

## Virginia Economic Outlook

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## Overview

#### National Economic Trends

- Gross Domestic Product
- Household Spending and Income
- Labor Market
- Inflation

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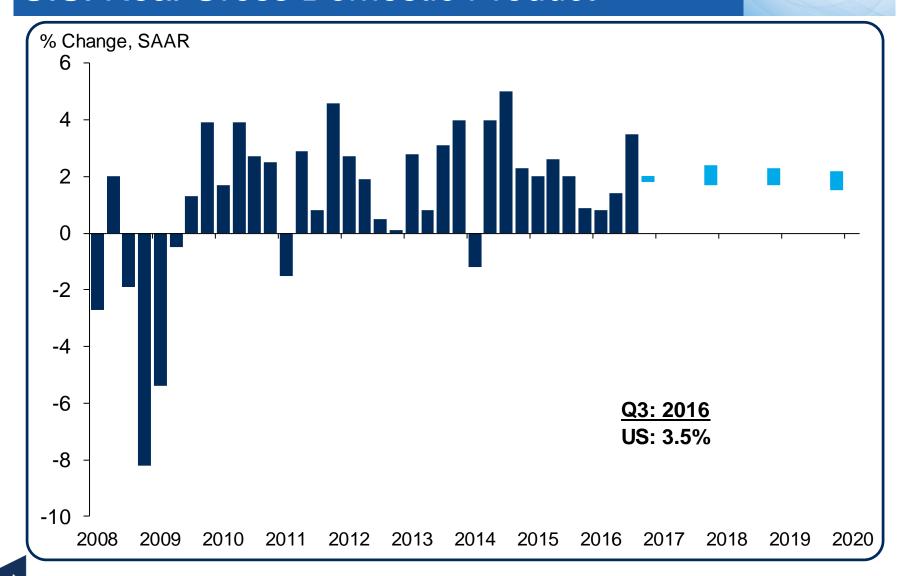
- Labor Market
  - Metro Area Growth
  - Unemployment Rate
  - Industry Growth
- Housing



## **National Economic Trends**



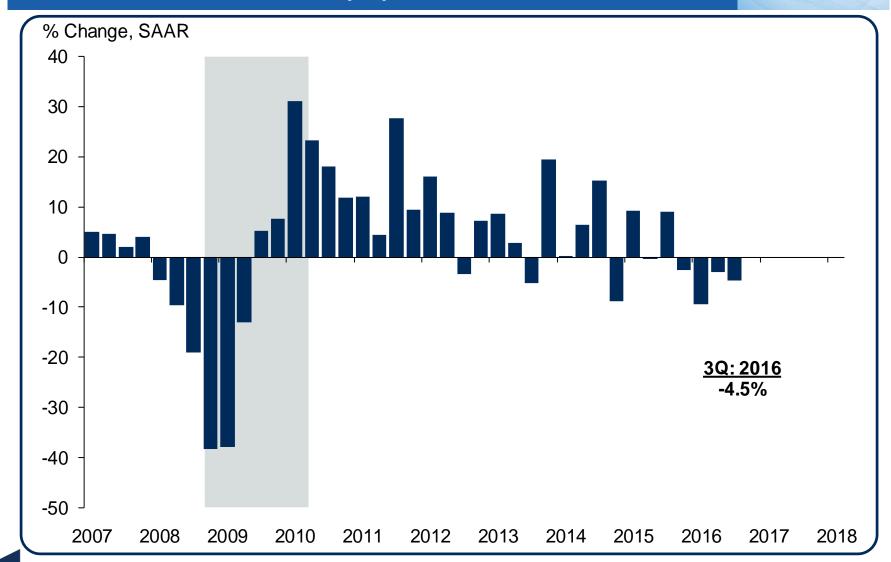
#### U.S. Real Gross Domestic Product





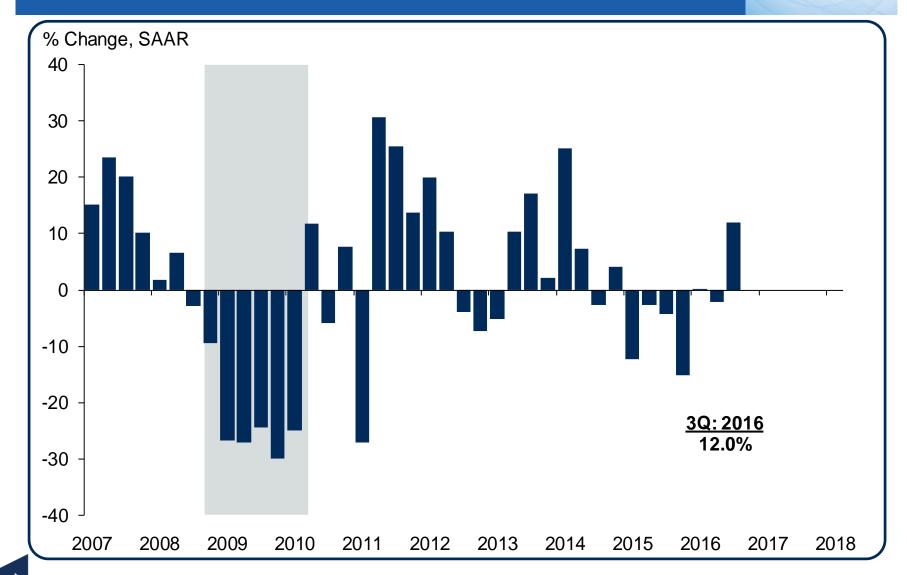
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## Real Investment in Equipment



