

Economic & Housing Market Trends

Virginia Housing Commission

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ECONOMIC CONDITIONS

Let's check the indicators...

Key Economic Indicators 2025 Check-in

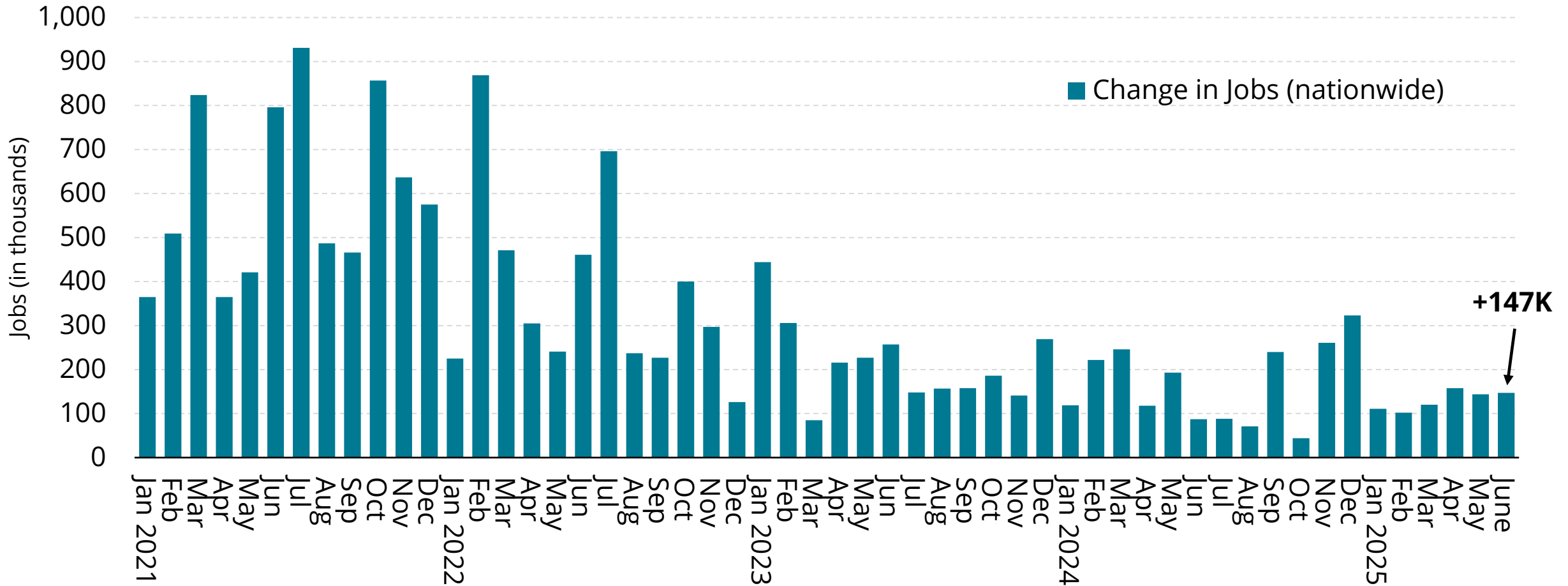


JOBS

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National Job Trends

Monthly job change, U.S. (in thousands)



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, seasonally adjusted

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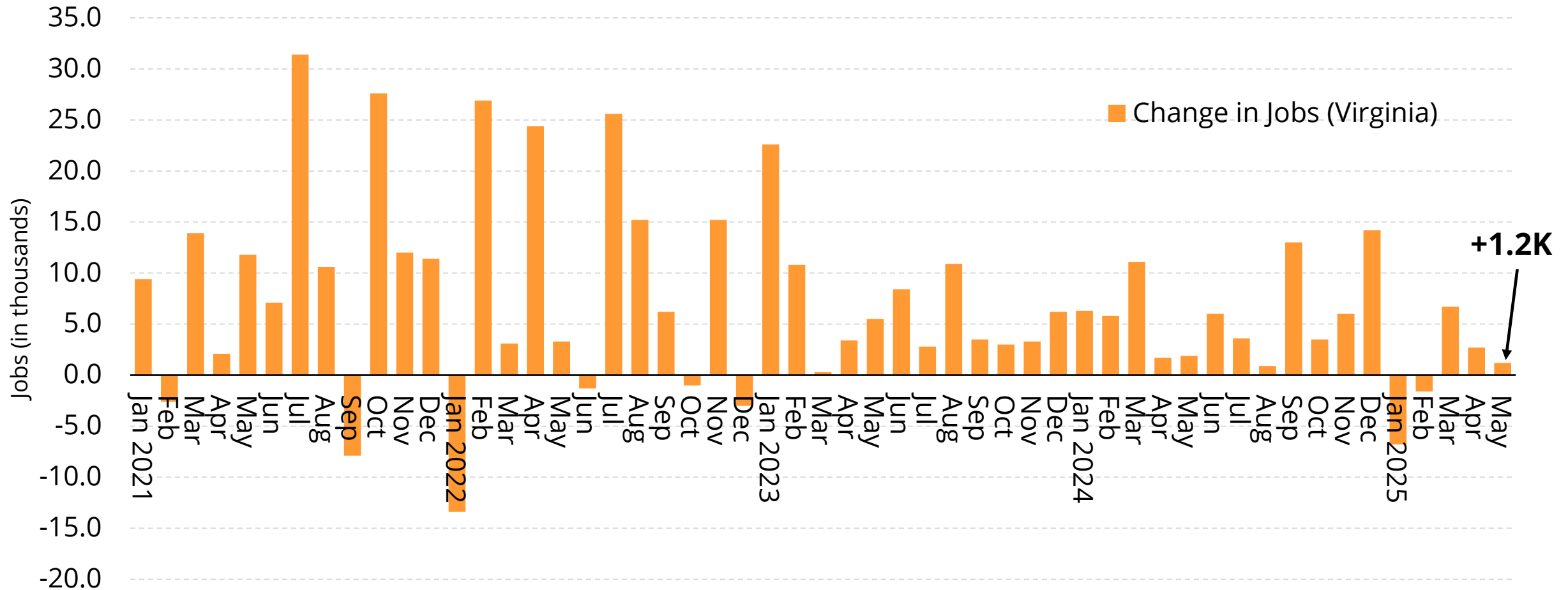


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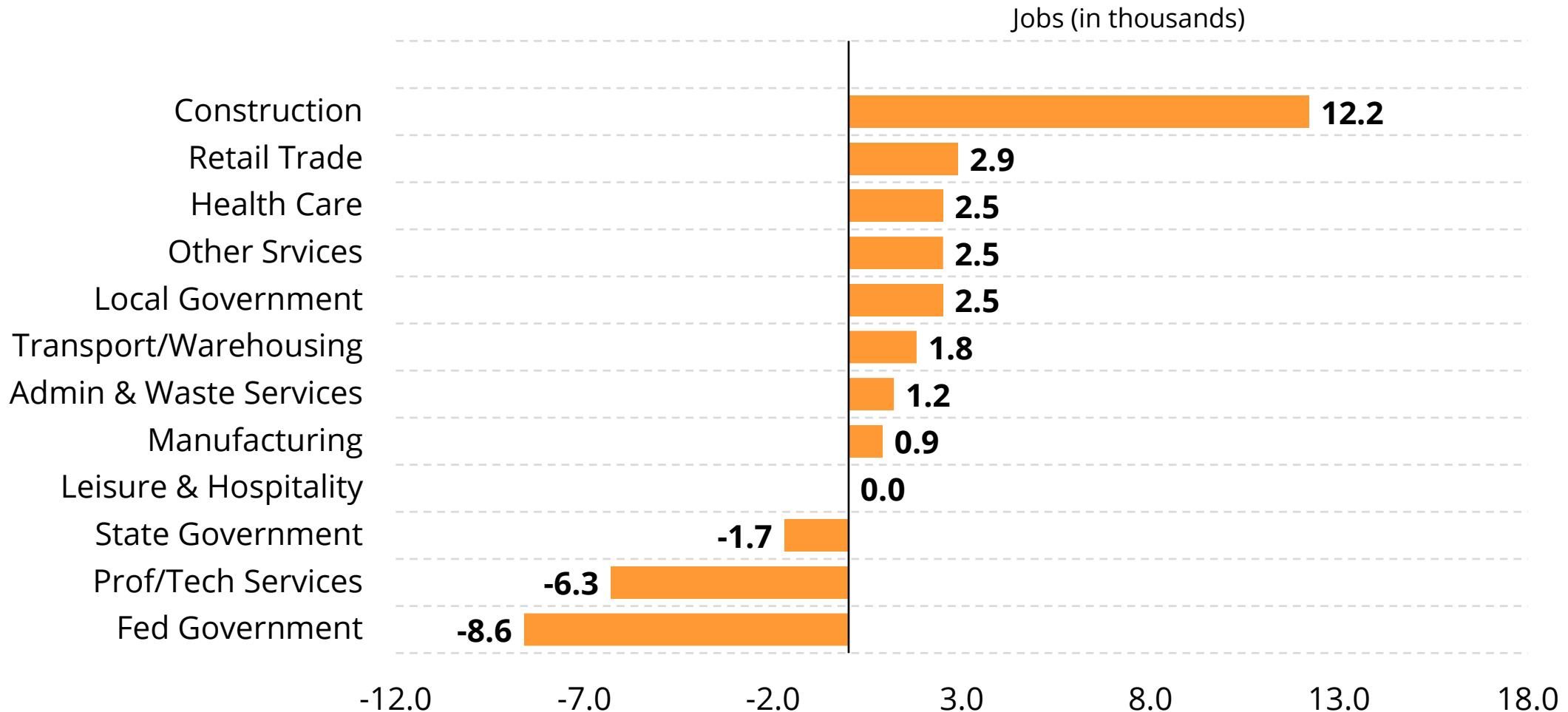
Monthly job change, Virginia (in thousands)



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, seasonally adjusted

Job Change by Sector in Virginia

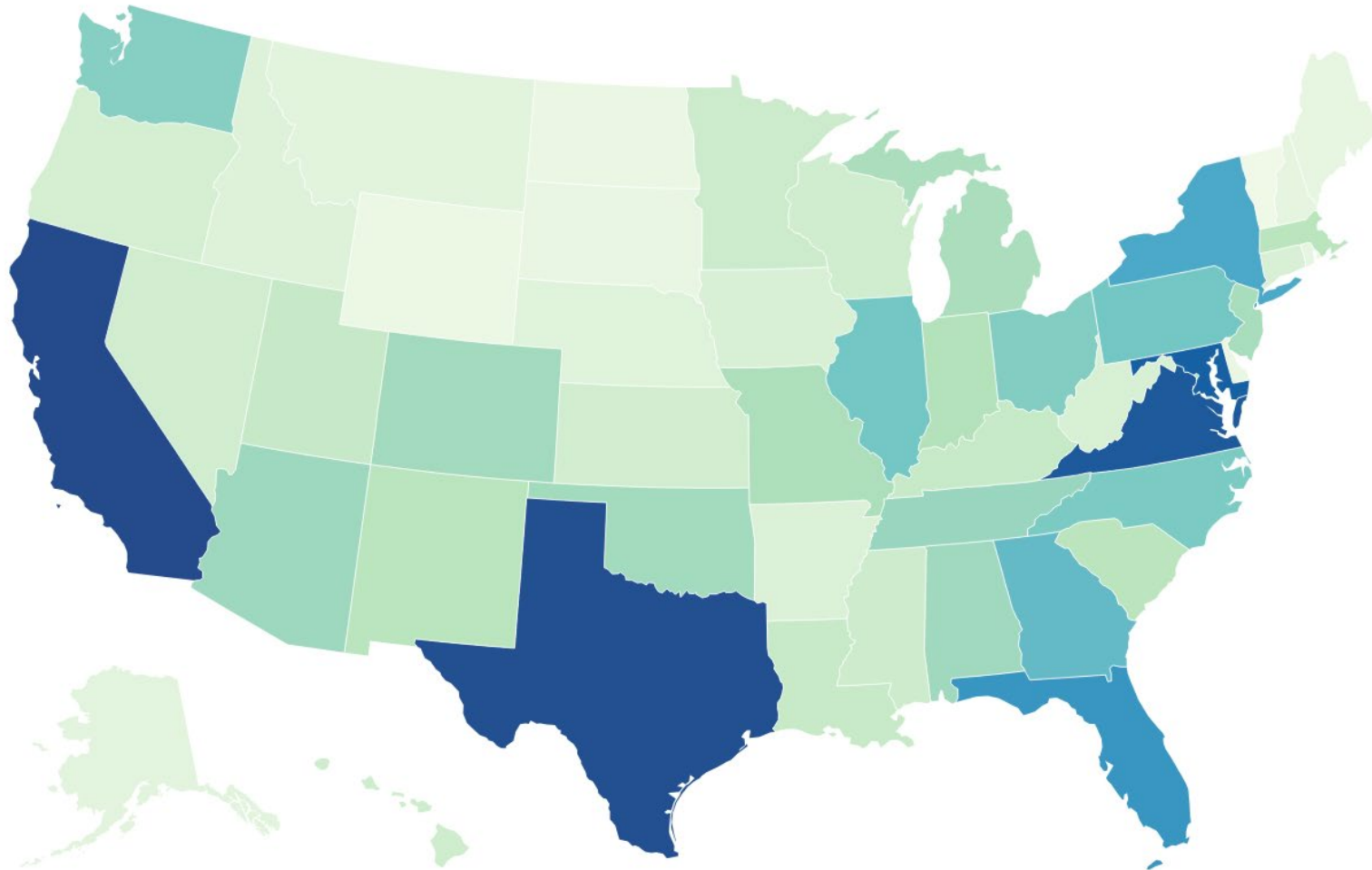
Job Change Jan 2025 to May 2025, Virginia (in thousands)



