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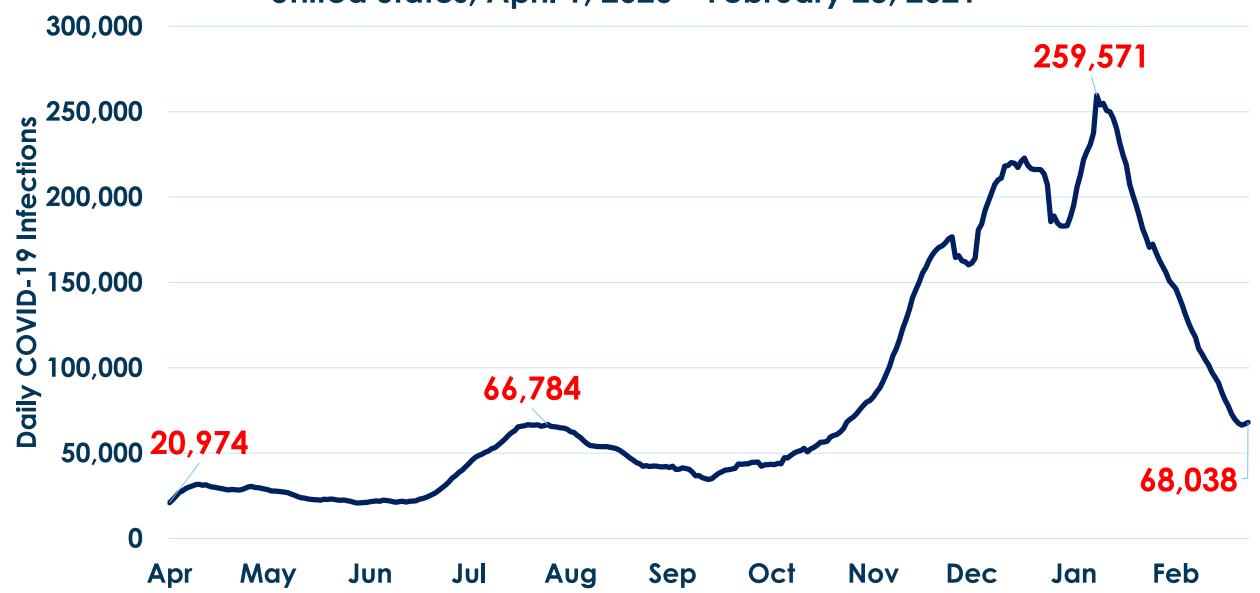




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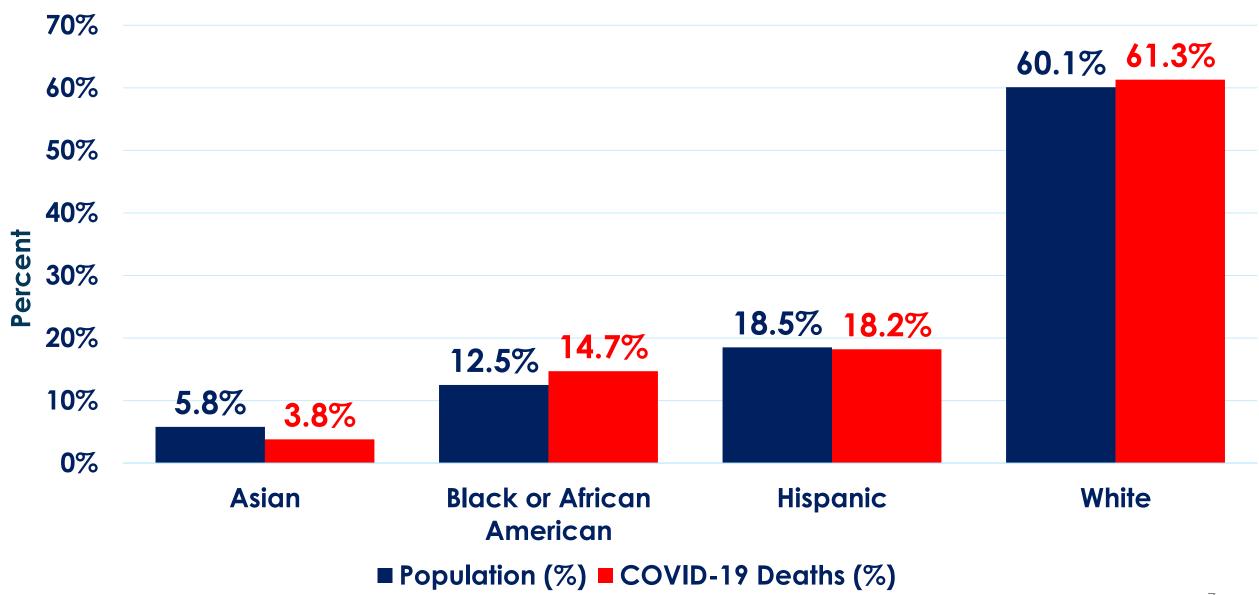
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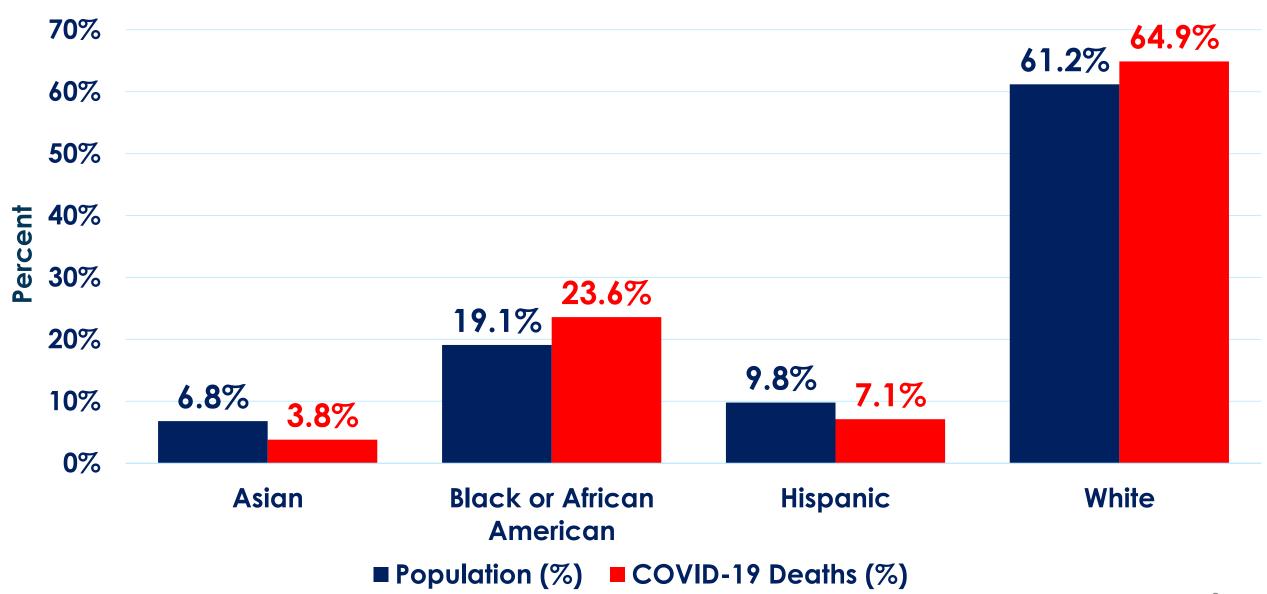
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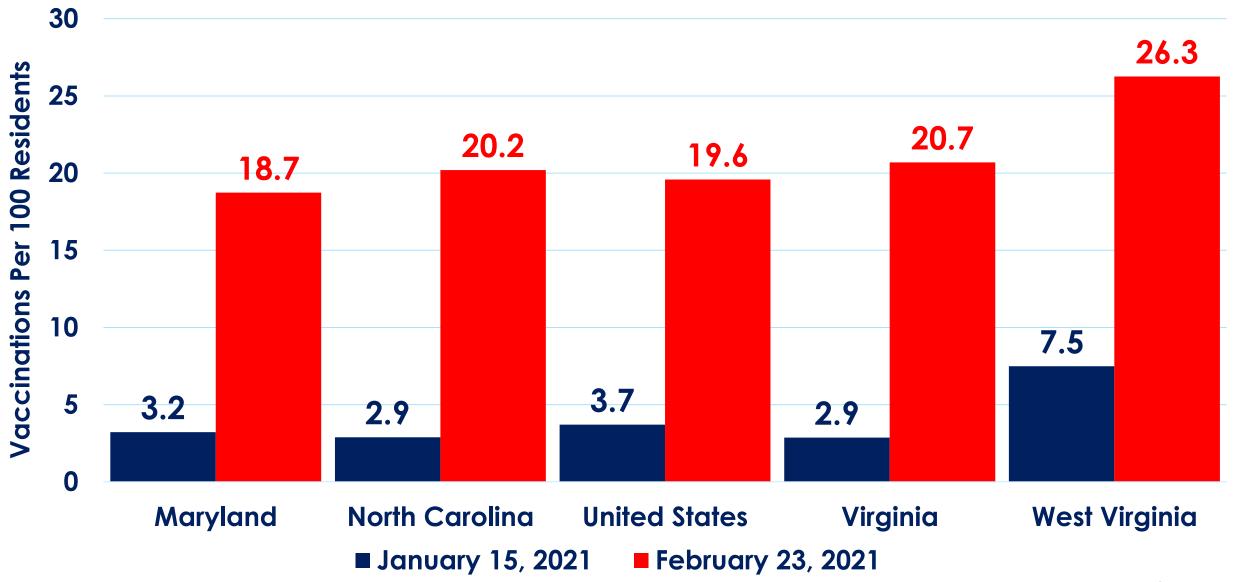
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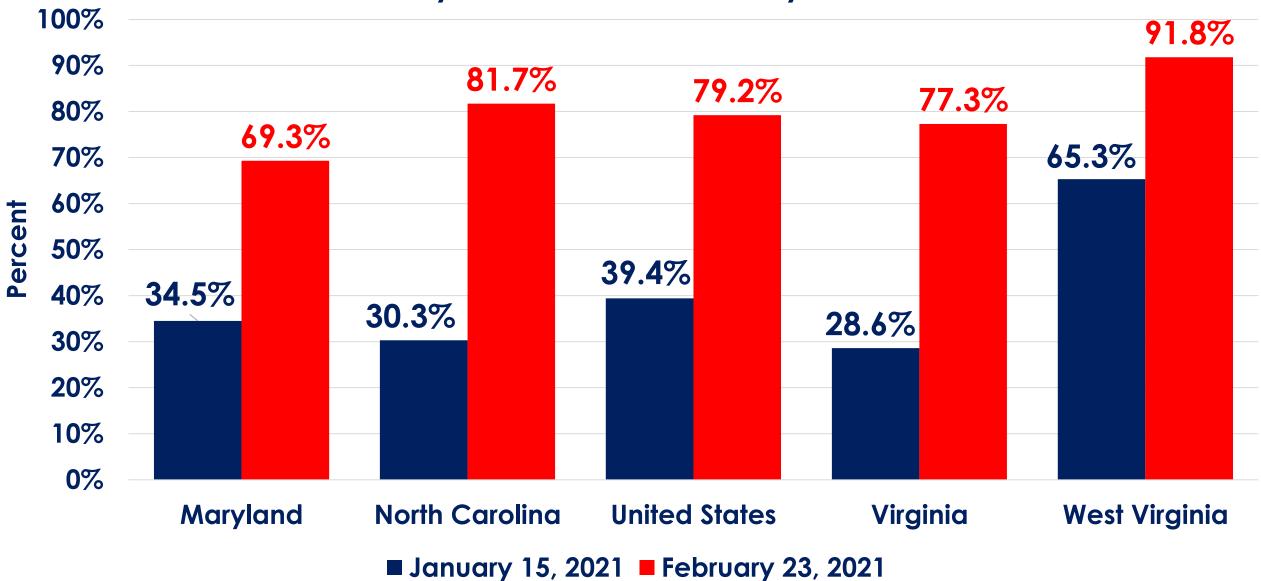
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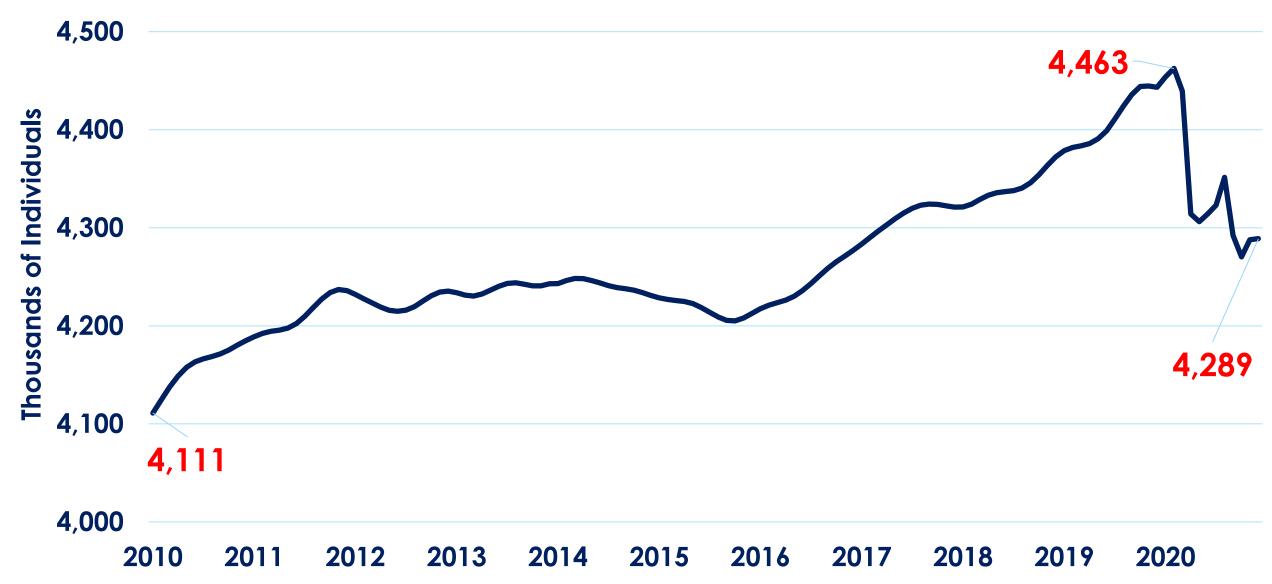