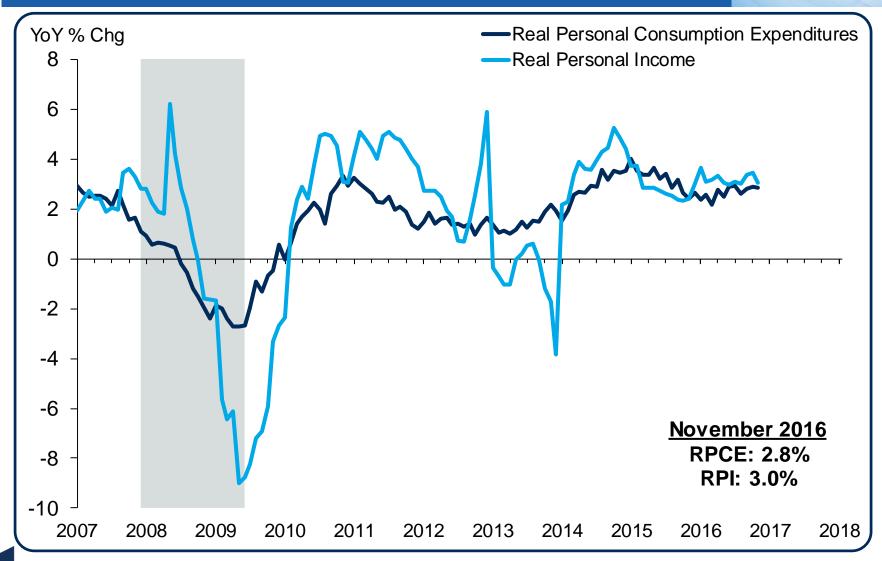


#### Real Investment in Nonresidential Structures





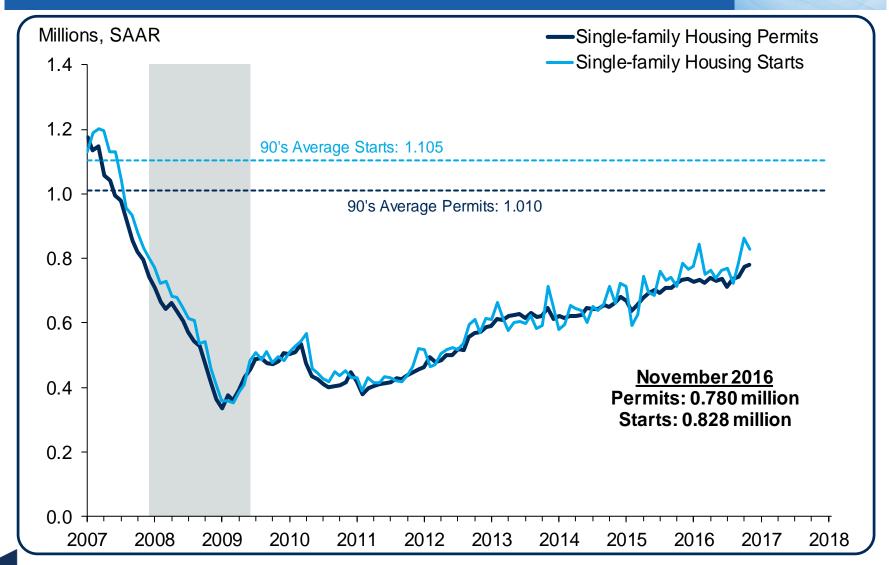
#### Personal Income and Expenditures



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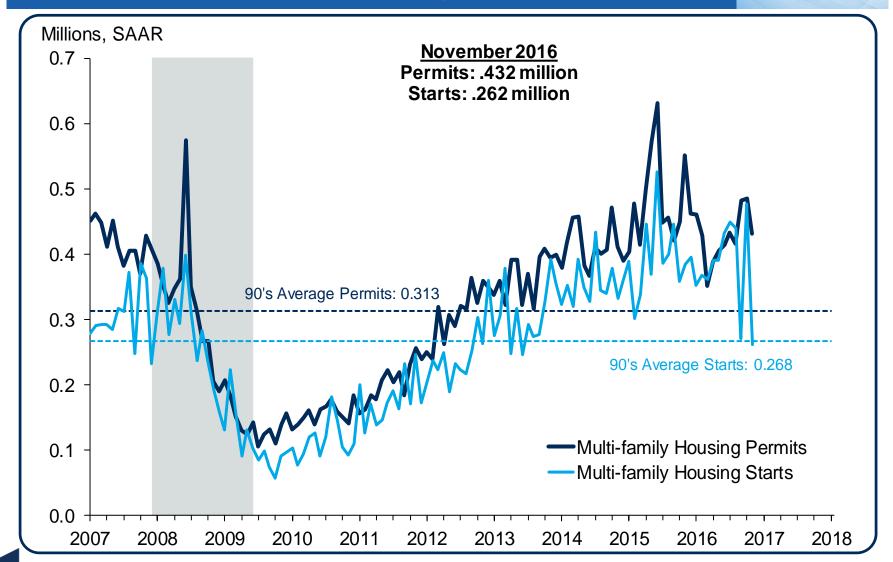


