



August Unemployment Rate 3.8 Percent (<http://virginialmi.com/?page=3&print=1&release=260>)

Virginia's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate held steady at 3.8% in August.
Read the LMI Press Release (<http://virginialmi.com/?page=3&print=1&release=260>)

News and Announcements (/vec-news)

Unemployment Scam

It has been reported that there is a scam that could be affecting claimants. The scam involves the claimant receiving a text message stating that they have received unemployment updates and to click a link to view them.
Learn more about this scam... (<https://www.vec.virginia.gov/node/4673>)

Petersburg Office Relocation

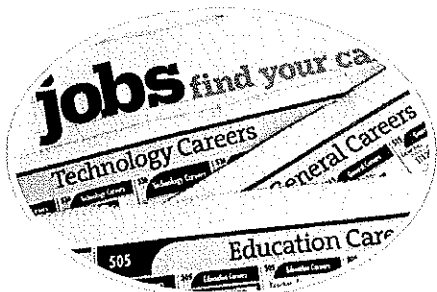
VAWC Offers New, Enhanced Features for Job Seekers, Virginia Businesses

W.A.R.N. and Rapid Response Services

 **Virginia Snapshot** (<https://virginialmi.com/content/pdfs/VA%20Snapshot%20phone%20-%20July%202017.pdf>)

Job Seekers (/find-a-job)

For Job Seekers [➤ \(/find-a-job\)](/find-a-job)



Register with the Virginia Workforce Connection

The VEC's Virginia Workforce Connection (VAWC) (<https://www.vawc.virginia.gov/>) is your online source to connect with potential employers, search for jobs, find training opportunities, and research wage data along with industry and occupational trends.

◆ **Begin your job search** (<https://www.vawc.virginia.gov/>) [➤](#)

◆ **Register or Login with the VAWC to gain full access to its services** (<https://www.vawc.virginia.gov/loginintro.asp>) ▶

Veterans (/veterans)

Upcoming Job Fairs (/find-a-job/job-fairs)

Find A VEC Office (/find-a-job/vec-local-offices)

Employers (/employers)

For Employers ▶ (/employers)



Employee or Independent Contractor?

Sometimes an employer will classify workers as contractors instead of employees. In these cases, contract workers are responsible for paying their own payroll taxes, including federal and state income taxes and both the employer and employee portion of Social Security taxes. In most cases, contractors are responsible for providing their own Workers Compensation Insurance and are not eligible for Unemployment Insurance if their services are no longer needed.

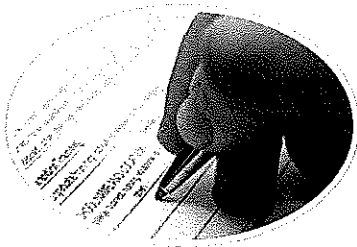
Learn more about how to classify workers (/employers/employee-or-independent-contractor) ▶

Tax Filing / Registration (/employers/account-number)

VWC (<http://www.vawc.virginia.gov/vosnet/Default.aspx>)

Unemployment Insurance (/unemployed)

Learn more about UI ▶ (/unemployed)



Unemployment Insurance Benefits

File your initial or continued claim online (/unemployed/online-services/apply-for-unemployment-benefits) ▶

You may also file by telephone:

- ◆ For **initial claims**, call between 8:15am and 4:30pm, Monday - Friday (closed state holidays): 1-866-832-2363 (tel:1-866-832-2363)
- ◆ For **continuing claims**, call: 1-800-897-5630 (tel:1-800-897-5630)

To view a comprehensive list of everything you need to get started with your application including special forms and telephone numbers for the hearing impaired, please visit our **Claimant Resources page** ([lcr](#)).

Our Claims Processes ([/unemployed/claims-information/our-claims-processes](#))

Fraud Alert ([/unemployed/fraud](#))

Internet Appeals ([/appeals/file](#))

Labor Market Information (<http://virginialmi.com/>)

Visit the LMI Website ➤ (<http://virginialmi.com/>)



Projected to 2024

Virginia Job Outlook

Overall, employment in Virginia is projected to grow 9.3 percent by 2024 exceeding the national growth rate of 6.5 percent.

Which jobs are expected to grow or decline in Virginia?

The Job Outlook brochure lists a sampling of high-growth occupations by educational attainment and annual wages projected to 2024 as well as occupations that are projected to decline.

View the Job Outlook Brochure ➤ ([/sites/default/files/documents/2024-Jobs-Outlook.pdf](#))

Labor Market Data (<http://data.virginialmi.com/altentry.asp?action=Imiguest&whereto=lmistart>)

Publications (<http://data.virginialmi.com/gsipub/index.asp?docid=300>)

Slide Shows (<http://data.virginialmi.com/gsipub/index.asp?docid=340>)