COVID-19 Vaccines Administered as Share of Vaccines Shipped January 15, 2021 and February 23, 2021

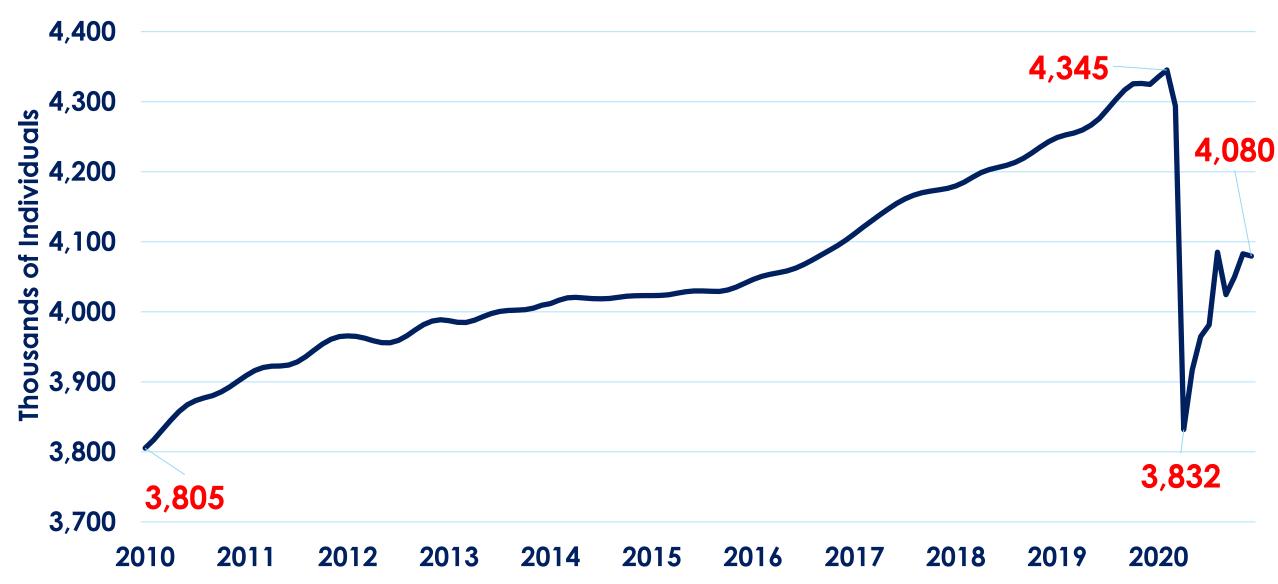




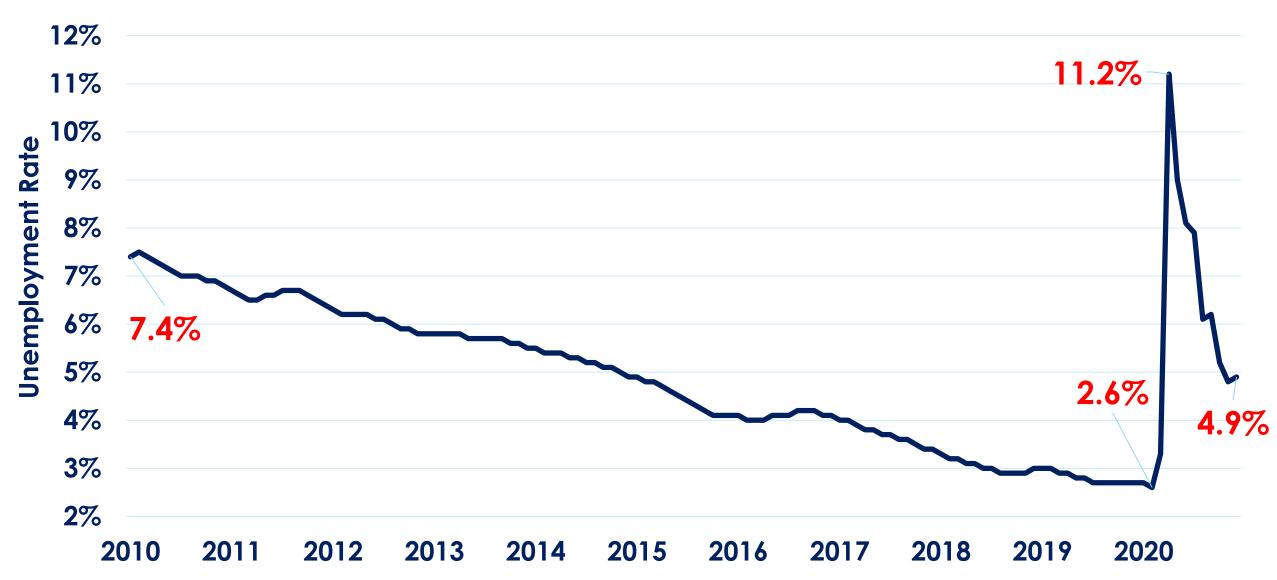
Civilian Labor Force Virginia, January 2010 – December 2020



