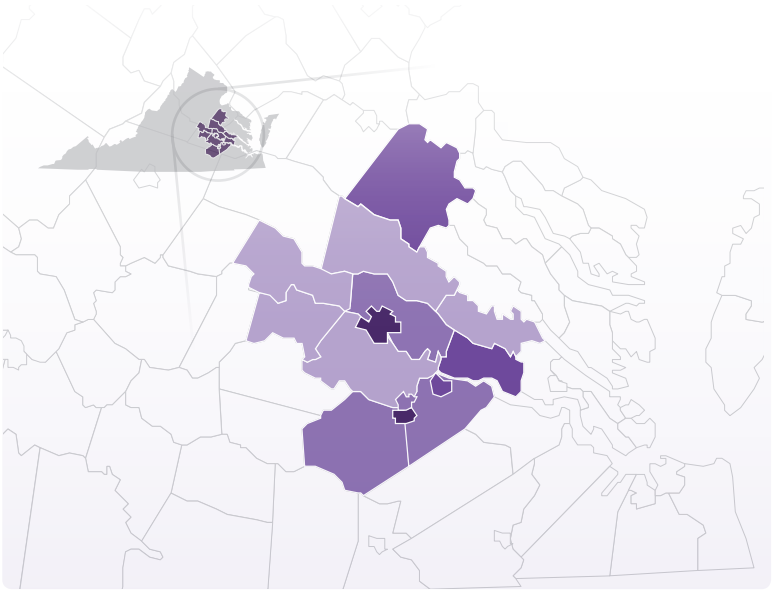
Voices For Virginia's Children

A Snapshot of Economically Disadvantaged Children in the RICHMOND REGION

PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED

1-14% | 15-30% | 31-44% | 45-59% | 60-75%



Children living below 200% of poverty level are economically disadvantaged and live in families that struggle to meet basic needs:

Food, Housing, Utilities, Child Care and Transportation

1 IN 3

children are economically disadvantaged
IN THE RICHMOND REGION

THAT'S

94,889 children who are economically disadvantaged

ENOUGH TO FILL

1,898 SCHOOL BUSES

ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED CHILDREN IN VIRGINIA

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Children of every race and ethnic group face hardship across Virginia. One in four White children live in families that struggle to meet basic needs. For Black and Hispanic/Latino children, one in two live in families that struggle to meet basic needs. Over time, a variety of federal, state, and local policy choices have had disproportionate impacts on families living in certain regions or belonging to certain racial and ethnic groups. Those effects are still felt today. To improve economic opportunity, we must recognize children have different starting points, which may require different policy solutions.

Non-Hispanic White	Black or African American	Hispanic or Latino	Two or More Races	Asian and Pacific Islander
239,000	205,000	113,000	43,000	19,000
24%	54%	48%	31%	17%

Number of Children Who Are Economically Disadvantaged

Percentage of Total Children of Each Race Who Are Economically Disadvantaged

EVERY CHILD IN VIRGINIA SHOULD HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO THRIVE

A multi-pronged policy platform is needed to improve the economic opportunity of Virginia's children.

- Access to Affordable Healthcare
- High-Quality Early Learning Opportunities
- Two-Generation Supports
- Support in Schools
- Support For Children in Foster Care
- Continued Transformation of the Juvenile Justice System

DEMOGRAPHIC		ECONOMIC WELL-BEING				EDUCATION		HEALTH		SAFETY
Locale	Total Population Under 18	Number of Children in Poverty (Below 100% FPL*)	Percentage of Children in Poverty	Number of Children Economically Disadvantaged (Below 200% FPL*)	Percentage of Children Economically Disadvantaged	Pass Rate of Third Graders on SOL Reading Test	On-Time High School Graduation Rate	Low-Income Children w/o Health Insurance (Below 200% FPL*)	Births to Mothers with Less Than 12th Grade Education	Rate of Children Entering Foster Care (per 1,000)
Caroline	6,675	1,407	21%	3,126	47%	72%	89%	236	7%	1.6
Charles City	1,202	272	23%	560	48%	76%	98%	52	8%	N/A
Chesterfield	81,494	7,801	10%	21,806	27%	82%	91%	2,222	9%	0.7
Colonial Heights	3,952	647	17%	1,628	42%	75%	93%	143	11%	N/A
Dinwiddie	5,927	1102	19%	2,315	40%	77%	87%	195	11%	0.4
Goochland	4,256	318	8%	796	19%	79%	97%	94	6%	2.9
Hanover	23,604	1,842	8%	4,735	20%	83%	95%	485	4%	0.5
Henrico	75,253	12,021	16%	24,203	33%	75%	91%	2,447	7%	0.5
Hopewell	5,590	1,572	29%	3,103	57%	58%	85%	187	16%	1.8
New Kent	4,291	488	11%	820	19%	84%	93%	143	6%	0.5
Petersburg	6,645	2,981	46%	4,574	71%	65%	84%	248	16%	2.8
Powhatan	5,660	163	3%	855	16%	87%	95%	174	3%	0.9
Prince George	8,121	1,100	14%	2,956	37%	85%	88%	287	5%	1.4
Richmond City	39,264	15,303	40%	23,412	61%	62%	80%	1,763	17%	5.5
Regional Total	**271,934**	**47,017**	**17%**	**94,889**	**35%**	-	-	**8,676**	-	**1.6**
State Total	**1,864,668**	**280,144**	**16%**	**621,843**	**34%**	**76%**	**91%**	**62,032**	**9%**	**1.5**

*FPL stands for Federal Poverty Level. The federal poverty definition consists of a series of thresholds based on family size and composition. In 2015, a 200% poverty threshold for a family of two adults and two children was $48,072.

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