

# SCORECARD AT A GLANCE: SOUTHWEST Region

## Economy

**Goal:** Be a national leader in the preservation and enhancement of our economy.

Personal Income	→
Employment Growth	↓
Poverty	↑
Unemployment	↑
Workforce Quality	↑
Business Startups	→
Patents Awarded	↑
High-tech Firms	↑

## Health and Family

**Goal:** Inspire and support Virginians toward healthy lives and strong and resilient families.

Cancer	↑
Cardiovascular Disease	↑
Child Abuse and Neglect	↑
Foster Care	→
Health Insurance	↑
Infant Mortality	→
Obesity	↑
Suicide	↑
Teen Pregnancy	↑

## Performance Trend

Improving	↑
Maintaining	→
Worsening	↓

## Public Safety

**Goal:** Protect the public's safety and security, ensure a fair and effective system of justice, and provide a prepared response to emergencies and disasters of all kinds.

Crime	↑
Juvenile Intakes	↑
Traffic Fatalities	→

## Transportation

**Goal:** Ensure Virginia has a transportation system that is safe, enables the easy movement of people and goods, enhances the economy, and improves our quality of life.

Alternative Commuting	↓
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## Education

**Goal:** Elevate the levels of educational preparedness and attainment of our citizens.

School Readiness	↓
3rd Grade Reading	↑
High School Graduation	↑
High School Dropout	↑
College Degrees Awarded	↓
Educational Attainment	↑

## Natural Resources

**Goal:** Protect, conserve, and wisely develop our natural, cultural, and historic resources.

Land Preservation	↑
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## Government and Citizens

**Goal:** Be recognized as the best-managed state in the nation.

Internet Access	↑
Tax Burden	→
Voter Registration	→
Voter Turnout	↓

## Virginia's Southwest Region



### Localities within the Southwest Region:

Accomack, Essex, King George, Lancaster, Bland, Bristol, Buchanan, Carroll, Dickenson, Floyd, Galax, Grayson, Lee, Norton, Russell, Scott, Smyth, Tazewell, Washington, Wise, Wythe

### Population Statistics:

Total Population (2014):	415,620
State Share of Total Population:	5.0%
Percent Growth (since 2010):	-0.3%

### Some Key Performance Measures:

- Employment declined an average of 1.2% per year over the last 5 years
- Consistently has highest rate among the regions for child abuse
- In 2014 school readiness fell to its lowest rate since 2009
- Highest SOL test scores among the regions for 3rd grade reading in 2015 (80.2%)

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