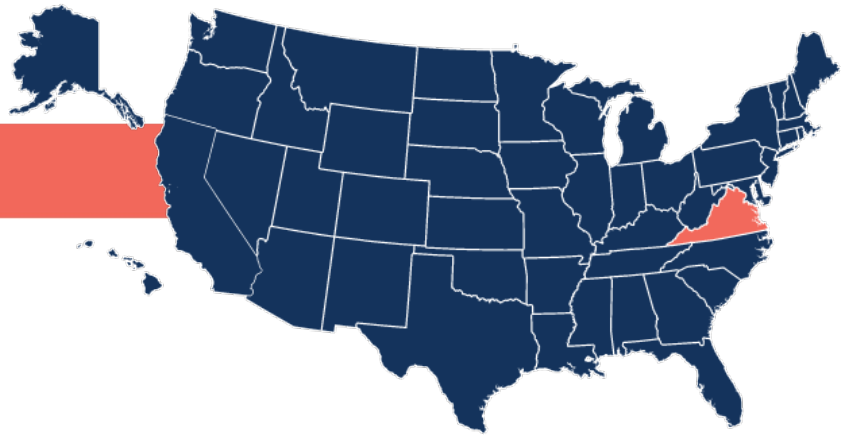# VIRGINIA

STATEWIDE

Population: **8,679,099**

Households without a computer: **6%**

Households without Internet: **11.3%**

Persons in Poverty: **10.6%**

Broadband Programs

- Virginia Telecommunication Initiative (VATI)
- Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program (5-Year Plan; Initial Proposal Volume I - approved; Volume II - pending approval)
- Virginia Broadband Director Shares How the State Got a Head Start on
- BEAD (Doug Adams, Telecompetitor, Oct. 31, 2023)
- How Virginia technologists developed the state's broadband mapping tool (Julie Zeglen & Jane Park, Technical.ly, Aug. 17, 2023)
- Virginia Set to Submit Initial Proposal forBroadband Equity, Access and Deployment (Teralyn Whipple, Broadband Breakfast, July 12, 2023)
- Commonwealth Connect (2020)
- Virginia Dig Once Feasibility Study (2018)

Community Perspectives

- Virginia is trying to get broadband to 162,000 locations without it. Old utility poles may get in the way. (Tad Dickens, Cardinal News, Jan. 3, 2024)
- Virginia is getting an extra $250 million for broadband expansion, thanks to researchers at Virginia Tech (Tad Dickens, Cardinal News, Sept. 7, 2023)
- Virginia plan projects universal broadband access by 2028 (Sarah Vogelsong, Virginia Mercury, Sept. 6, 2023)
- Remarks by Deputy Secretary of Commerce Don Graves at the Virginia BEAD Event (Deputy Secretary of Commerce Don Graves, Speech, Department of Commerce, June 29, 2023)
- Governor Youngkin Announces More Than $59.5 Million in Virginia Telecommunication Initiative Grants (Press release, May 11, 2023)
- States look to speed fiber installation across railroad tracks (Chris Teale, Route 50, Jan. 24, 2023)
- Northern VA is the heart of the internet. Not everyone is happy about that. (Antonio Olivio, Washington Post, Feb. 10, 2023)

ARLINGTON COUNTY	VIRGINIA BEACH CITY	SALEM CITY	ROANOKE CITY	ALEXANDRIA CITY
Population: **234,000**	Population: **455,618**	Population: **25,523**	Population: **97,847**	Population: **155,525**
Households without a computer: **2.9%**	Households without a computer: **3.3%**	Households without a computer: **7.9%**	Households without a computer: **10.7%**	Households without a computer: **3.4%**
Households without Internet: **6%**	Households without Internet: **6.5%**	Households without Internet: **13.4%**	Households without Internet: **17.7%**	Households without Internet: **6.4%**
Persons in Poverty: **6.8%**	Persons in Poverty: **8%**	Persons in Poverty: **9.6%**	Persons in Poverty: **19.1%**	Persons in Poverty: **8.8%**

Data from US Census Bureau. Population estimates from July 1, 2022.
Computer and Internet Use and Poverty data from American Community Survey (ACS), 5-Year Estimates (2022).