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Coast to Coast & Around the World - Since 2001

VIRGINIA (VA)

Population: 8,517,685 (USA Rank: 12)

Per Capita Income: \$38,900 (USA Rank: 8)

U.S.Governments: <https://www.usa.gov/elected-officials>

(Federal, State & local - most recent elected officials)

Virginia: <https://www.virginia.gov>

Governor's office: <https://www.governor.virginia.gov>

Secretary of State: <https://secretaryofstates.com/virginia>

Tourism: <https://www.vatc.org>

Major Cities: Virginia Beach, Norfolk, Chesapeake. Richmond, Newport

Multicultural Council of America

Non-Profit umbrella organization, promoting world cultures, education & healthcare

<https://www.multiculturalcouncil.org> Email: info@multiculturalcouncil.org

WE are a non-profit membership organization, helping you connect with people and organizations within **Virginia** and beyond, for better communication, exchanging ideas, learning & helping communities locally, nationally and globally thru Multicultural Council Chapters.

We encourage you to please become a *member*, join one of our committees, **be a volunteer or mentor**, *donate your time & money and share your ideas to help the communities*. Membership is open to individuals, organizations, corporations and governments.

Please *advertise* your organization, services or products in this website to reach out to local, regional and global multicultural communities.

Tourism Promotion has become our special project during these uncertain times. Tourism is the world's largest industry. Prior to the pandemic, according to the National Travel and Tourism Week (NTTW) the travel industry was a powerful economic engine, supporting jobs and driving local economies in every pocket of America. The industry had experienced 107 straight months of growth, generated \$2.6 trillion in economic output, supported 17 million American jobs and delivered a \$51 billion trade surplus to the U.S.

In 2020, 84.4 million visitors spent \$17.5 billion in Virginia. Unfortunately visitation declined 26.6% and visitor

spending dropped 39.7% due to the pandemic which severely affected travel globally. Employment supported by visitor spending tallied 255,764 jobs in the state.

While Tourism bounced back strongly in 2022, driven by pent-up demand and the lifting of travel restrictions, the international travel remains 54.6% below pre-pandemic. The recovery is fragile with new uncertainties from the economic slowdown & geopolitical instability.

The Multicultural Communities within Virginia and throughout the world have always been instrumental in increasing Tourism Revenues for Virginia, for employment and our economic growth. Let's work together to help each other.

Population by Race: Source: Census Bureau – American Community Survey (<https://census.gov/acs>) & *Pew Research*

		Virginia				U. S.A.	Change 2010-21	% increase
1	White	67.4%				192,750,000	-4,060,000	(<0%)
2	Black or African American	19.2%				39,270,000	1,580,000	7%
3	Hispanic or Latino	9.5%				62,530,000	12,050,000	52%
4	Asian	6.5%				18,890,000	4,420,000	19%
5	American Indian and Alaska Native	0.3%				-	-	-
6	Two or more Races	4.1%				14,300,000	8,330,000	36%
7	Pacific Islanders	0.1%				-	-	-
8	Virginians Speaking A Foreign Language at Home	16.4%				-	-	-

How Much Do You Need To Earn, to Live Well in Virginia?

Family Budget Calculator, developed by the Economic Policy Institute (www.epi.org/resources/budget) allows you to calculate the average amount of money you need for Housing, Food, Childcare, Transportation, Healthcare, Taxes, etc. in the area where you live or wish to live.

Virginia Information, Contacts & Resources

- **History & Culture:** https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History_of_Virginia
- **History & Culture:** <https://www.history.com/topics/us-states/virginia>
- **Demographics:** <https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/VA>
- **Discrimination** (*Violation of Your Civil Rights based on race, color, national origin, disability, sex, religion, familial status, etc.*): 833-591-0291 or Toll-Free:1-855-856-1247 <https://civilrights.justice.gov>
- **Eldercare:** Connecting older Americans with local resources – www.eldercare.acl.gov 800-677-1116 eldercarelocator@USAging.org
- **Environment** (Air Quality in your zip-code for Home/Work) www.airnow.gov & www.enviroflash.info
- **Health:** <https://www.vdh.virginia.gov>
- **Health: National Association of Free & Charitable Clinics:** 703-647-7427 - <https://nafcclinics.org> info@nafcclinics.org
- **Drug Information** (*Interactions, side-effects, etc.*): Call your local pharmacist or FDA at 1-855-543-3784 and 1-301-796-3400 or write to druginfo@fda.hhs.gov
- **Immigration & Citizenship:** www.uscis.gov/citizenship Email: Office.of.Citizenship@uscis.dhs.gov
- **IRS-Taxpayer Advocate Service:** 877-777-4778 www.taxpayeradvocate.irs.gov
- **Fraud, Scams & Bad Business Practices:** 1-877-382-4357 <https://reportfraud.ftc.gov>
- **The Innocence Project helping wrongfully convicted Americans:** <http://www.innocenceproject.org>
- Email: info@innocenceproject.org