#### Private Single-Family Housing Starts & Permits



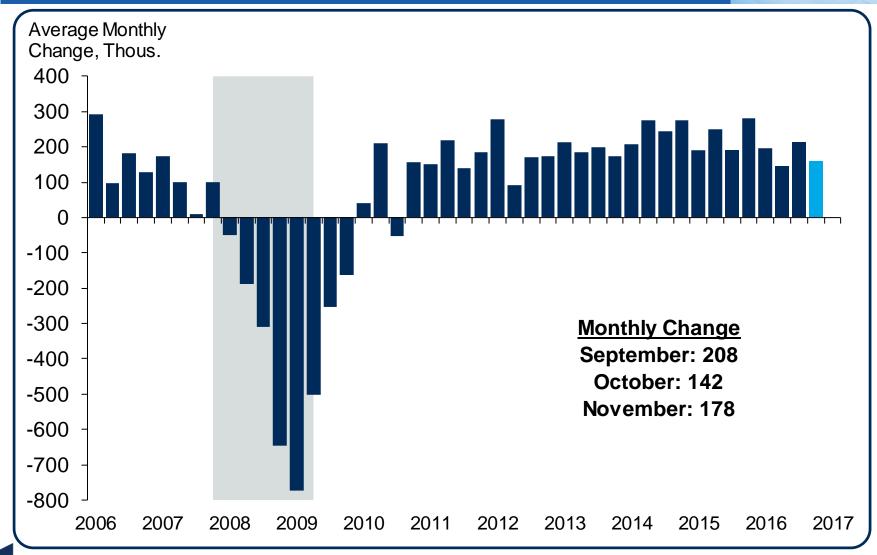


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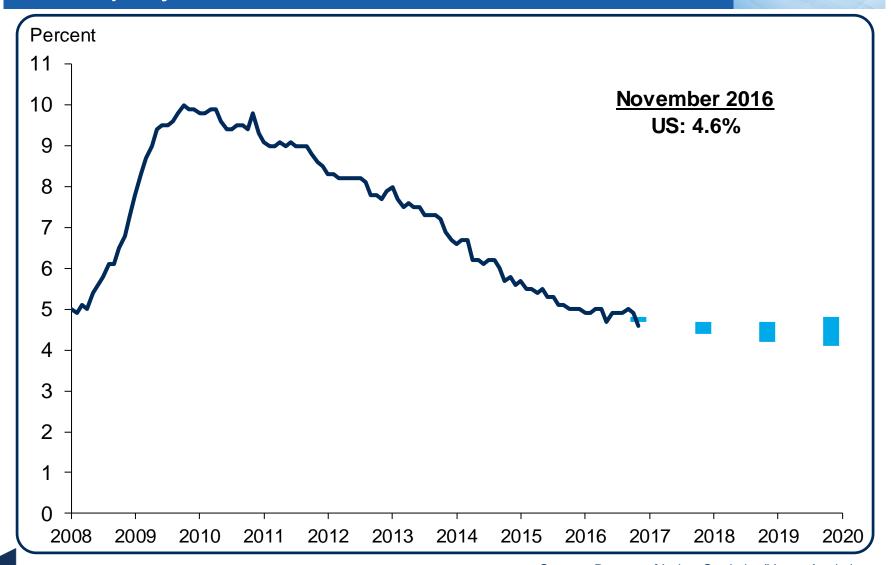
## **Total Employment Growth**



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics/Haver Analytics



## **Unemployment Rate**





Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics/Haver Analytics, Federal Reserve Board of Governors