Employment Virginia, January 2010 – December 2020



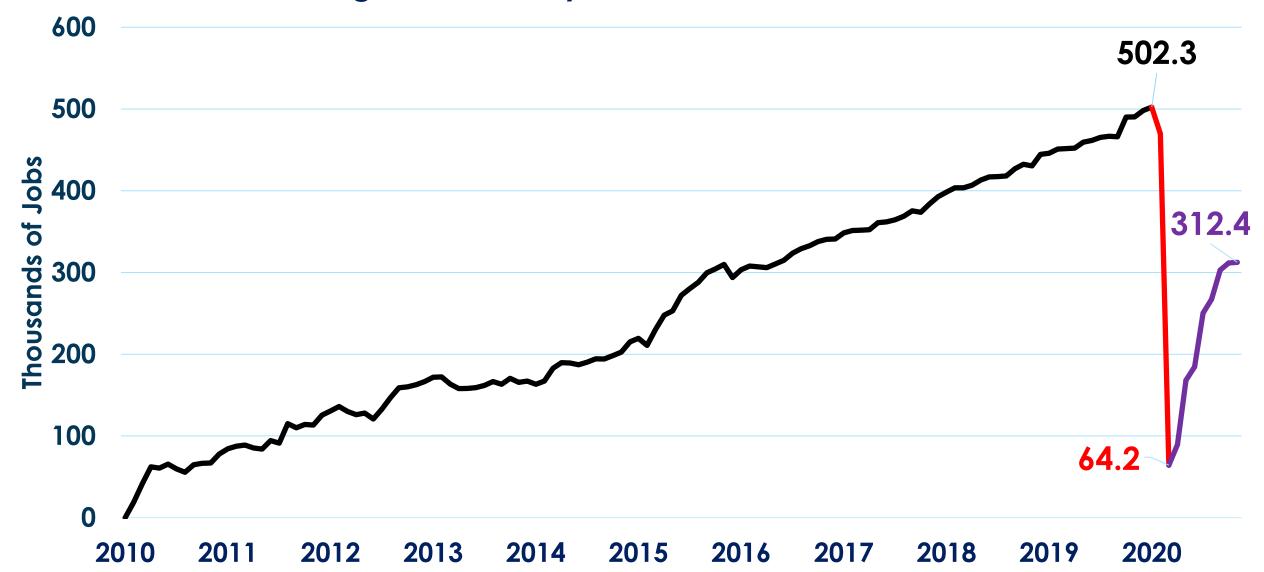
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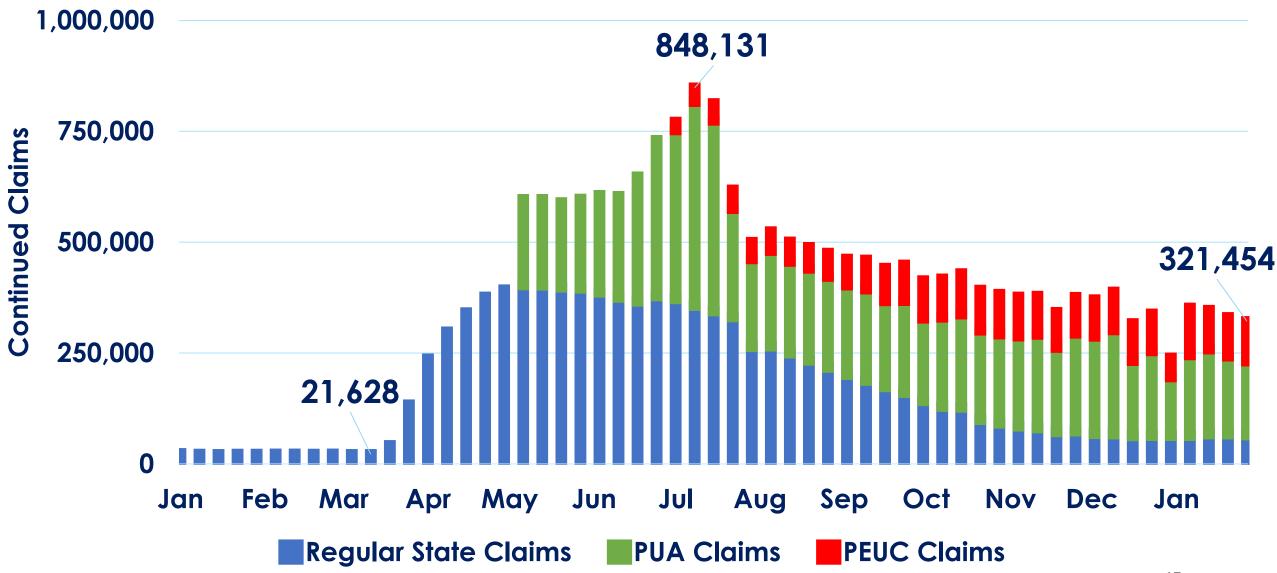
Nonfarm Payrolls (Jobs) Virginia, January 2010 – December 2020



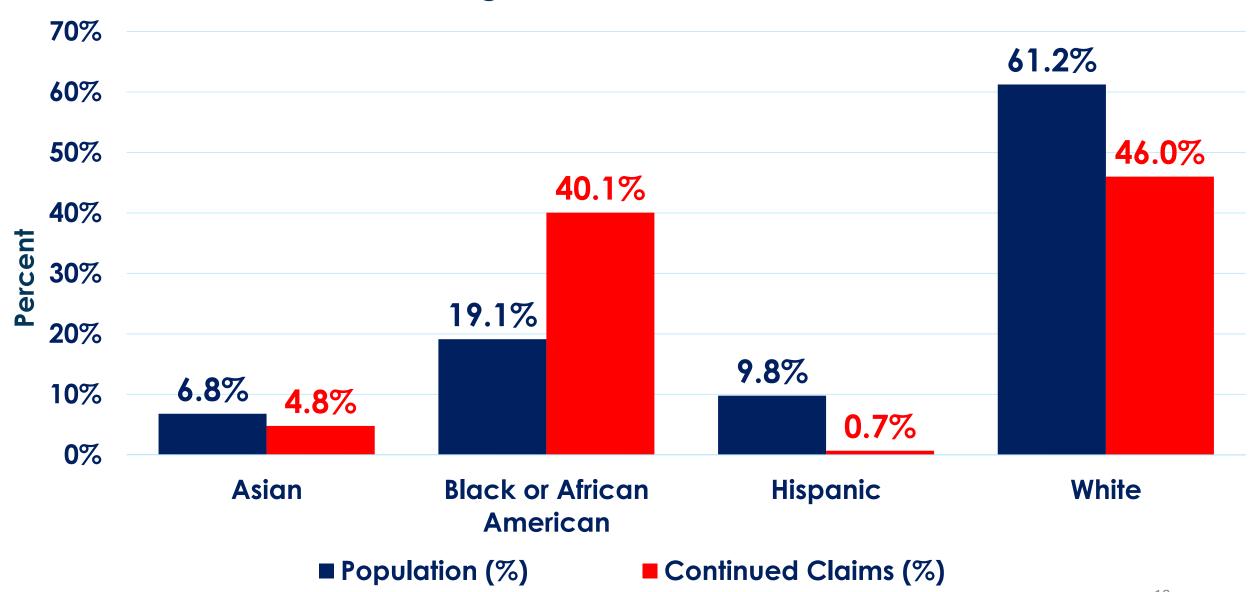
Cumulative Growth in Nonfarm Payrolls Virginia, February 2010 – December 2020



Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims in Virginia January 4, 2020 – January 30, 2021