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, seasonally adjusted

Federal Employment by State

low high



Top 5 by # of Federal Jobs

1. CA
2. VA
3. MD
4. TX
5. FL

Federal Employment by Type in Virginia

- Federal Civilian: approximately **321K jobs**
- Active-Duty Military: approximately **131K Jobs**
- Federal Contracting: approximately **441K jobs**

Job Change by Metro Area in Virginia

Job Change Jan 2025 to May 2025 by Metropolitan Statistical Area in Virginia

Metro Area	YTD Net Job Change	% Change
Richmond	5,100	+0.70%
Winchester	400	+0.54%
Lynchburg	500	+0.48%
Northern Virginia	3,800	+0.23%
Staunton	0	0.00%
Charlottesville	-100	-0.08%
Roanoke	-300	-0.18%
Hampton Roads	-4,600	-0.56%
Blacksburg	-800	-0.97%
Harrisonburg	-1,000	-1.39%

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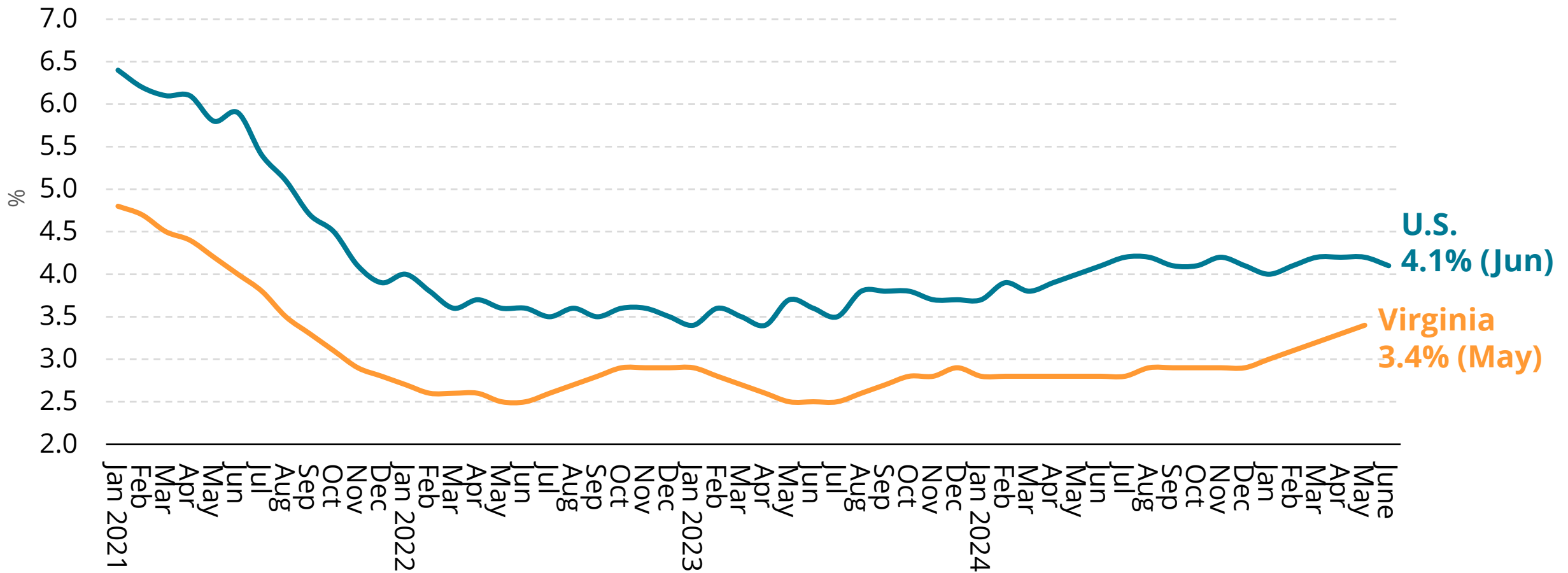
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UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

U.S.	↔	Stable through June. Hovering between 4% and 4.2%.
VA	↑	Has climbed slightly for 5 consecutive months.

Unemployment Rate

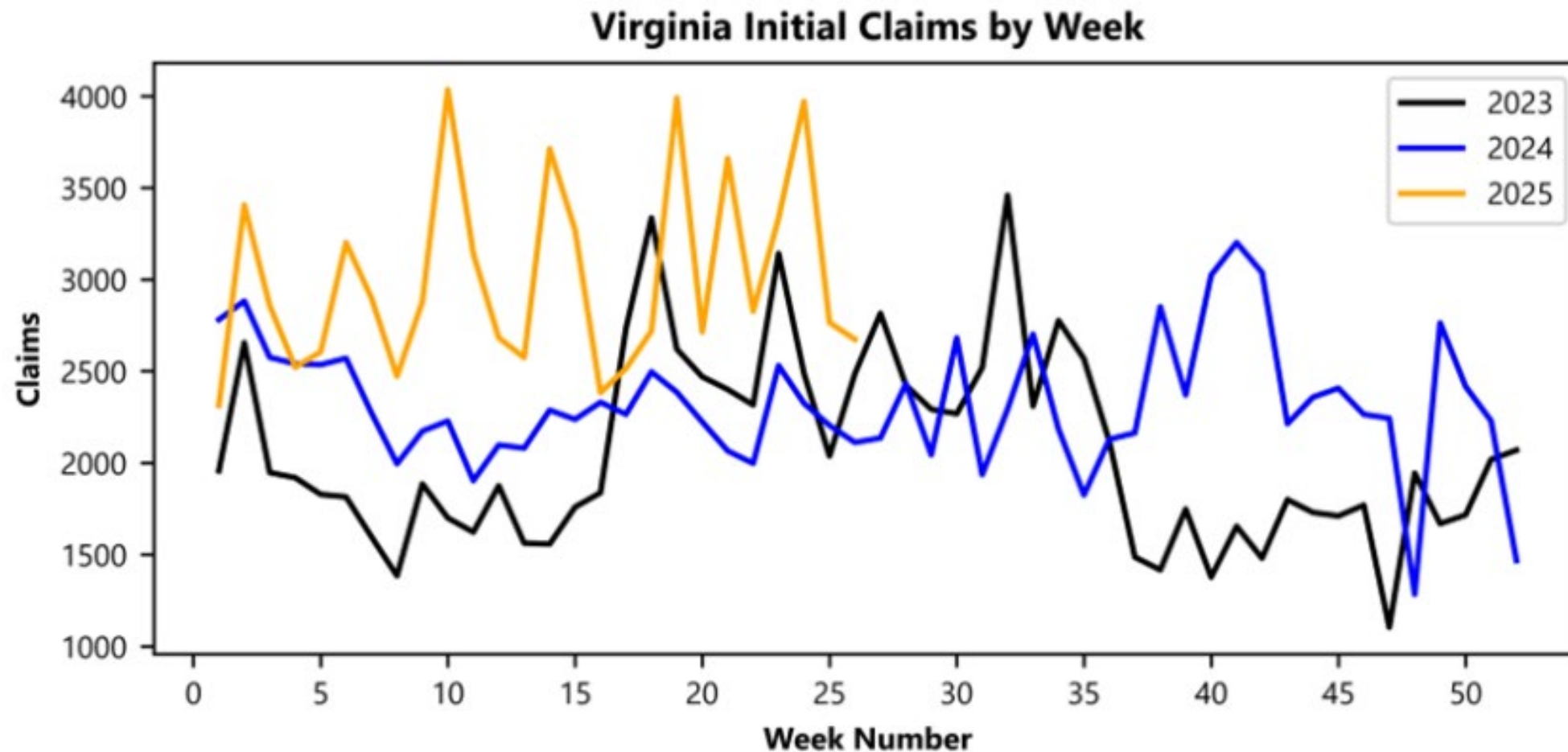
Unemployment Rate (%)



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, seasonally adjusted

Unemployment Claims

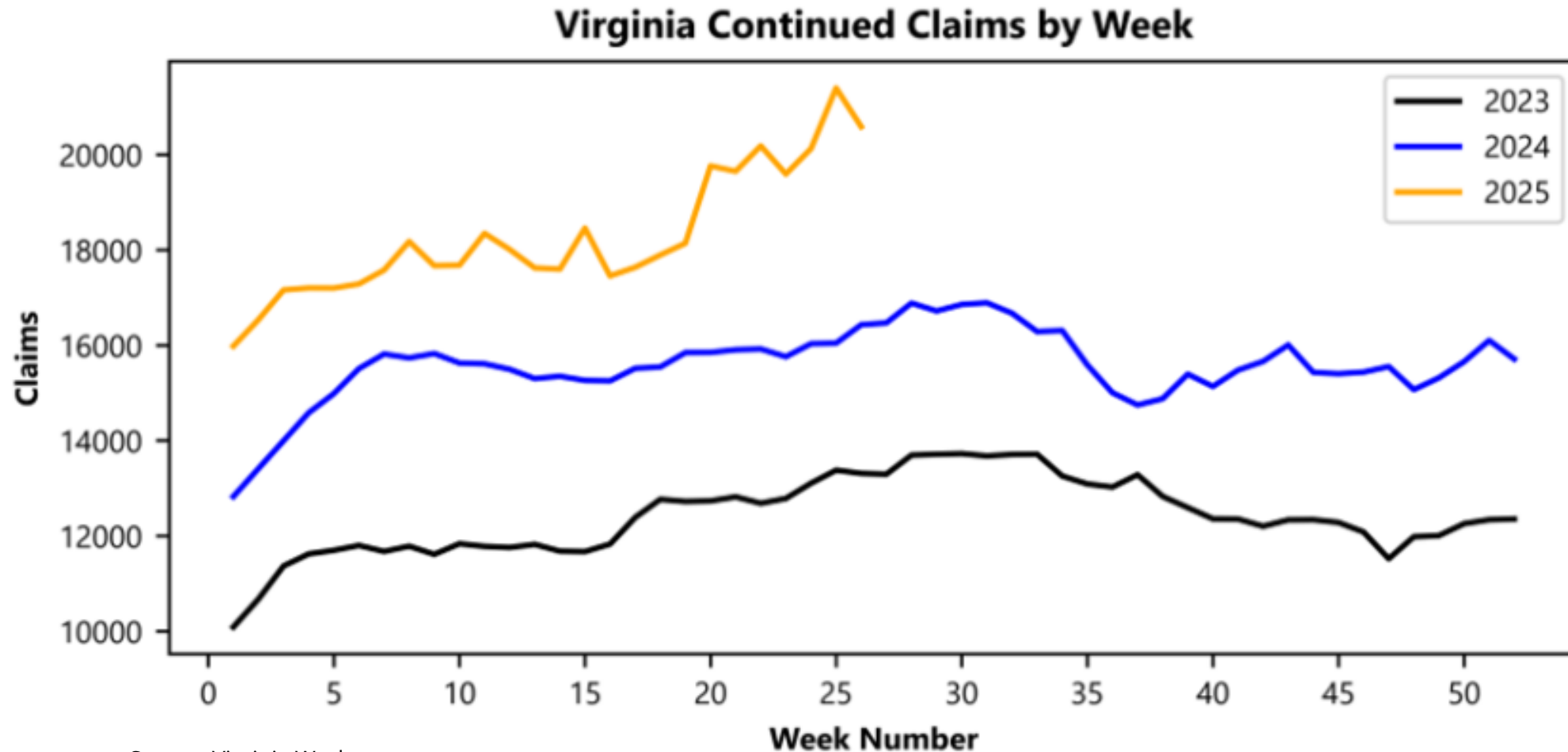
Unemployment insurance claims continue to trend higher than last year in Virginia



Source: Virginia Works

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CONSUMER SENTIMENT INDICATORS

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Consumer Confidence Index



Trending down every month so far in 2025 except for a brief uptick in May. June index fell. Tariffs and job uncertainty loom for consumers.

