

SECTION 1 - GENERAL ENERGY INFORMATION

Quick Facts About Energy in Virginia

- Energy - for lighting, heating, cooling, and transportation uses is generated for Virginians from the following sources:
 - 34% from petroleum
 - 20% from electricity generated outside Virginia
 - 18% from natural gas
 - 13% from nuclear-based electricity generation
 - 9% from coal
 - 6% from hydro, biomass, and other renewable sources¹
- Virginia's net energy balance is negative, which also is the case for most other states. The Commonwealth imported about 55 percent of total energy used in 2012, producing 1,047 trillion Btu, but consuming 2,356 trillion Btu²
- Electricity generated in Virginia in 2013, the most recent year in which data is available, came from a variety of sources including:
 - 35.7% from nuclear
 - 29.7% from natural gas
 - 28.7% came from coal
 - 4.5% from renewables
 - 1.2% from hydroelectric
 - 0.2 % petroleum³

Virginia's utilities imported about 37 percent of the State's 2012 electricity consumption from generation facilities outside of Virginia.⁴ However, much of the generating capacity located outside Virginia geographical borders is owned by utilities that serve Virginia customers. That generation falls under Virginia State Corporation Commission (SCC) rate setting jurisdiction. Between 85 and 90 percent of the total supply of energy to Virginia Investor

Owned Utilities is produced from facilities under SCC rate setting jurisdiction.

- The Commonwealth is the 19th largest primary energy producer of the states, including coal, natural gas, hydro, biomass, and other renewables.⁵ Virginia's mining companies produce nearly 4.5 percent of U.S. coal east of the Mississippi River from underground and surface mines in Southwest Virginia. Virginia processed over 38 percent of U.S. coal exports in 2012. Virginia has nearly 7,843 natural gas wells that produce approximately 50 percent of the natural gas the state consumes. Two Virginia coal bed methane fields and the Nora and Oakwood fields in Southwest Virginia are among the top 100 natural gas fields in the United States.
- Virginia is home to a robust energy infrastructure including:
 - 115 coal, nuclear, natural gas, hydro, oil, and biomass fueled electric power plants
 - The southern end of the PJM Interconnection System with approximately 60,000 miles of transmission lines and approximately 6,000 substations, connected to an extensive network of local distribution lines reaching customers in almost every corner of Virginia
 - Approximately 3,000 miles of natural gas transmission pipelines⁶, approximately 3,200 miles of natural gas gathering pipelines⁷, and approximately 20,000 miles of distribution pipelines⁸
 - Two petroleum product pipelines moving gasoline, diesel, and other fuels from the Gulf of Mexico to Virginia; piers to receive water-borne petroleum products; and four major petroleum terminal hubs

⁵ EIA, SEDS, Virginia State Energy Profile

⁶ PHMSA Pipeline Safety Program, http://primis.phmsa.dot.gov/comm/reports/safety/VA_detail1.html?no_cache=9885#_OuterPanel_tab_1, June 22, 2010

⁷ DMME, Division of Gas and Oil, June 23, 2010

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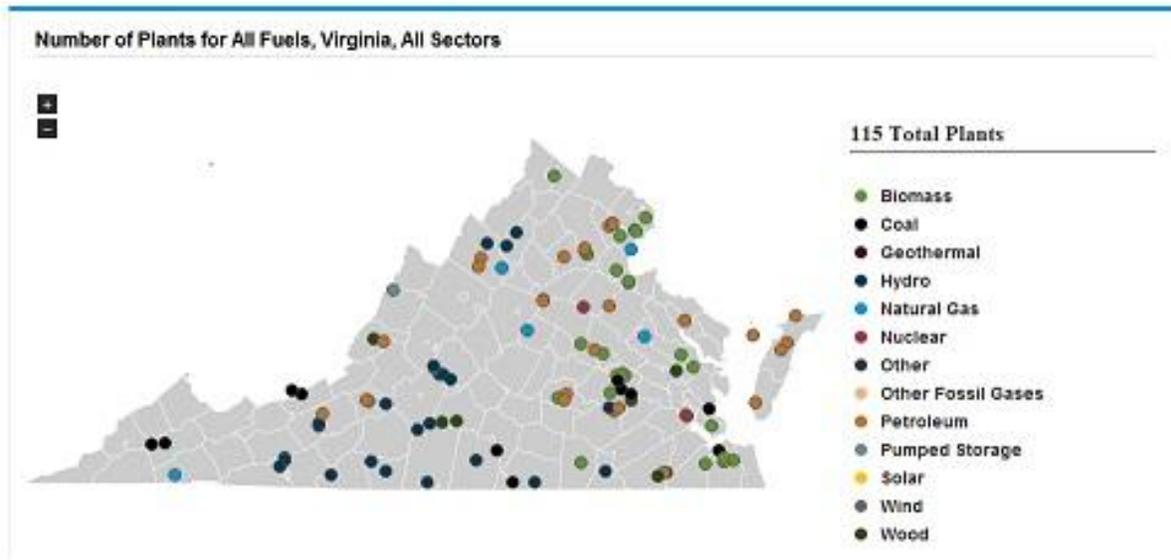
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³ EIA, SEDS, Virginia State Energy Profile

