

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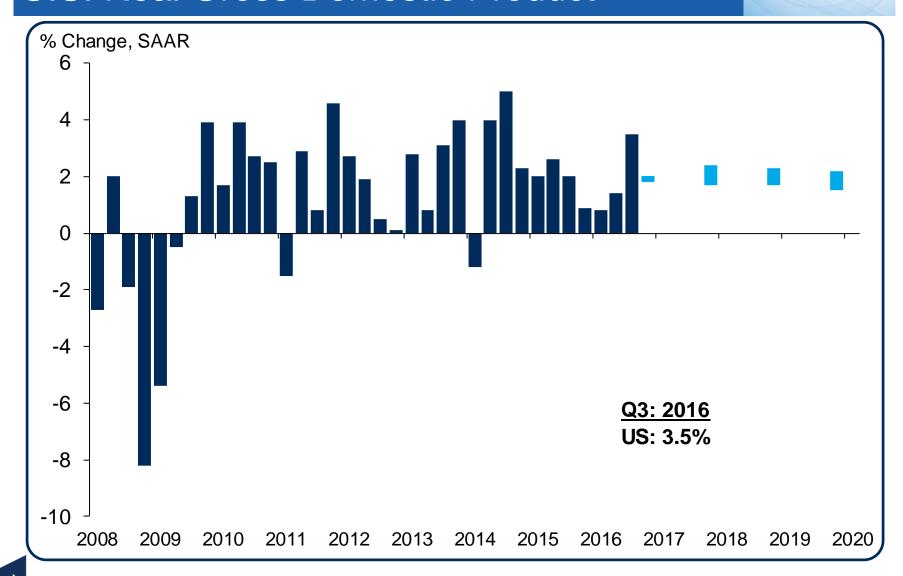
- Labor Market
 - Metro Area Growth
 - Unemployment Rate
 - Industry Growth
- Housing



National Economic Trends



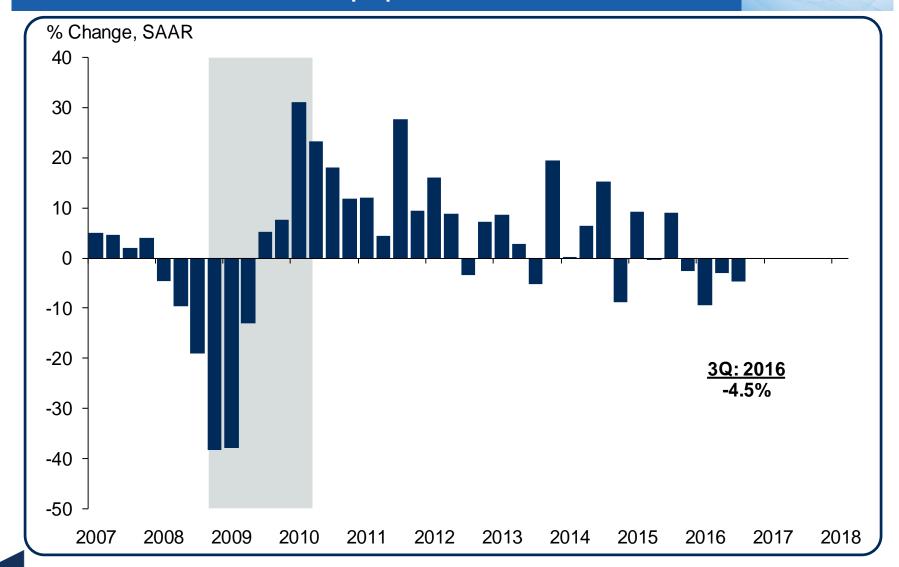
U.S. Real Gross Domestic Product





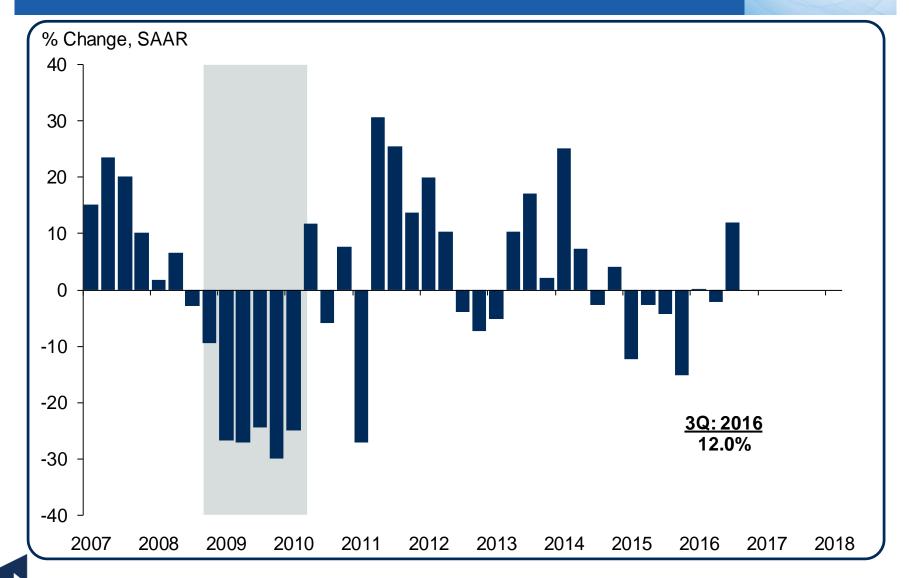
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Real Investment in Equipment