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Consumer Sentiment Index



Trending down most of the year, but uptick in June. Driven by less pessimism about inflation expectations.

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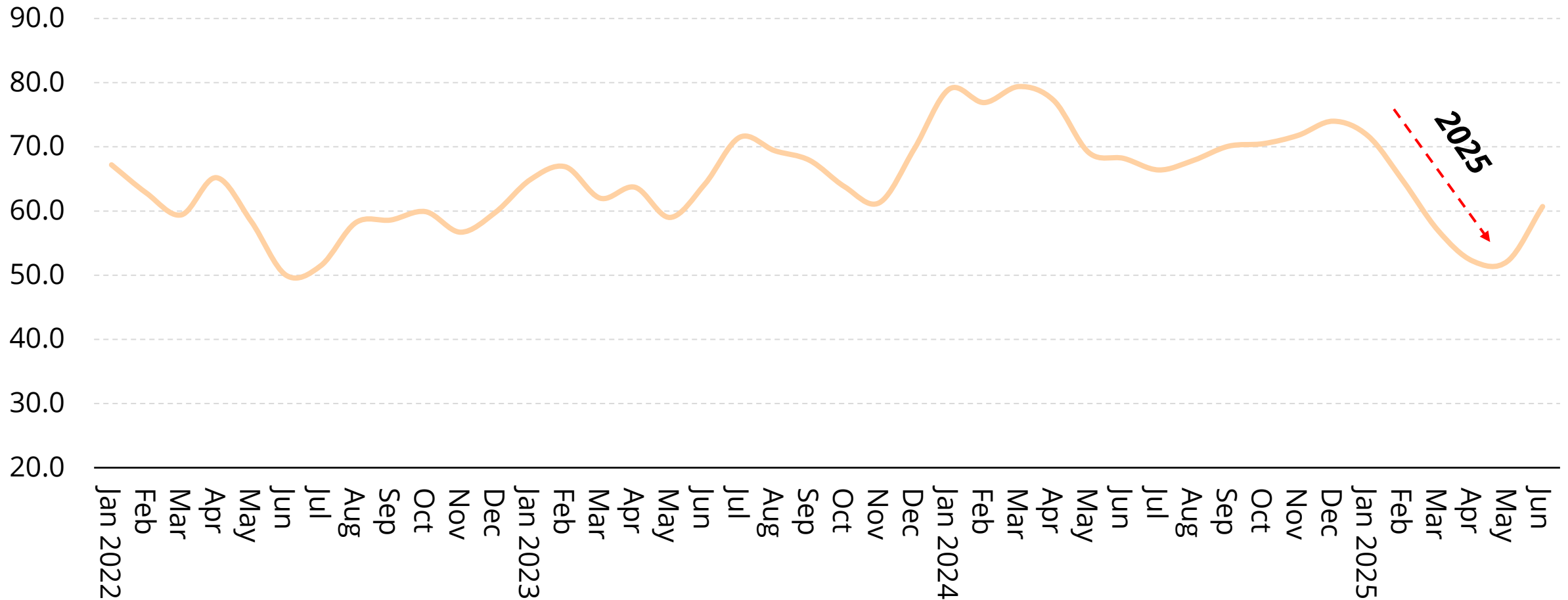
Home Purchase Sentiment Index



Consumer housing sentiment has fallen much of 2025. June index declined.

Consumer Sentiment

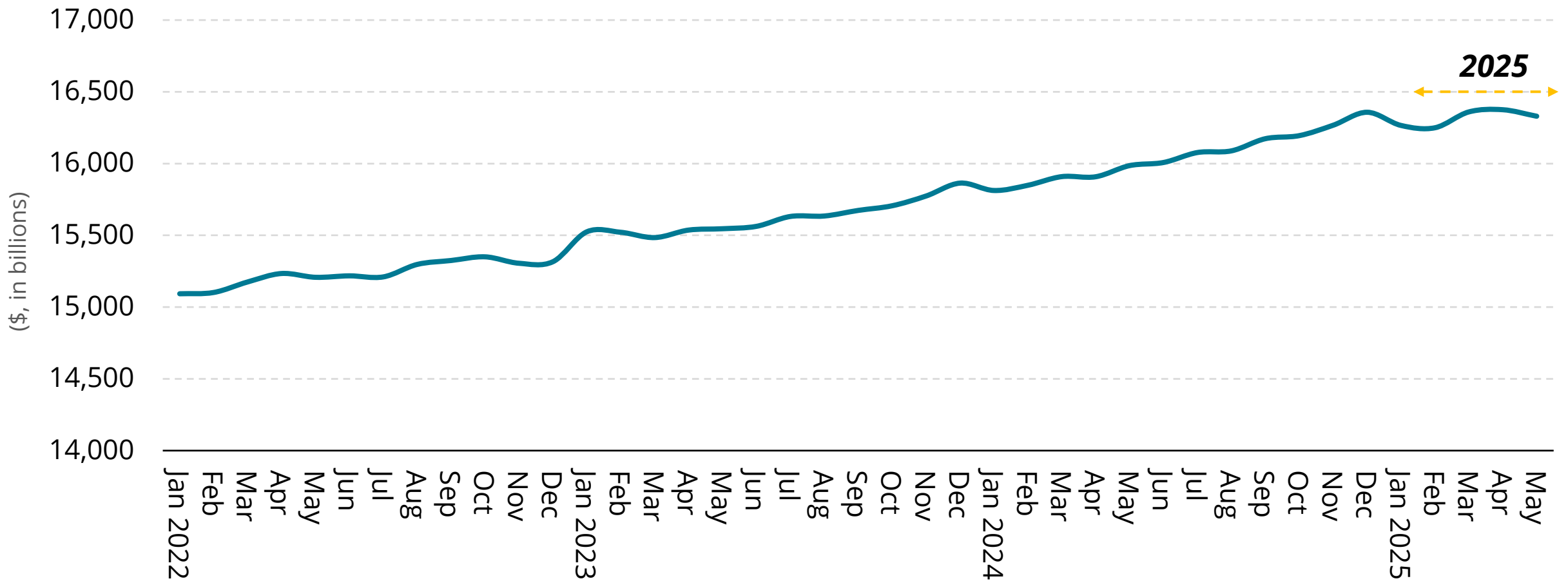
Index of Consumer Sentiment



Source: University of Michigan

Consumer Spending

Personal Consumption Expenditures (U.S.)



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis, 2017 chained, seasonally adjusted

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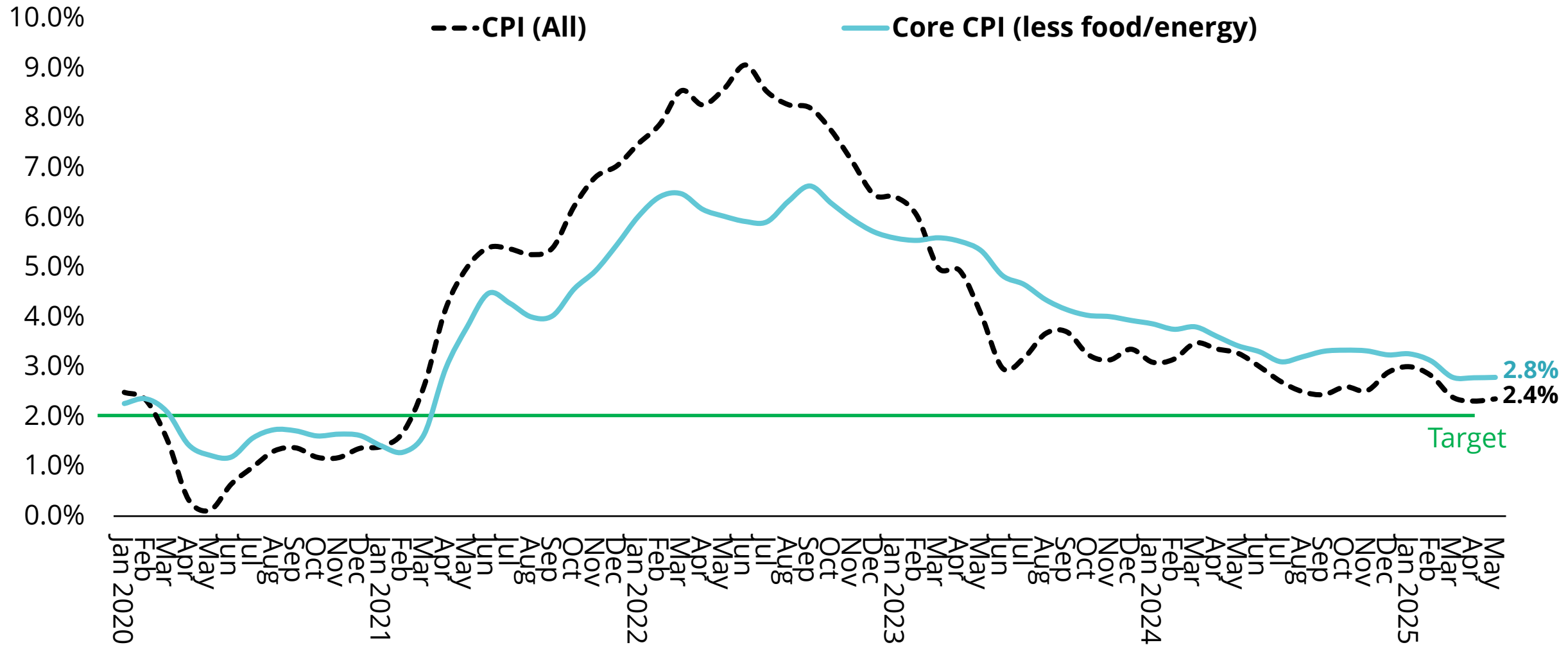
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI)

Overall CPI	↑	2.4% in May, up from 2.3% in April
Core CPI (excludes food & energy)	↔	2.8% in May, unchanged from April

PERSONAL CONSUMPTION EXPENDITURES PRICE INDEX (PCE)

Overall PCE	↑	2.3% in May, up from 2.2% in April
Core PCE (excludes food & energy)	↑	2.7% in May, up from 2.6% in April

Inflation (CPI)