⁴ EIA, Sources and Uses

Location of Electric Power Generation Plants in Virginia



- Virginia uses energy more efficiently than the nation, consuming 295 million Btu per capita while the nation consumes an average of 312 million Btu per capita.

Energy Consumption

- Virginians use electricity, natural gas, fuel oil, and other fuels to light, heat, cool, and operate their homes, stores, offices and factories. Gasoline, diesel and a growing market of alternative fuels are used to power cars, trucks, buses, airplanes, ships, and trains.
 - Energy is used in different ways and in differing quantities by residential, commercial, industrial, and transportation customers.
 - The transportation sector is the largest user of energy in Virginia. Residential and commercial use about equal amounts of energy, with industry using only slightly less.
- Compared to the average state, Virginia consumes more energy for transportation and commercial use and less for industrial use.

Figure 1-1: Virginia's Total Energy Consumption by Sector, 2012⁹

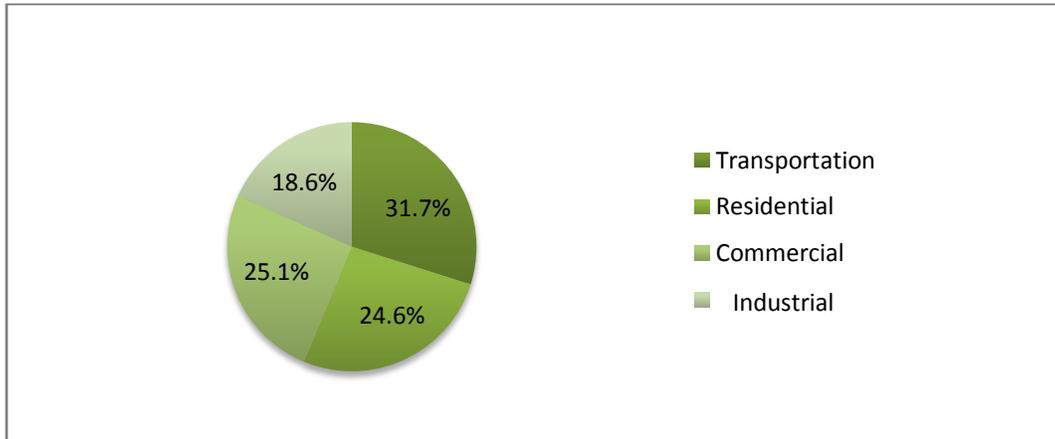
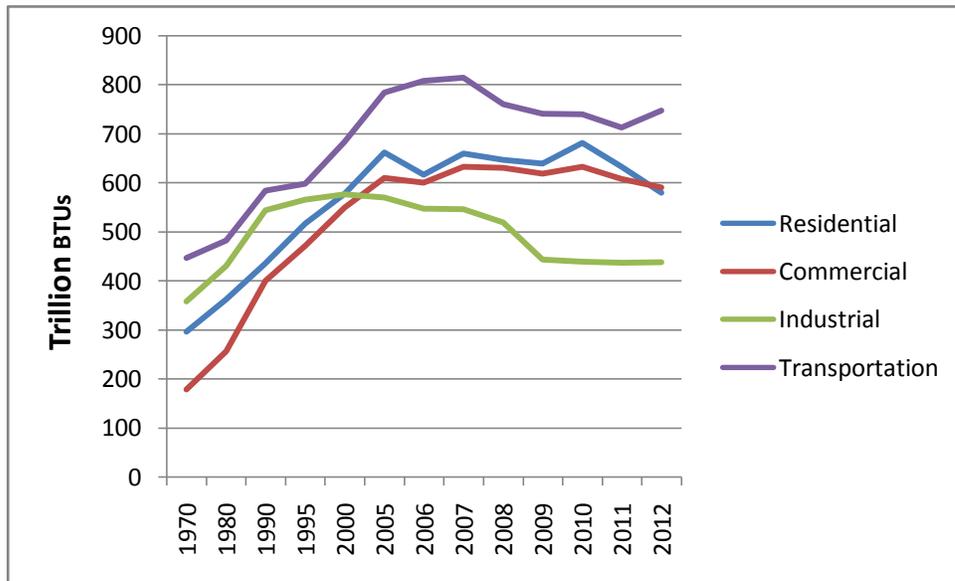


