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Highlights

- ◆ The employment recovery in Virginia's Health Care & Social Assistance (HC&SA) sector gained momentum in June thanks to the creation of 6,100 new HC&SA jobs during the month. This job gain translates into a 19.4% annualized employment growth rate. It also represents the largest monthly employment gain in Virginia's HC&SA sector in more than three decades.
- ◆ The job recovery in Virginia's HC&SA sector extended to the overall statewide economy as well. In June, Virginia's total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 63,500. This gain represents a one-month annualized employment growth rate of 22.7%.
- ◆ HC&SA employment in the rest of the country grew at an even faster rate during the month. In June, the national HC&SA sector created 474,900 new jobs. Thanks to the job gains over the past two months, the national HC&SA sector has recovered 40% of its employment losses from April.
- ◆ The national HC&SA sector was responsible for 10% of the 4.8 million jobs created across the country in June. This increase in the nation's total nonfarm payroll employment represents an impressive one-month annualized growth rate of 53.0%.

Data in Brief

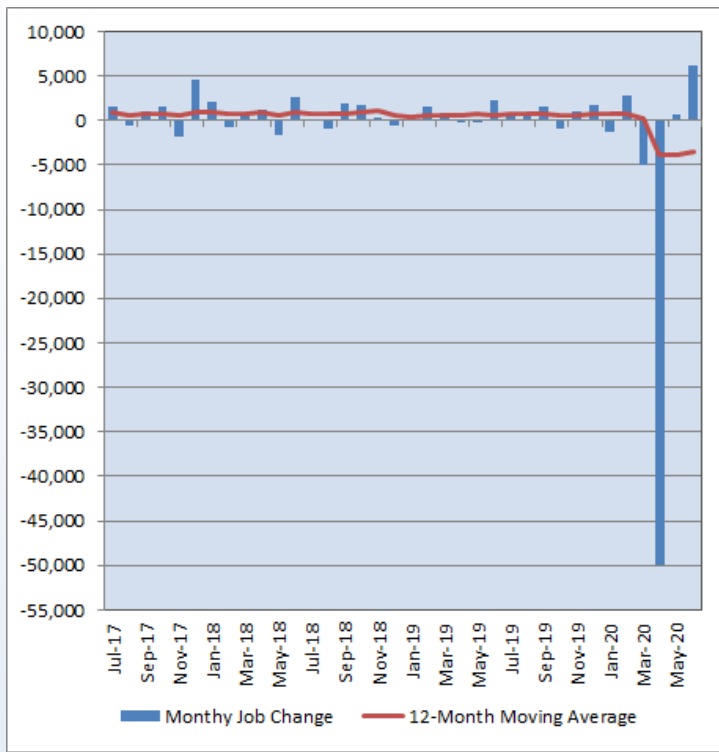
Seasonally Adjusted*	Employment, in Thousands				Growth Rate, Annualized		
	June 2019	Mar. 2020	May 2020	June 2020	12 Month	3 Month	1 Month
Nonfarm, Total							
Virginia	4,056.9	4,067.4	3,687.0	3,750.5	-7.6%	-27.7%	22.7%
National	150,759.0	151,090.0	133,002.0	137,802.0	-8.6%	-30.8%	53.0%
Health Care & Social Assistance							
Virginia	458.3	459.9	410.5	416.6	-9.1%	-32.7%	19.4%
National	20,380.0	20,623.2	18,857.2	19,332.1	-5.1%	-22.8%	34.8%
All Other Nonfarm							
Virginia	3,598.6	3,607.5	3,276.5	3,333.9	-7.4%	-27.1%	23.2%
National	130,379.0	130,466.8	114,144.8	118,469.9	-9.1%	-32.0%	56.3%

Preliminary estimates are italicized

*Seasonally adjusted data are adjusted by the Bureau of Labor Statistics to account for weather, holidays and other seasonal changes. Economists use seasonally adjusted data to reveal underlying trends over time. This series uses seasonally adjusted data exclusively. When comparing data in this series to other HWDC series, or publications from other sources, it is important to note whether the data reported have been seasonally adjusted.

Virginia HC&SA Employment

Figure 1: Monthly Change in Employment in Virginia’s Health Care & Social Assistance Sector, Seasonally Adjusted.

