



Top 5 Industries in Healthcare & Social Assistance*

2017 Averages

Establishments

Employment

Average Weekly Wage

	<p>NAICS Code 6221 General Medical and Surgical Hospitals</p>	<p>214</p>	<p>120,198</p>	<p>\$1,161</p>
	<p>NAICS Code 6211 Offices of Physicians</p>	<p>4,777</p>	<p>69,642</p>	<p>\$1,731</p>
	<p>NAICS Code 6241 Individual and Family Services</p>	<p>20,105</p>	<p>58,015</p>	<p>\$543</p>
	<p>NAICS Code 6233 Continuing Care, Assisted Living Facilities</p>	<p>531</p>	<p>31,895</p>	<p>\$553</p>
	<p>NAICS Code 6231 Nursing Care Facilities, Skilled Nursing</p>	<p>295</p>	<p>31,286</p>	<p>\$634</p>

*Includes Public and Private



Sample of Career Paths in Healthcare & Social Assistance

Most jobs in the healthcare field require a bachelor or Medical Doctors degrees, entry-levels jobs in nursing only require a certification, and Home Health Aids ONLY need a high school diploma. Social Assistance jobs need some higher education.



Physicians and Surgeons



Recommended

Almost all physicians complete at least 4 years of undergraduate school, 4 years of medical school, and, depending on their specialty, 3 to 7 years in internship and residency programs.



Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses



Recommended

LPNs and LVNs must complete an approved educational program. These programs award a certificate or diploma and typically take about 1 year to complete, but may take longer. Contact state boards of nursing for lists of approved programs.



Social Workers



Recommended

A bachelor's degree in social work (BSW) is the most common requirement for entry-level positions. Some positions require a master's degree in social work (MSW), which generally takes an additional 2 years to complete.



Home Health Aides



Recommended

There is no formal education requirement for home health aides, but most aides have at least a high school diploma/GED. Home health aides who work for certified home health or hospice agencies must complete formal training and pass a standardized test.

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics: *Occupational Outlook Handbook*

Sample of Occupational Projections in Healthcare & Social Assistance

Healthcare and Social Assistance has the the highest employment for the commonwealth. Healthcare support occupations such as registered nurses is one of the most in demand occupations in Virginia. Wages have risen steadily in most occupations in the Healthcare and Social Service industry, But some occupations, like Home Health Aids, still have low wages.

The table below shows the long-term industry projections for Multiple Industries in Virginia for the 2016-2026 projection period.

Industry	2016 Estimated Employment	2026 Projected Employment	Percent Change 2016-2026
Physicians and Surgeons, All Others	7,970	9,270	16.3%
Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	21,670	25,460	17.5%
Social Workers, All Others	610	680	12.2%
Home Health Aides	11,530	17,450	51.4%

Source: Virginia Employment Commission, Industry and Occupational Projections

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