Continued Claims for Unemployment Insurance By Race Virginia, December 2020



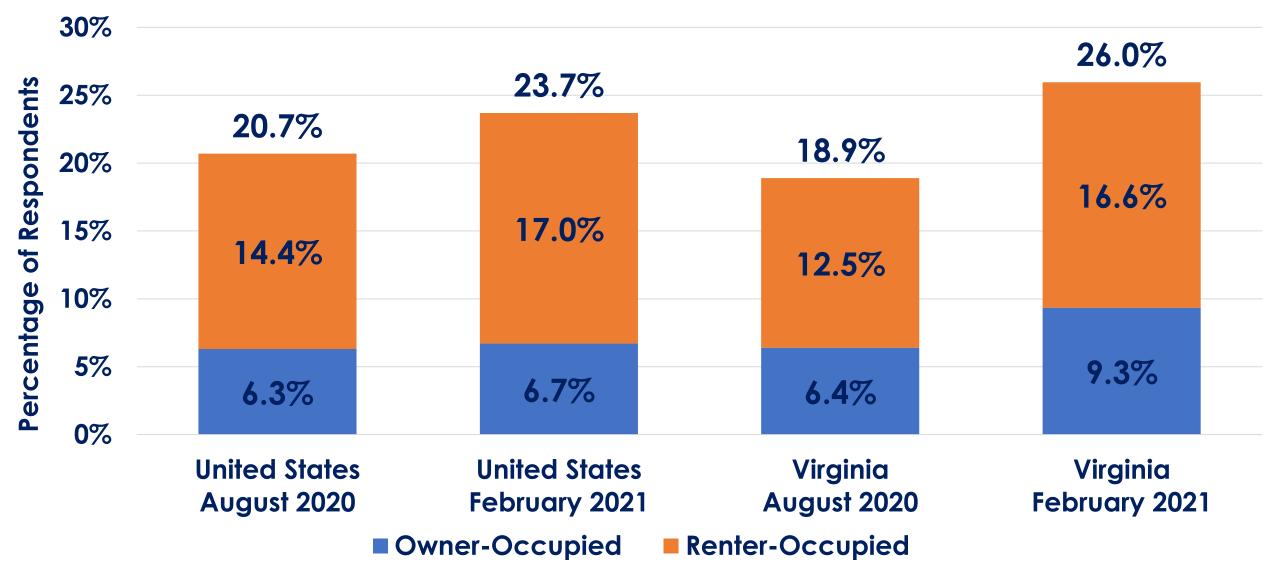
Average Monthly SNAP Participation Rate Virginia, July 2005 – December 2020



Sources: 2005-2019 Population estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau and SNAP participation and benefits data from the Virginia Department of Social Services. 2020

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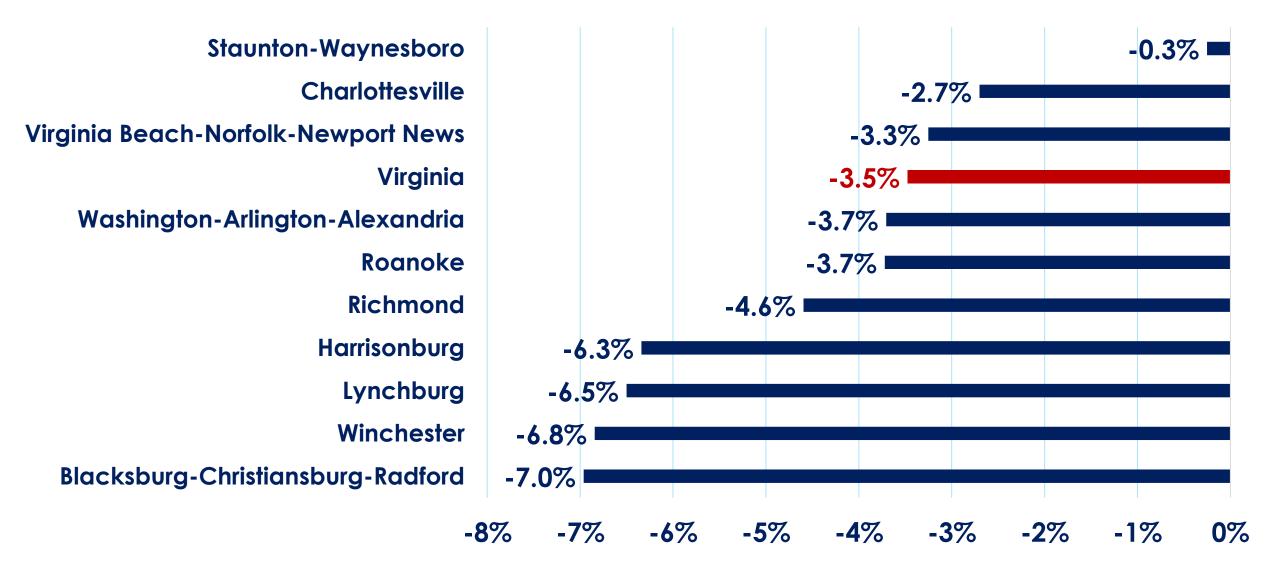
Last Month's Payment Status for Owner and Renter Occupied Housing Units: Percent Not Current on Mortgage or Rent, United States and Virginia, August 31, 2020 and February 1, 2021



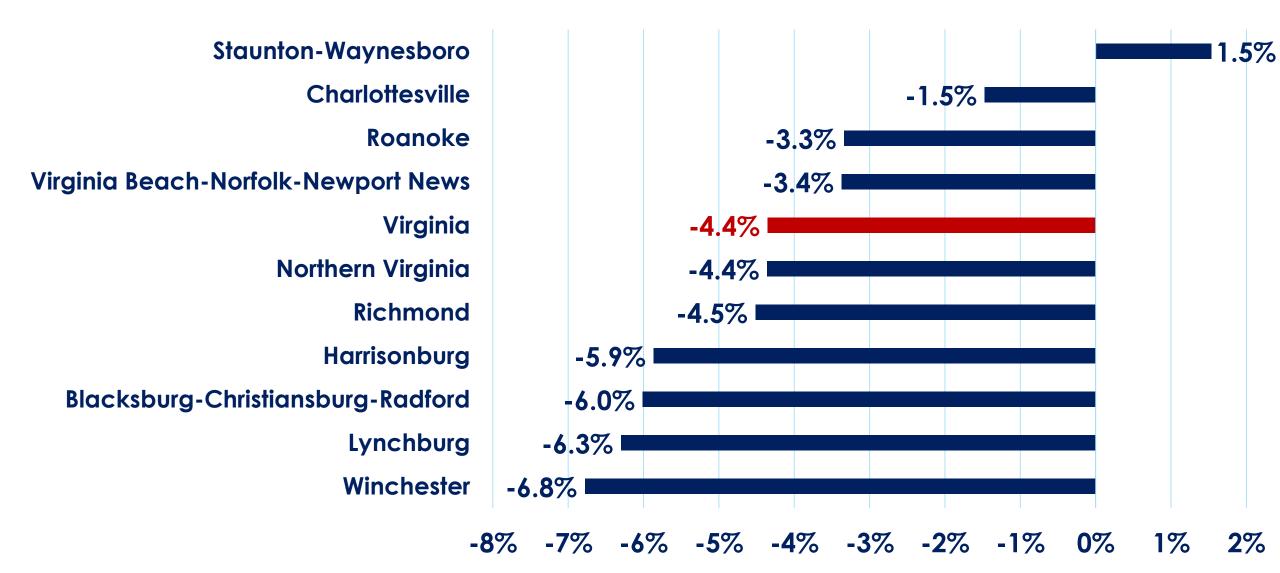




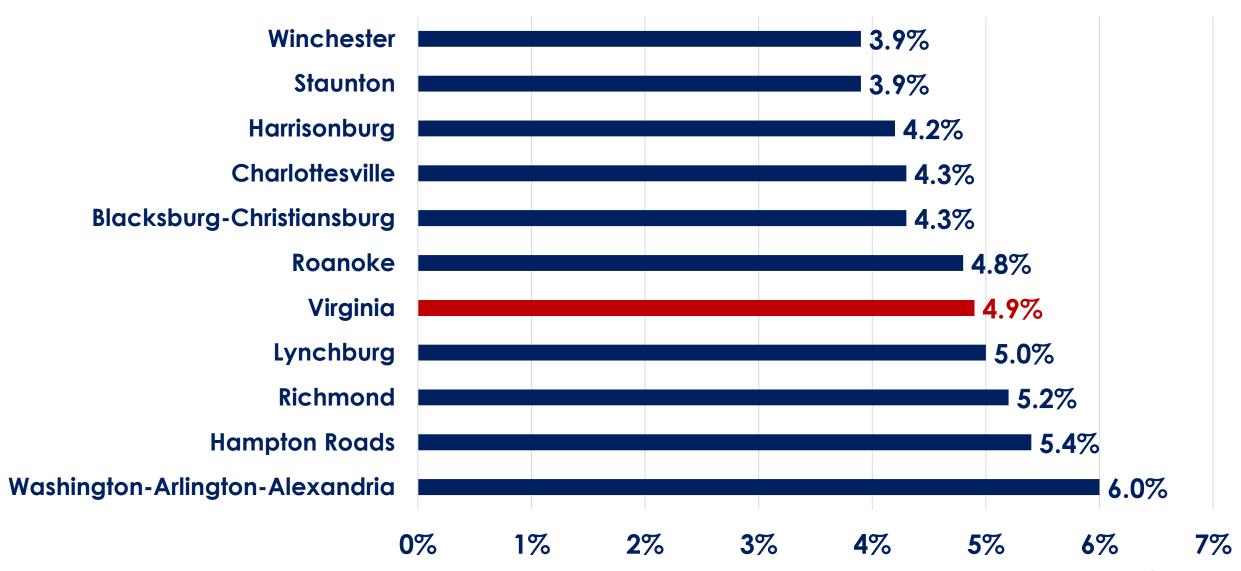
Percentage Change in Civilian Labor Force: Virginia and Virginia Metropolitan Areas, December 2019 and December 2020



