

Students' Plans to Continue Education Percent/Number of Diploma Graduates and Completers

Plan	Description	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Two-Year Colleges	Virginia Beach	33.4%	27.6%	26.9%	25.0%	26.2%	25.7%	20.6%	20.9%	19.6%	18.1%
		1,665	1,382	1,414	1,272	1,316	1,278	1,013	1,066	985	929
Two-Year Colleges	State of Virginia	29.7%	28.7%	28.7%	26.8%	25.2%	22.8%	23.1%	22.4%	19.4%	22.4%
		26,830	25,787	26,573	24,243	23,590	21,003	21,585	20,974	18,304	21,874
Four-Year Colleges	Virginia Beach	48.4%	55.6%	55.8%	53.8%	55.3%	56.2%	54.5%	56.6%	57.0%	56.9%
		2,412	2,788	2,928	2,737	2,776	2,792	2,682	2,882	2,864	2,914
Four-Year Colleges	State of Virginia	48.4%	49.4%	49.2%	48.8%	47.8%	47.9%	48.9%	49.3%	49.2%	48.7%
		43,635	44,338	45,527	44,137	44,649	44,196	45,697	46,193	46,361	47,566
Other (Business, Trade, Technical Schools)	Virginia Beach	4.7%	4.1%	4.2%	4.5%	4.4%	4.4%	5.5%	5.8%	6.7%	7.6%
		234	204	221	227	221	218	271	295	336	391
Other (Business, Trade, Technical Schools)	State of Virginia	4.1%	4.0%	4.2%	4.5%	4.5%	4.8%	5.2%	5.8%	6.2%	6.7%
		3,682	3,584	3,862	4,112	4,245	4,414	4,846	5,457	5,846	6,535
Total Continuing Education*	Virginia Beach	86.4%	87.3%	87.0%	83.3%	86.0%	86.3%	80.6%	83.4%	83.3%	82.7%
		4,311	4,374	4,563	4,236	4,313	4,288	3,966	4,243	4,185	4,234
Total Continuing Education*	State of Virginia	82.2%	82.1%	82.0%	80.1%	77.5%	75.5%	77.2%	77.4%	74.7%	77.8%
		74,147	73,709	75,962	72,492	72,484	69,613	72,128	72,624	70,511	75,975
Employment	Virginia Beach	5.9%	5.1%	4.6%	5.6%	7.8%	6.9%	8.1%	10.8%	9.8%	11.0%
		293	258	239	284	389	341	399	550	491	562
Employment	State of Virginia	10.6%	11.4%	11.4%	12.0%	12.7%	15.1%	15.3%	15.8%	15.8%	14.7%
		9,594	10,207	10,570	10,847	11,870	13,888	14,326	14,773	14,859	14,322
Military	Virginia Beach	6.0%	4.5%	3.8%	4.4%	3.9%	3.0%	2.9%	3.4%	3.9%	4.5%
		298	226	200	224	197	151	145	171	194	231
Military	State of Virginia	4.1%	3.8%	3.9%	3.8%	3.4%	3.1%	2.5%	2.5%	2.7%	3.2%
		3,711	3,402	3,577	3,475	3,171	2,821	2,376	2,383	2,577	3,137
No Plans	Virginia Beach	1.7%	3.1%	4.7%	6.7%	2.3%	3.8%	8.4%	2.5%	3.1%	1.9%
		85	154	245	339	117	191	413	125	154	95
No Plans	State of Virginia	3.0%	2.7%	2.7%	4.1%	6.4%	6.4%	4.9%	4.3%	6.8%	4.3%
		2,739	2,441	2,512	3,695	5,975	5,896	4,575	4,012	6,383	4,203
Total	Virginia Beach	4,987	5,012	5,247	5,083	5,016	4,971	4,923	5,089	5,024	5,122
	State of Virginia	90,191	89,759	92,621	90,509	93,500	92,218	93,405	93,792	94,330	97,637

Source: The Virginia Department of Education Annual Superintendent's Report (Table 5) (retrieved 2/13/2026).

*Two-year colleges, four-year colleges, and other included in Total Continuing Education.

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