

Virginia Business Headlines for July:

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- Canadian company to invest **\$275 million**, create 140 jobs, at **Bear Island** paper plant in **Hanover**
- On-demand scooter startup **Lime** is sweet on **Richmond**
- Bourbon** company to make barrels in **Southwest Virginia**
- Union Bank** sells its **boat financing** business for more than **\$400 million**
- Scooter startup** has expanded into **Arlington**. It just didn't tell Arlington.
- Shockoe Bottom**-based startup hungry for **\$5M** capital raise
- Will **Elon Musk** catch **Rams** fever?
- Chickpea-powered** local startup vies for **\$4.5M** capital raise
- Winter **honeybee** die-off in **Virginia** could bring lower honey production and affect crop pollination
- Dominion** files plans for second downtown tower

Virginia Employment by Region (in thousands, seasonally adjusted)	June 2017	June 2018 (P)	Change %	June Unemp. Rate (P)
Total Virginia Nonfarm Workers	3,958.1	4,001.9	1.1%	3.3%
Blacksburg	75.0	74.6	-0.5%	3.7%
Charlottesville	117.0	120.9	3.3%	3.1%
Harrisonburg	65.7	66.8	1.7%	3.5%
Kingsport	121.2	122.0	0.7%	4.2%
Lynchburg	103.7	105.3	1.5%	4.0%
Richmond	677.7	681.9	0.6%	3.4%
Roanoke	160.4	162.4	1.2%	3.4%
Staunton-Waynesboro	50.3	51.3	2.0%	3.1%
Virginia Beach	791.7	796.0	0.5%	3.5%
Washington DC metro	2,699.5	2,744.5	1.7%	3.7%
Winchester	63.7	65.7	3.1%	3.1%

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

Virginia Econ/Government Headlines for July:

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- Amelia** could host regional site for **medical marijuana** operation
- Board says no to **landfill** expansion in **Chester**
- Environmental regulators cite **Mountain Valley Pipeline** again
- Richmond** City Council mulling own analysis of **arena** redevelopment proposal
- With preservation of pristine, important habitat in the balance, a visit to **Fones Cliffs**
- Virginia's** path to shine in cybersecurity: The **Commonwealth Cyber Initiative**
- Virginia Retirement System** hits **7 percent** investment target for year, but target could change
- '**Virginia is for Lovers**' spat playing out in **Richmond** federal court
- Virginia** climbs up CNBC's '**Top States for Business**' ranking
- Billionaire betting on the **Pamunkeys**: Jon Yarbrough thinks he can bring casinos to **Virginia**
- Hampton** preps to extend **Coliseum Drive** farther north
- Roanoke** unveils new indoor **football** franchise
- D.C. Council** expected to consider **Initiative 77** repeal

Virginia Employment by Sector (in thousands, seasonally adjusted)	June 2017	June 2018 (P)	Change %
Total Virginia Nonfarm Workers	3,958.1	4,001.9	1.1%
Mining and Logging	8.0	8.3	3.8%
Construction	193.4	199.7	3.3%
Manufacturing	234.2	238.6	1.9%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	663.3	670.9	1.1%
Information	68.0	66.9	-1.6%
Financial Activities	205.9	210.9	2.4%
Professional & Business Services	732.0	738.6	0.9%
Education & Health Services	530.2	539.3	1.7%
Leisure & Hospitality	402.7	410.5	1.9%
Other Services	202.6	205.9	1.6%
Government	717.8	712.3	-0.8%

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