

# VIRGINIA WESTERN FACT BOOK

## Average Full-Time Wages for Graduates 18 Months after Graduation

Graduates from career-technical education programs designed to lead directly into employment

	Average Annualized FT Wages			For the past three years:	
	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	% of Graduates with wage data	Of those with wage data, % with FT wages
<i>Graduates for:</i>					
<i>Based on employment data for:</i>	2018	2019	2020		
<b>Occupational Associate (AAS), by Area</b>					
OVERALL	44,796	43,766	46,898	70%	89%
Business & Professional Services	38,310	30,449	37,982	75%	83%
Culinary Arts	25,821	28,997	24,510	79%	88%
Engineering, Mathematics, Mechatronics & Manufacturing	50,300	44,424	42,051	79%	95%
Health Professions	55,901	52,959	60,981	63%	97%
Information Technology	42,661	35,355	37,087	70%	79%
Public Service	29,116	27,653	32,528	75%	86%
Visual Design	30,774	29,352	33,362	73%	69%
<b>Certificate (CERT/CSC), by Area</b>					
OVERALL	36,524	38,102	34,189	72%	82%
Building Trades Technology	36,615	38,149	36,004	76%	91%
Business & Professional Services	31,465	26,508	29,803	73%	76%
Culinary Arts	27,925	24,453	23,458	75%	66%
Engineering, Mathematics, Mechatronics & Manufacturing	36,981	34,000	20,405	67%	60%
Health Professions	40,396	36,710	36,095	65%	81%
Information Technology	44,886	39,109	40,793	76%	83%
Public Service	19,726	22,924	23,413	64%	78%
Science		17,441	31,736	77%	80%

Data Source: Virginia Employment Commission

### NOTES:

1. Employment information is compiled from Virginia Employment Commission (VEC) data. VEC data includes only limited data on out-of-state employment, federal or military employment, independent contractors, or employers with less than 12 employees.
2. Annualized wages are based on the highest quarter's wages for the year following graduation, times four. Wages are not shown for categories with less than five data points.
3. Full-time employment is estimated based on the State Council of Higher Education in Virginia (SCHEV) definition for full-time wage equivalents (currently \$13,195), defined as the minimum wage times 35 hrs/wk times 52 weeks.

<https://research.schev.edu/info/Reports.Guide-to-the-Post-Completion-Wages-of-Graduates>