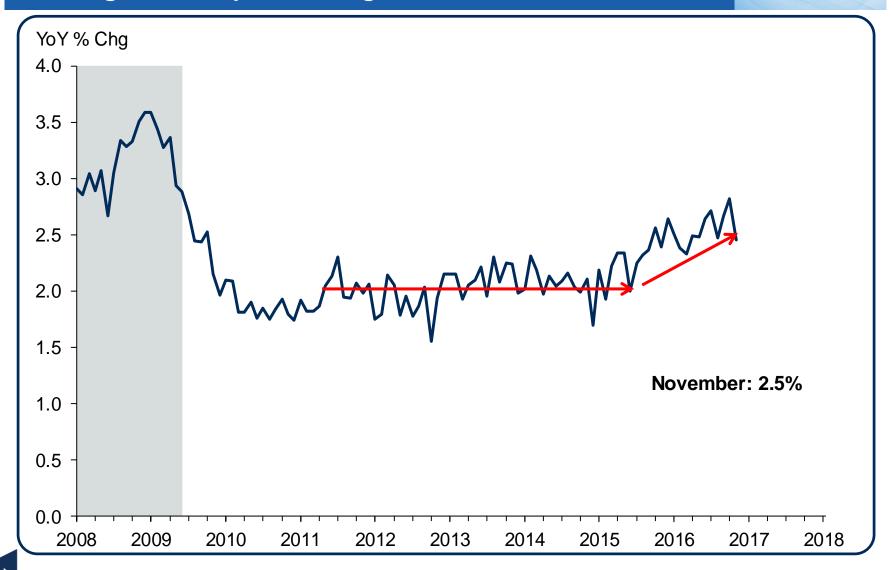
## Labor Force Participation





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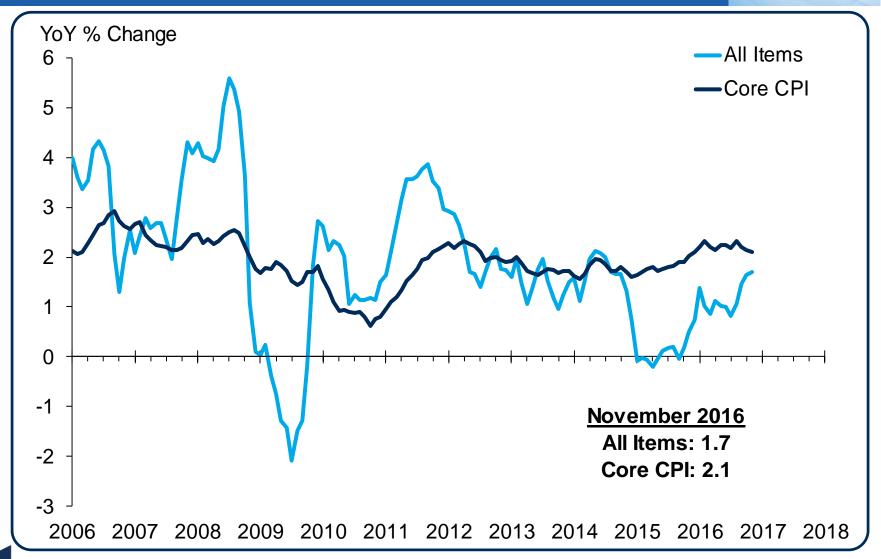
### **Average Hourly Earnings**





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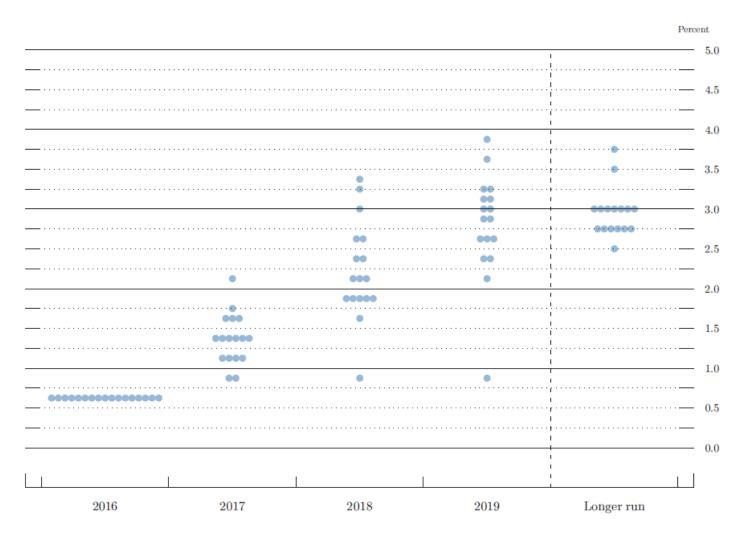
## Consumer Price Index



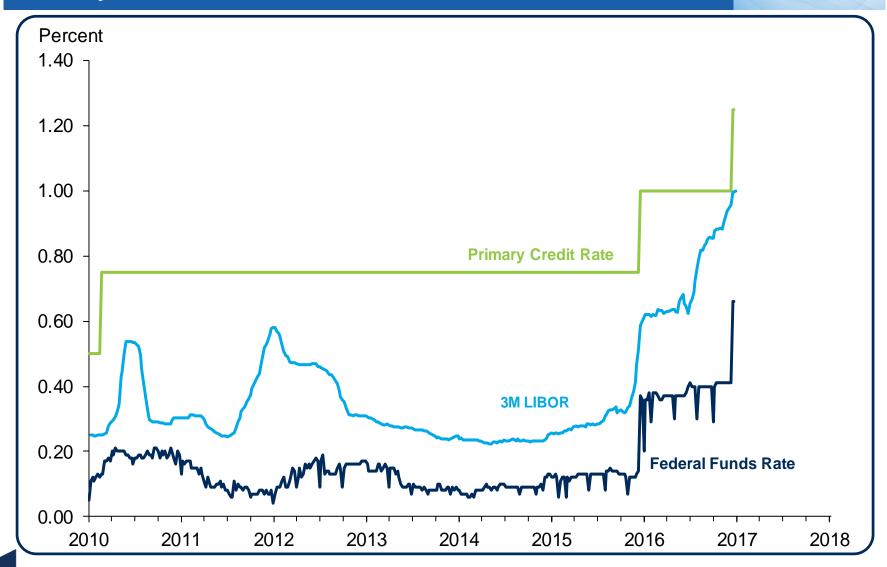
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## Dec. 14th - FOMC Summary of Economic Projections