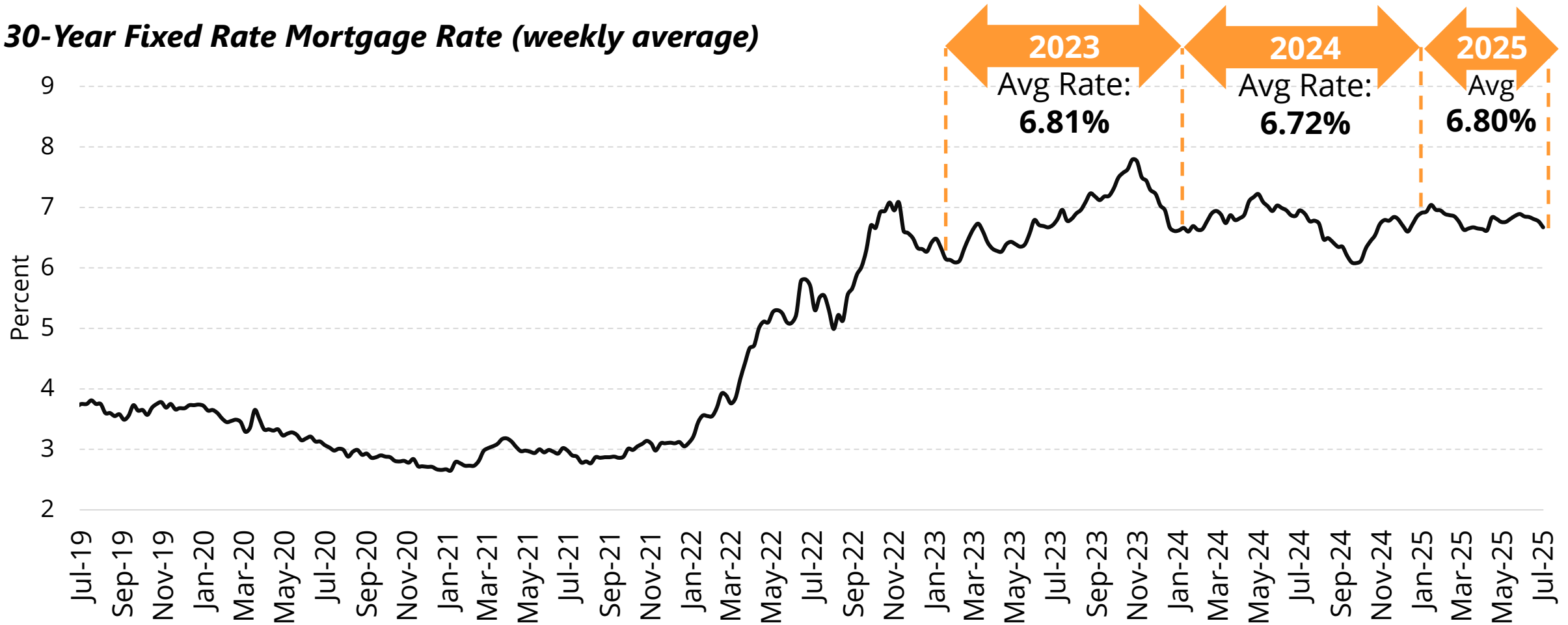




HOUSING MARKET TRENDS

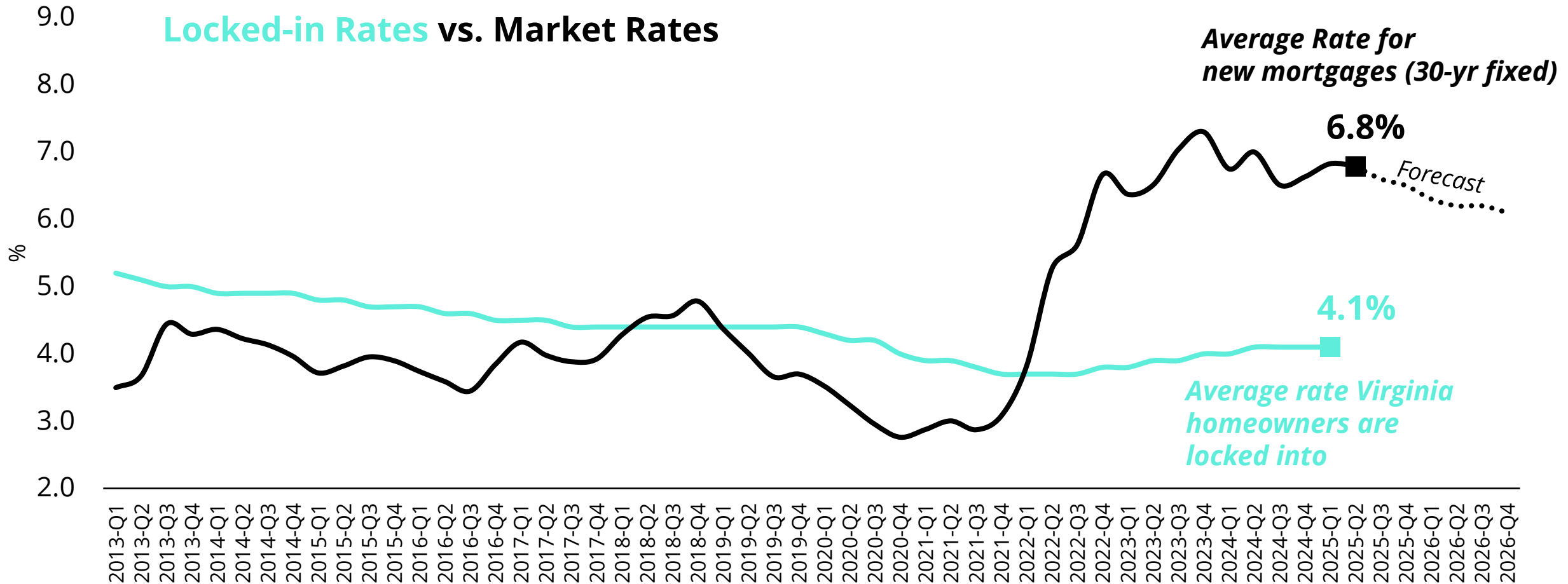
Mortgage Rate Trends

30-Year Fixed Rate Mortgage Rate (weekly average)

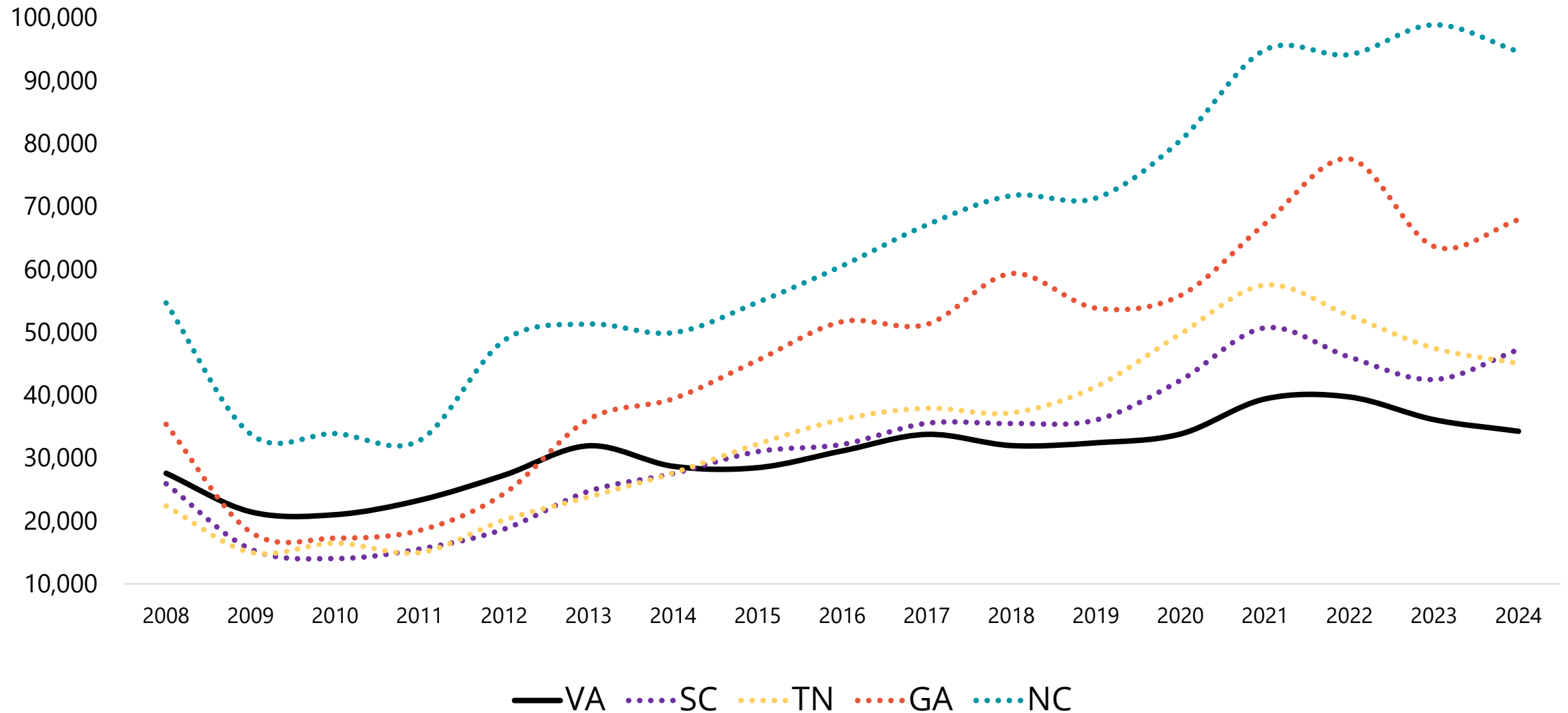


Source: Freddie Mac

Lock-in Effect Keeping Sellers on the Sidelines



Annual Building Permits by State



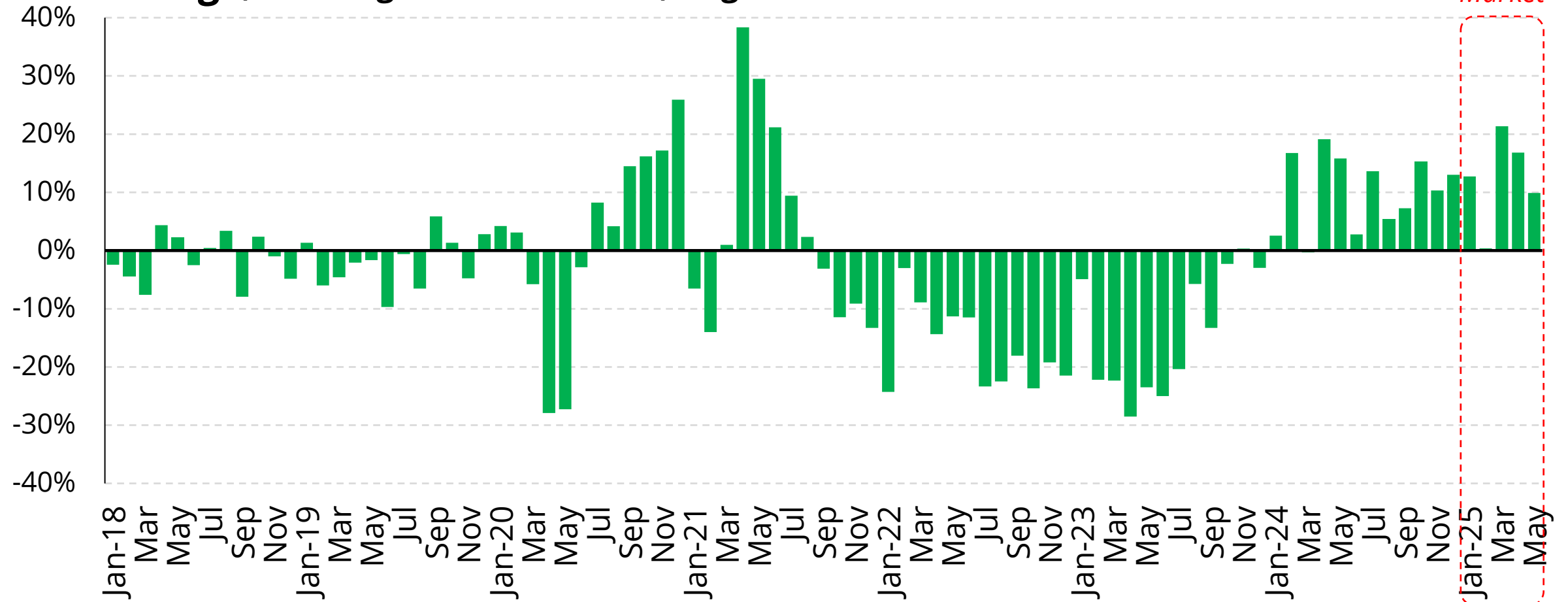
Estimated Housing Supply Shortage in Virginia

<i>AMI Band</i>	<i>Current Shortage (2025)</i>	<i>Projected Shortage (2030)</i>
80% - 120%	115,200	131,100
120%+	72,700	82,800
Total (80%+ AMI)	187,900	213,900

Source: Virginia REALTORS® calculations using data from U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey, iPums, HISTA, Moody's, CoStar, ESRI, Virginia REALTORS®