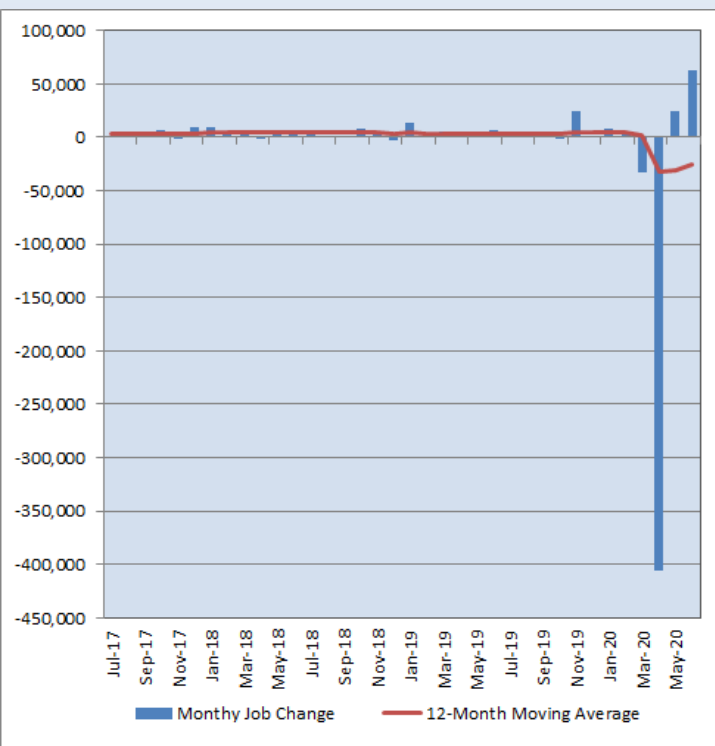


According to the preliminary data released on Friday, July 17, 2020, by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Virginia’s Health Care & Social Assistance (HC&SA) sector continued its recovery in June from the historic employment losses that occurred earlier this year as a result of the coronavirus pandemic. In the aftermath of a lockdown that significantly restricted economic activity, Virginia’s HC&SA sector benefited from the continued easing of those restrictions in June as most of the state entered Phase Two of the government’s reopening plan. After experiencing a relatively modest increase of 600 jobs in May, Virginia’s HC&SA sector enjoyed much stronger growth in June with the creation of 6,100 new jobs. This gain represents a one-month annualized employment growth rate of 19.4%. In addition, this month’s gain also represents the largest job increase in Virginia’s HC&SA sector in more than 30 years. However, despite this month’s impressive job gain, long-term employment growth in Virginia’s HC&SA sector still has not recovered from the losses that occurred in March and April. Over the past year, employment in Virginia’s HC&SA sector has fallen by 9.1%.

Virginia Employment

The rest of Virginia’s economy experienced even stronger job growth in June as the state’s total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 63,500 during the month, a gain that translates into a 22.7% annualized growth rate. Over the past two months, Virginia’s total nonfarm payroll employment has recovered more than 20% of its losses from April when the state was under lockdown in order to limit the transmission of the coronavirus, which by then had become a significant public health crisis throughout the country. Although Virginia has begun the process of reopening its economy, which has helped to revive employment growth across the state, the threat of the coronavirus remains serious. In fact, there have now been more than 90,000 confirmed cases of the coronavirus in Virginia, leading to more than 2,000 confirmed deaths. Even with this strong job growth in May and June thanks to the easing of the state’s lockdown restrictions, Virginia’s economy still experienced significant employment losses over the past three months. In Q2 2020, the state’s total nonfarm payroll employment fell by 316,900. This loss translates into a three-month annualized employment growth rate of -27.7%.

Figure 2: Monthly Change in Employment in Virginia’s Total Non-farm Payroll, Seasonally Adjusted.

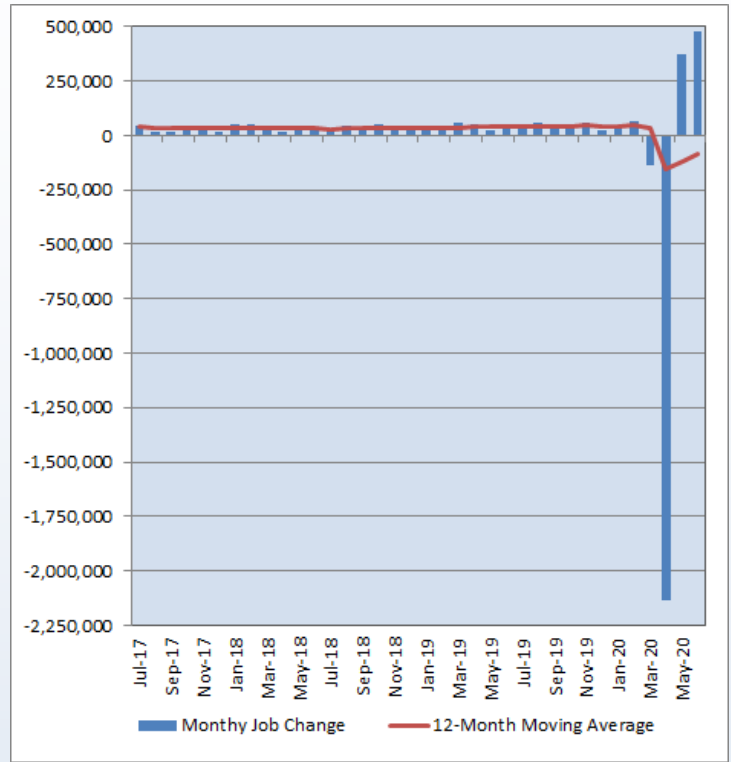


National Employment

Although Virginia’s HC&SA sector and the state’s overall economy enjoyed strong employment growth in June, this job growth was below that which was experienced elsewhere across the country during the month. In fact, this was the second consecutive month in which Virginia’s employment growth lagged behind the overall national average. This has occurred despite the fact that Virginia’s per capita rate of coronavirus cases is more than 20% below the national average. In total, there have now been more than 5 million cases of the coronavirus in the United States, and this has led to more than 150,000 deaths across the country.