Figure 2. FOMC participants' assessments of appropriate monetary policy: Midpoint of target range or target level for the federal funds rate

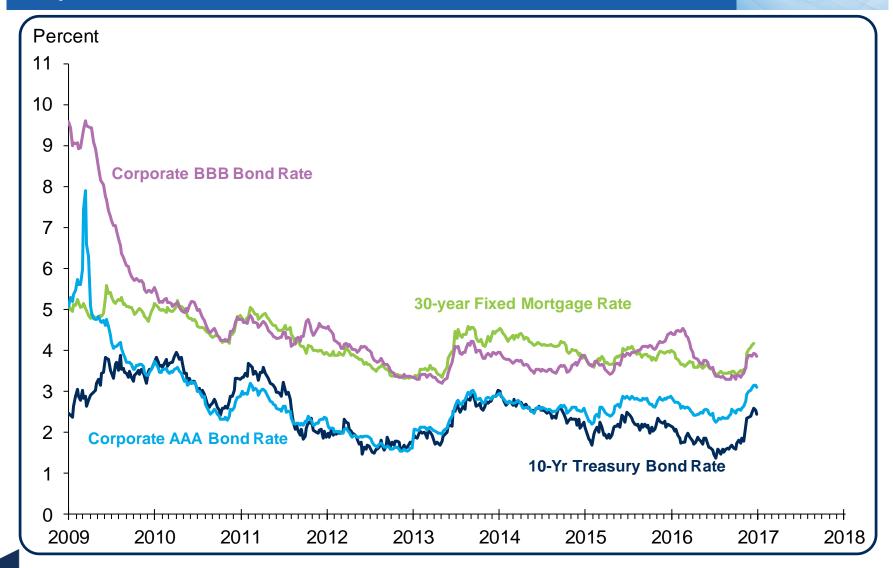


## Money Market Rates





#### **Capital Market Rates**



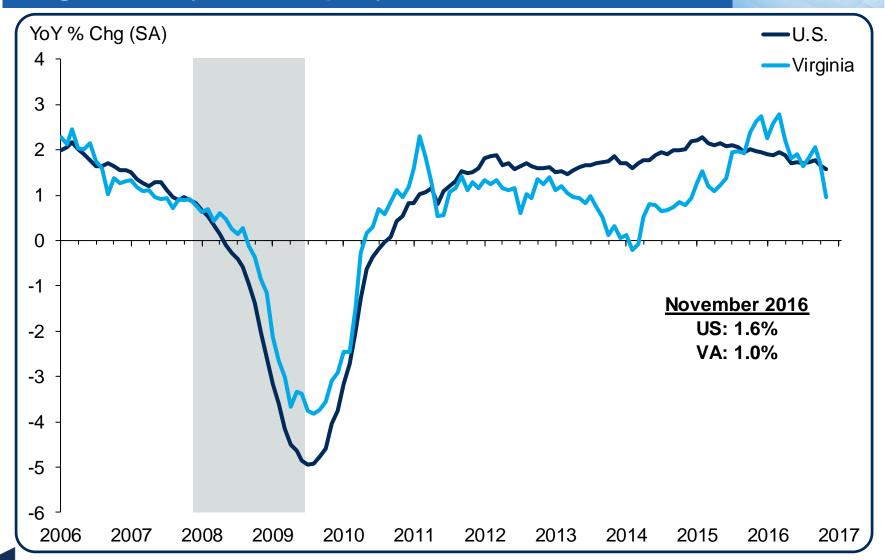


Source: Board of Governors via Haver Analytics, as of Dec. 30 2016

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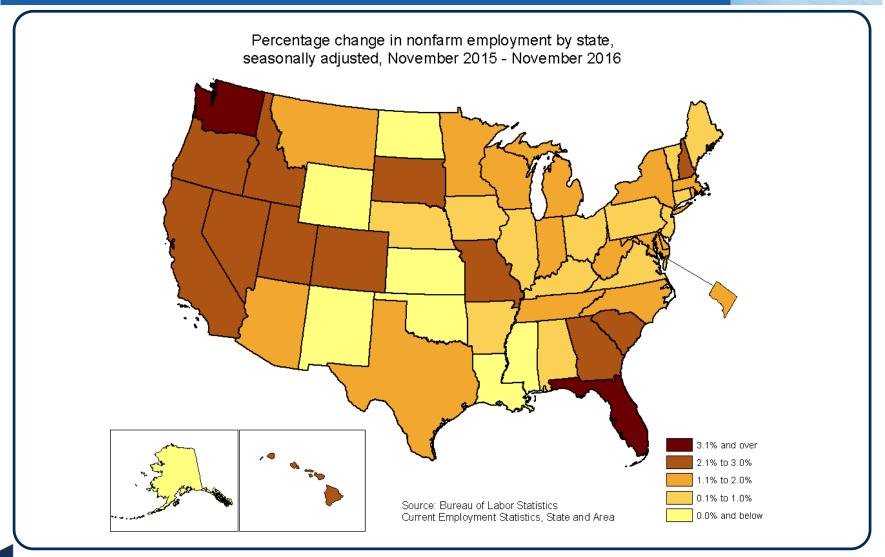