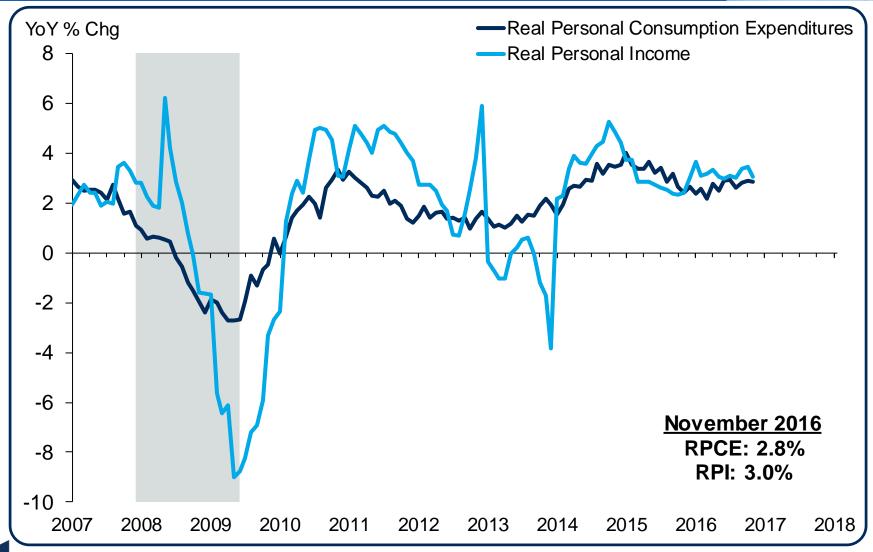


Real Investment in Nonresidential Structures



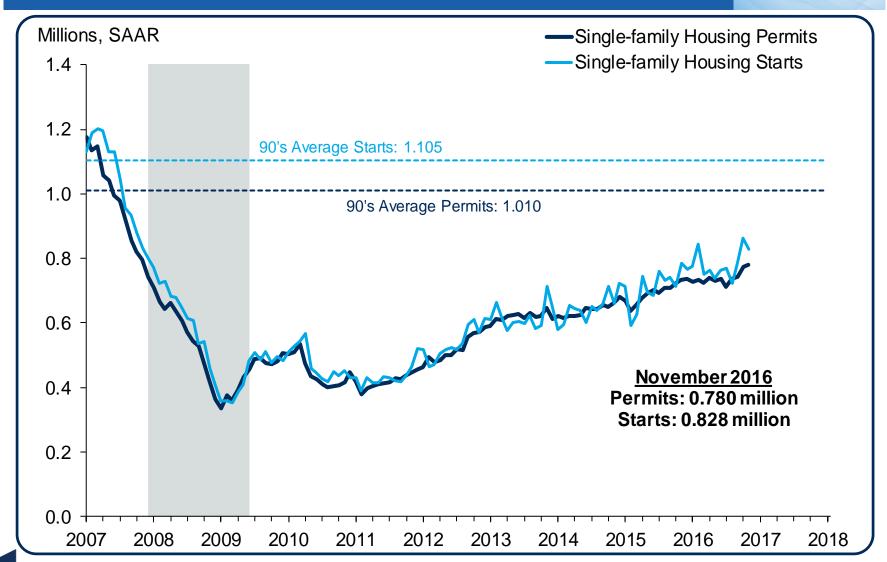


Personal Income and Expenditures



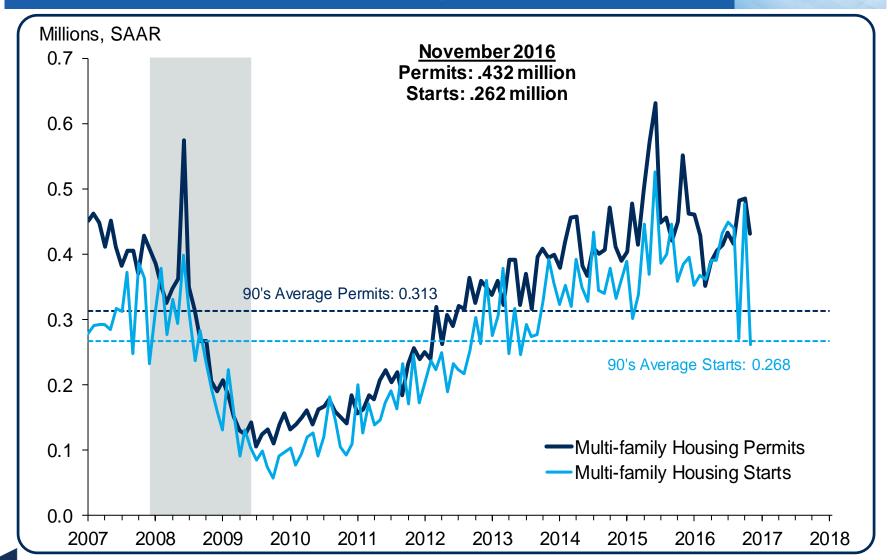
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Private Single-Family Housing Starts & Permits



