

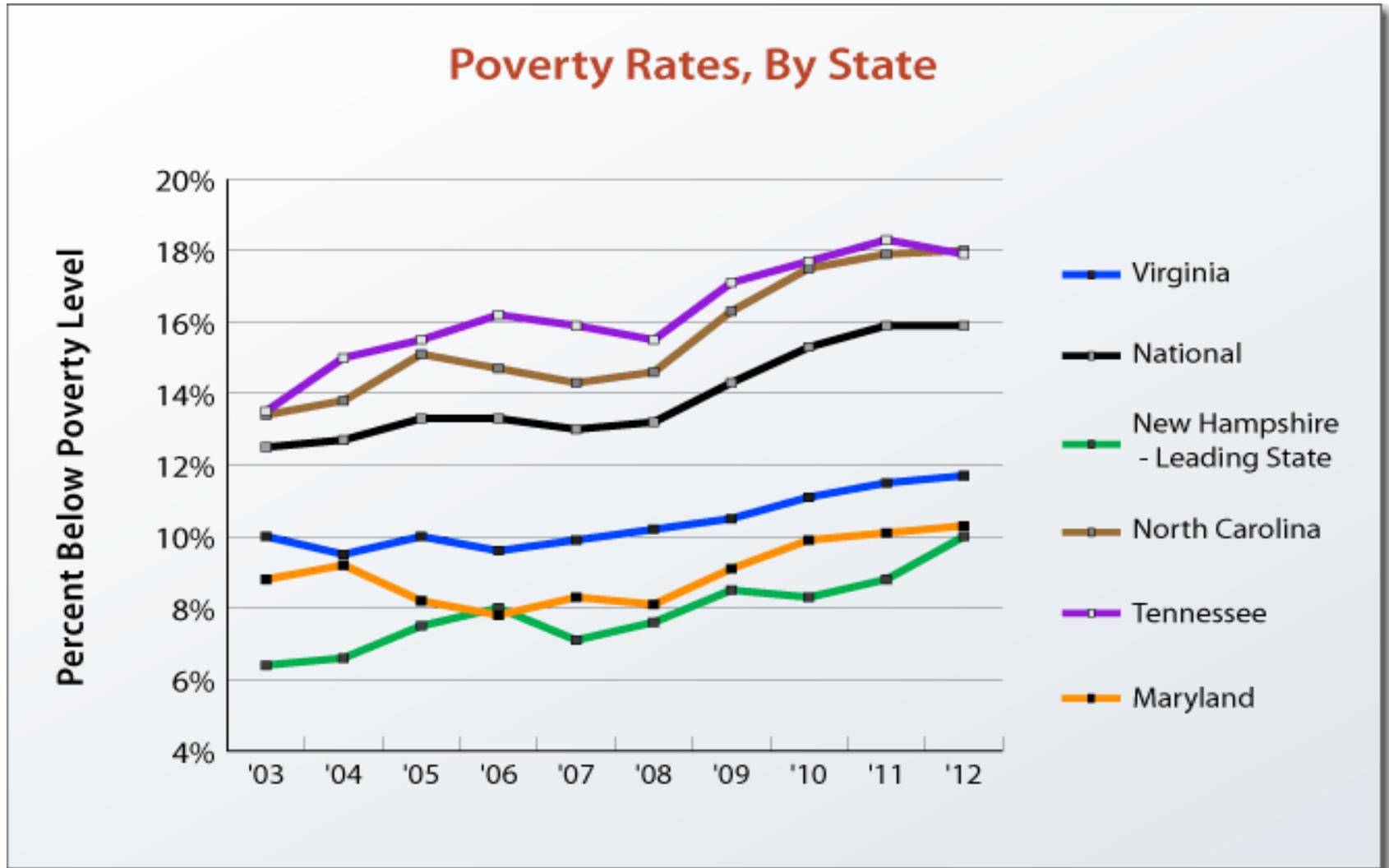


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# Poverty in Virginia

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# Percentage of Citizens Below the Poverty Level by State 2003-2012