In total, the national HC&SA sector created 474,900 new jobs in June, a gain that represents a one-month annualized employment growth rate of 34.8%. Over the past two months, the national HC&SA sector has recovered 40% of the 2.14 million jobs that were lost in April. The overall national economy experienced even faster employment growth during the month. In June, the nation’s total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 4.8 million, which translates into a 53.0% annualized growth rate. The national economy has created 7.5 million new jobs since May.

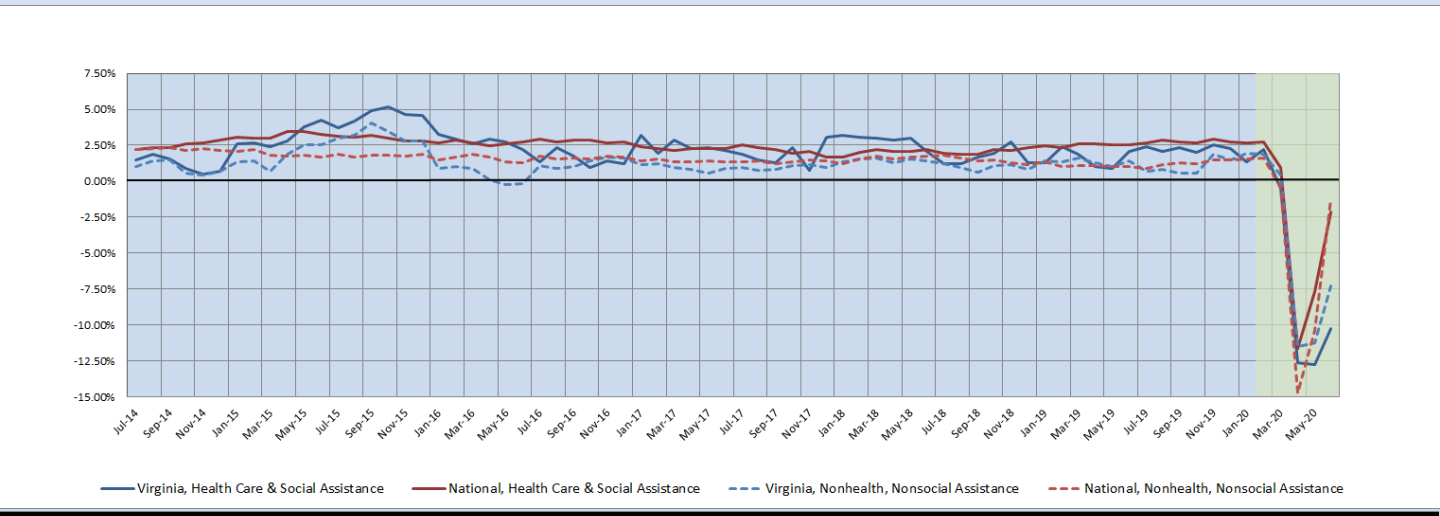
Figure 3: Monthly Change in Employment in National Health Care & Social Assistance Sector, Seasonally Adjusted



State Employment Growth

Thanks to this month’s continued economic recovery in both Virginia and the nation as a whole, there was a marked improvement in the long-term growth rates of both HC&SA employment and total nonfarm payroll employment, even if all of these growth rates remained negative. Virginia’s HC&SA sector and the state’s total nonfarm payroll experienced increases in their six-month employment growth rate moving averages to -10.28% and -7.30%, respectively, in June. The national HC&SA sector and the overall national economy enjoyed more dramatic increases in their respective moving averages. The national HC&SA sector saw its six-month employment growth rate moving average increase from -7.70% to -2.15%, while the comparable moving average for the nation’s total nonfarm payroll increased from -10.36% to -1.23%.

Figure 4: 12-Month Moving Average, Employment Growth, Seasonally Adjusted



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About the Data

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Includes:

- ◆ Data on employed individuals drawing a paycheck (payroll employees).
- ◆ All employees, regardless of role, occupation or hours worked.
- ◆ HC&SA employees in the private sector only.
- ◆ Persons employed by health professionals in private practice.
- ◆ Both government and private sector workers in nonfarm employment data.

Does not include:

- ◆ Self-employed workers or volunteers, including health professionals in private practice.
 - ◆ HC&SA employees in the public sector. (These are counted as government workers in monthly reports).
 - ◆ Information on hours worked or the quality of employment.
 - ◆ Government workers in HC&SA level data. (Government workers, regardless of occupation and role, are classified as public sector employees).
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