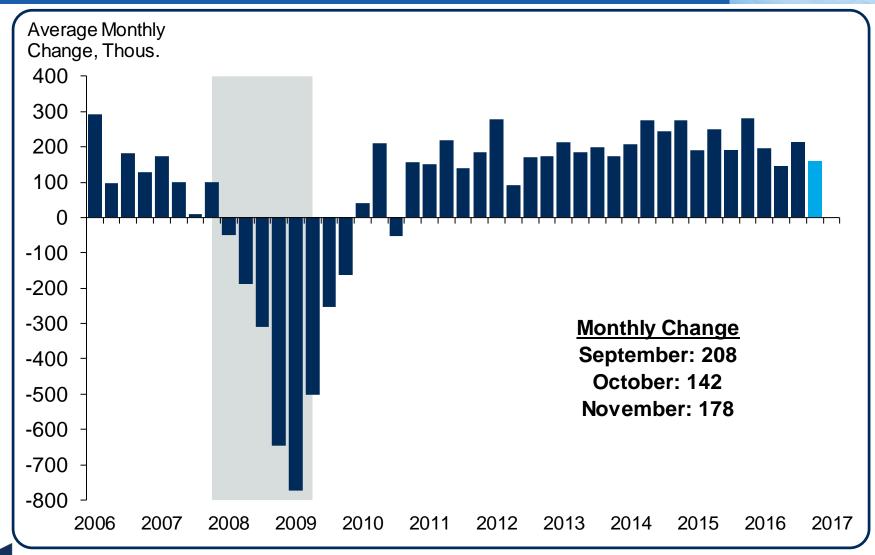


Private Multi-Family Housing Starts & Permits





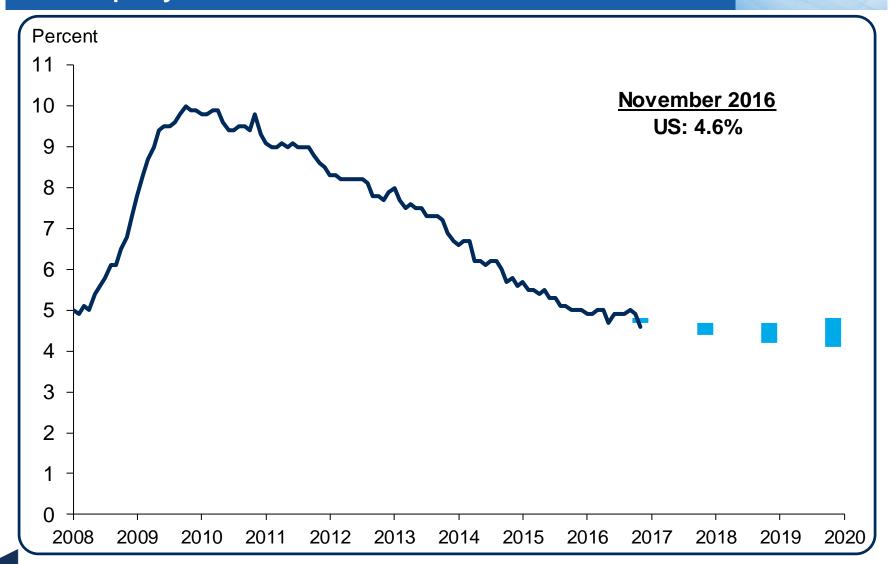
Total Employment Growth



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics/Haver Analytics



Unemployment Rate





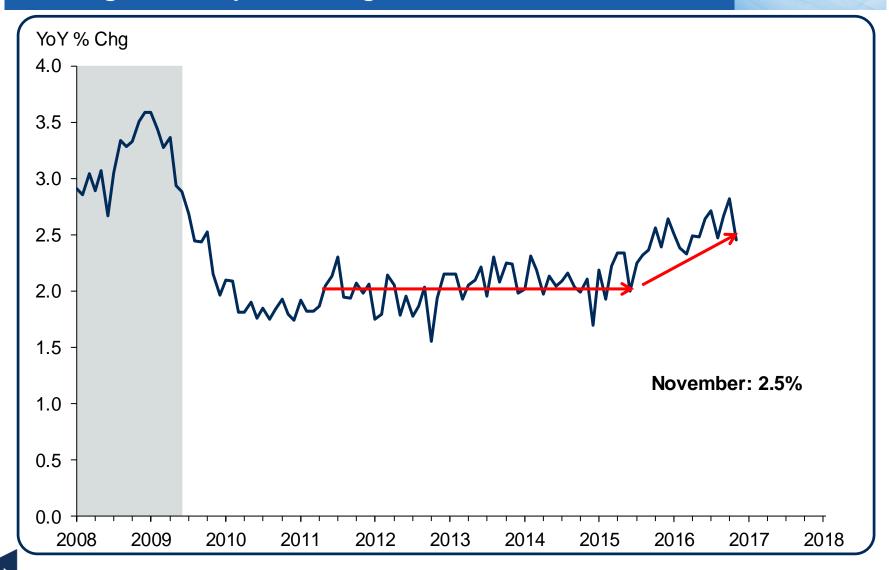
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Labor Force Participation