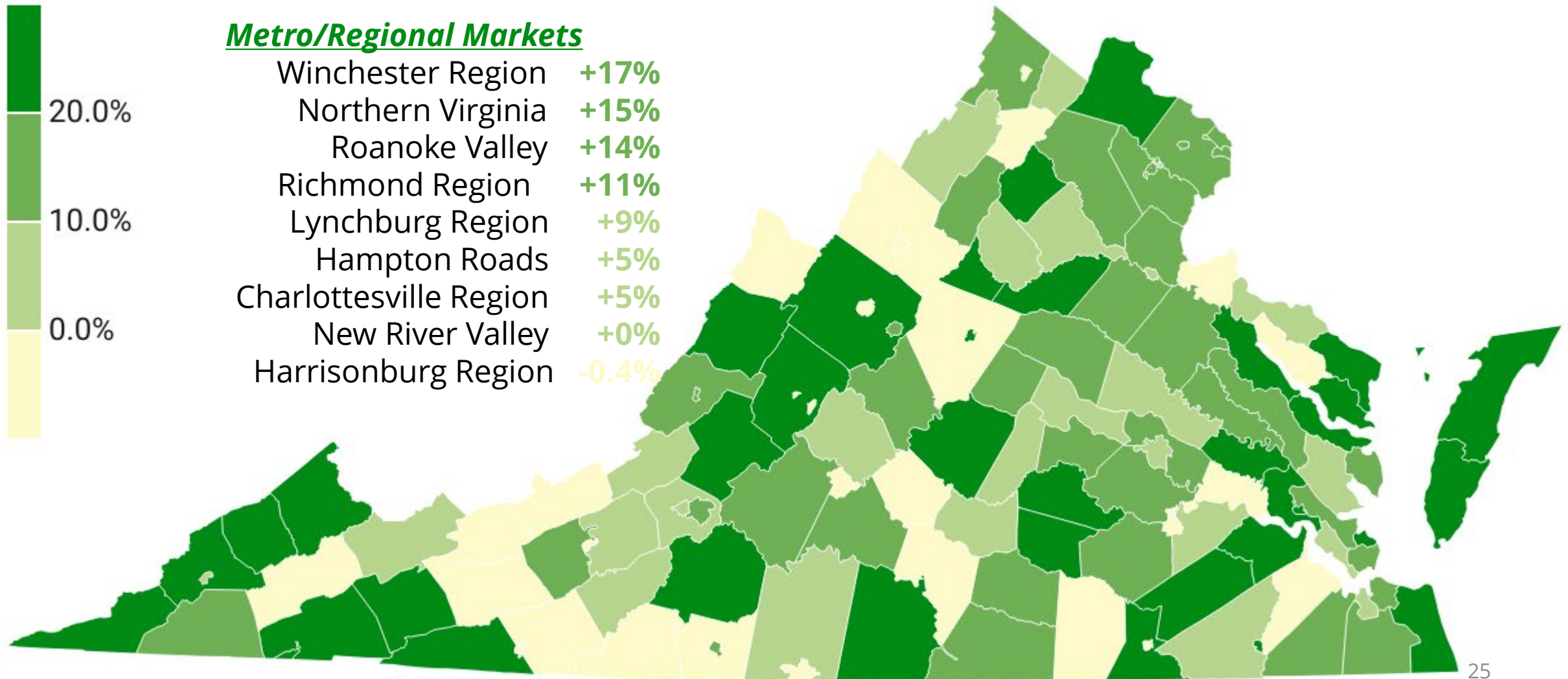
Inventory levels improving, but remain tight

New Listings, % Change from Prior Year, Virginia



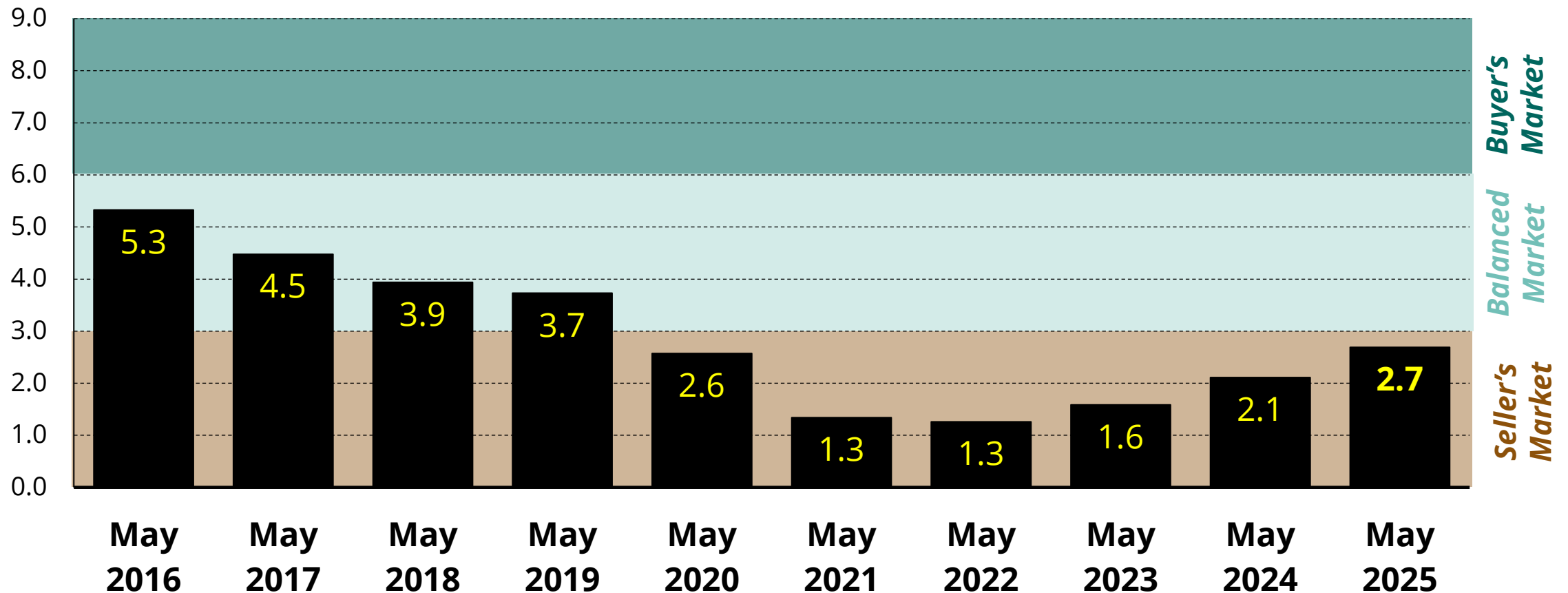
New Listings – Local Markets

Change in New Listings – YTD May 2025 compared to YTD May 2024



Supply increasing, but still a relatively tight market

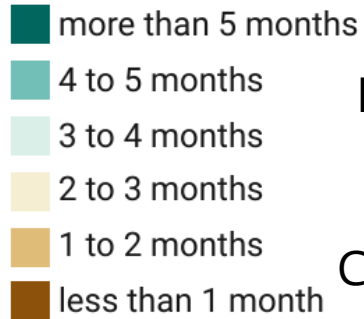
Months of Supply, Virginia (May)



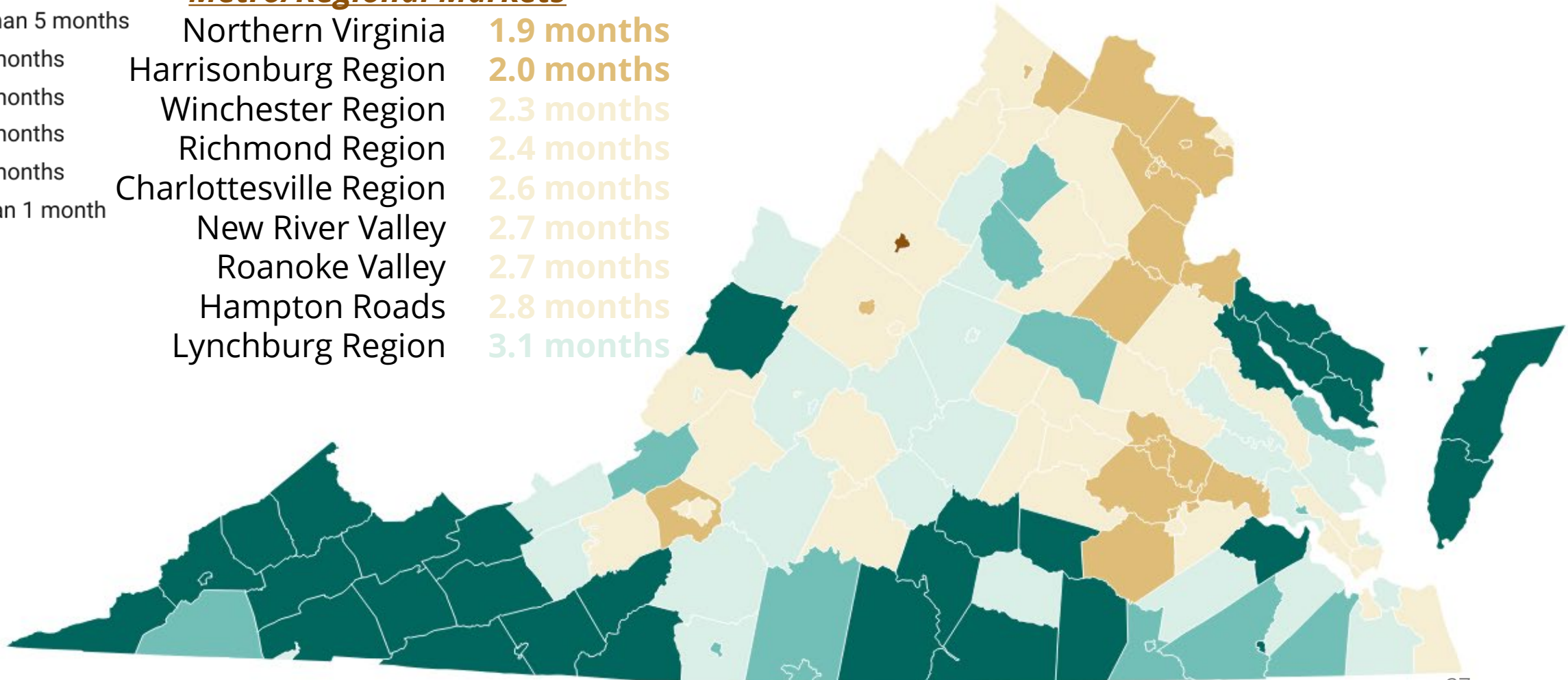
Months of Supply – Local Markets

Months of Supply – May 2025

Metro/Regional Markets

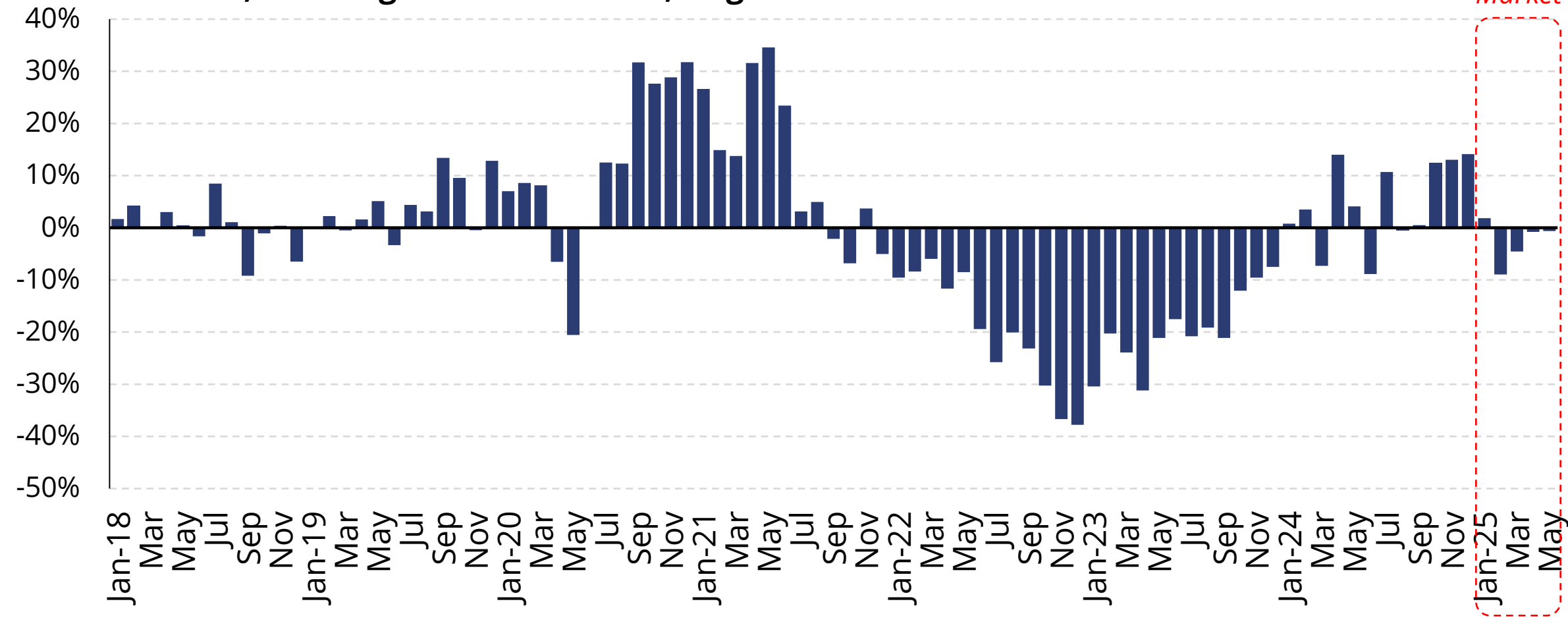


Northern Virginia	1.9 months
Harrisonburg Region	2.0 months
Winchester Region	2.3 months
Richmond Region	2.4 months
Charlottesville Region	2.6 months
New River Valley	2.7 months
Roanoke Valley	2.7 months
Hampton Roads	2.8 months
Lynchburg Region	3.1 months