Figure 1-2: Virginia's Total Energy Consumption by Sector, 1970-2012¹⁰



- Electricity delivers 66.7 percent of all energy to the commercial sector, 57.6 percent to the residential sector, 19.1 percent to the industrial sector, and less than 2 percent to the transportation sector. In contrast, petroleum delivers 98.6 percent of energy used by the transportation sector and 6.7 percent used by the commercial sector.¹¹

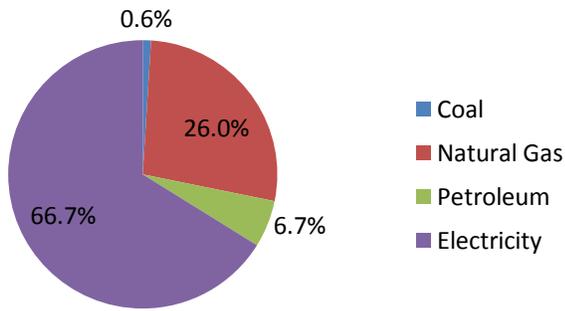
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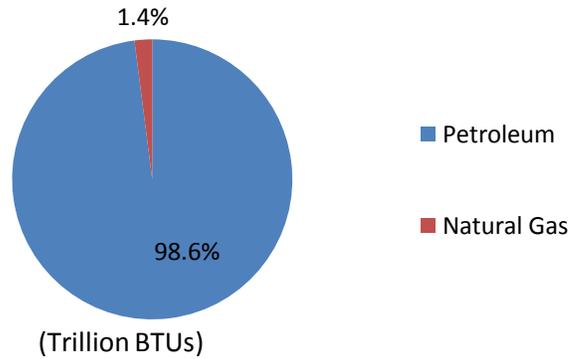
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Figure 1-3: Virginia's Energy Consumption by Sector, 2012¹²

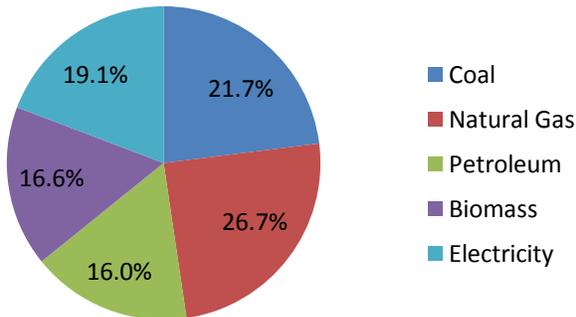
Virginia Commercial Sector Consumption, 2012



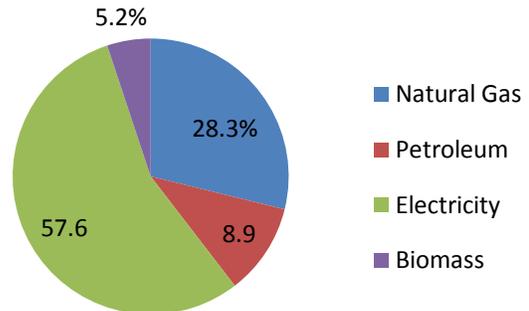
Virginia Transportation Sector Consumption, 2012



