

SCORECARD AT A GLANCE: WEST CENTRAL 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	→
Exports	→
High-tech Firms	→

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	↑

Health and Family

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

Child Abuse and Neglect	↓
Foster Care	↑
Health Insurance	↑
Health Risk Factors	→
Mortality and Longevity	→
Teen Pregnancy	↑

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.

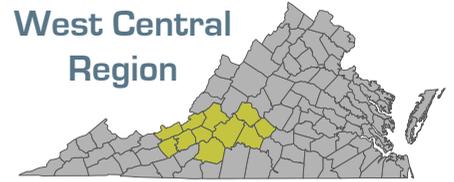
Air Pollution	↑
Land Preservation	↑

Government and Citizens

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

Internet Access	↑
Tax Burden	→
Voter Registration (2015)	↓
Voter Turnout (2014)	↓

Virginia's West Central Region



Localities within the West Central Region:

Amherst, Appomattox, Bedford, Botetourt, Campbell, Craig, Franklin (county), Giles, Lynchburg, Montgomery, Pulaski, Radford, Roanoke (city and county), Salem

Population Statistics:

Total Population (2015):	740,606
Share of Total State Population:	8.8%
Percent Growth (since 2010):	2.3%

Some Key Performance Measures:

- Second lowest job growth rate (0.9%) among the regions in 2015
- After falling during the Great Recession, real incomes since 2011 have largely stayed above their former 2007 peak
- Issued the second highest number of patents (30.8) per 100,000 residents in 2015
- Consistently first or second among the regions in bachelor's degrees earned (per 100K population)