Home Sales Sluggish in 2025

Closed Sales, % Change from Prior Year, Virginia



2025
Market

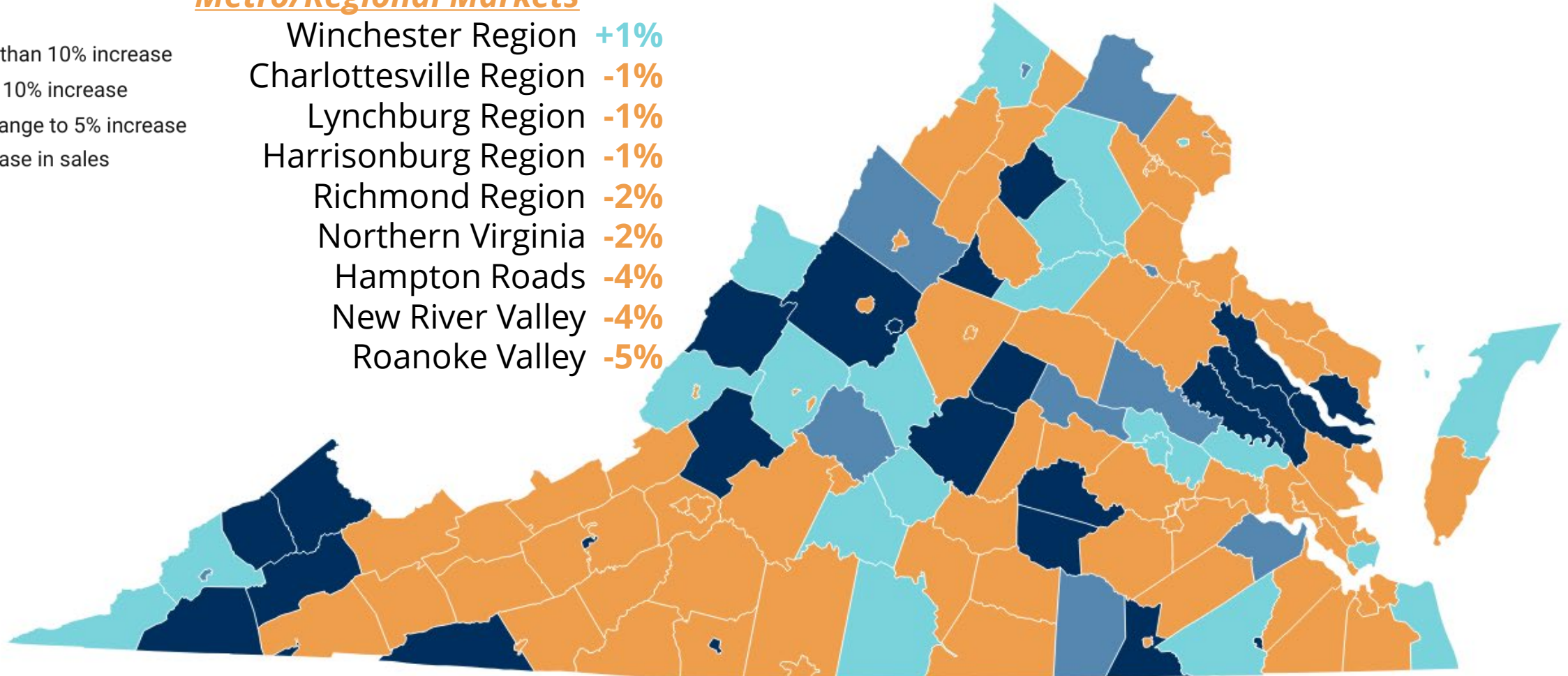
Closed Sales Activity – Local Markets

Change in Home Sales – YTD May 2025 compared to YTD May 2024

Metro/Regional Markets

- more than 10% increase
- 5% to 10% increase
- no change to 5% increase
- decrease in sales

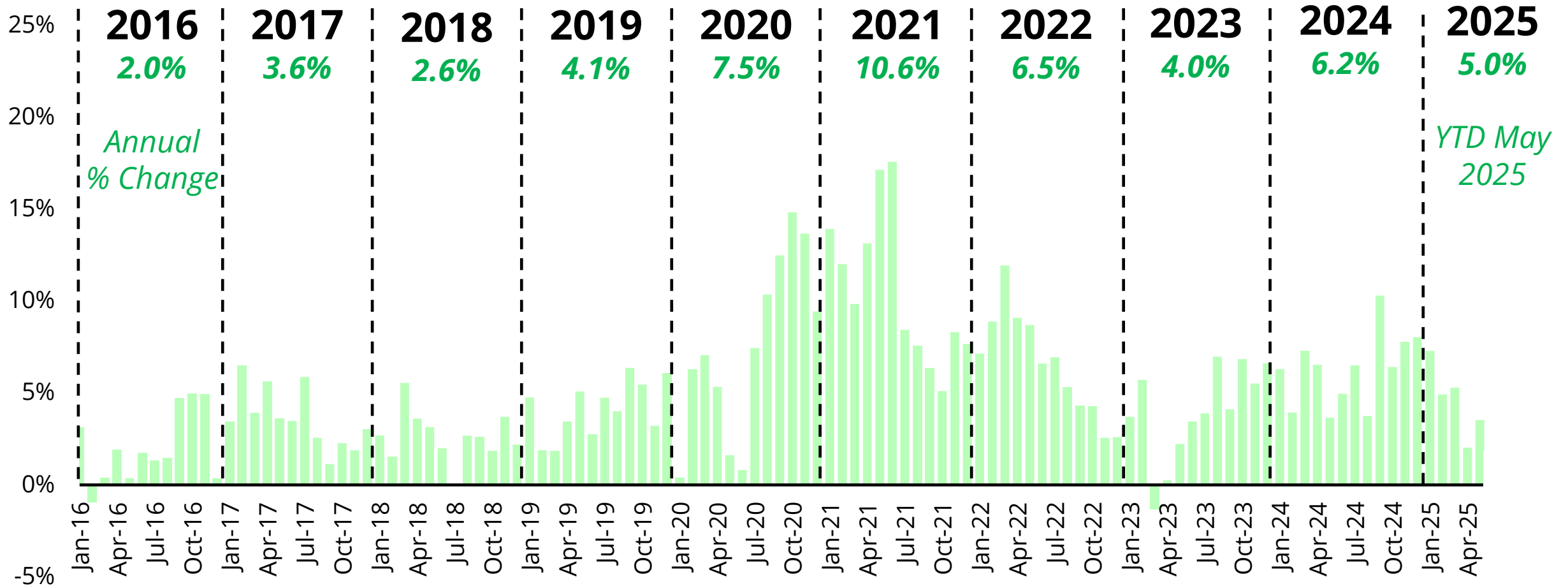
Winchester Region	+1%
Charlottesville Region	-1%
Lynchburg Region	-1%
Harrisonburg Region	-1%
Richmond Region	-2%
Northern Virginia	-2%
Hampton Roads	-4%
New River Valley	-4%
Roanoke Valley	-5%