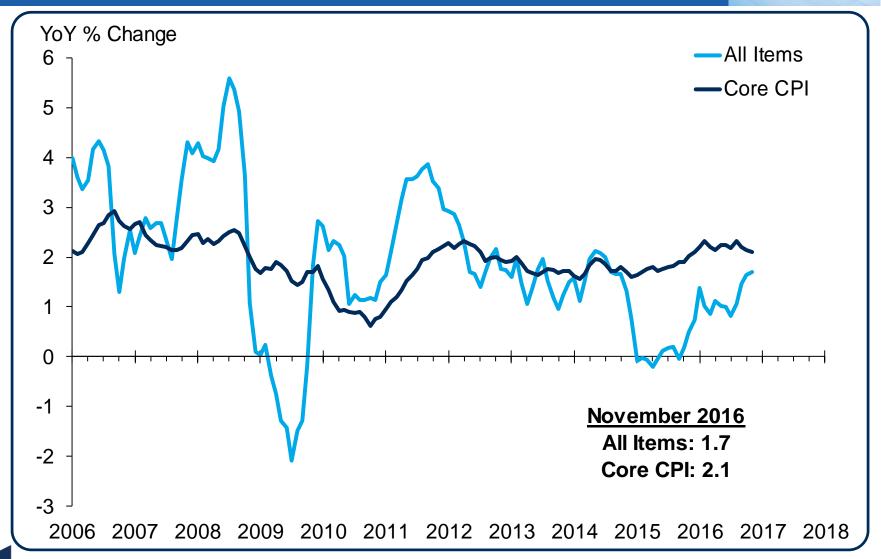
Average Hourly Earnings





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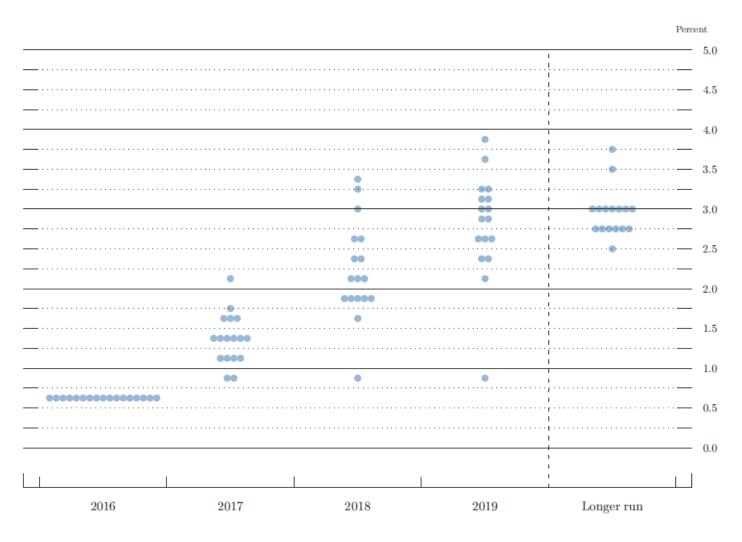
Consumer Price Index



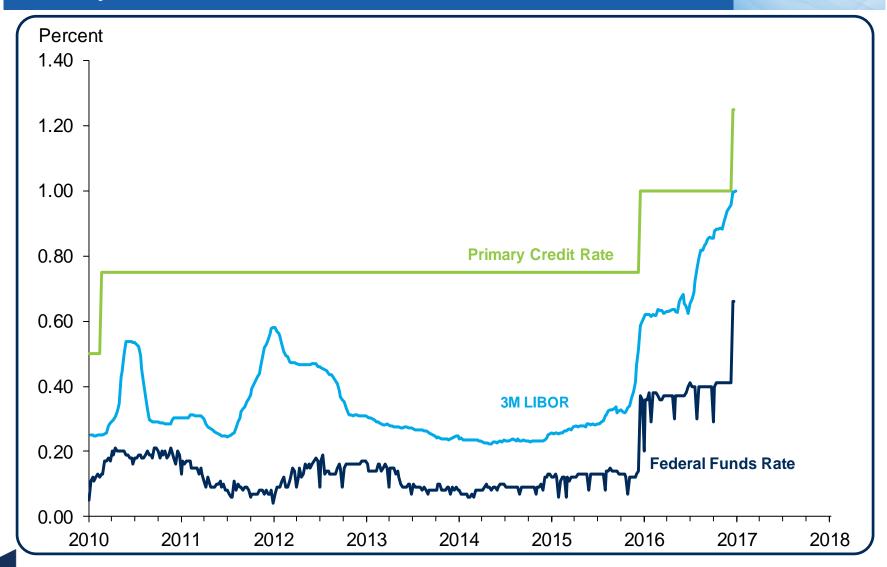
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Dec. 14th - FOMC Summary of Economic Projections

