
Dental Assistants	63	84	33.33%	1	2	3	\$30,349
Medical and Public Health Social Workers	46	61	32.61%	1	2	3	\$41,731
Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics	162	214	32.1%	3	5	8	\$25,261
Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	698	920	31.81%	22	22	44	\$37,246
Pharmacy Technicians	135	177	31.11%	3	4	7	\$24,324

Note: Asterisks (***) indicate non-disclosable data. Projections and OES wage data are for South Central (LWIA VIII). No data available for Mecklenburg County.

Source: Virginia Employment Commission, Industry and Occupational Projections, 2008-2018 Occupational Employment Statistics (OES) Survey, 2009.

Declining Occupations

	Employment			Openings		
	Estimated 2008	Projected 2018	% Change	Replace-ments	Growth	Total
Textile Winding, Twisting, and Drawing Out Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders	173	102	-41.04%	3	0	3
Postal Service Mail Sorters, Processors, and Processing Machine Operators	27	18	-33.33%	0	0	0
Order Clerks	43	29	-32.56%	1	0	1
Machine Feeders and Offbearers	158	120	-24.05%	2	0	2
Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, and Weighers	226	175	-22.57%	4	0	4
Postal Service Clerks	51	40	-21.57%	1	0	1
Cutting, Punching, and Press Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and Plastic	85	68	-20%	2	0	2
Rolling Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and Plastic	16	13	-18.75%	0	0	0
Postmasters and Mail Superintendents	48	39	-18.75%	1	0	1
File Clerks	25	21	-16%	1	0	1
Logging Equipment Operators	446	377	-15.47%	12	0	12
Meter Readers, Utilities	20	17	-15%	1	0	1
Computer, Automated Teller, and Office Machine Repairers	16	14	-12.5%	0	0	0
Weighers, Measurers, Checkers, and Samplers, Recordkeeping	52	46	-11.54%	2	0	2
Welding, Soldering, and Brazing Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders	28	25	-10.71%	1	0	1
Conveyor Operators and Tenders	56	50	-10.71%	2	0	2
Editors	42	38	-9.52%	1	0	1
Packers and Packagers, Hand	232	210	-9.48%	4	0	4
Computer Programmers	34	31	-8.82%	1	0	1
Molding, Coremaking, and Casting Machine Setters,	107	98	-8.41%	2	0	2

Note: Asterisks (***) indicate non-disclosable data. Projections data is for South Central (LWIA VIII). No data available for Mecklenburg County.

Source: Virginia Employment Commission, Industry and Occupational Projections, 2008-2018.

Consumer Price Index (CPI)

All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Ann.	% chg
2001	175.100	175.800	176.200	176.900	177.700	178.000	177.500	177.500	178.300	177.700	177.400	176.700	177.100	2.8
2002	177.100	177.800	178.800	179.800	179.800	179.900	180.100	180.700	181.000	181.300	181.300	180.900	179.900	1.6
2003	181.700	183.100	184.200	183.800	183.500	183.700	183.900	184.600	185.200	185.000	184.500	184.300	184.000	2.3
2004	185.200	186.200	187.400	188.000	189.100	189.700	189.400	189.500	189.900	190.900	191.000	190.300	188.900	2.7
2005	190.700	191.800	193.300	194.600	194.400	194.500	195.400	196.400	198.800	199.200	197.600	196.800	195.300	3.4
2006	198.300	198.700	199.800	201.500	202.500	202.900	203.500	203.900	202.900	201.800	201.500	201.800	201.600	3.2
2007	202.416	203.499	205.352	206.686	207.949	208.352	208.299	207.917	208.490	208.936	210.177	210.036	207.342	2.8
2008	211.080	211.693	213.528	214.823	216.632	218.815	219.964	219.086	218.783	216.573	212.425	210.228	215.303	3.8
2009	211.143	212.193	212.709	213.240	213.856	215.693	215.351	215.834	215.969	216.177	216.330	215.949	214.537	-0.4
2010	216.687	216.741	217.631	218.009	218.178	217.965	218.011	218.312	218.439	218.711	218.803	219.179	218.056	1.6
2011	220.223	221.309	223.467	224.906										

Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W)

