Recent Trends in Virginia’s Economy

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Total Nonfarm Employment

Y-o-Y Change

Data Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics
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Private Average Hourly Wages

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Data Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics
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Government Employment

Y-o-Y Change

Data Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics
Government Employment
2013:M7 to 2016:M7

Data Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics
Government Employment
2015:M7 to 2016:M7

Data Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics
Professional and Business Services Employment

Y-o-Y Change

Data Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics
Prof. and Bus. Serv. Employment 2013:M7 to 2016:M7

Data Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics
Prof. and Bus. Serv. Employment
2015:M7 to 2016:M7

Data Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics
Education and Healthcare Employment

Y-o-Y Change

Data Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics
Retail Trade Employment

Y-o-Y Change

Data Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics
Leisure and Hospitality Employment

Y-o-Y Change

Data Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics
Unemployment Rate

Data Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics
Labor Force Participation: 16 plus

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Y-o-Y Change

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US Labor Force Participation: 18 to 24

Y-o-Y Change

Data Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics
US Labor Force Participation: 24 to 54

Y-o-Y Change

Data Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics
US Labor Force Participation: 55 to 64

Y-o-Y Change

Data Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics
US Labor Force Participation: 65 plus

Y-o-Y Change

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In sum

• Virginia out-performed the national norm during the recession.

• We have under-performed the national norm during the recovery and were particularly affected by the 2013 federal sequester.

• Throughout 2015 and into the first quarter of 2016, our employment growth was accelerating, while the national trend was decelerating.

• Starting in the second quarter of 2016, we collapsed back to the national norm
In sum

- Statewide employment in Government (mostly driven by Local), Leisure and Hospitality, and manufacturing are now lagging the national norm.
- Statewide employment in Retail Trade is leading the national norm.
- Statewide employment in Professional and Business Services and Education and Healthcare were leading the national norm, but have recently collapsed to the national trend.
In sum

- Statewide unemployment remains a parentage point below the national average.
- Where nationally, labor force participation levels have stabilized and now appear to be rising, in Virginia the continue to fall.
- This continued decline in labor force participation is responsible for much of our apparent decline in the unemployment rate.
Thank You

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