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

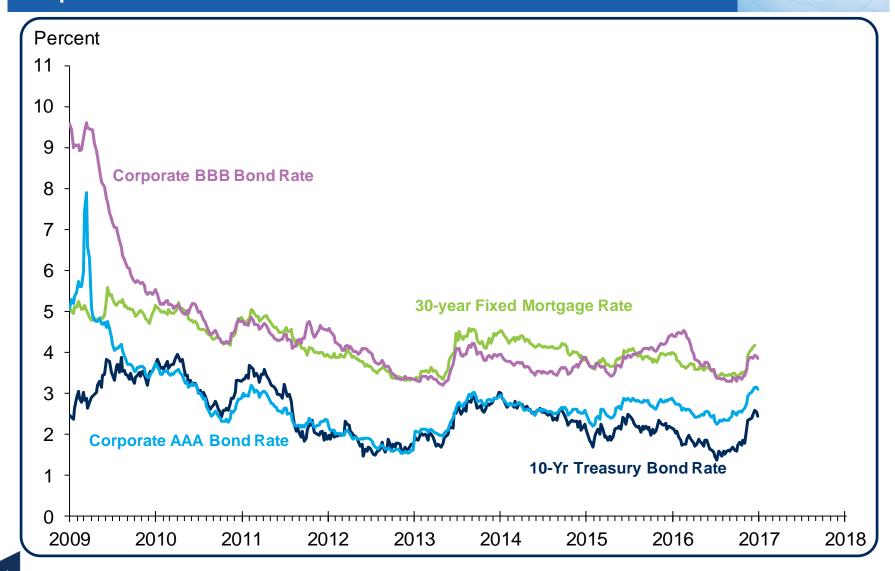


Money Market Rates





Capital Market Rates



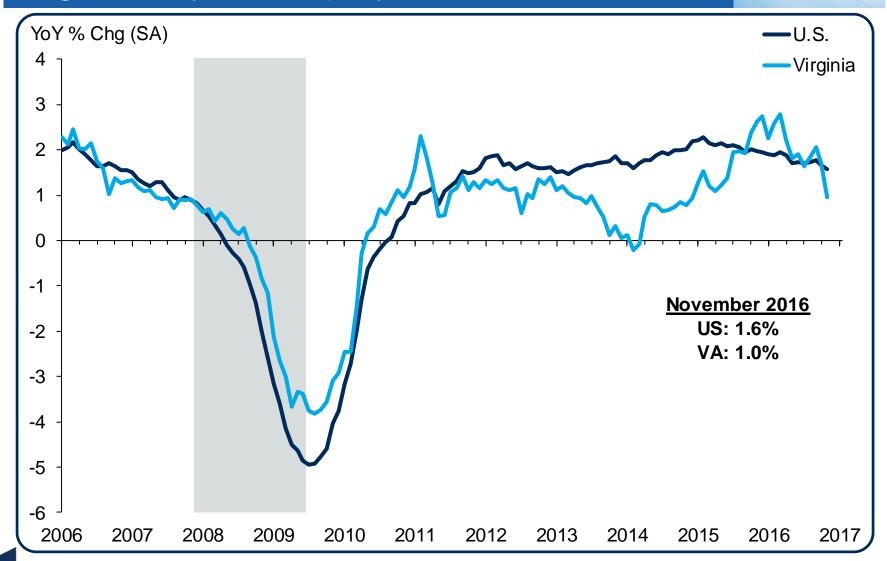


Source: Board of Governors via Haver Analytics, as of Dec. 30 2016

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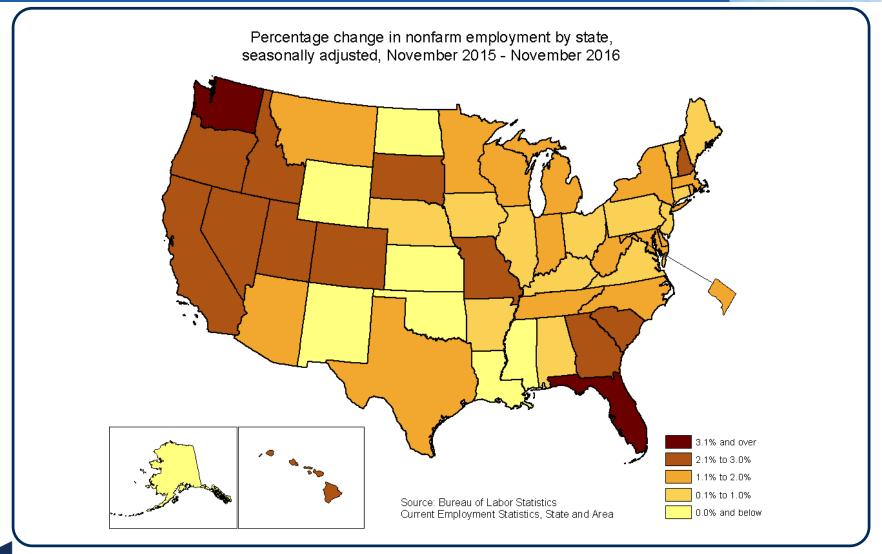