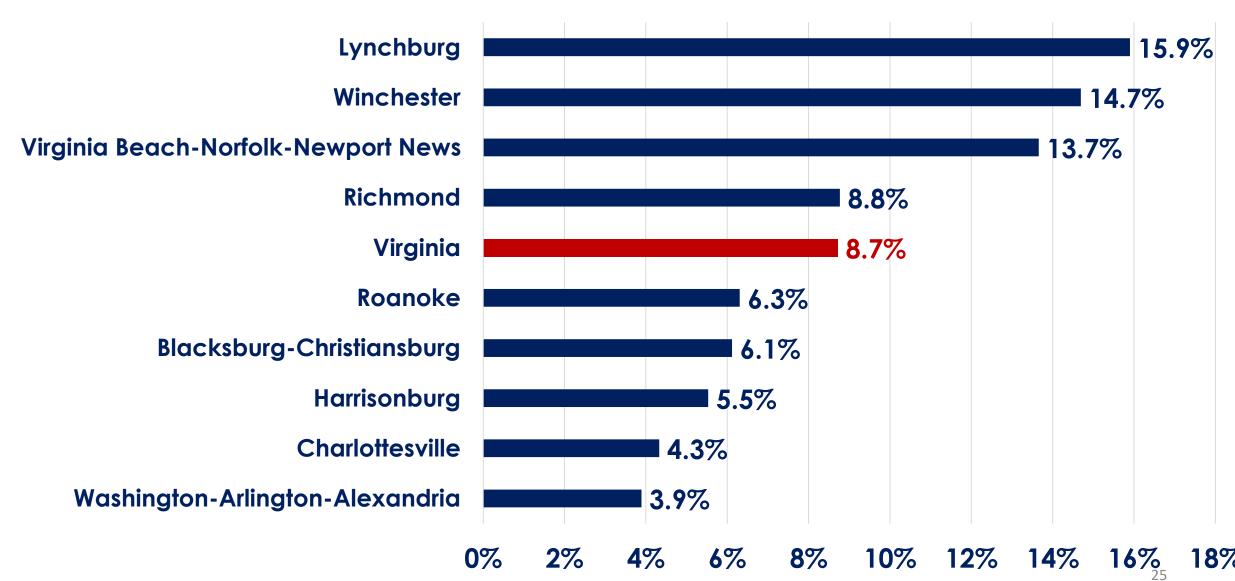
Percentage Change in Net New Civilian Jobs: Virginia and Selected Metropolitan Areas, December 2019 to December 2020



Unemployment Rate Virginia and Metropolitan Areas December 2020



Percentage Change in Taxable Sales Virginia and Metropolitan Areas December 2019 and December 2020



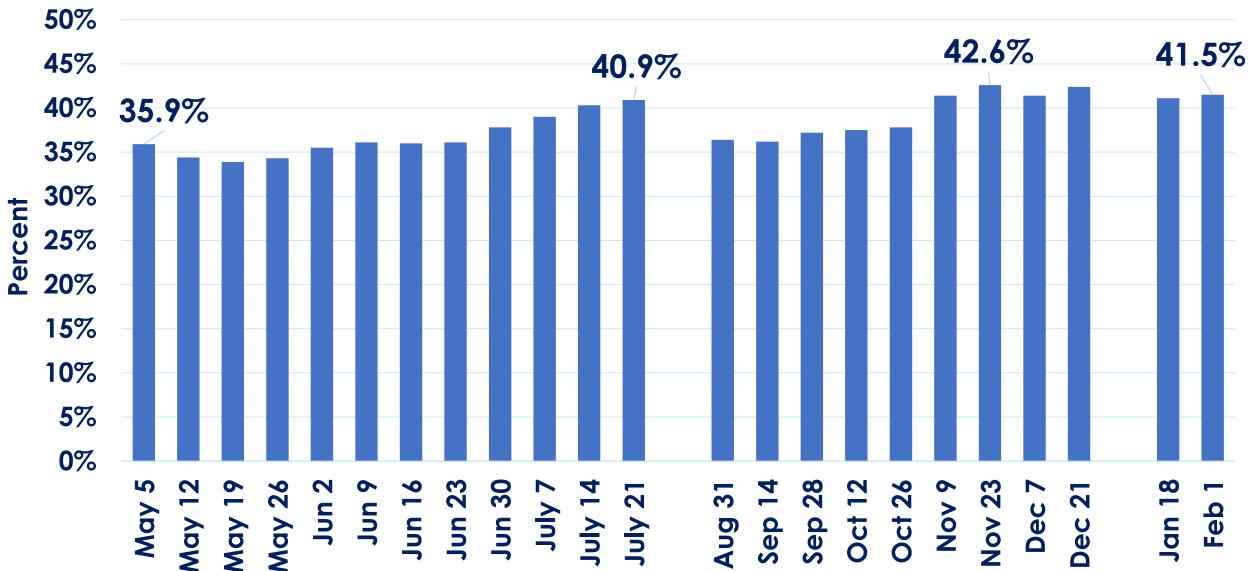
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The Kids Are Not All Right: Youth Mental Health In Virginia

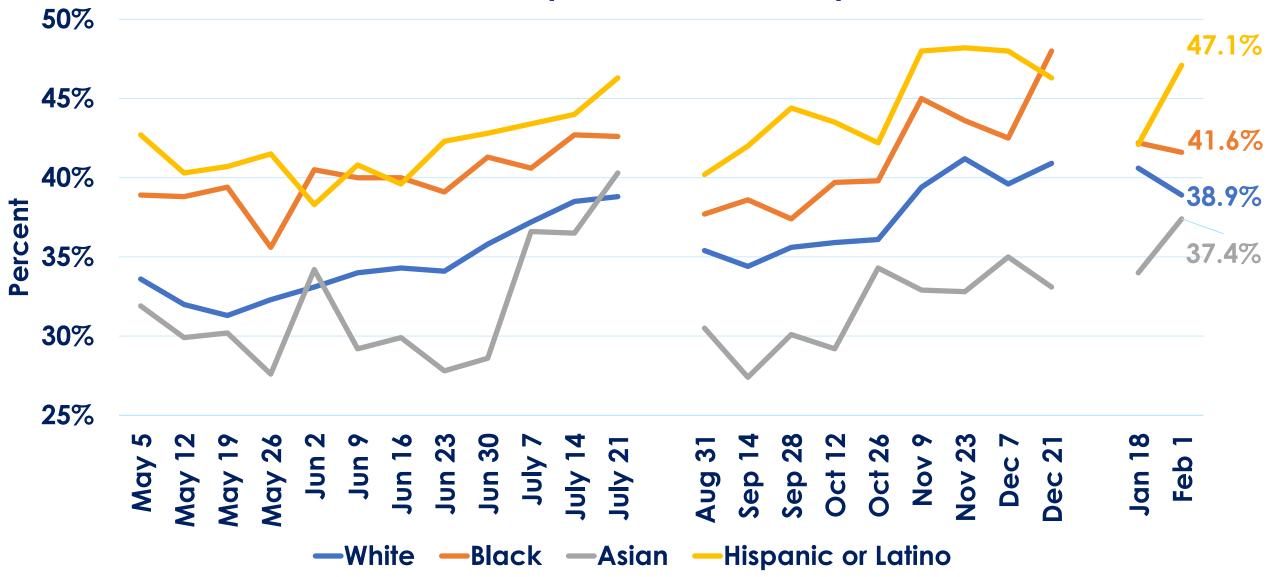


Indicators of Anxiety or Depression in Last Week United States, May 5, 2020 – February 1, 2021