Source: Virginia REALTORS®

Home prices still climbing in Virginia

Median Sales Price, % Change from Prior Year, Virginia

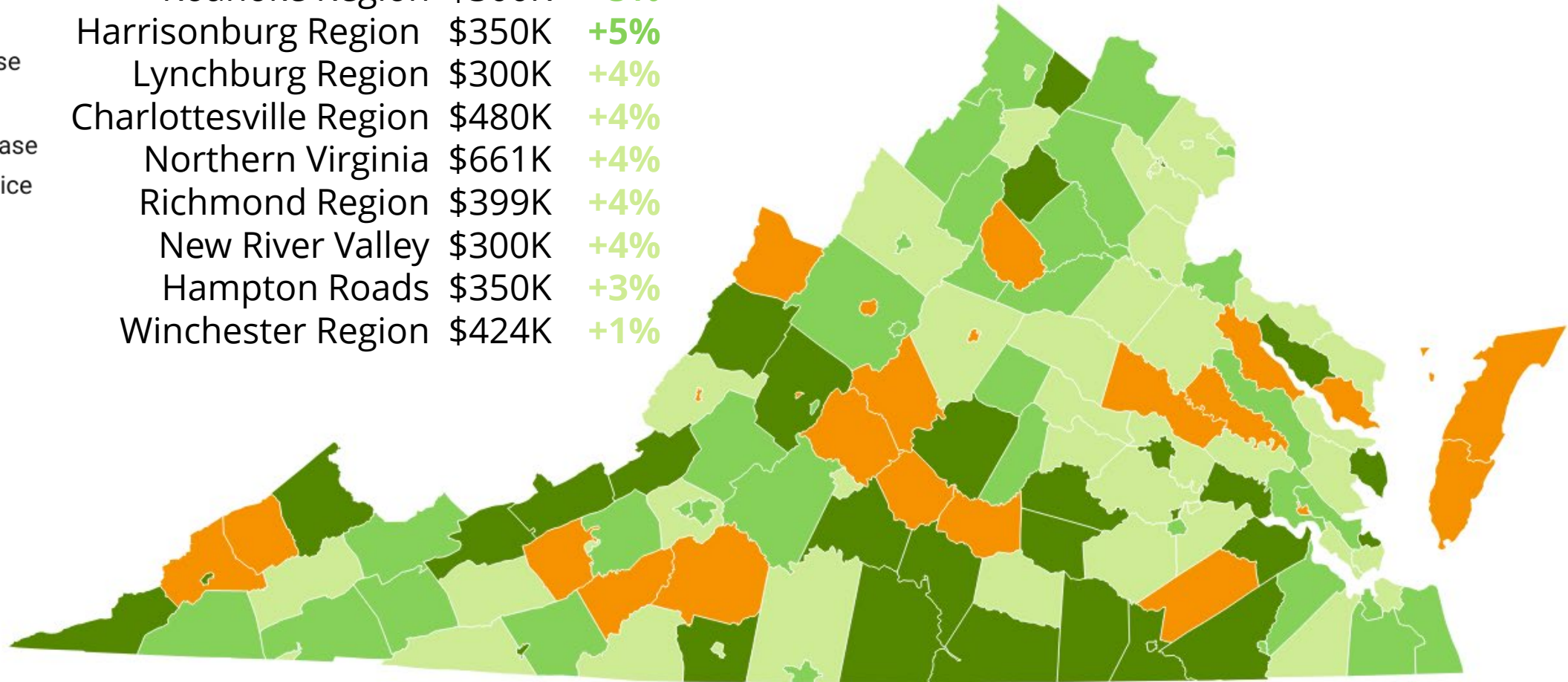


Median Sales Price Change – Local Markets

Change in Median Sales Price – YTD May 2025 compared to YTD May 2024

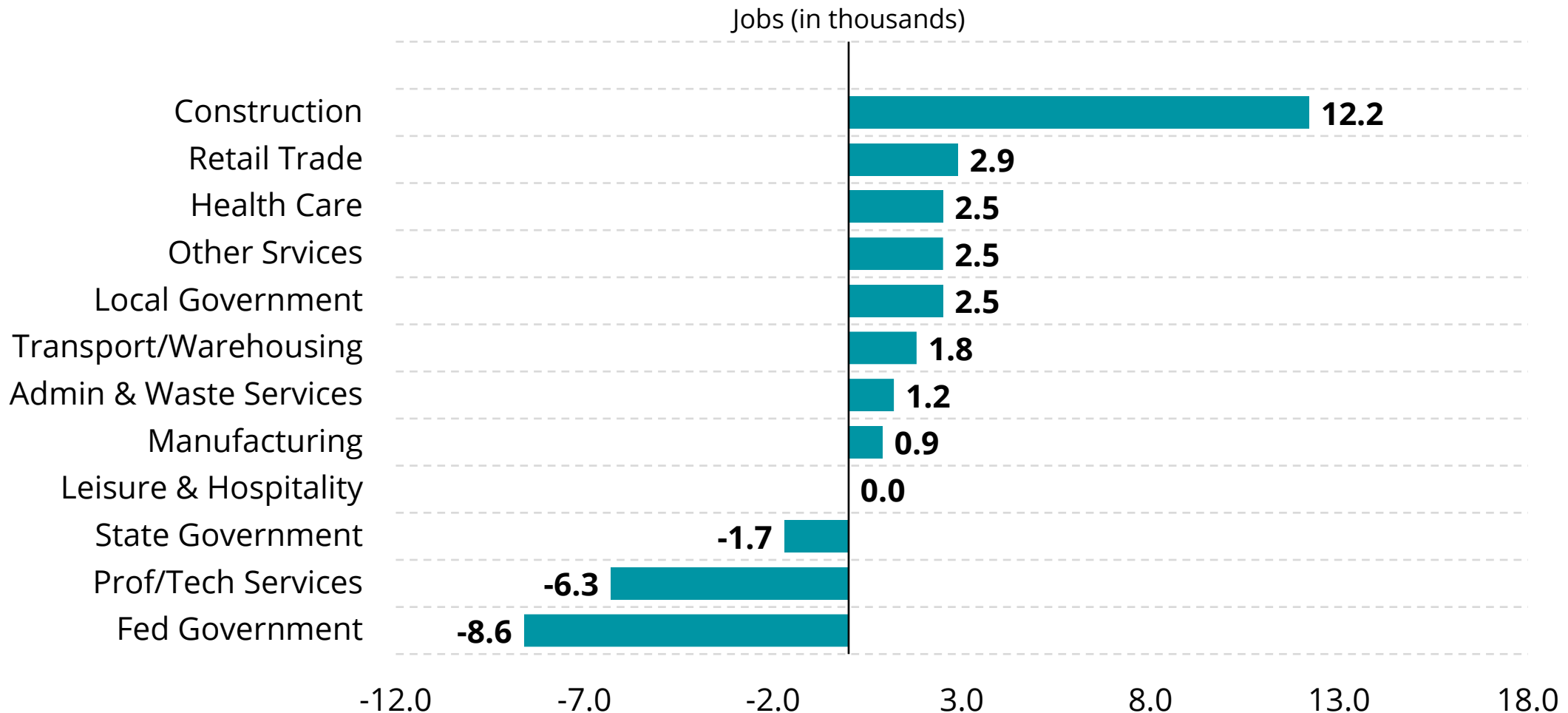
Smaller Metros/Regional Markets

Roanoke Region	\$300K	+5%
Harrisonburg Region	\$350K	+5%
Lynchburg Region	\$300K	+4%
Charlottesville Region	\$480K	+4%
Northern Virginia	\$661K	+4%
Richmond Region	\$399K	+4%
New River Valley	\$300K	+4%
Hampton Roads	\$350K	+3%
Winchester Region	\$424K	+1%



Job Change by Sector in Virginia

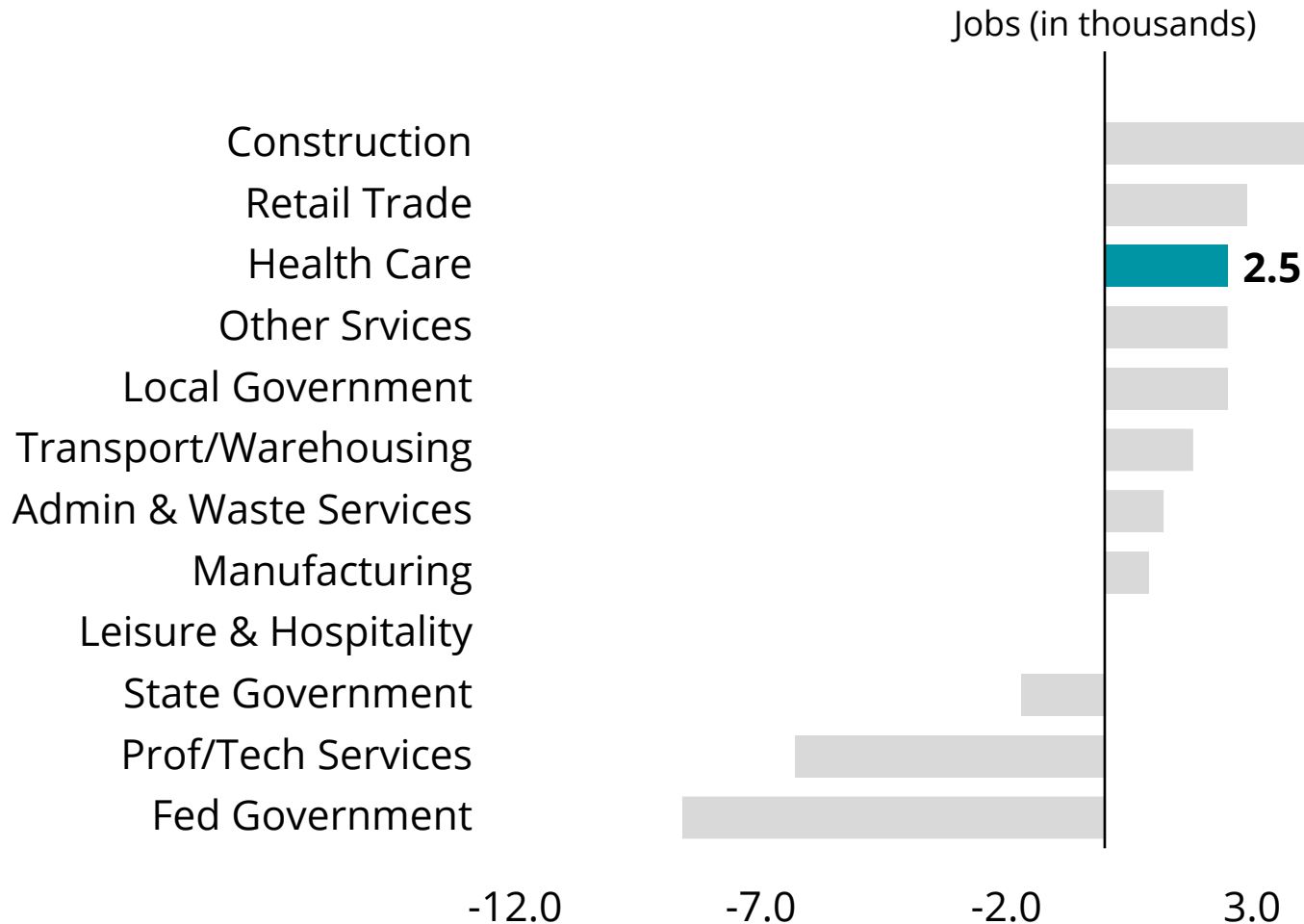
Job Change Jan 2025 to May 2025, Virginia (in thousands)



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, seasonally adjusted

Job Change by Sector in Virginia

Job Change Jan 2025 to May 2025, Virginia (in thousands)



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, seasonally adjusted *1-person Household

In Henrico County

Average Annual Wage (2024)

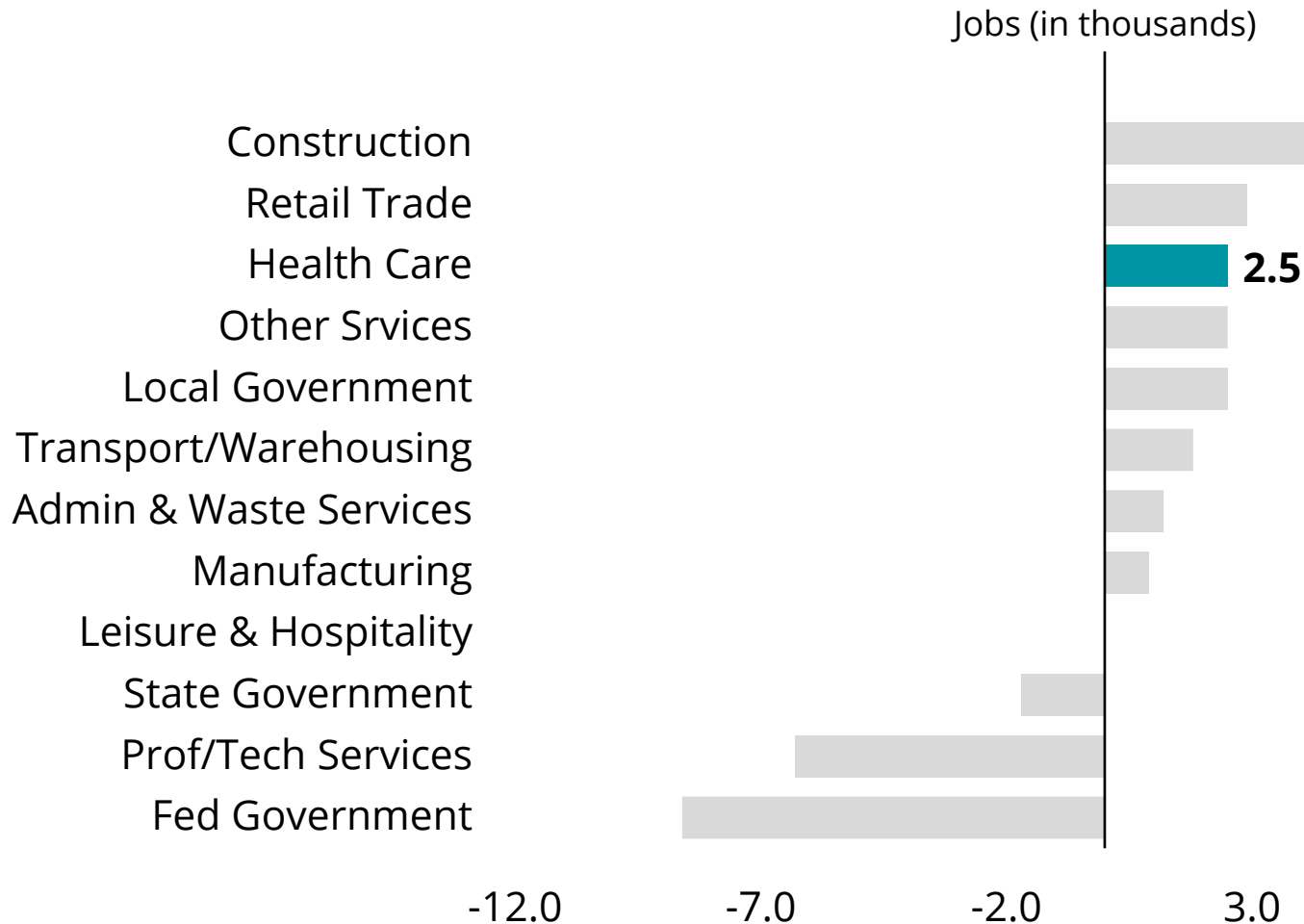
Health Care Worker
(100-120% AMI*)



\$82K

Job Change by Sector in Virginia

Job Change Jan 2025 to May 2025, Virginia (in thousands)