Virginia Payroll Employment





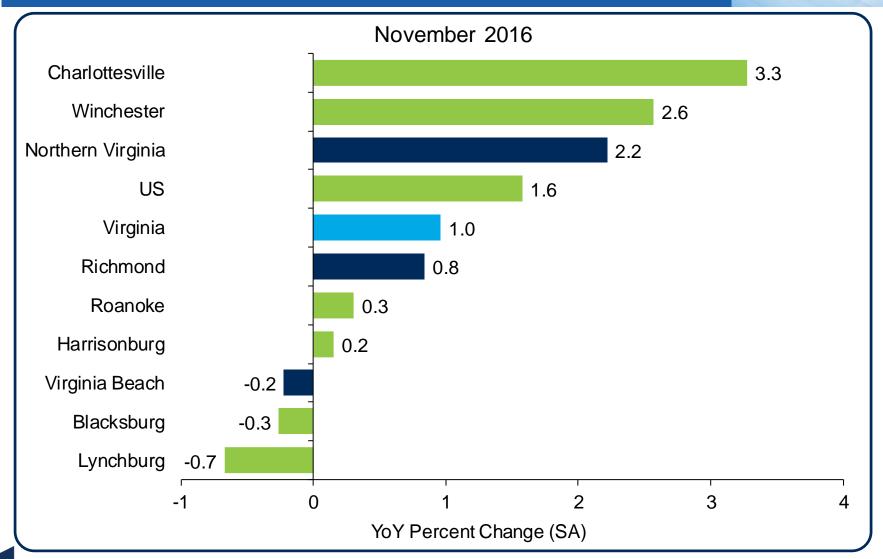
State Employment Growth





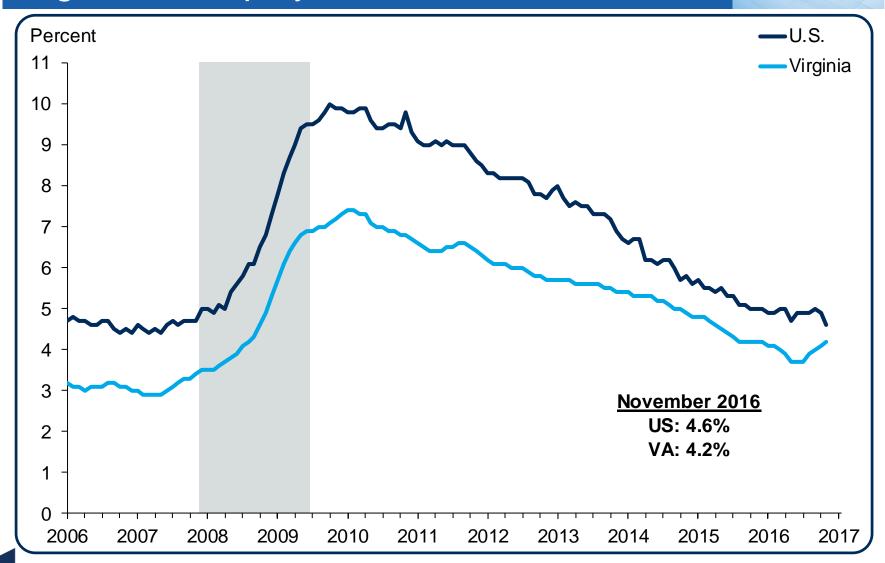


MSA Payroll Employment Growth in Virginia



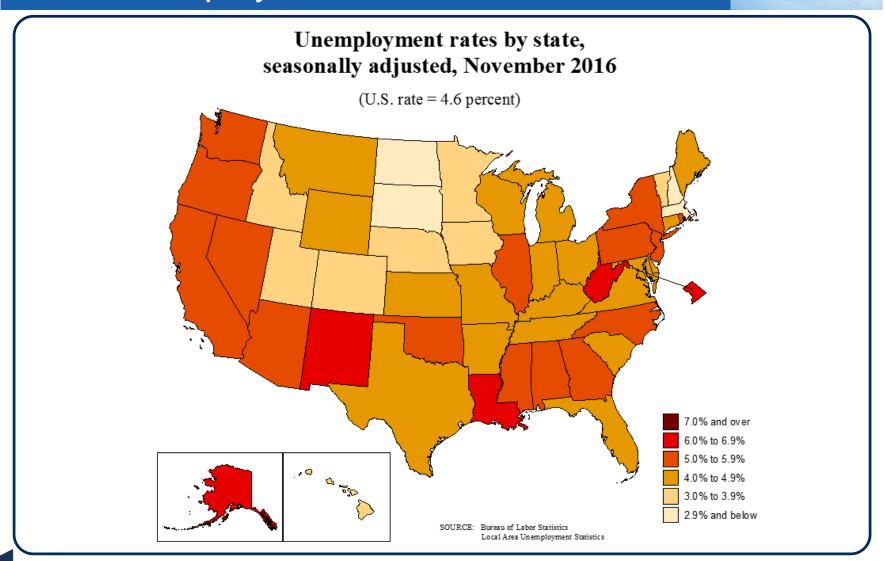


