

Virginia Business Headlines for December:

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- ✔ **Charlottesville** pharma company looks to combat **opioid addiction**
- ✔ **McAirlaid's Inc.** to expand production in **Franklin County**
- ✔ **Danville** to get **500 new jobs**
- ✔ **North American** headquarters to **relocate** in **Reston**
- ✔ **Packaging** company to expand **Danville plant**
- ✔ Real damage from **Norfolk Southern's** departure may be to **Hampton Roads' image**
- ✔ **Kaléo** to create generic **opioid overdose antidote** and **cut prices** on **Evzio brand**
- ✔ **Norfolk Southern** delay sidetracks **New River Valley's Amtrak plan**
- ✔ **CarLotz** drives into Texas, steering toward **Northeast expansion next**
- ✔ Steel manufacturer **investing \$12.5M** in former **Williams Bridge Co. building**
- ✔ **Altria** takes stake in **Canadian cannabis company**
- ✔ **Quarles Petroleum** to acquire **Revere Gas**
- ✔ **Pa. construction** company plans to open plant in **Richmond**

Virginia Employment by Sector (in thousands, seasonally adjusted)	Nov 2017	Nov 2018 (P)	Change %
Total Virginia Nonfarm Workers	3,956.6	4,031.7	1.9%
Mining and Logging	8.2	8.4	2.4%
Construction	196.1	203.6	3.8%
Manufacturing	234.3	244.6	4.4%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	660.1	673.3	2.0%
Information	66.6	65.2	-2.1%
Financial Activities	206.1	211.1	2.4%
Professional & Business Services	732.8	753.9	2.9%
Education & Health Services	532.0	548.3	3.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	400.1	416.0	4.0%
Other Services	204.0	207.1	1.5%
Government	716.3	700.2	-2.2%

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

Virginia Employment by Region (in thousands, seasonally adjusted)	Nov 2017	Nov 2018 (P)	Change %	Nov Unemp. Rate (P)
Total Virginia Nonfarm Workers	3,956.6	4,031.7	1.9%	2.8%
Blacksburg	77.6	79.6	2.6%	2.9%
Charlottesville	119.8	123.0	2.7%	2.4%
Harrisonburg	68.8	69.5	1.0%	2.7%
Kingsport	122.7	124.9	1.8%	3.4%
Lynchburg	105.4	107.4	1.9%	3.0%
Richmond	675.6	686.5	1.6%	2.9%
Roanoke	161.2	165.1	2.4%	2.6%
Staunton-Waynesboro	50.3	51.4	2.2%	2.5%
Virginia Beach	781.6	794.3	1.6%	3.0%
Washington DC metro	2,711.4	2,752.8	1.5%	3.1%
Winchester	65.1	66.7	2.5%	2.5%

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Virginia Econ/Government Headlines for December:

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- ✔ Report: **Virginia** could play **key role** in East Coast **offshore wind supply chain**
- ✔ Inc: **RVA, VA Beach** top places in US to **start a business**
- ✔ Virginia's **jobless rate** falls to **lowest level in 17 years**
- ✔ **Lynchburg** Officials look for an effective way to **tell the city's story**
- ✔ **VA** enters fast-growing **medical cannabis oil market**
- ✔ **Albemarle County** town to feature **autonomous shuttle service**
- ✔ **Norfolk Southern** paying back **Virginia, Norfolk**
- ✔ Lawmaker: **Virginia erred** by paying Norfolk Southern to relocate **Roanoke jobs**
- ✔ Virginia, **Norfolk** may seek up to **\$4 million refund** over broken promise as **Norfolk Southern move advances**
- ✔ **Atlantic Coast Pipeline** sues **Nelson County** over zoning decision
- ✔ What the **RVA region** offered to land **Amazon HQ2**
- ✔ **Virginia** to market **York land** that local group eyes for drones
- ✔ To boost **Amtrak ridership**, state mulls **cutting ticket prices** within Virginia, D.C.
- ✔ New report looks at **Amazon's economic impact**
- ✔ **New Kent** supervisors approve machinery and tools tax decrease, discuss **lower business property tax rates**