



# Virginia Healthcare Workforce Briefs

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*Data in the report are seasonally adjusted. Self-employed persons, including health professionals in private practice, are not included.*

## Highlights

- ◆ Virginia's Health Care & Social Assistance (HC&SA) sector enjoyed its second consecutive month of positive employment growth in June. After creating 1,300 jobs in May, Virginia's HC&SA sector increased employment by an additional 200 jobs in June. This gain represents a one-month annualized employment growth rate of 0.5%.
- ◆ Virginia's overall economy enjoyed even faster employment growth during the month. In June, the state's total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 3,200. This increase translates into a 1.0% annualized employment growth rate.
- ◆ In May, the national HC&SA sector created 20,200 jobs across the country, and this performance was duplicated in June with an identical gain of 20,200 new HC&SA jobs during the month. During the first half of 2021, national HC&SA employment has increased by 85,000.
- ◆ The overall national economy enjoyed its strongest month of employment growth so far this year thanks to the creation of 850,000 new jobs in June. This gain in national total nonfarm payroll employment represents a one-month annualized growth rate of 7.3%.

## Data in Brief

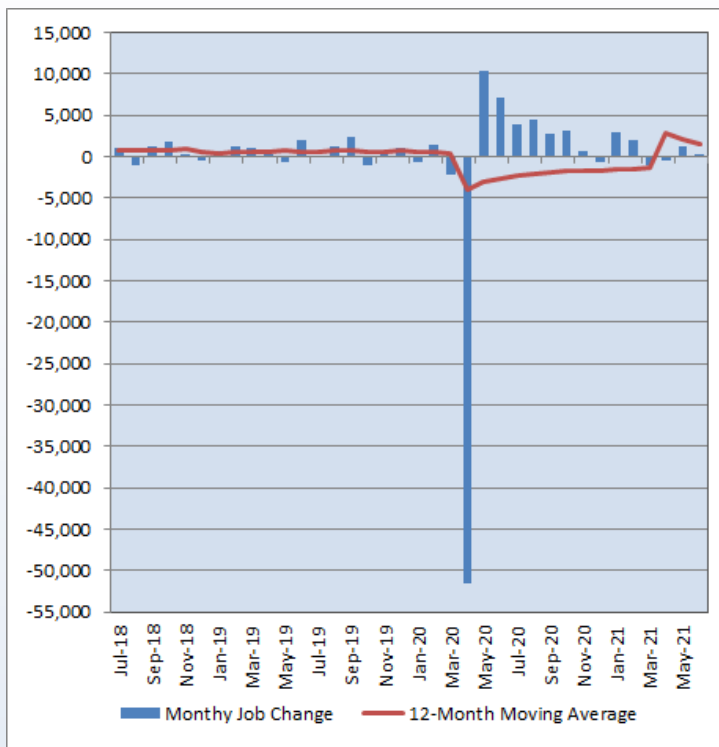
Seasonally Adjusted*	Employment, in Thousands				Growth Rate, Annualized		
	June 2020	Mar. 2021	May 2021	June 2021	12 Month	3 Month	1 Month
<b>Nonfarm, Total</b>							
Virginia	3,703.8	3,887.3	3,981.0	3,894.2	5.1%	0.7%	1.0%
National	137,840.0	144,057.0	144,909.0	145,759.0	5.7%	4.8%	7.3%
<b>Health Care &amp; Social Assistance</b>							
Virginia	426.5	444.4	445.3	445.5	4.5%	1.0%	0.5%
National	19,311.5	19,940.5	19,993.1	20,013.3	3.6%	1.5%	1.2%
<b>All Other Nonfarm</b>							
Virginia	3,277.3	3,442.9	3,445.7	3,448.7	5.2%	0.7%	1.0%
National	118,528.5	124,116.5	124,915.9	125,745.7	6.1%	5.4%	8.3%

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 16, 2021, by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Virginia’s Health Care & Social Assistance (HC&SA) sector experienced a modest increase in employment in June with the creation of 200 new jobs during the month. This increase represents a one-month annualized employment growth rate of 0.5%.

With this gain, employment in Virginia’s HC&SA sector has increased in each of the past two months. In total, Virginia’s HC&SA sector has created 1,500 jobs since May, thereby recovering all of its employment losses from March and April. Although HC&SA employment in Virginia has experienced no net change since March, this sector has still enjoyed solid job growth during the first half of 2021. Thanks to the impressive job gains in January and February, Virginia’s HC&SA sector has added 4,900 jobs so far this year.

Despite this month’s job gain, the 12-month HC&SA employment growth rate moving average still declined in June. Over the past year, Virginia’s HC&SA sector has created an average of 1,583 jobs per month.