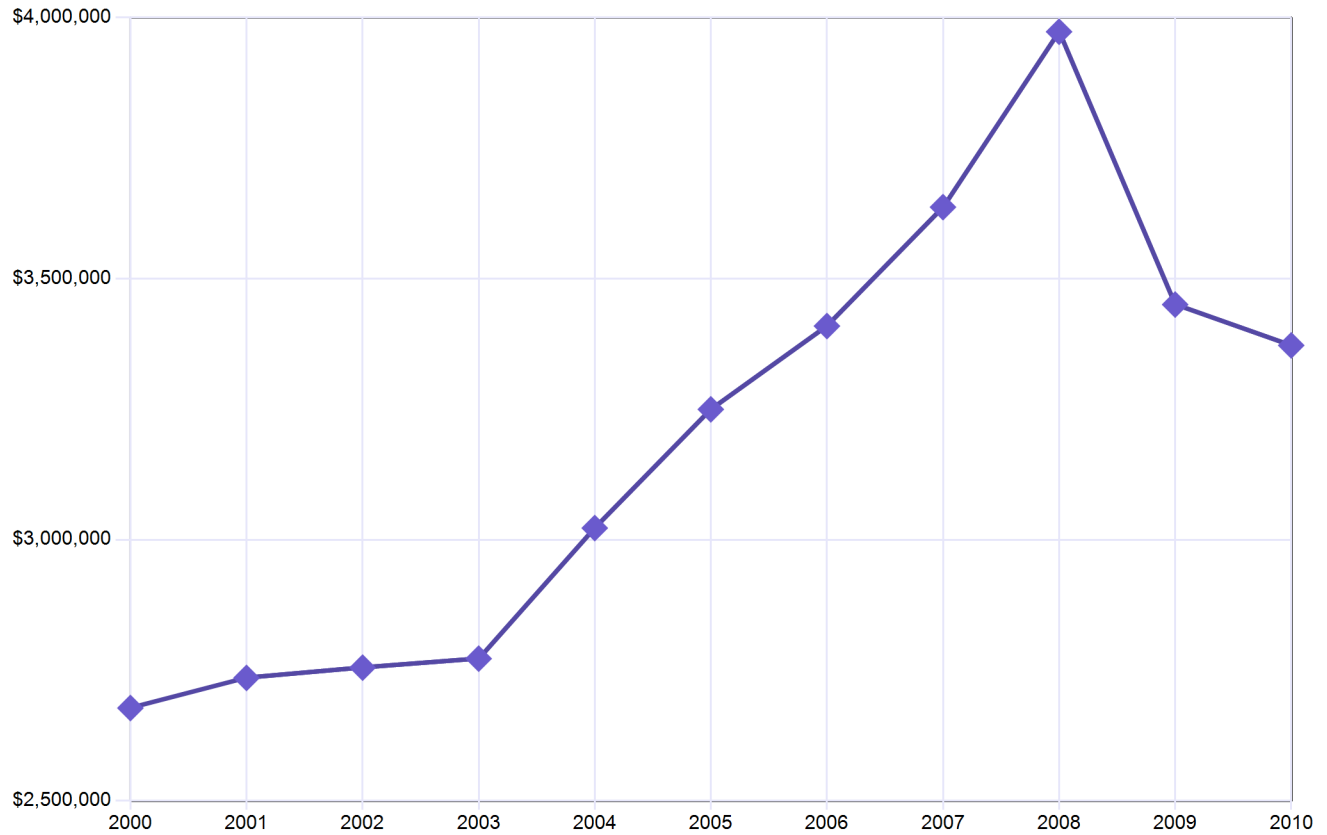
	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Ann.	% chg
2001	171.700	172.400	172.600	173.500	174.400	174.600	173.800	173.800	174.800	174.000	173.700	172.900	173.500	2.7
2002	173.200	173.700	174.700	175.800	175.800	175.900	176.100	176.600	177.000	177.300	177.400	177.000	175.900	1.4
2003	177.700	179.200	180.300	179.800	179.400	179.600	179.600	180.300	181.000	180.700	180.200	179.900	179.800	2.2
2004	180.900	181.900	182.900	183.500	184.700	185.300	184.900	185.000	185.400	186.500	186.800	186.000	184.500	2.6
2005	186.300	187.300	188.600	190.200	190.000	190.100	191.000	192.100	195.000	195.200	193.400	192.500	191.000	3.5
2006	194.000	194.200	195.300	197.200	198.200	198.600	199.200	199.600	198.400	197.000	196.800	197.200	197.100	3.2
2007	197.559	198.544	200.612	202.130	203.661	203.906	203.700	203.199	203.889	204.338	205.891	205.777	202.767	2.9
2008	206.744	207.254	209.147	210.698	212.788	215.223	216.304	215.247	214.935	212.182	207.296	204.813	211.053	4.1
2009	205.700	206.708	207.218	207.925	208.774	210.972	210.526	211.156	211.322	211.549	212.003	211.703	209.630	-0.7
2010	212.568	212.544	213.525	213.958	214.124	213.839	213.898	214.205	214.306	214.623	214.750	215.262	213.967	2.1
2011	216.400	217.535	220.024	221.743										

Note: CPI data is for the United States only. No data available for Mecklenburg County.

The CPI-U includes expenditures by urban wage earners and clerical workers, professional, managerial, and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, retirees and others not in the labor force. The CPI-W only includes expenditures by those in hourly wage earning or clerical jobs.

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics,
Consumer Price Indexes (CPI) Program.

