

Virginia Business Headlines for September:

Click headline to access article

- 🌱 **Union Bank & Trust** expanding **Richmond-area** footprint
- 🌱 **UVA** announces \$25 million gift
- 🌱 **WestRock** investing \$248.4 million in **Southwest Virginia** operations
- 🌱 **Facebook** makes another investment in **Henrico County**
- 🌱 **Site selector: Amazon's HQ2** announcement likely to come after midterm elections
- 🌱 **Dollar Tree** moving **700 jobs** from **North Carolina to Virginia**
- 🌱 **Union Bank & Trust** names new president
- 🌱 **Virginia port** shows **8 percent volume growth** in August
- 🌱 **Norfolk Southern** weighing a move of its headquarters to **Atlanta**, reports say
- 🌱 **Charlottesville diabetes** tech company finds a prominent buyer
- 🌱 **Colonial Downs** aiming for March 2019 opening of **'Rosie's gaming emporium'**
- 🌱 **Bon Secours** and **Mercy Health** complete merger
- 🌱 **Data center leasing** surges in **Northern Virginia**
- 🌱 **Richmond fro-yo chain** sold for \$35M
- 🌱 **Bristol Compressors'** closing eliminates **468 jobs**

Virginia Employment by Sector (in thousands, seasonally adjusted)	Aug 2017	Aug 2018 (P)	Change %
Total Virginia Nonfarm Workers	3,955.9	4,010.7	1.4%
Mining and Logging	8.1	8.4	3.7%
Construction	193.1	202.3	4.8%
Manufacturing	233.9	241.7	3.3%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	662.9	671.0	1.2%
Information	67.7	66.1	-2.4%
Financial Activities	206.2	211.3	2.5%
Professional & Business Services	731.7	750.5	2.6%
Education & Health Services	529.2	539.4	1.9%
Leisure & Hospitality	403.0	410.5	1.9%
Other Services	202.4	205.2	1.4%
Government	717.7	704.3	-1.9%

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

News Headline Sources: Richmond BizSense, Virginia Business

Virginia Employment by Region (in thousands, seasonally adjusted)	Aug 2017	Aug 2018 (P)	Change %	Aug Unemp. Rate (P)
Total Virginia Nonfarm Workers	3,955.9	4,010.7	1.4%	3.1%
Blacksburg	76.2	77.0	1.0%	3.3%
Charlottesville	114.5	118.6	3.6%	2.7%
Harrisonburg	65.2	65.7	0.8%	3.0%
Kingsport	121.2	123.0	1.5%	4.1%
Lynchburg	104.0	106.2	2.1%	3.6%
Richmond	672.7	680.1	1.1%	3.1%
Roanoke	159.4	160.8	0.9%	3.0%
Staunton-Waynesboro	49.6	50.5	1.8%	2.7%
Virginia Beach	787.5	794.4	0.9%	3.3%
Washington DC metro	2,673.7	2,721.0	1.8%	3.5%
Winchester	63.6	65.6	3.1%	2.8%

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

Virginia Econ/Government Headlines for September:

Click headline to access article

- 🌱 **Chainsaws silenced**, for now, as 4th Circuit puts **hold on forest service permits for pipeline** until appeal is decided
- 🌱 **Mayor's proposal** would give wings to **dockless scooters**
- 🌱 **Virginia's port cranes** removed off **Trump tariff list**, but concern remains
- 🌱 **Louisa planning** a county-owned **business park**
- 🌱 **Atlantic Coast Pipeline** gets green light after federal agencies **issue new permits**
- 🌱 **Salem wins state grant** to support downtown makeover
- 🌱 **Records review of arena proposal** has cost **Richmond** close to \$500,000 since January
- 🌱 With a wink and a nod, **Norfolk** points residents to **AirBnB** for hurricane relief
- 🌱 **Fredericksburg** to kick off planning for **downtown's future**
- 🌱 **Stoney administration** pitching council on **tax break for Manchester developer**
- 🌱 Community input on **Petersburg 'stench'** prompts new look at landfill laws