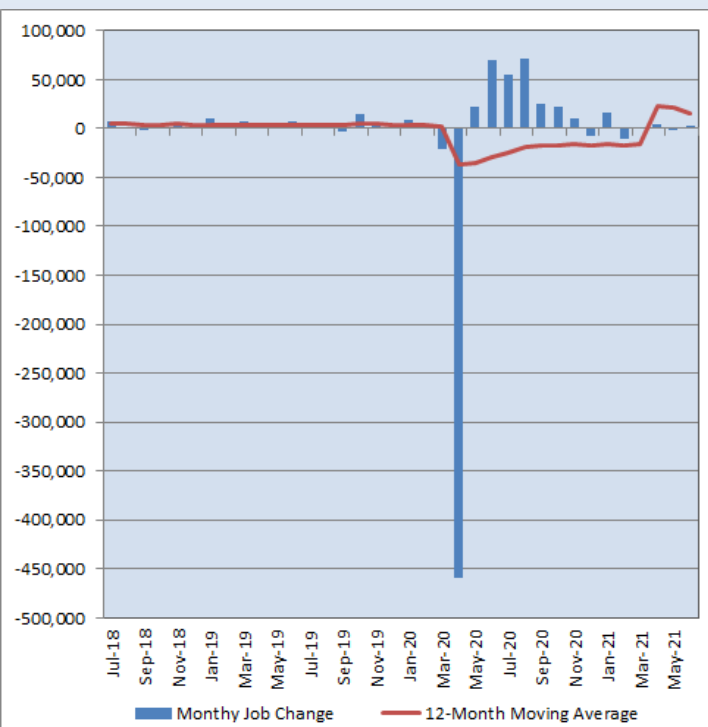
### Virginia Employment

Virginia’s HC&SA sector made a relatively modest contribution to overall statewide job growth during the month. In June, the state’s total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 3,200. This increase translates into a 1.0% annualized employment growth rate, which is twice the comparable growth rate for Virginia’s HC&SA sector.

Virginia’s overall statewide economy built upon the solid employment gains in Q1 2021 by producing even stronger job growth in Q2 2021. During the first three months of 2021, Virginia’s total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 6,200. Virginia’s economy followed up on this three-month employment gain by creating an additional 6,900 new jobs in Q2 2021. With these gains, the state’s total nonfarm payroll employment has increased by 13,100 so far this year.

As with Virginia’s HC&SA sector, the state’s overall economy has seen its 12-month employment growth rate moving average drop considerably since April. In fact, this moving average has declined by one-third over the past two months. Regardless, Virginia’s overall economy has still created an average of 15,867 jobs per month over the past year.

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

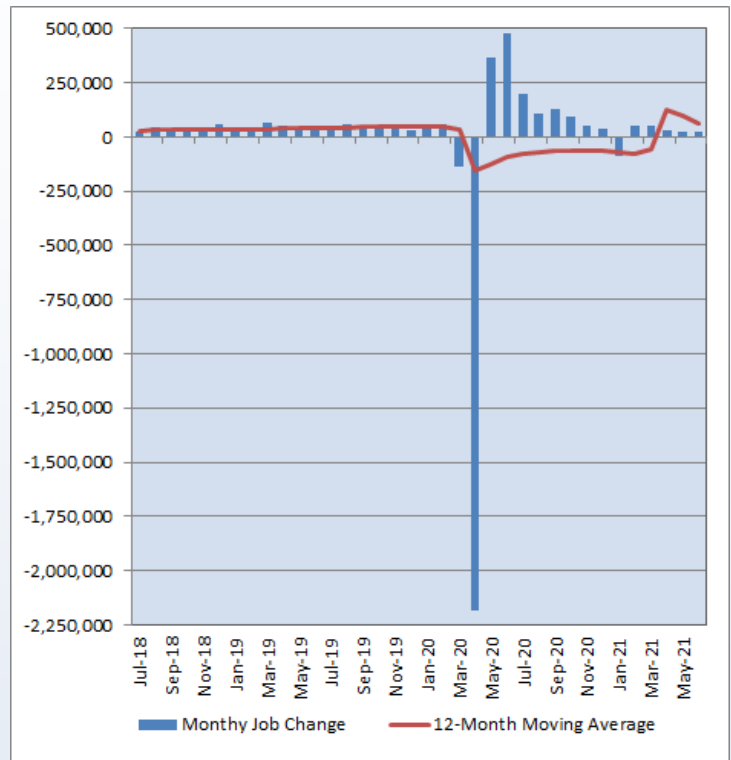


### National Employment

The national HC&SA sector also experienced relatively modest employment growth in June. In fact, this month's employment gain replicated exactly the increase from May when the national HC&SA sector created 20,200 jobs. As in May, June's increase of 20,200 HC&SA jobs translates into a one-month annualized growth rate of 1.2%. In addition, this gain represents the fifth consecutive month in which national HC&SA employment has increased. Although the size of these employment gains have been diminishing since February when the national HC&SA sector created a year-to-date high of 52,600 jobs, this sector still performed very well in Q2 2021. In total, national HC&SA employment has increased by 72,800 over the past three months.