Virginia Industrial Consumption, 2012



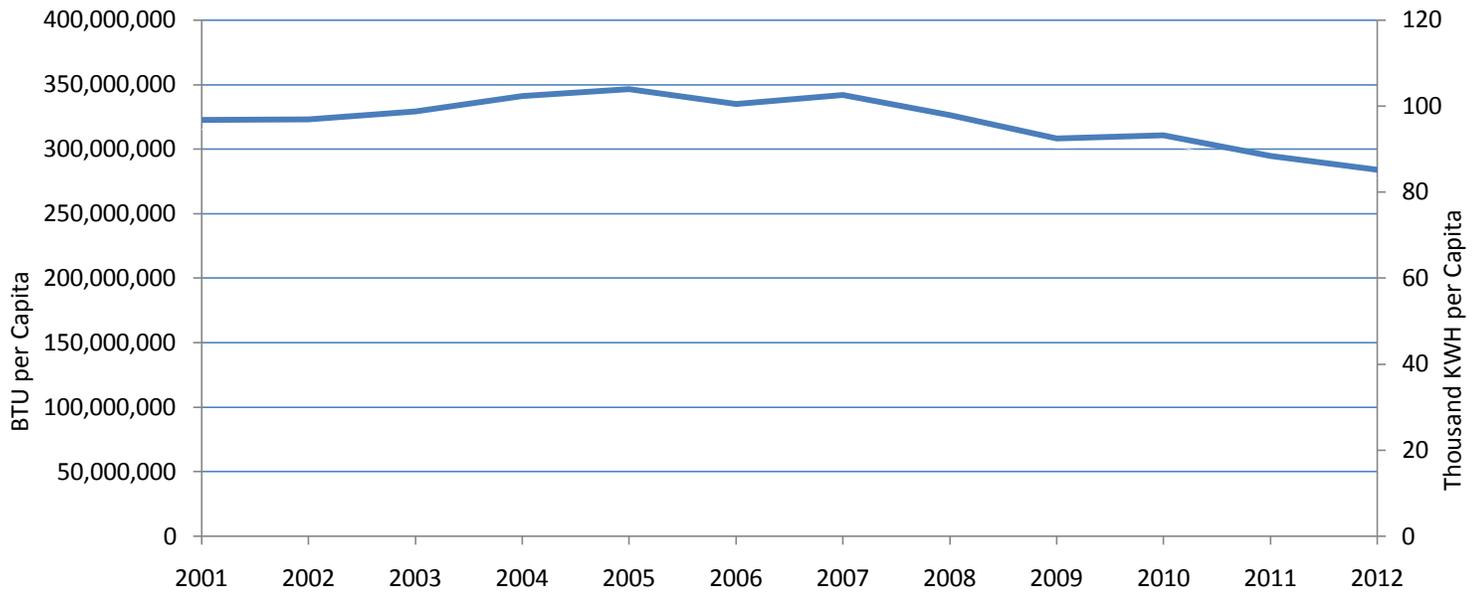
Virginia Residential Consumption, 2012



Before 2005 and over the long term, energy use had increased gradually due to increases in energy used for transportation and energy-consuming devices in their homes and businesses. This long-term trend appears to have changed since about 2005. Since then, per capita energy use in the Commonwealth has decreased because consumers are driving fewer miles per person; economic activity has been slow; and, energy efficiency improvements have been realized.

¹² EIA, SEDS, Virginia State Energy Profile

Figure 1-4: Virginia's Per Capita Energy Use, 2000-2012¹³



Energy Balance – Imports and Exports

- Virginia has a net negative energy balance, importing 55 percent of the total amount of energy the state uses.¹⁴ However, the SCC has rate setting jurisdiction over between 85 and 90 percent of total energy supplied to Investor Owned Utilities because some generation facilities outside of Virginia's geographical boundary are owned by utilities that serve Virginia customers. The Commonwealth is a net exporter of coal and a net importer of all other fuels.



- In 2009, Virginians spent \$26.74 billion to purchase energy.¹⁵ On a net basis, this included \$13.7 billion on imported fuels and electricity.