## Virginia Payroll Employment





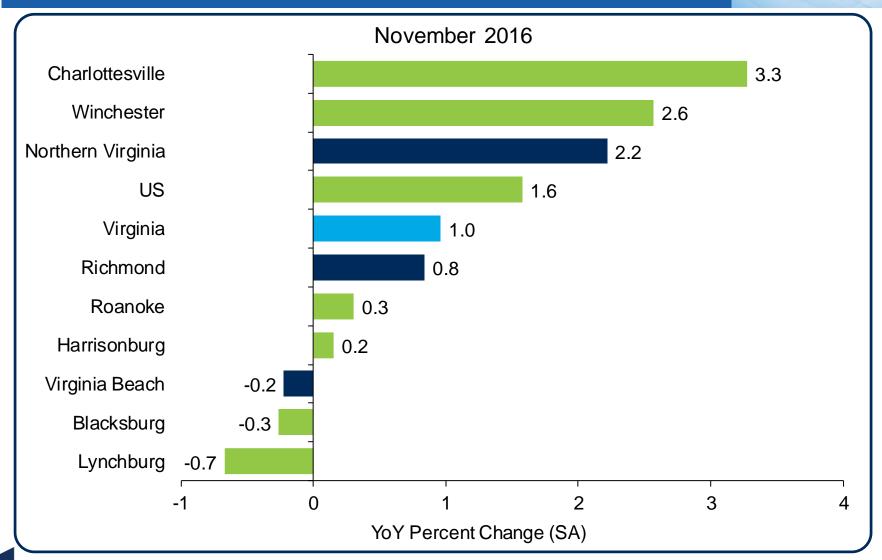
## State Employment Growth





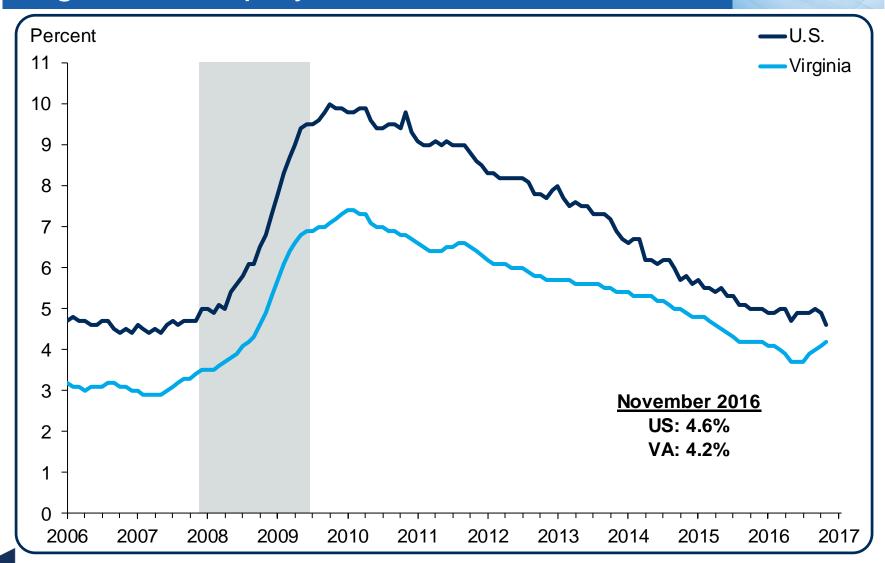


#### MSA Payroll Employment Growth in Virginia



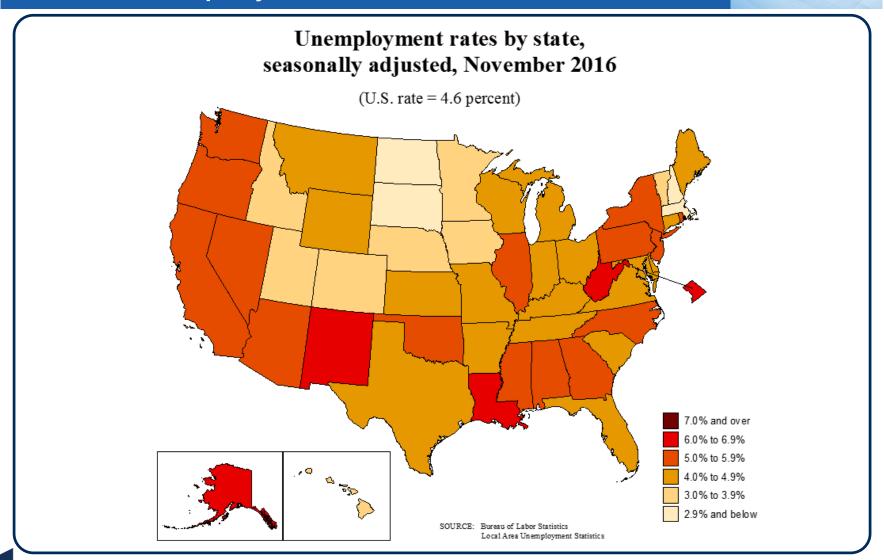


## Virginia Unemployment Rate



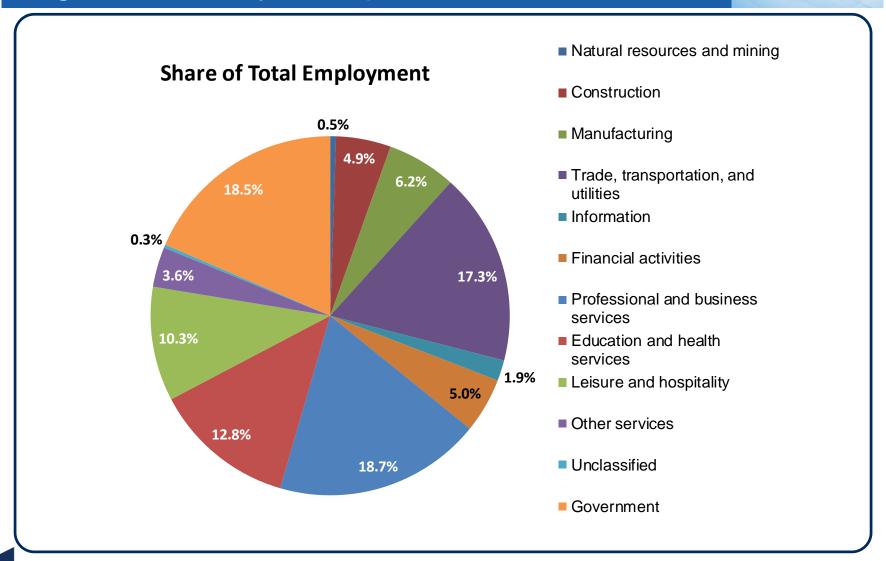


