

## Virginia Business Headlines for July:

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- **Amazon** to open new operation in **Ashland**
- VITA claims **Northrop Grumman** puts state IT system at risk of shutdown
- **JennChem** to add jobs in **Russell County**
- **Lipton Tea** workers in **Suffolk** vote on first labor contract after unionizing last year
- Big **indoor shooting range** could find a home next to **Loudoun's** Topgolf and iFly
- **Dominion Energy** plans to construct new solar facility in **Middlesex County**
- **Kaiser Permanente** plans \$200M medical hub
- **Dominion Energy** gets approval to build power line across **James River**
- **Port of Virginia** sets another cargo record
- **NCI Inc.** being sold for \$283M to **H.I.G. Capital**
- NASCAR's rebranded **Richmond Raceway** announces \$30M infield redevelopment project
- **Dominion Power** investing in wind energy project off **Virginia Beach** coast
- **Dominion Energy** adds to its solar portfolio
- **Timmons** gets bigger near Baltimore
- \$25M golf range gets go-ahead in **Goochland**
- **Thermo Fisher Scientific** adding 57 jobs in **Frederick County**
- Local **brush company** cleans up with \$20M sale
- **DXC Technology** buys large Tampa IT firm

Virginia Employment by Region (in thousands, seasonally adjusted)	June 2016	June 2017 (P)	Change %	June Unemp. Rate (P)
Total Virginia Nonfarm Workers	3,911.9	3,961.9	1.3%	3.7%
Blacksburg	74.7	76.1	1.9%	4.5%
Charlottesville	114.4	116.9	2.2%	3.7%
Harrisonburg	65.7	67.2	2.3%	4.2%
Kingsport	120.6	121.1	0.4%	4.6%
Lynchburg	103.9	103.9	0.0%	4.8%
Richmond	667.7	682.3	2.2%	4.0%
Roanoke	162.8	164.4	1.0%	4.0%
Staunton-Waynesboro	50.6	51.7	2.2%	3.7%
Virginia Beach	781.3	780.4	-0.1%	4.4%
Washington DC metro	2,648.8	2,696.4	1.8%	4.0%
Winchester	62.3	63.4	1.8%	3.5%

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics  
(P) Preliminary

## Virginia Econ/Government Headlines for July:

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- **Pipeline** battle
- **Brick-and-mortar retail** is struggling, but don't write the obit yet
- The **Roanoke** region is working to attract and keep **millennials**
- **Prince William** attracts nine projects in first half
- **Unemployment** falls to 3.7 percent
- **Potomac Nationals** owner expresses interest in moving to **Fredericksburg** region
- **Elon Musk** says he has 'verbal' government approval for **East Coast hyperloop tunnels**
- Most of **Norfolk's public housing** could be gone in a decade under ambitious new plan
- Virginia ranks high in **minority-owned businesses**
- **Pipeline survey** crew surprises **Bent Mountain** landowners with early morning entry
- **Virginia Retirement System** hits historic high of \$74 billion at the right time for lawmakers
- **Arts industry** brings big economic impact to several areas in Virginia
- Is the **4 percent retirement rule** still relevant in today's market?
- **'Experience economy'** grows as consumers seek memories, not merchandise
- After losing \$277M in 5 years, **Colonial Williamsburg** is asking for a tax break
- Flurry of projects are changing **Norfolk**

Virginia Employment by Sector (in thousands, seasonally adjusted)	June 2016	June 2017 (P)	Change %
Total Virginia Nonfarm Workers	3,911.9	3,961.9	1.3%
Mining and Logging	7.8	7.8	0.0%
Construction	187.0	189.8	1.5%
Manufacturing	232.1	231.4	-0.3%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	662.4	663.4	0.2%
Information	68.9	64.5	-6.4%
Financial Activities	200.4	206.5	3.0%
Professional & Business Services	716.0	733.1	2.4%
Education & Health Services	528.2	544.6	3.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	396.3	407.5	2.8%
Other Services	199.3	200.3	0.5%
Government	713.5	713.0	-0.1%

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