

State: Virginia

Capital City: Richmond

Major Cities: Virginia Beach, Norfolk, Chesapeake, Arlington, Newport News, Alexandria, East Hampton, Portsmouth

Major Companies: Freddie Mac, General Dynamics, Capital One Financial, Northrop Grumman, DXC Technology, Dollar Tree, Altria Group, CarMax, Performance Food Group, Dominion Energy, Norfolk Southern, AES, Leidos Holdings, Owen & Minor, Hilton Worldwide Holdings, Genworth Financial, Huntington Ingalls Industries, NVR, Markel, Beacon Roofing Supply, Booz Allen Hamilton

Major Sectors/Economy:

- According to the American Electronics Association, Virginia has the highest concentration of technology workers of any state
- Computer chips became the state's highest-grossing export, surpassing its traditional top exports of coal and tobacco, combined
- The Dulles Technology Corridor centered on the border of Fairfax County and Loudoun County has a high concentration of Internet, communication technology and software engineering firms
- The state's biotechnology industry is not centralized, but growing, highlighted by the building of the Virginia BioTechnology Research Park biotech incubator in Richmond
- Virginia's nanotechnology industry, centered in Hampton Roads and Northern Virginia, accounted for \$1 billion in manufactured goods
- Tobacco products are Virginia's most valuable processed products produced in the manufacturing sector followed by beverages
- Ranked as Virginia's second most valuable group of manufactured goods are chemicals (pharmaceuticals, synthetic fibers)
- Production of transportation equipment (boats and ships, motor vehicle parts, trucks) ranks third in the state
- In 2009, Forbes magazine named Virginia the best state in the Nation for business for the 4th Year in a row
- CNBC named it the Top State for business in 2007, 2009 and 2011
- Virginia has 20 Fortune 500 companies, ranking the state Eighth nationwide.

Climate:

The climate of Virginia, a state on the east coast of the United States, is considered mild compared to other areas of the United States. Most of Virginia has a humid subtropical climate

University Eligibility and Fee:

University	Bachelors Eligibility	Bachelors Fee Range/yr	Masters Eligibility	Masters Fee Range/yr
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University	GPA – 3.8 SAT– 1100-1320 ACT – N/A	\$29,104	GRE-320+ GPA – 3.6/80%+ TOEFL -100/IELTS – 7.0	\$33,200

George Mason University	GPA – 3.6 SAT– 1040-1250 ACT – 23-29	\$32,520	GRE-305+ GPA – 3.3/70%+(3-4B/L) TOEFL -88/IELTS – 6.5	\$25,535
University of Virginia	GPA – 3.8 SAT– 1250-1460 ACT – 25-30	\$45,508	GRE-315 GPA – 3.5/75% TOEFL -100/IELTS – 7.0	\$30,652
Virginia Commonwealth University	GPA – 3.4 SAT– 990-1200 ACT – 21-27	\$32,742	GRE-300 GPA – 3.3/70%+ TOEFL -80/IELTS – 6.5	\$29,084
Old Dominion University	GPA – 3.4 SAT– 920-1140 ACT – 18-24	\$25,404	GRE-300+ GPA – 3.3/70%+ TOEFL -80/IELTS – 6.5	\$25,100
Marymount University	GPA – 3.3 SAT– NR ACT – NR	\$33,990	GRE-NR GPA – 2.8/60%+ TOEFL -79/IELTS –6.0	\$20,000

University	Key Points
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Founded in 1872. • Virginia Tech's ranking in the 2018 edition of Best Colleges is National Universities, 69. • Median starting salary of alumni \$57,900 • 110 bachelor's degree programs • 170 master's and doctoral degree programs • 34,440 students on and off the main campus • student-faculty ratio 14:1 • Ranked 44th in university research in the United States • 40 percent of full-time undergraduates receive some kind of need-based financial aid, and the average need-based scholarship or grant award is \$7,003.
George Mason University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Founded - 1972 • Students 34,904 • GMU's ranking in the 2018 edition of Best Colleges is National Universities, 140. • The student-faculty ratio at George Mason University is 16:1 • GMU, an institution dedicated to research of consequence, hosts more than \$100 million in sponsored research projects annually • Median starting salary of alumni \$53,300 • 56 percent of full-time undergraduates receive some kind of need-based financial aid, and the average need-based scholarship or grant award is \$6,322.
Old Dominion University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enrollments :v24,375 • 19,540 Undergraduate; • 4,835 Graduate • Alumni more than 140,000 • Student-to-Faculty Ratio :18 to 1 • Research Total external research expenditures in FY2016 were \$50.4 million.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student Organizations 300+ • ODU's ranking in the 2018 edition of Best Colleges is National Universities, Tier 2.
Marymount University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marymount University, the first Catholic college to be established in Virginia, was founded in 1950 • Total enrollment: 3,375 • Faculty: 162 full-time teaching faculty, 88% of whom hold the highest degree in their field of study. • Student-to-Faculty Ratio is 13:1 • Average Class Size (undergraduate): 16 • Financial aid may come in the form of scholarships, grants, and loans from a variety of public and private sources. The University offers numerous scholarships based on academic accomplishment, volunteer service, and financial need. • Marymount University's ranking in the 2018 edition of Best Colleges is Regional Universities South, 52
University of Virginia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Founded in 1819 by Declaration of Independence author Thomas Jefferson • UVA was the first university of the American South elected to the research-driven Association of American Universities in 1904 • University alumni have founded many companies, such as Reddit and CNET, which together produce more than \$1.6 trillion in annual revenue and have created 2.3 million jobs • Today the University of Virginia Library System consists of a dozen libraries and holds over 5 million volumes • The University of Virginia offers 48 bachelor's degrees, 94 master's degrees, 55 doctoral degrees, 6 educational specialist degrees, and 2 first-professional degrees • UVA 28th among national universities overall, 4th among public universities and 111th among global universities in its 2020 report • In the 21st century alone, UVA teams have won fifteen NCAA championships • In 2015, The Cavaliers negotiated a 10-year sponsorship deal with Nike, from which the program receives \$3.5 million per year
Virginia Commonwealth University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Virginia Commonwealth University is a public research university in Richmond, Virginia. • Founded in 1838 as the medical department of Hampden–Sydney College, becoming the Medical College of Virginia in 1854 • VCU had a record \$310 million in sponsored research funding in the fiscal year 2019 and is classified among "R1: Doctoral Universities • In 2009, Michael Rao was appointed the fifth president of VCU and continues in his tenure to focus on VCU's growth as a premier public research university. • According to the 2016 U.S. News & World Report, VCU is classified as a Tier 1 University with an overall National

	<p>University rank of No. 156 and holds a rank of No. 84 among all public colleges and universities in the United States</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In its history, one faculty member and one alumnus have won a Nobel Prize: Baruj Benacerraf, an alumnus of the Medical College of Virginia, was awarded the 1980 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine, and John Fenn, a professor in the College of Humanities & Sciences, was awarded the 2002 Nobel Prize in Chemistry • VCU has a total of 182,746 alumni with 60,534 alumni living in the Richmond Metro Area • We're ranked a top 100 research university by the National Science Foundation. And we're home to the nation's No. 1 public graduate arts school • \$310 million is sponsored research in fiscal year 2019
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