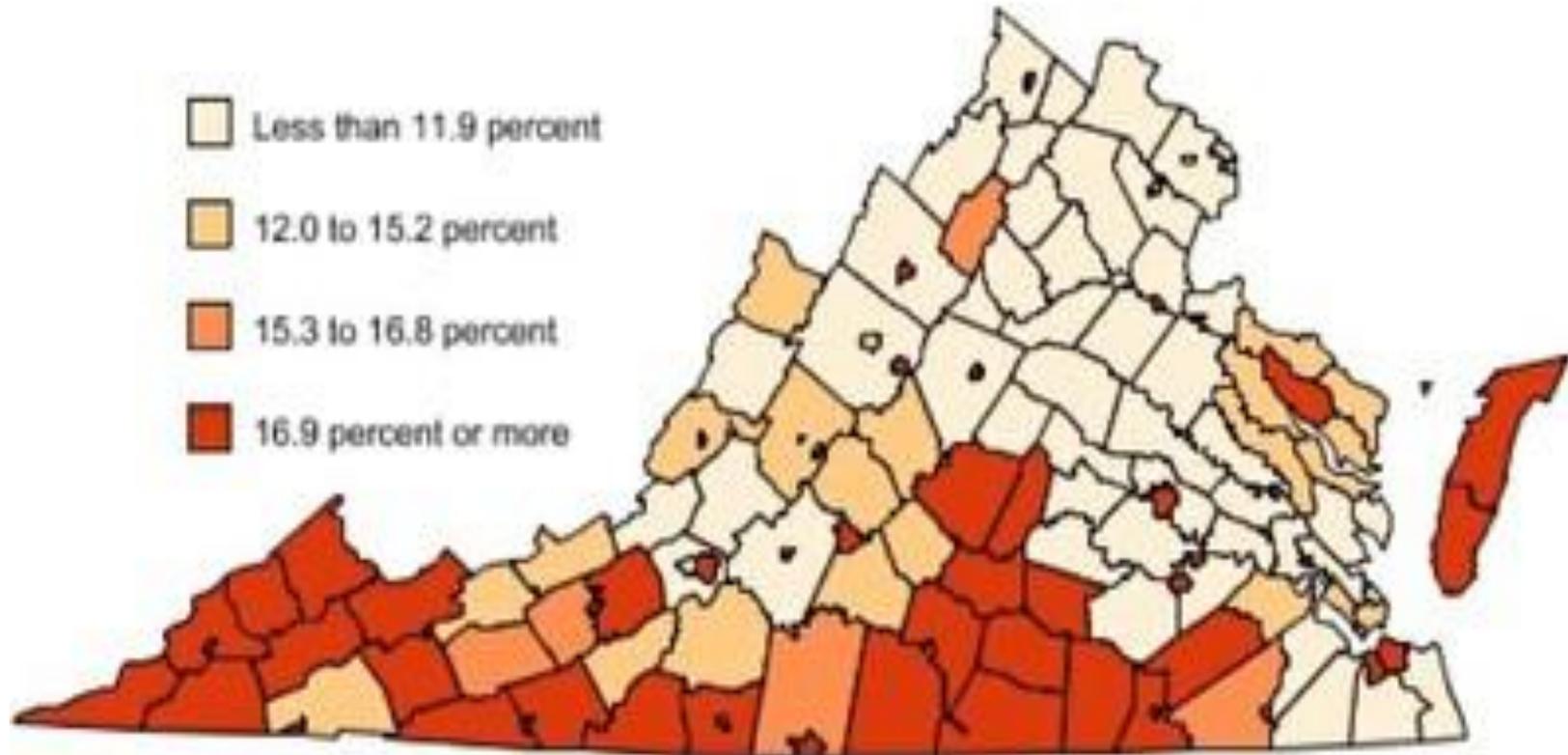


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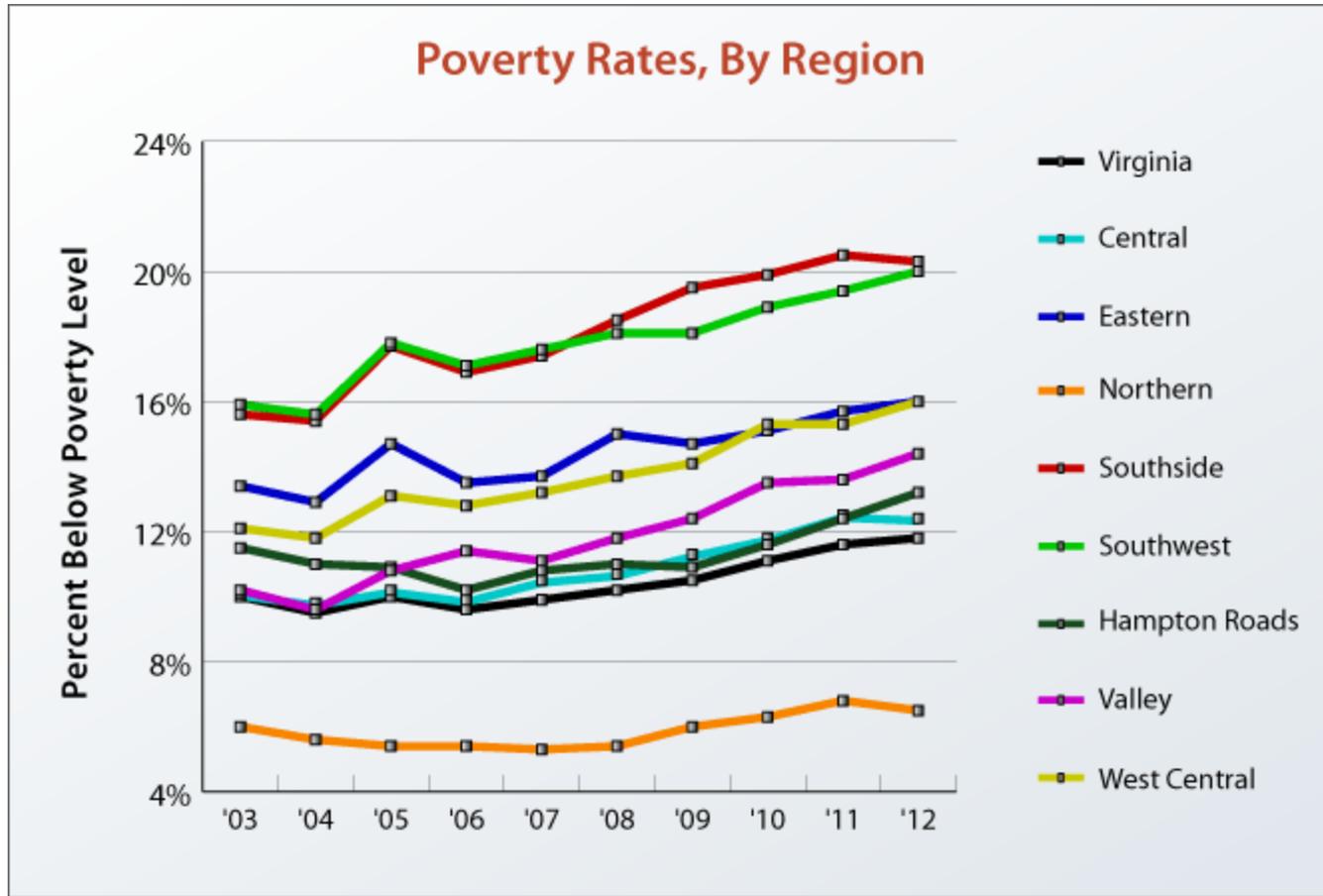
# Poverty By County

Percent of Total Population in Poverty in Virginia Counties, 2010



US Census Bureau

# Virginia Regional Comparisons



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# Virginia and US Poverty Rates Are Still High

- More Virginians and Americans are in poverty now than at the end of the great recession in 2009, according to census figures.
- About one-of-three Americans and one-of-four Virginians live below twice the federal poverty line.
- The data shows continuing weakness in wages, the amount of work available and in job security.
- [Public News Service - VA September 2014](#)

# Children in Poverty



## Child Poverty in Virginia

- Number of poor children (and percent poor) 264,601 (14.5%)
- Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty) 114,051 (6.2%)
- Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) 74,264
- Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three \$320