*Need Urgent Legal Help? Legal Services Corporation: 202-295-1500 (www.lsc.gov- info@lsc.gov) or American Bar Association: Toll Free: 800-285-2221 www.americanbar.org

Virginia Crisis Hotlines: <https://www.dhcd.virginia.gov/sites/default/files/Docx/vhsp/crisis>

911 (9-1-1 is a confidential and multilingual **EMERGENCY #**)

211 - is a free referral and information helpline that connects people to a wide range of health and human services

Adult Abuse: 888-832-3858

Alcohol & Drug Abuse: (888) 486-0483 or (866) 401-6465 or (877) 498-1503 or (877) 724-0292

Child Abuse: 1-800-552-7096 or (434) 455-5726 or (804) 257-7226 or (804) 359-6166 or (540) 387-6040

Domestic Violence: 1-800-838-8238 or 703-324-5730 or 703-777-6552 or 703-746-4911 or 804-377-0335

Gambling Problem: 804.827.0921 or 1-800-522-4700

Mental Health: 866-903-3787 or 1-888-486-8264 (NAMI) or (804) 257-5591

Military / Veterans Helpline: 703 -368 4141 or 1-800-273-8255(Press-1)

Shelter: SERVE Family Shelter, 10054 Dean Dr., Manassas, VA 20110 Tel: 571-444-6664

Suicide Prevention: 800-273-8255 Español: 888-628-9454

Youth line: 1-877-968-8454 (1-877-YOUTHLINE)

National Crisis Resources: 24-hour nationwide – Services may be available in many languages

Addiction Hotline: 800-784-2433

Child Abuse: 1-800-4-A-Child or 1-800-422-4453 (National Child Abuse Hotline) www.childhelp.org

Domestic Violence: 1-800-799-7233 (National Domestic Violence Hotline)

StrongHearts Native Helpline: Call/Chat: 1-844-7NATIVE (762-8483) www.strongheartshelpline.org

Shelters: <https://www.domesticshelters.org>

Online Chat (7am-2am CST) <https://www.thehotline.org> - All calls are toll-free & confidential

Human Trafficking Hotline: 1-888-373-7888 (Text # 233733)

National Center for Missing & Exploited Children: 1-800-THE-LOST or 1-800-843-5678

National Indigenous Women's Resource Center – 855-649-7299 – www.niwrc.org - info@niwrc.org

National Problem Gambling Helpline: 1-800-522-4700-**Text:** 1-800-522-4700-**Chat:** www.ncpgambling.org/chat

Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-TALK (1-800-273-8255)**Soon to be 9-8-8**

Poison Control Center For Emergencies: 1-800-222-1222

Covenant House Nineline: 1-800-RUNAWAY (1-800-786-2929) <https://teenlineonline.org>

Girls & Boys Town National Hotline: Phone, Chat, Text, and Email - 1-800-448-3000

National Youth Crisis Hotline: 1-800-442-HOPE (1-800-442-4673)

Samariteens: 1-800-252-TEENS (1-800-252-8336) - 3:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Youth Crisis Hotline: 1-800-HIT-HOME (1-800-448-4663)

Youth America Hotline (YAH!): 1-877-YOUTHLINE (1-877-968-8454)

The Trevor Lifeline: 1-866-488-7386

** The Trevor Lifeline is a service of The Trevor Project, a non-profit endeavor devoted to promoting tolerance and understanding for **LGBTQ youth**.*

All information contained in this website, including contacts, tel #s or emails, etc. are up-to-date to the best of our knowledge. The Multicultural Council, its officials, staff or volunteers cannot be held responsible for any errors, wrong info or for any liability of any type whatsoever arising thereof.

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**PLEASE FORWARD IT TO YOUR FRIENDS & ASSOCIATES
WITHIN VIRGINIA AND BEYOND**

Please help us by adding, correcting & improving this website to serve our communities

Please *advertise* your goods & services in this website – to help us continue our services to communities in Virginia - <https://multiculturalcouncil.org/media-kit-ad-rates>

GLOBAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Please *donate* & support our Tuition-Free, Post-Secondary Education for the qualified refugees living in Virginia or anywhere else in the world, through UNHCR and the American Academy of International Education (<https://www.americanacademyedu.org>)

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- American Academy of International Education is affiliated with MCC