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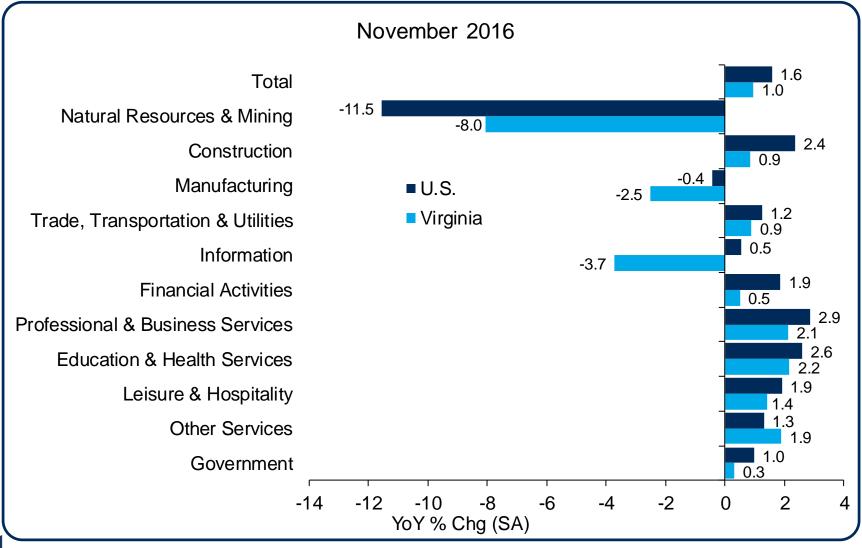
## Virginia Industry Composition - 2015





Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

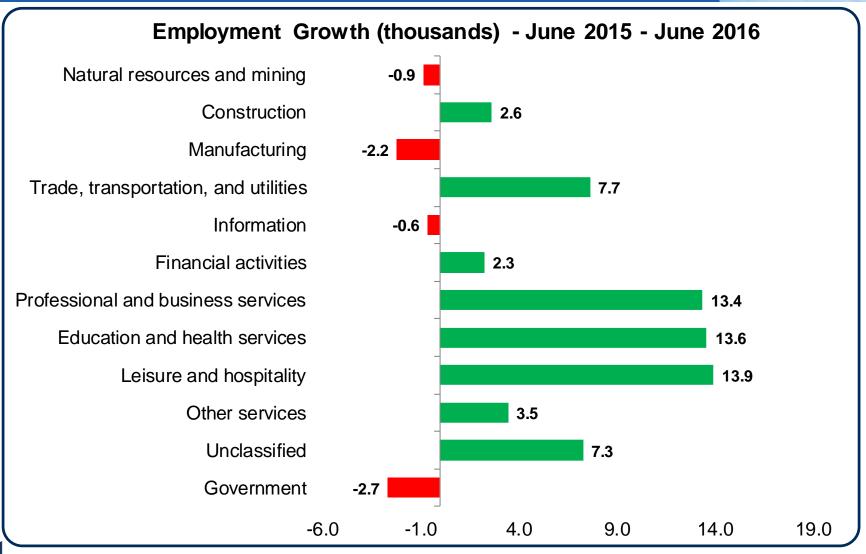
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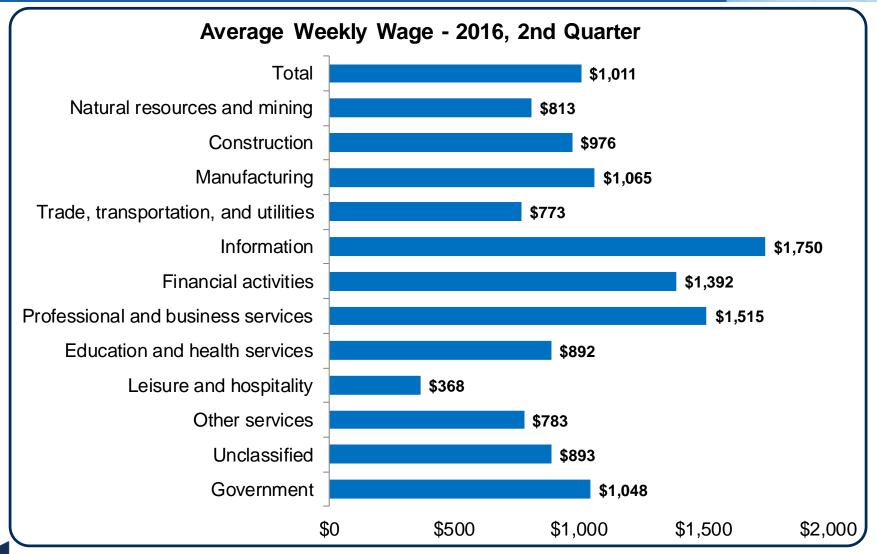
## VA Industry Growth – Net Job Change