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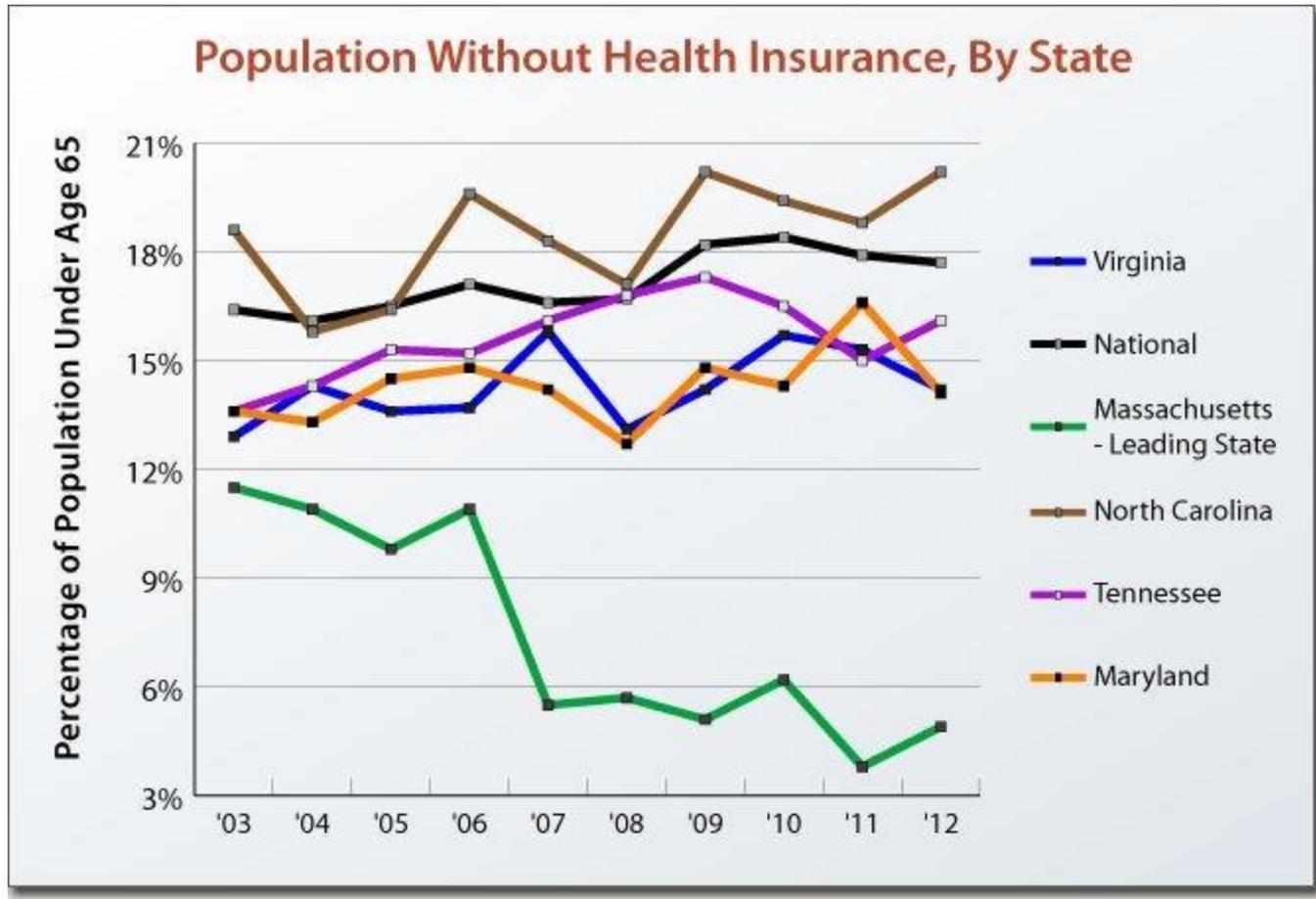
# Early Brain Development has Lifelong Consequences

Research from human and animal studies alike suggests that a high-stress early childhood in poverty changes the physical brain in subtle ways that impair educational performance and life outcomes.