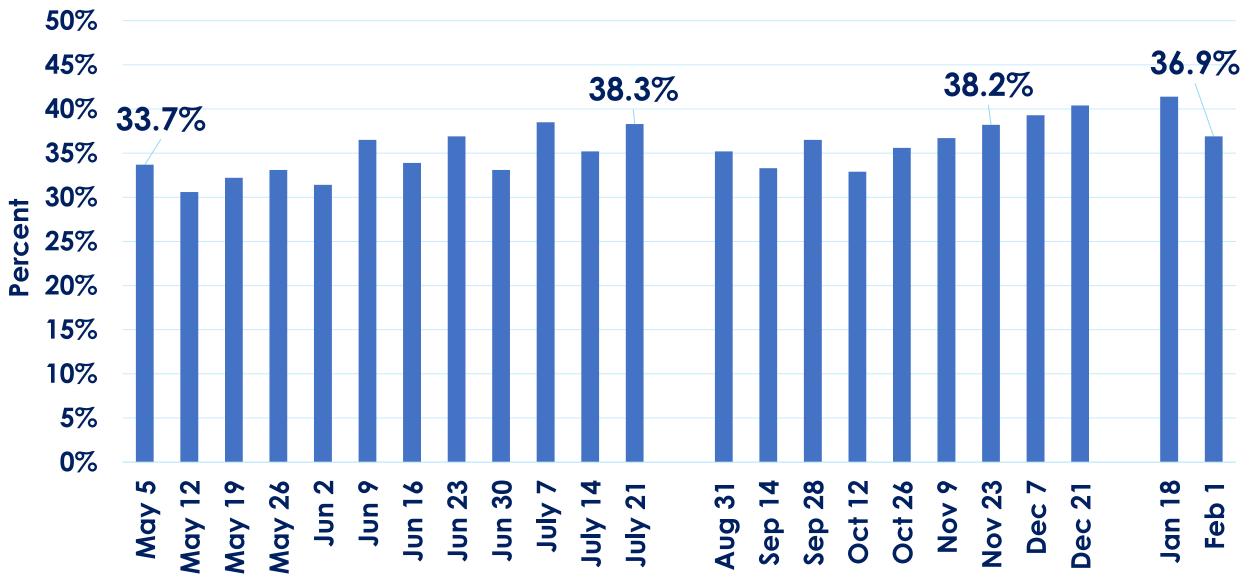


Sources: U.S. Census Bureau Household Pulse Survey and Dragas Center for Economic Analysis and Policy. Responses indicated symptoms of either anxiety or depression. During January-June 2019, 11.0% of adults aged 18 and over had symptoms of anxiety disorder or depressive disorder. Phase I data collection occurred April 23 and July 21, 2020. Phase II data collection occurred between August 19 and October 26, 2020. Phase III data collection began October 28, 2020.

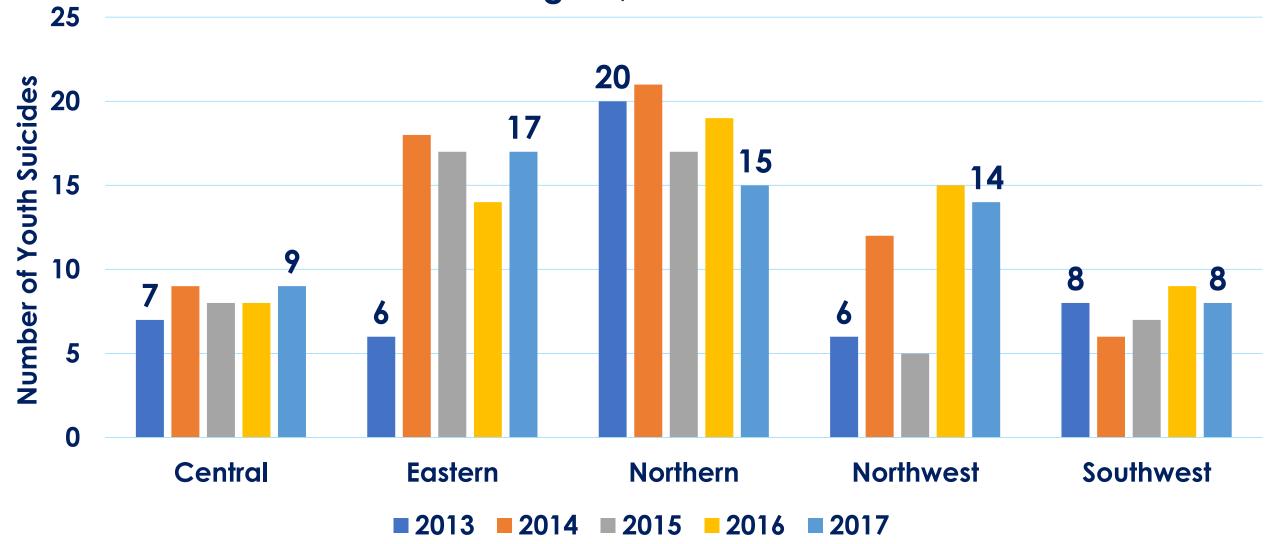
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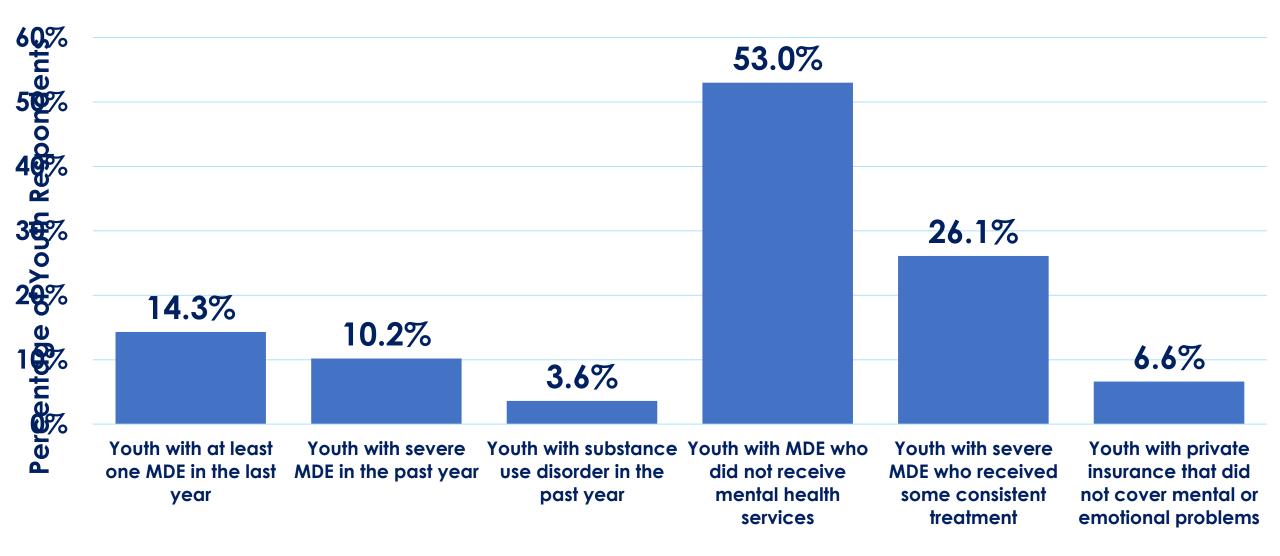
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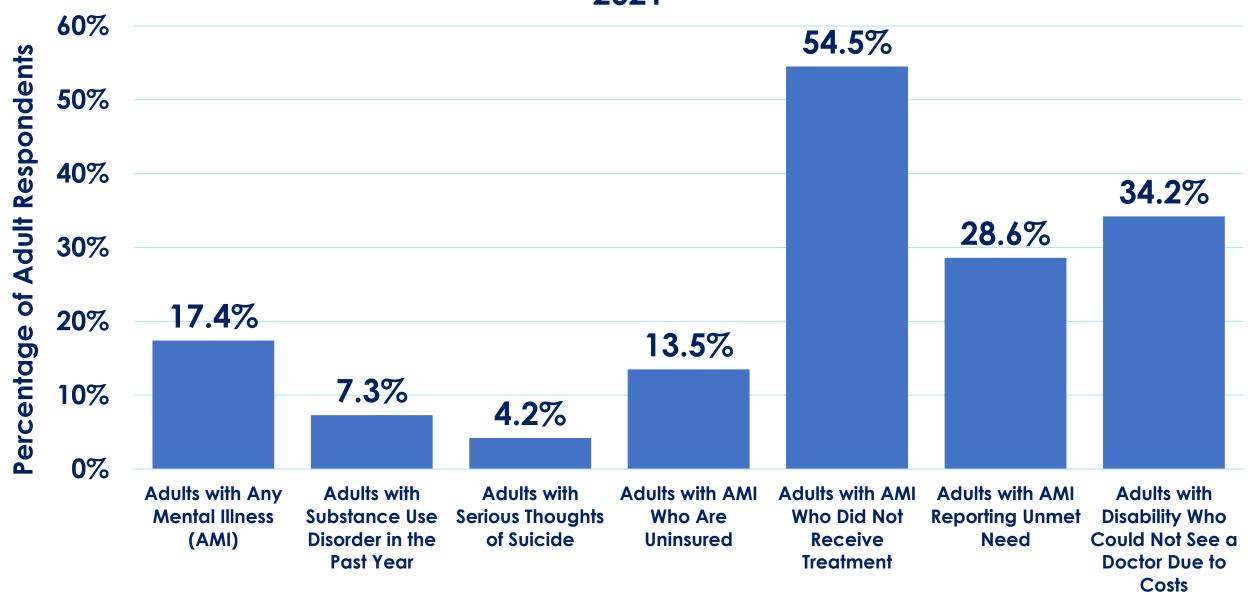
Number of Suicides Among Individuals Ages 10-19 Health Regions Virginia, 2013-2017