The most impressive job growth in June came from the overall national economy. National total nonfarm payroll employment growth has accelerated significantly over the past two months, culminating in an increase of 850,000 in June. This gain, the largest job increase so far this year in the national economy, represents a one-month annualized growth rate of 7.3%. During the first half of 2021, the overall national economy has increased employment by 3.26 million.

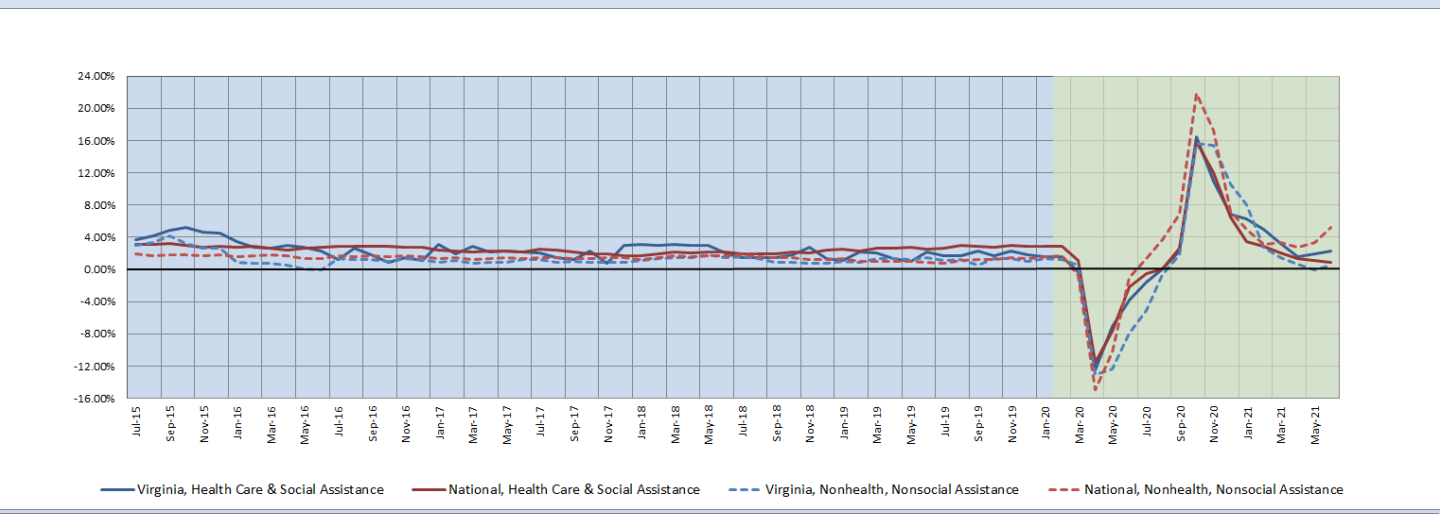
**Figure 3: Monthly Change in Employment in National Health Care & Social Assistance Sector, Seasonally Adjusted**



### State Employment Growth

Since April, the six-month employment growth rate moving average of Virginia's HC&SA sector has been enjoying a modest recovery. After increasing from 1.58% to 1.90% in May, this moving average rose to 2.31% in June. Meanwhile, the state's total nonfarm payroll employment experienced a rebound in its six-month growth rate moving average in June. In May, the six-month employment growth rate moving average of Virginia's total nonfarm payroll turned negative for the first in nearly one year, but this moving average became positive once again in June after increasing to 0.51%. On the other hand, the comparable moving average for the national HC&SA sector fell yet again in June from 1.09% to 0.90%. As for national total nonfarm payroll, its moving average experienced a significant increase from 3.33% to 5.26% during the month.

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



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**About the Data**

Data in this report are from the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics' Current Employment Statistics program. The CES program surveys about 143,000 businesses and government agencies monthly. Unless otherwise noted, this series uses seasonally-adjusted data that removes seasonal variations related to weather, holidays, weekends, seasons and other predictable variations. This allows us to better examine underlying trends in the labor market. Data from recent months are preliminary and subject to revision in future releases from the CES. Revisions will be reported in future editions of this series. Unless otherwise noted, the CES data presented in this series:

**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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