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Figure 1-5: Virginia's Net Energy Imports/(Exports), 2012¹⁶
(Trillion BTUs)

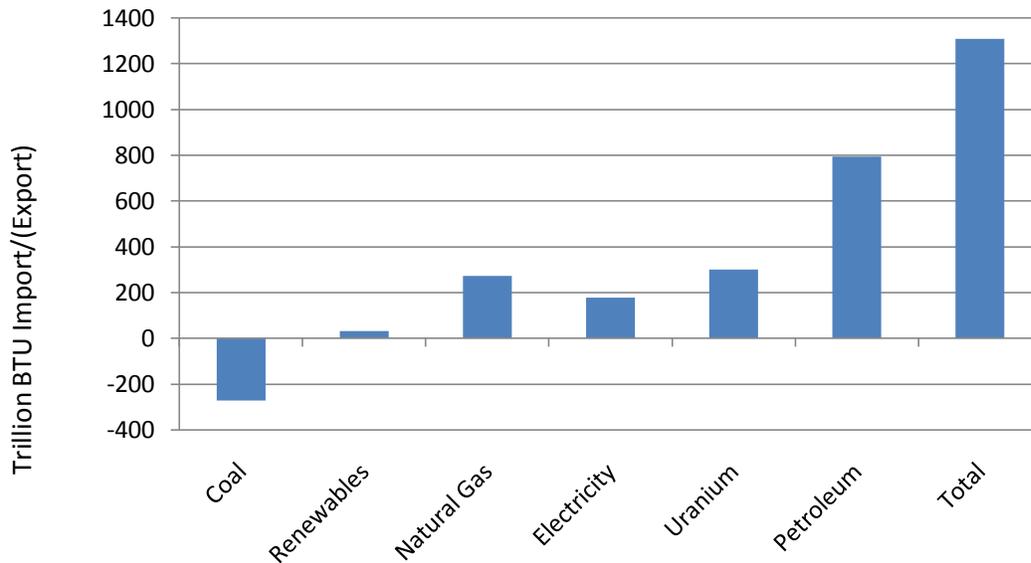


Table 1-1: Virginia's Estimated Net Energy Imports/(Exports), 2012¹⁷ (Trillion BTUs)

Fuel	Production ¹⁸	Consumption ¹⁹	Net Imp/(Exp)
Coal	493.4	222.2	(271.2)
Renewables	101.6	134.5	32.9
Natural Gas	151.4	424	272.6
Electricity from nuclear ¹⁸	301	479.4	178.4
Uranium (converted to Trillion Btu equivalent) ¹⁹	0	301	301
Petroleum	0.1	794.6	794.6
Total	1047.5	2355.7	1308.2

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Figure 1-6: Virginia's Net Energy Imports/(Exports) by Fuel, 2000-2012¹⁸

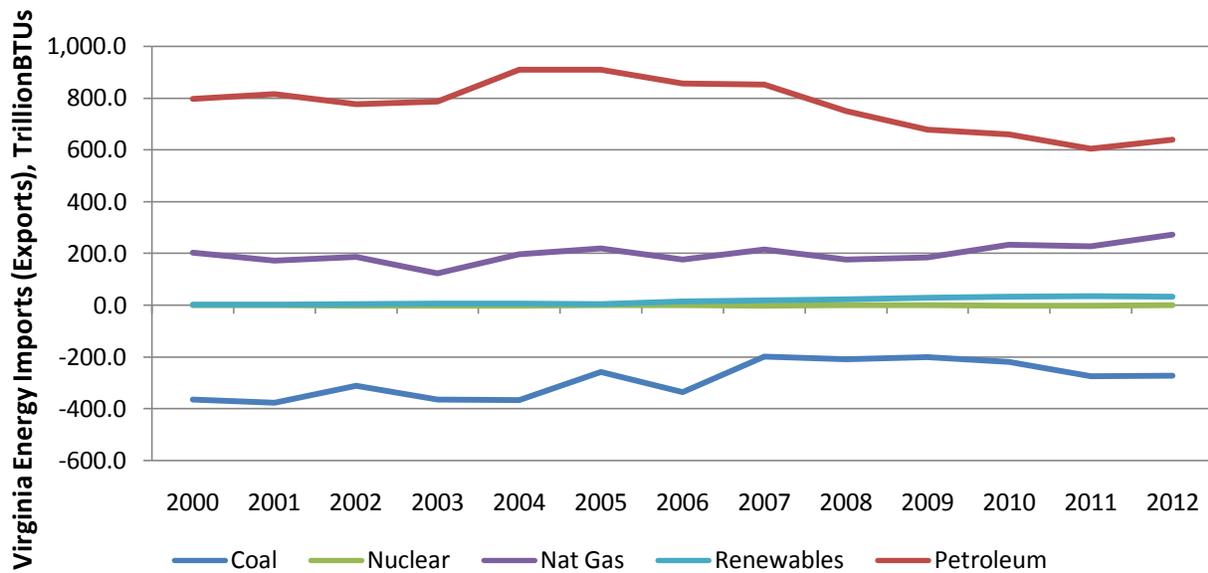


Table 1-2: Energy Production and Consumption History for Virginia (Trillion BTUs)¹⁹