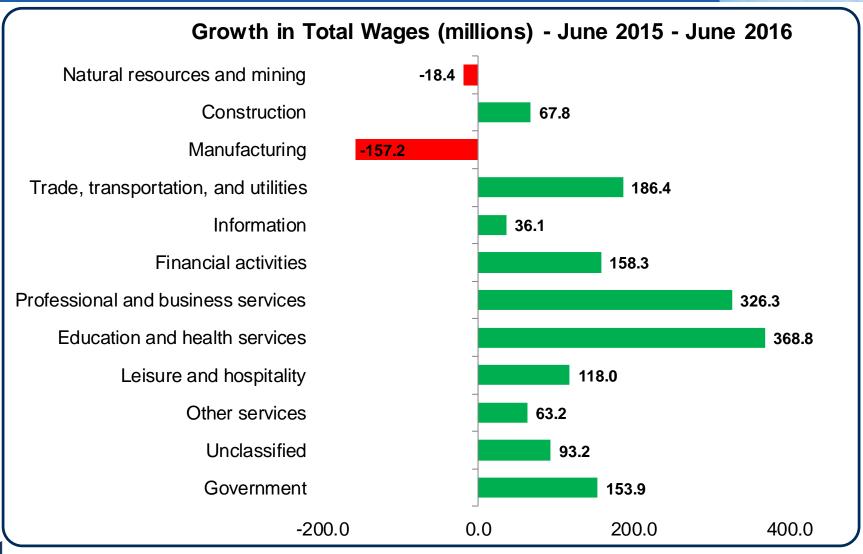
## Industry Comparison – Wages by Sector





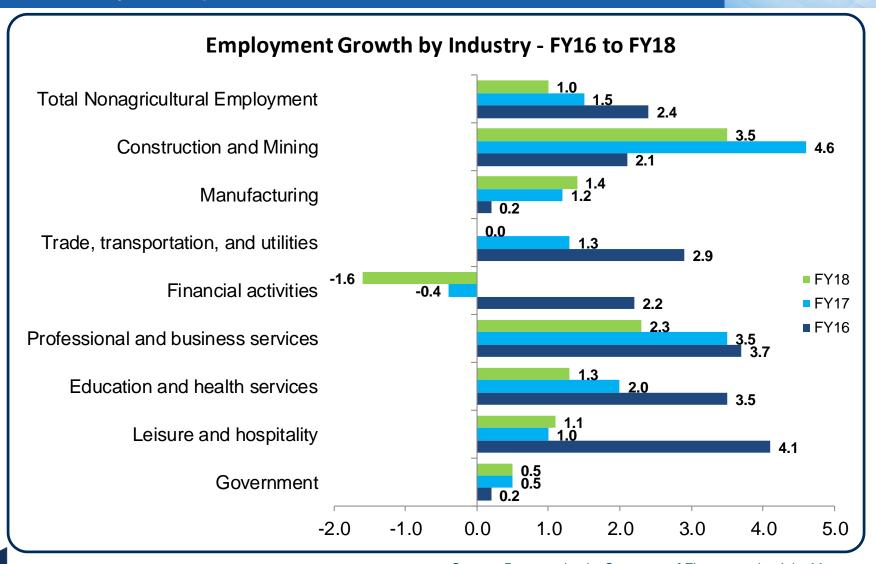


## Industry Growth – Wages by Sector



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

## Industry Projections – Sec. of Finance





Source: Presentation by Secretary of Finance to the Joint Money Committees, Dec. 16, 2016 (projections from IHS Markit)

## Summary

- National economy is growing at a moderate pace that is expected to continue
  - Businesses seem less optimistic than the consumer, although business investment is improving
  - Labor market strong by most measures
  - Inflation moderating back toward 2 percent goal
- Some uncertainty with change of administration; some indications of fiscal expansion but many unknowns
- Virginia's economy had been growing on par with U.S. but may be slowing more recently; data subject to revision...
- Largest industry sectors in Virginia provide biggest boost to jobs, but not necessarily to wages



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