Virginia Unemployment Rate



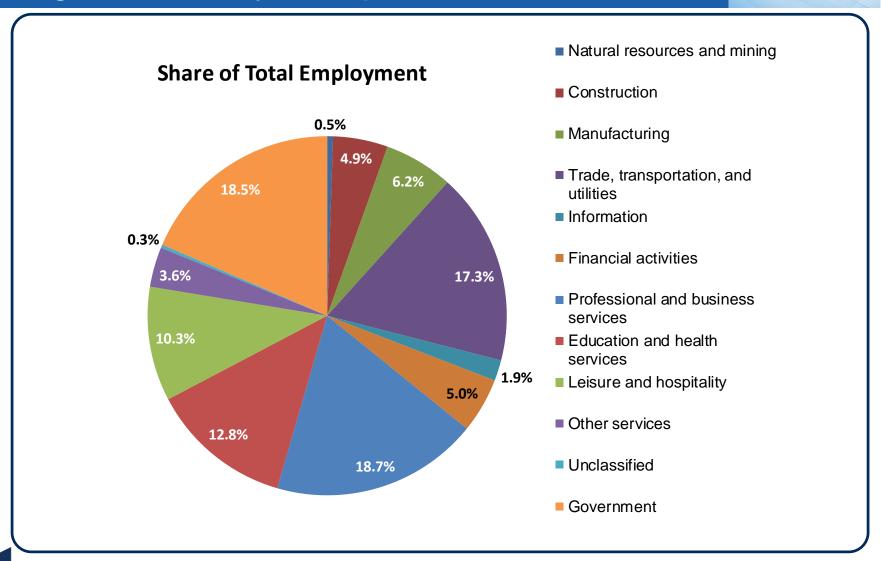


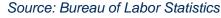
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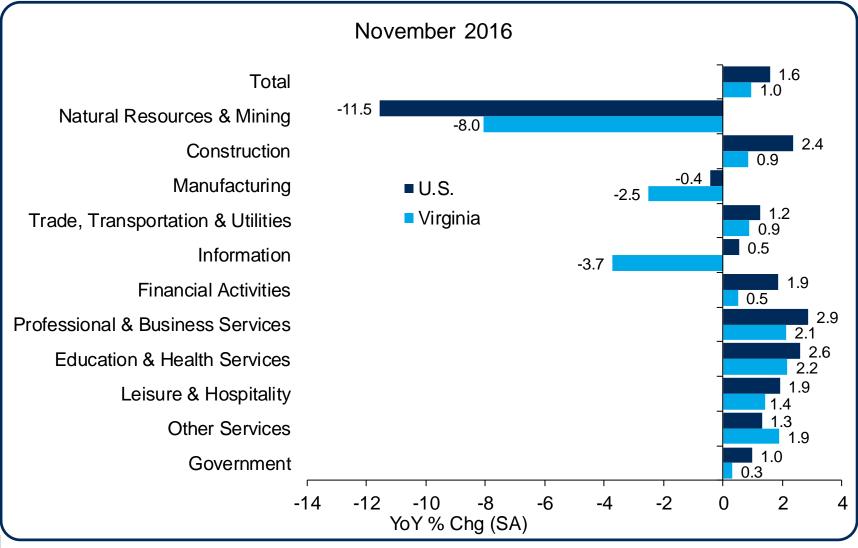


