



Virginia Quick Facts: Children & Families

2026

Children in Virginia

273,772	Children Under Age 3
471,473	Children Under Age 5
410,926	Children Age 5 - 8 Years
319,545	Children Age 9 - 11 Years
384,976	Children under age 6 with Working Parents
519,266	School-age children (6-12) with Working Parents

Families in Virginia

1,014,382	Families with Children Under Age 18
647,853	Married Couples with Children Under 18
40,320	Dads Raising Children Under 18
160,410	Moms Raising Children Under 18
48,297	Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Under 18

Low Income Working Families in Virginia

12.3%	% of Children under Age 5 Living in Poverty
11.1%	% of Children Age 5-17 Living in Poverty
8.4%	% of Families with Children Under 5 Only in Poverty
9.9%	% of Families with Children Under 18 in Poverty
28.3%	% of Families with Children Under 5 Living with a Single Mom in Poverty
538,054	Children Living Below 200% of Poverty
29.1%	% of Children Living Below 200% of Poverty
261,730	Children under 18/Food Insecurity
14%	% of Children under 18/Food Insecurity

Education Related Stats for Virginia

24,425	Virginia Preschool Initiative Slots
13,691	Children in Head Start (includes 3,561 in Early Head Start)
33%	% of White 4 th Graders Reading Below Grade Level
59%	% of Hispanic 4 th Graders Reading Below Grade
57%	% of Black 4 th Graders Reading Below Grade
55%	% of Low-Income 4 th Graders Reading Below Grade
68,286	Children 6-17 Who Repeated a Grade (2022-2023)
5%	% of Children 6-17 Who Repeated a Grade
92.8%	High School on Time Graduation Rate (2023)
89.6%	High School Graduation Rate, Economically Disadvantaged (2024)

Census Household Pulse Survey Results

133,785

Virginia parents not working due to caring for children not in school or child care

Source: U.S. Census Bureau Household Pulse Survey, [August 20 – September 16, 2024](#)

988,210

Virginia households with children had difficulty paying for usual households expenses in the past week

Source: U.S. Census Bureau Household Pulse Survey, [August 20 – September 16, 2024](#)

65,787

Virginia households with children behind on monthly rent payments

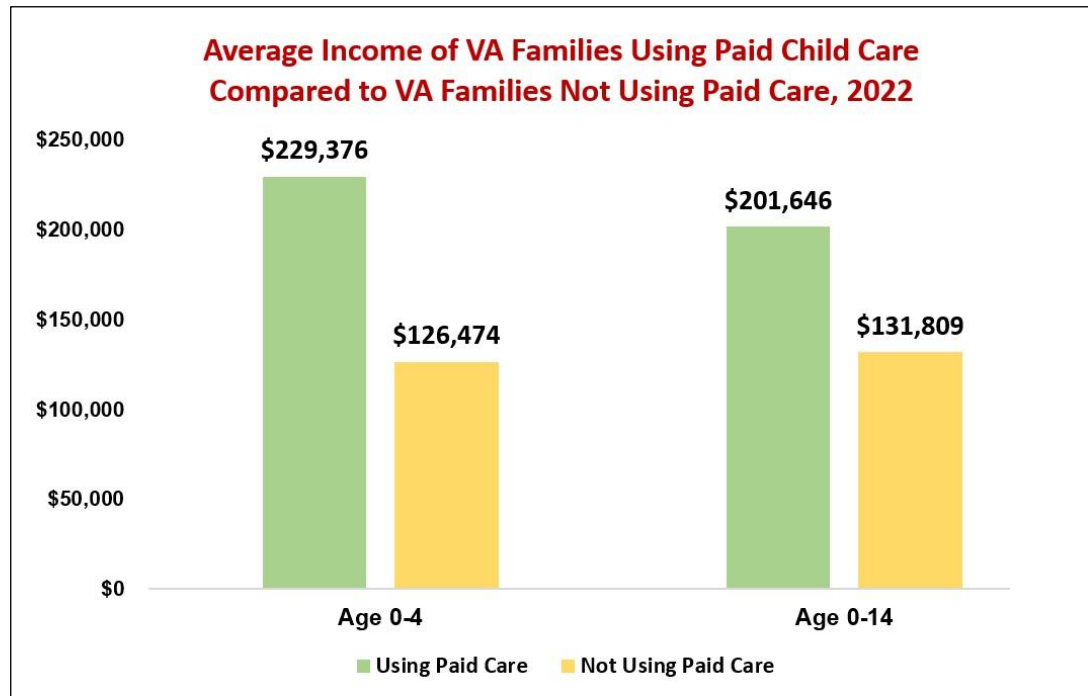
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Child Care Subsidies in Virginia (FY2022 Publicly Reported)

26,200	Average Monthly Number of Children with Subsidy
16,000	Average Monthly Number of Families with Subsidy
25,938	Children in Licensed Care with Subsidy
99%	% of Children with Subsidy in Licensed/Regulated Care

2024 Child Care Annual Fees Charged to VA Parents

\$16,762	Center-based Infant Care Annual Average Fee
\$13,832	Center-based Preschool-age Annual Average Fee
\$12,948	Family Child Care Home Infant Average Fee
\$11,908	Family Child Care Home Preschool Average Fee
\$16,095	VA Annual Cost of College Tuition & Related Fees



Source: IPUMS-CPS, University of Minnesota

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