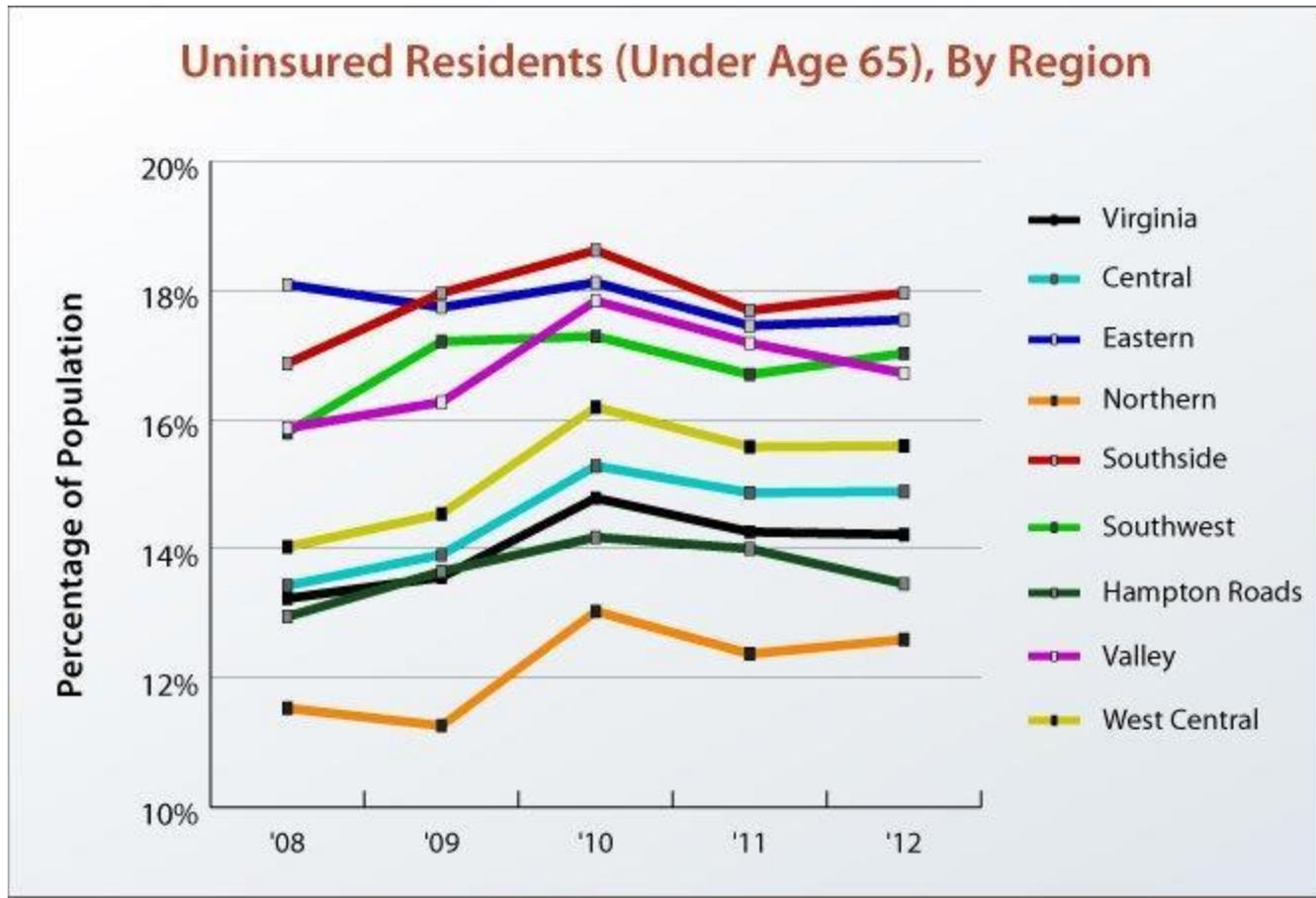


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# Virginia's Uninsured Rate



# Uninsured Rates Vary by Region



# Children & Health Insurance



## Child Health in Virginia

- Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured) 157,488 (8.4%)
- Number of children enrolled in the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) 173,515
- CHIP eligibility: 200 percent of federal poverty (\$46,100 for a family of four)
- Number of children enrolled in Medicaid 621,799 in SFY 13
- Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment 54.0%
- Children in Medicaid and CHIP constitute 54% of enrollees but account for only 23% of total Medicaid expenditures
- Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized 30.5%

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# Supplemental Food Programs



- Number of children who receive SNAP (food stamps) 344,000
- Percent of eligible persons who receive SNAP (food stamps) 63%
- Number of children in the School Lunch Program 755,481
- Number of children in the Summer Food Service Program 58,107
- Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children) 156,085

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