**Attainable Housing Price
at \$82K Wage in Henrico**

For-Sale

\$274K

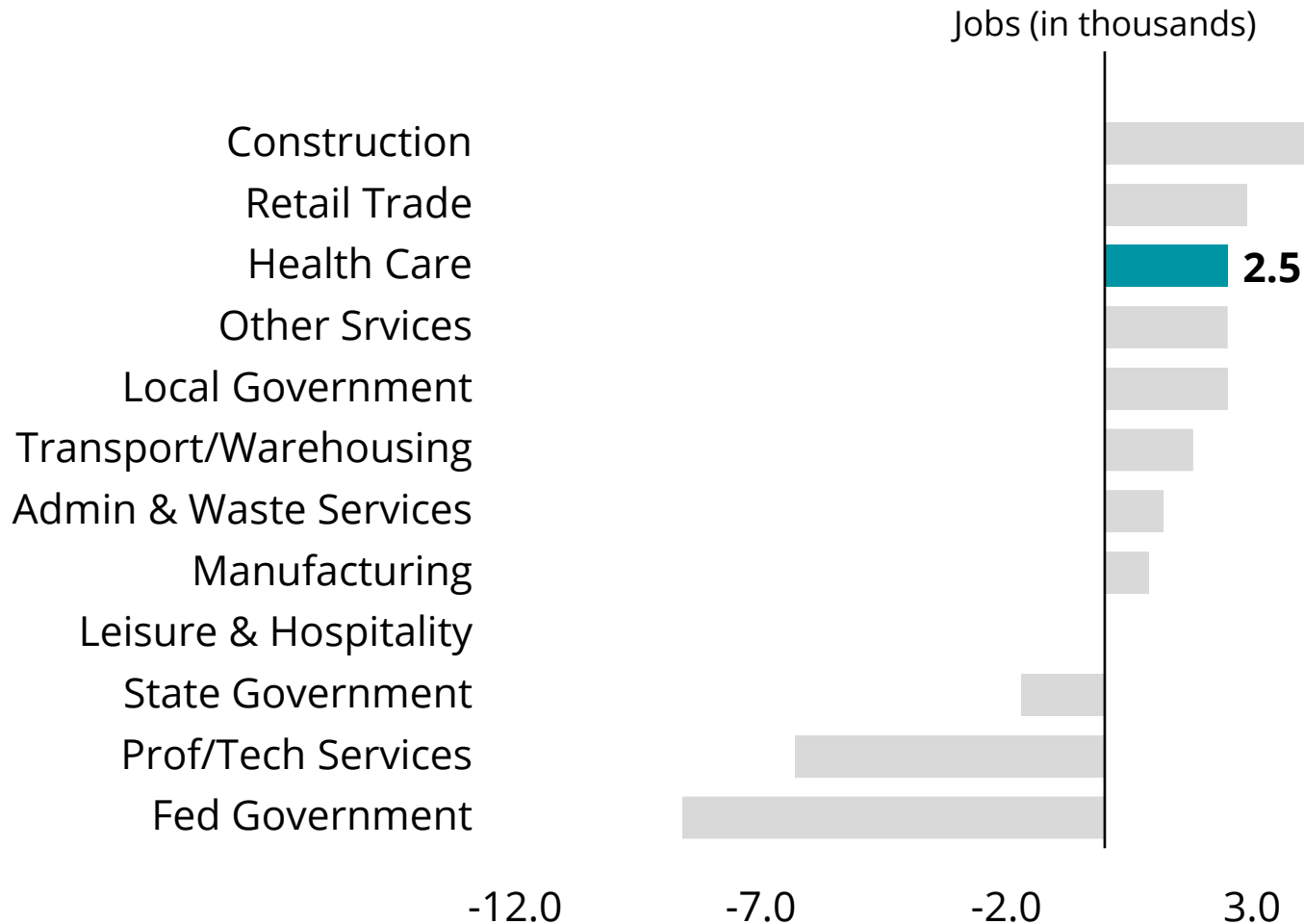
For-Rent

\$2,050/mo

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, seasonally adjusted *1-person Household

Job Change by Sector in Virginia

Job Change Jan 2025 to May 2025, Virginia (in thousands)



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Housing at these prices in the Henrico market

\$274K for sale market

Share of 2024 sales

15%

\$2,050/mo for rent market

2024 average asking rent (annual)

\$1,685/mo

Job Change by Sector in Virginia

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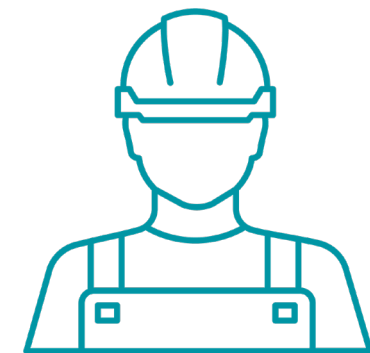


Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, seasonally adjusted *1-person Household

In VA Beach

Average Annual Wage (2024)

Construction Worker
(80-100% AMI*)



\$72K

Job Change by Sector in Virginia

Job Change Jan 2025 to May 2025, Virginia (in thousands)



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, seasonally adjusted *1-person Household

**Attainable Housing Price
at \$72K Wage in VA Beach**

For-Sale

\$240K

For-Rent

\$1,800/mo

Job Change by Sector in Virginia

Job Change Jan 2025 to May 2025, Virginia (in thousands)



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, seasonally adjusted *1-person Household

**Housing at these prices
in the VA Beach market**

\$240K for sale market

Share of 2024 sales

12%

\$1,800/mo for rent market

2024 average asking rent (annual)

\$1,638/mo

Job Change by Sector in Virginia

Job Change Jan 2025 to May 2025, Virginia (in thousands)



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, seasonally adjusted *1-person Household

In Harrisonburg

Average Annual Wage (2024)

Professional/Tech Worker
(100-120% AMI*)



\$80K

Job Change by Sector in Virginia

Job Change Jan 2025 to May 2025, Virginia (in thousands)



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, seasonally adjusted *1-person Household

**Attainable Housing Price
at \$80K Wage in
Harrisonburg**

For-Sale

\$267K

For-Rent

\$2,000/mo

Job Change by Sector in Virginia

Job Change Jan 2025 to May 2025, Virginia (in thousands)



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, seasonally adjusted *1-person Household

**Housing at these prices in
the Harrisonburg market**

\$267K for sale market

Share of 2024 sales

41%

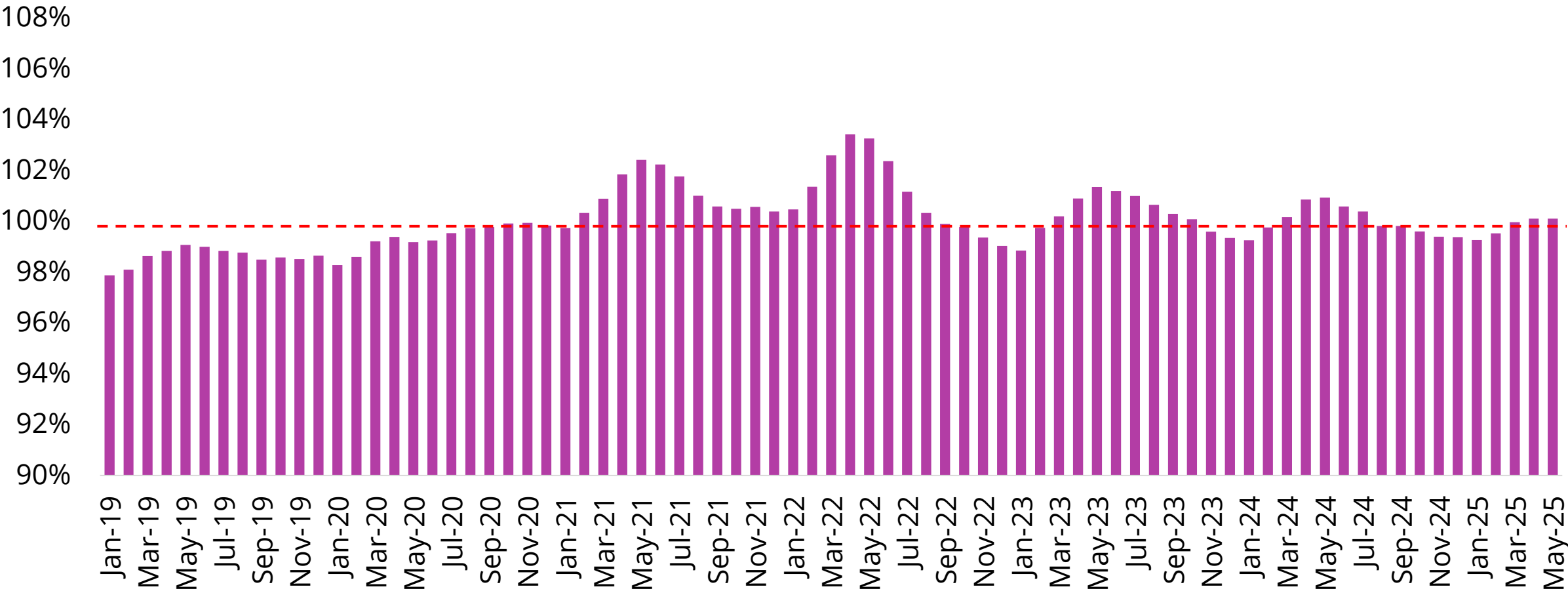
\$2,000/mo for rent market

2024 average asking rent (annual)

\$1,671/mo

Market Remains Competitive

Average Sold-to-Ask Price Ratio, Virginia



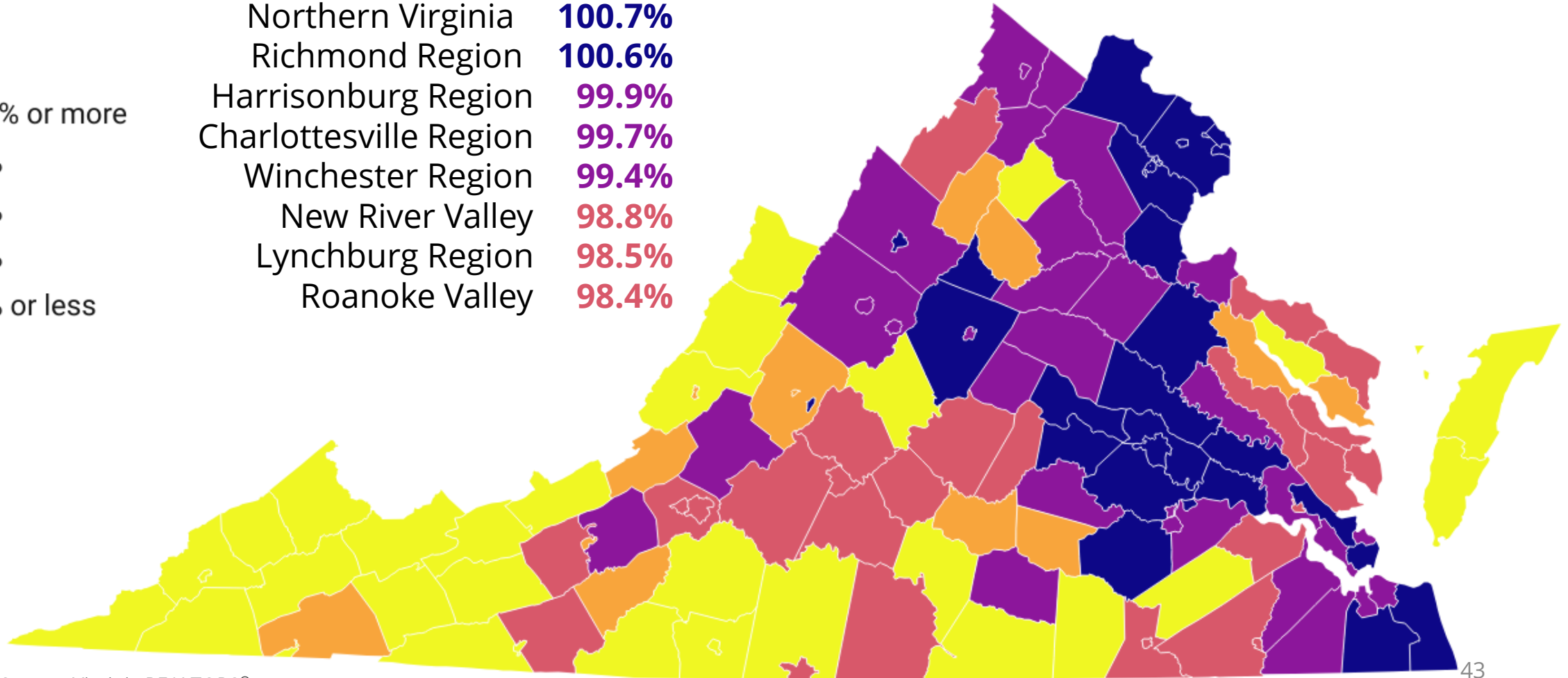
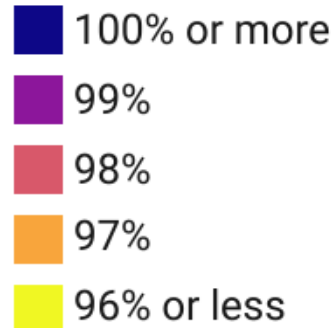
Source: Virginia REALTORS®

Average Sold-to-List Price Ratio – Local Markets

Average Sold-to-List Price Ratio, May YTD 2025

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Harrisonburg Region	99.9%
Charlottesville Region	99.7%
Winchester Region	99.4%
New River Valley	98.8%
Lynchburg Region	98.5%
Roanoke Valley	98.4%



Summary

- ❖ Virginia's job market has slowed in some regions amid uncertainty with federal employment and contracting cuts. The full scope of these impacts has yet to be seen.
- ❖ Consumer sentiment has worsened so far this year. The impacts of that have yet to translate into big pull backs in spending, but recent signs of weakening have emerged. This negative sentiment has also spilled into the the housing market.
- ❖ Virginia's housing market has been sluggish in 2025, mirroring national trends. Sales are below 2024 levels so far through May. Stubborn mortgage rates and affordability challenges have cooled the buyer side of the market. Seller side activity has picked up, inventory is increasing.
- ❖ Despite the slow transaction volume, prices continue to climb, reflecting the supply demand imbalance in the market. There remains significant pent-up demand for housing. We estimate a supply shortage of about 188,000 market-rate homes statewide.
- ❖ Providing more housing will be critical to retaining our labor force and keeping Virginia competitive from a jobs/economic development perspective. In addition, more housing = more economic activity and tax revenue.

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