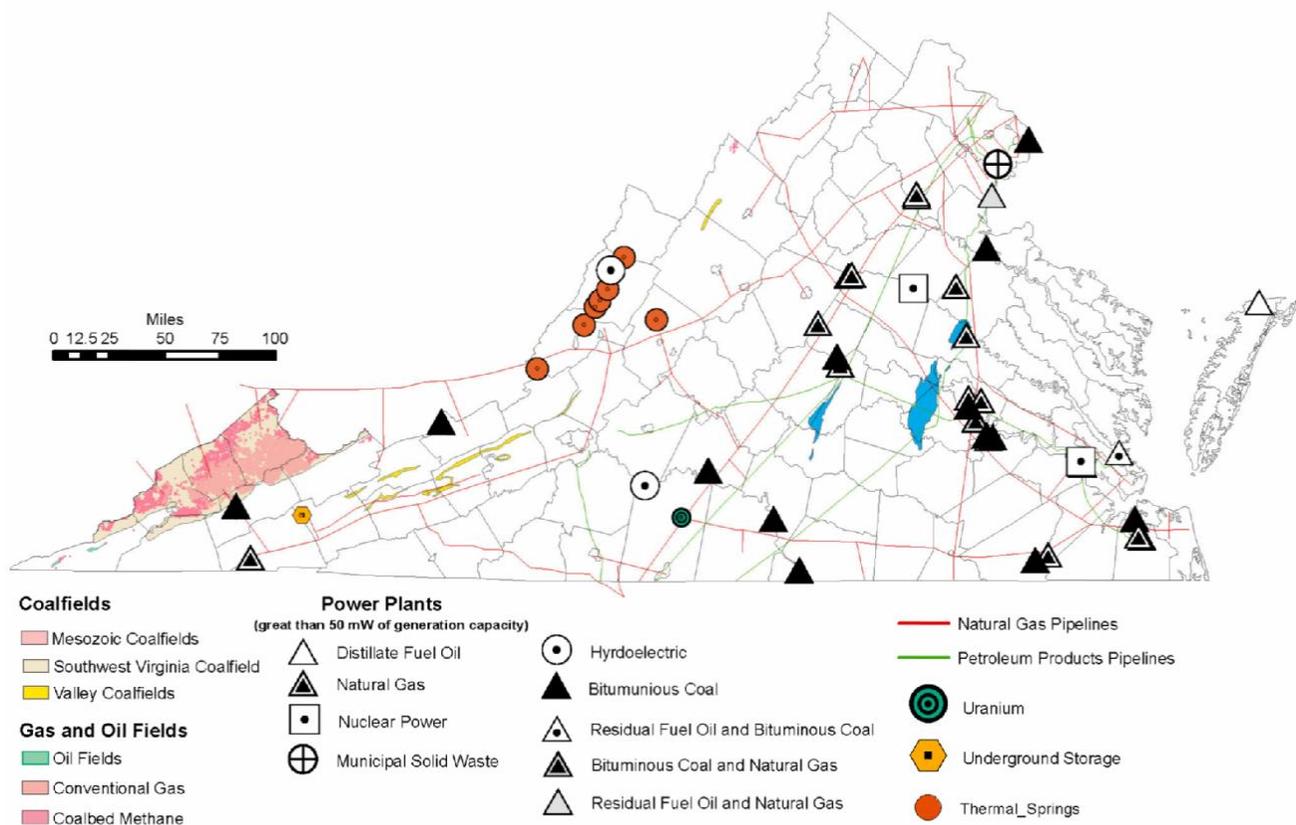
Year	Consumption	Growth	Primary Production	Growth	Gap/Imports	Growth
1995	2152.5		1355.5		797.0	
1996	2209.2	2.63%	1415.7	4.44%	793.5	-0.4%
1997	2205.5	-0.17%	1425.1	0.66%	780.4	-1.7%
1998	2231.7	1.19%	1374.5	-3.55%	857.2	9.8%
1999	2290	2.61%	1346	-2.07%	944.0	10.1%
2000	2386.8	4.23%	1353.9	0.59%	1032.9	9.4%
2001	2322.9	-2.68%	1300.1	-3.97%	1022.8	-1.0%
2002	2354.1	1.34%	1235.7	-4.95%	1118.4	9.3%
2003	2426.8	3.09%	1339.7	8.42%	1087.1	-2.8%
2004	2552	5.16%	1312	-2.07%	1240.0	14.1%
2005	2625.8	2.89%	1227.1	-6.47%	1398.7	12.8%
2006	2571.1	-2.08%	1281.9	4.47%	1289.2	-7.8%
2007	2652.4	3.16%	1175.2	-8.32%	1477.2	14.6%
2008	2557.2	-3.59%	1166.3	-0.76%	1390.9	-5.8%
2009	2440.9	-4.55%	1091.7	-6.40%	1349.2	-3.0%
2010	2492.6	2.12%	1097.2	0.50%	1395.4	3.4%
2011	2388.5	-4.18%	1087.8	-0.86%	1300.7	-6.8%
2012	2356.0	-1.36%	1047.4	-3.71%	1308.6	0.6%