Virginia Industry Composition - 2015





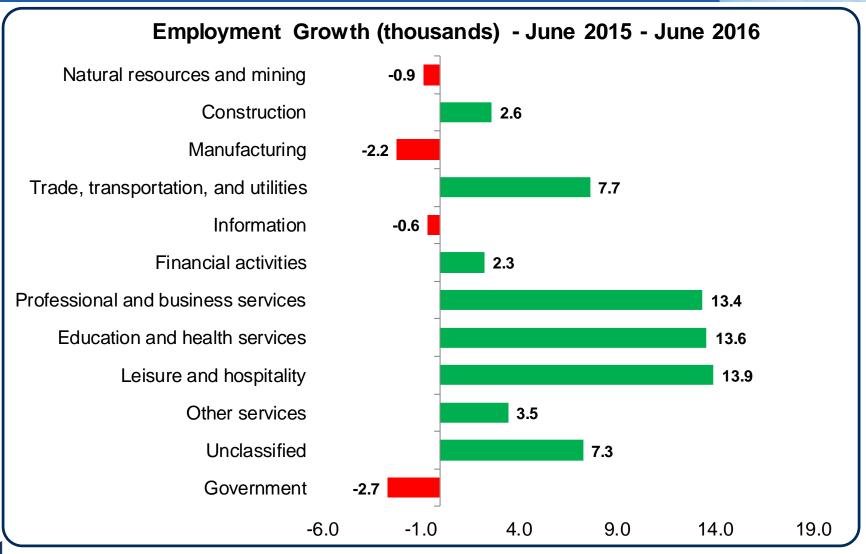
Virginia Industry Growth



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics



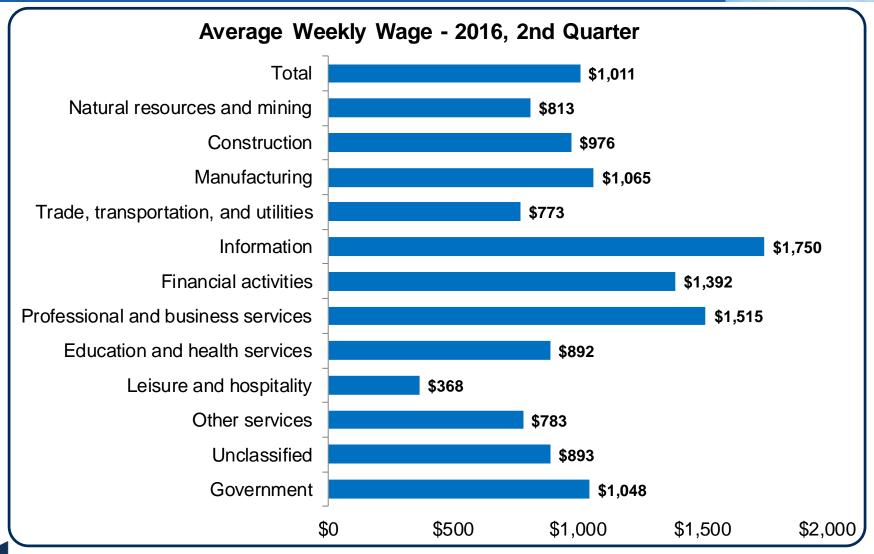
VA Industry Growth – Net Job Change







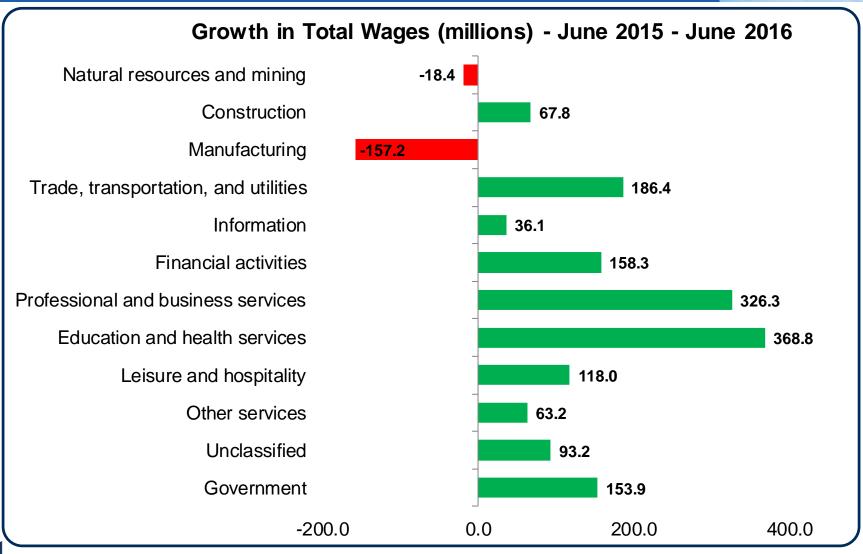
Industry Comparison – Wages by Sector





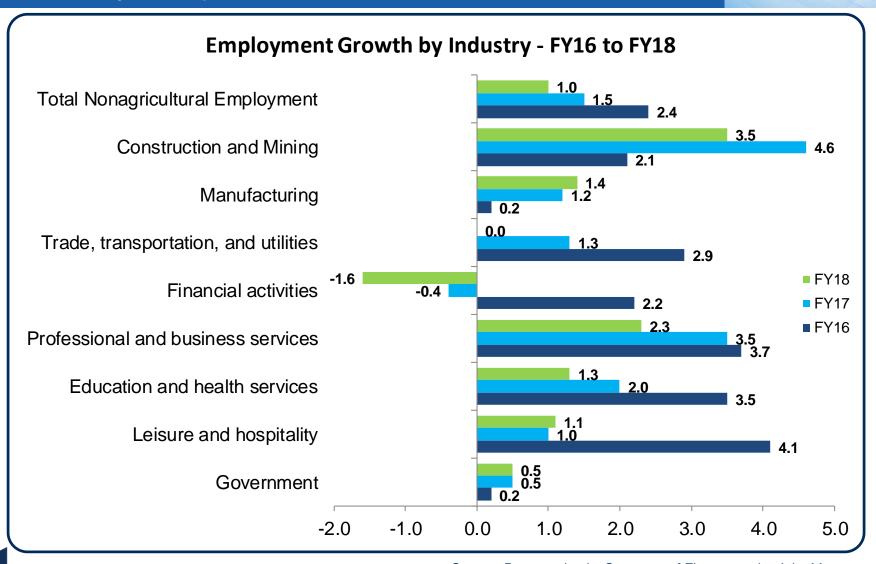


Industry Growth – Wages by Sector



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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