Select Youth Mental Health Indicators: Virginia, Ages 12-17 2017-2018

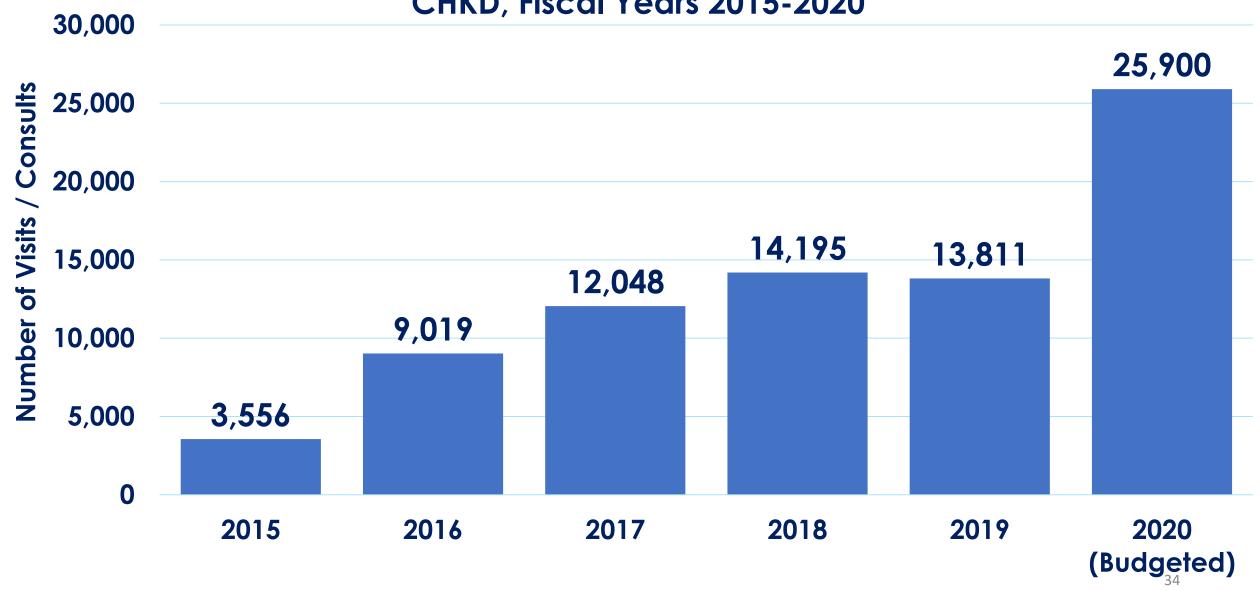


Percent of Virginia's Adults, Select Mental Health Indicators: 2021



Number of Visits or Consultations for Children's Mental Health Concerns:

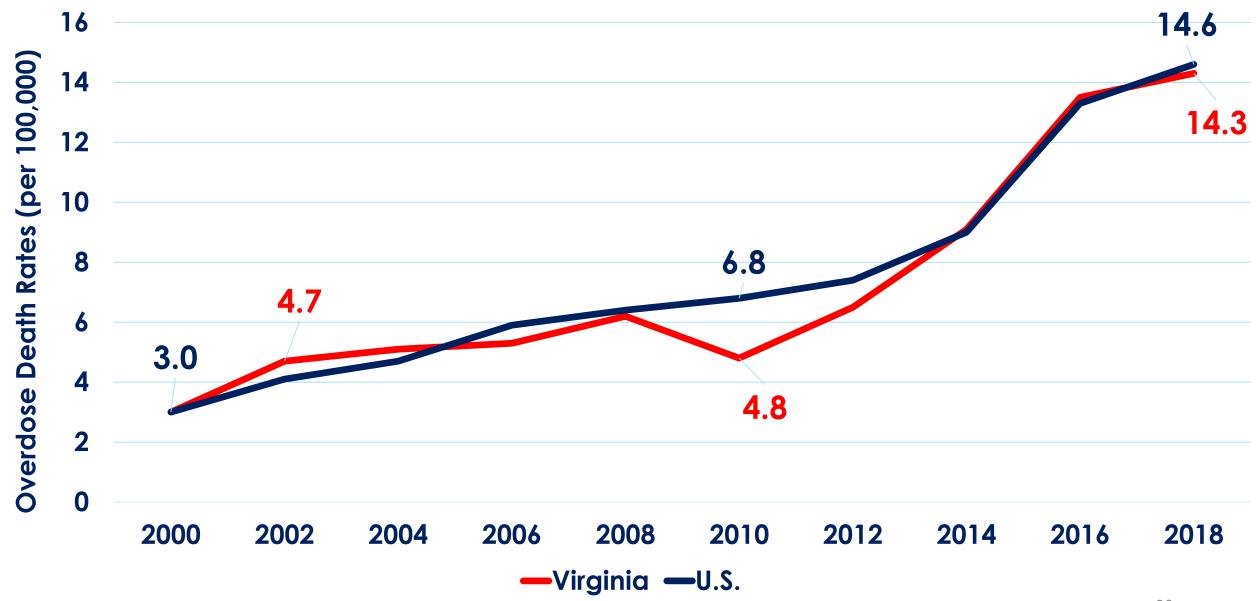




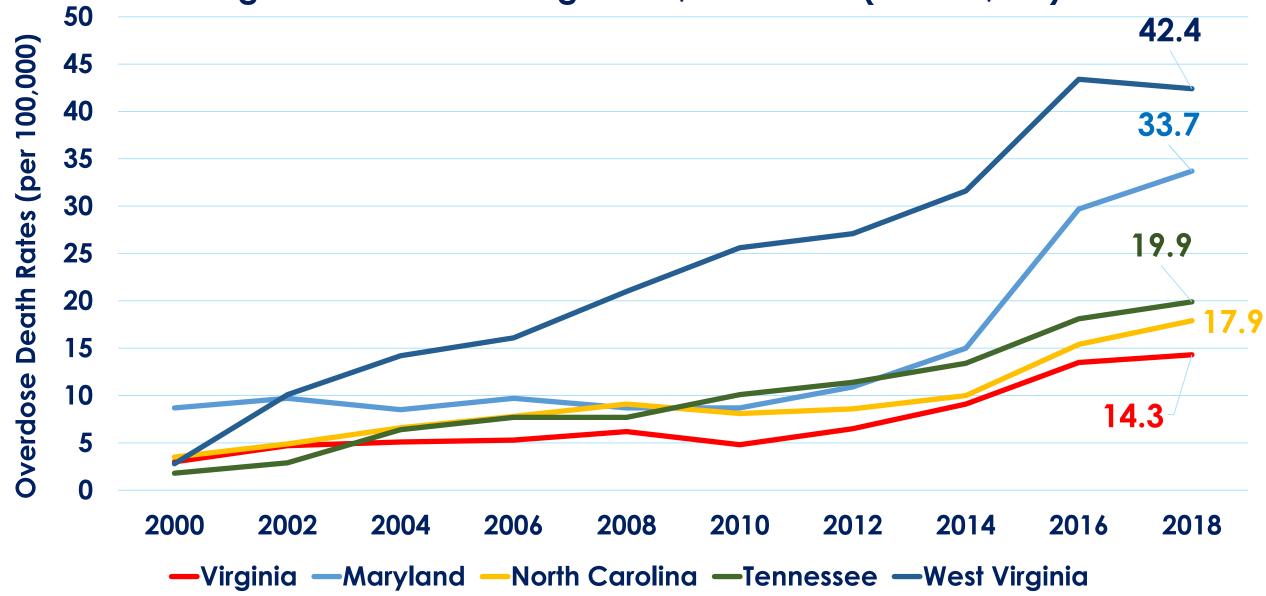
VIRGINIA'S OPIOID EPIDEMIC CONTINUES



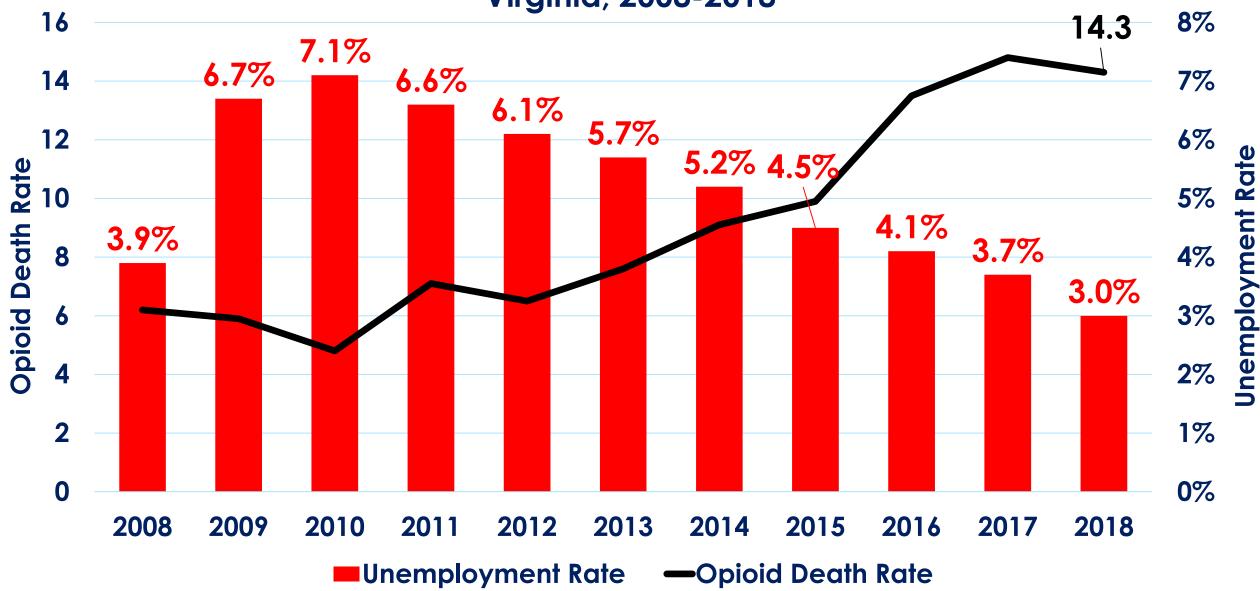
Age-Adjusted Opioid Overdose Death Rates: U.S. and Virginia, 2000-2018 (Per 100,000)