Local Option Sales Tax Trends

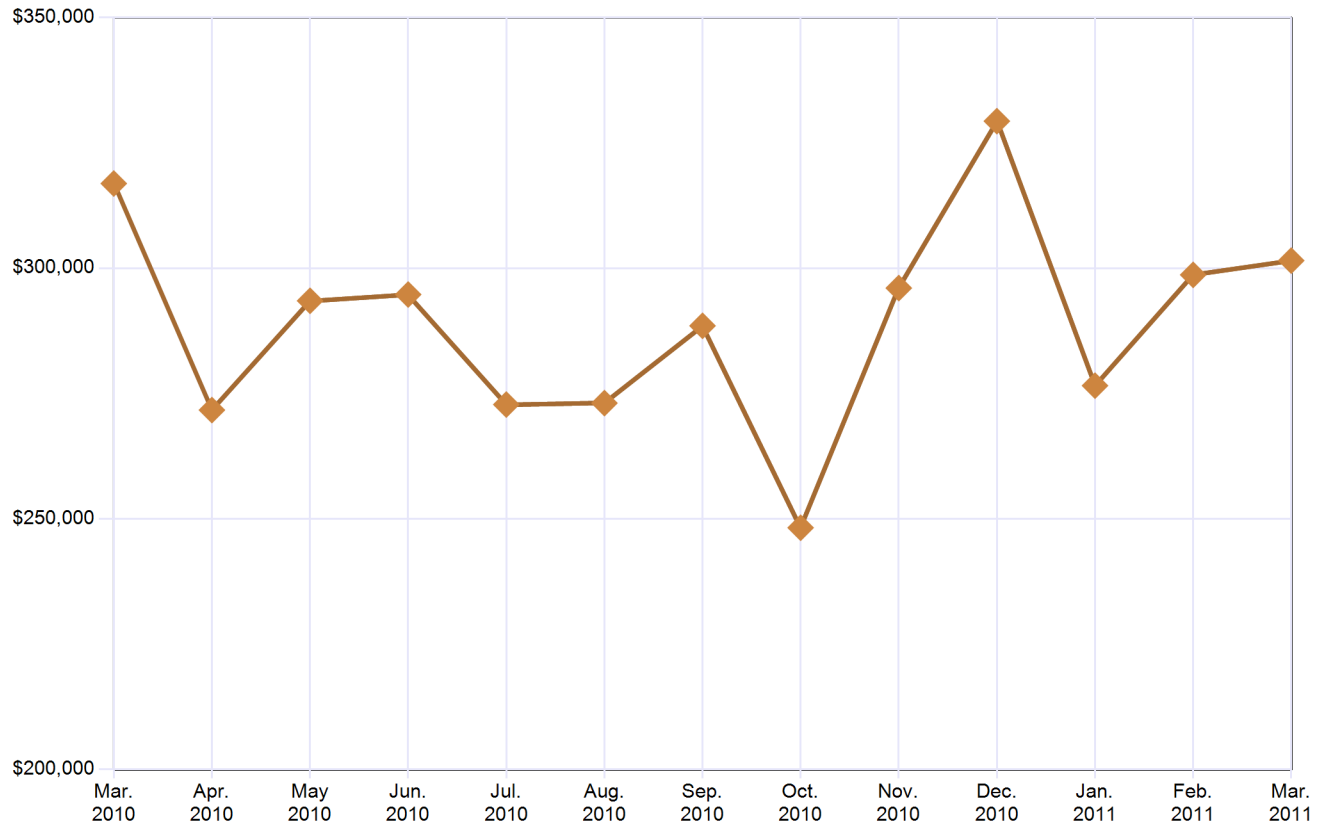


	Mecklenburg County	Virginia
2000	\$2,677,618	\$777,850,960
2001	\$2,735,291	\$777,241,737
2002	\$2,754,997	\$789,905,170
2003	\$2,772,194	\$838,275,059
2004	\$3,022,288	\$914,499,686
2005	\$3,249,712	\$976,923,577
2006	\$3,409,285	\$1,028,544,074
2007	\$3,637,130	\$1,056,766,678
2008	\$3,973,062	\$1,032,815,078
2009	\$3,450,474	\$979,594,664
2010	\$3,372,299	\$992,820,512

Note: This data is based on Virginia sales tax revenues deposited, rather than the actual taxable sales figures as reported on a dealer's return.

Source: Virginia Department of Taxation, Revenue Forecasting.

Local Option Sales Tax Past 12 Months



	Mecklenburg County	Virginia
Mar. 2010	\$316,909	\$85,913,735
Apr. 2010	\$271,708	\$81,590,093
May 2010	\$293,512	\$83,035,605
Jun. 2010	\$294,762	\$87,187,573
Jul. 2010	\$272,810	\$82,551,043
Aug. 2010	\$273,100	\$81,354,444
Sep. 2010	\$288,519	\$86,940,858
Oct. 2010	\$248,228	\$83,031,897
Nov. 2010	\$296,053	\$82,342,664
Dec. 2010	\$329,353	\$102,695,881
Jan. 2011	\$276,581	\$74,641,844
Feb. 2011	\$298,686	\$74,941,174
Mar. 2011	\$301,529	\$84,495,493

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