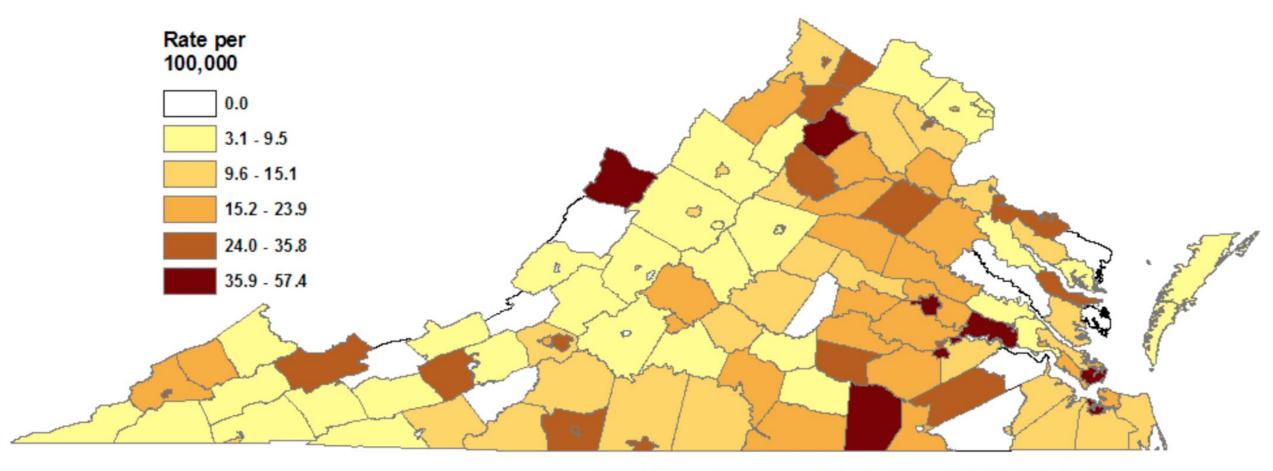
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Opioid Death Rates and Unemployment Rates Virginia, 2008-2018

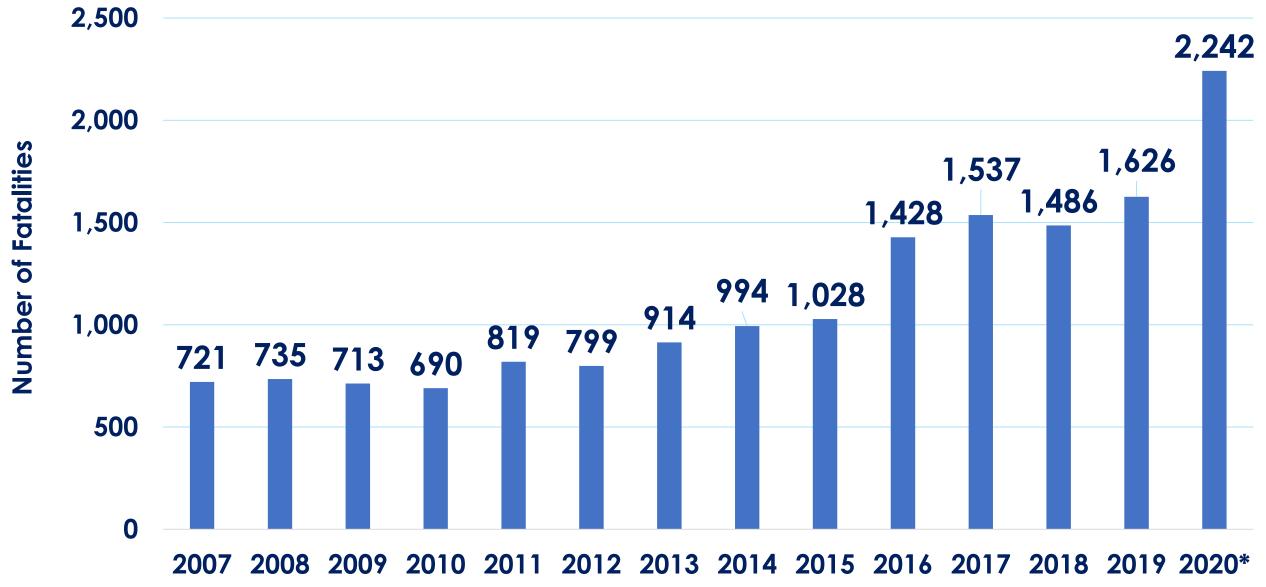


Rate of All Fatal Opioid Overdoses by Locality of Overdose, 2019

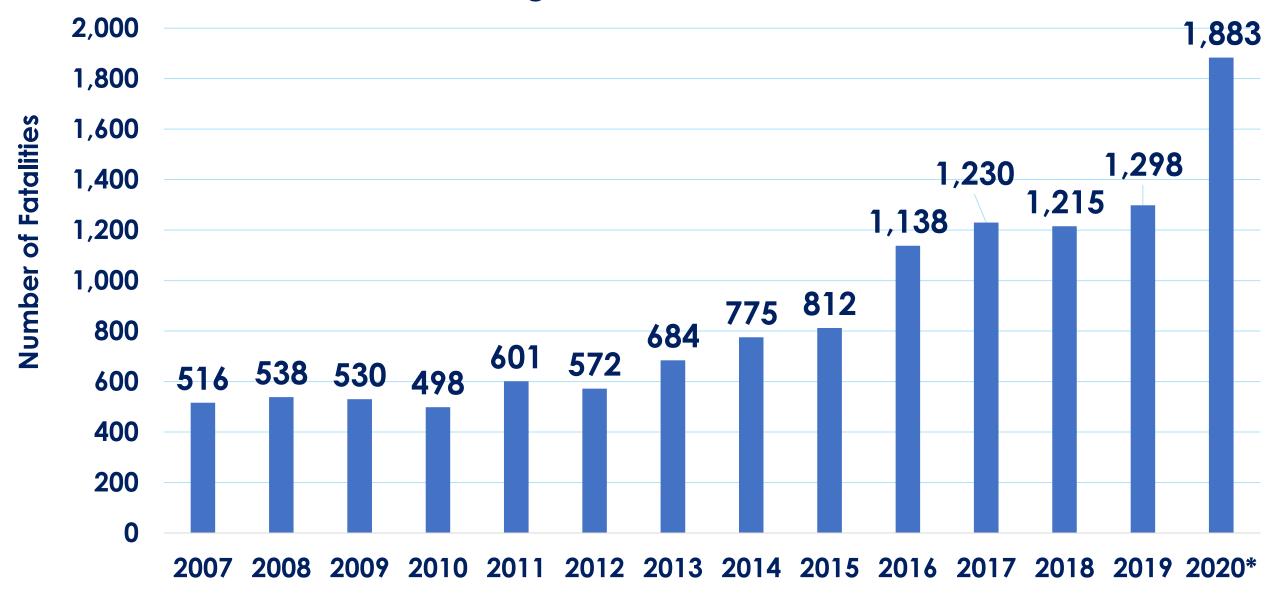


Source: Virginia Department of Health, Office of the Chief Medical Examiner

Total Number of Fatal Drug Overdoses by Year of Death Virginia, 2007-2020*



Total Number of Fatal Opioid Overdoses by Year of Death Virginia, 2007-2020*



OPIOIDS AND "Deaths of Despair"

- Deaths of Despair Hypothesis (Case & Deaton) -People without jobs attempt to soothe their disappointing circumstance by using opioids.
- When one looks more closely at the data, the evidence often conflicts with the "deaths of despair" explanation. In Virginia, the unemployment rate **fell from 7.4% in January 2010 to only 2.7% in January 2020**, but opioid death rates rose anyway. This is the opposite of what the "deaths of despair" hypothesis predicts.
- Blake/Cebula/Koch Findings: Economic distress is only one of a half-dozen or more factors that have an impact on opioid death rates.

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