Energy Infrastructure

A robust infrastructure is needed to deliver affordable, reliable energy supplies to energy users. Virginia's energy infrastructure includes facilities required for:

- Electricity generation, transmission, and distribution
- Natural gas production, transmission, and storage
- Petroleum production, transportation, and distribution
- Coal mining, transportation, and export
- Propane transportation and distribution
- Wood/biomass production and transportation

Figure 1-7: Virginia's Energy Infrastructure²⁰



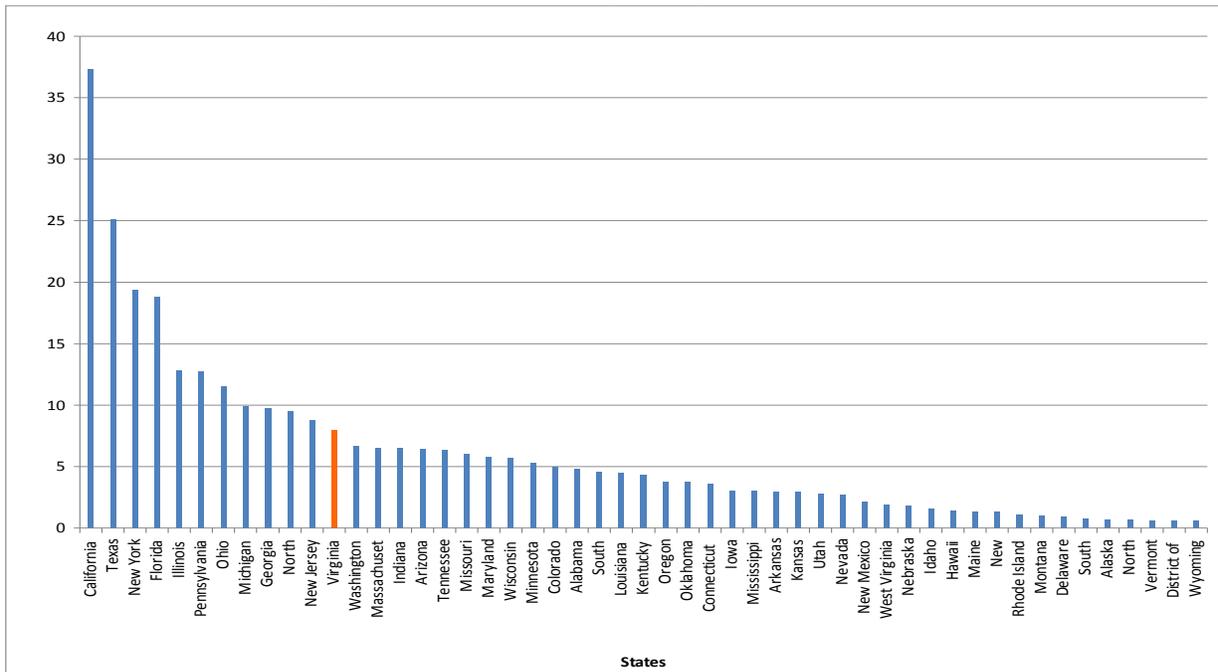
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State Rankings

As shown in the following comparisons of states, the Commonwealth has an economy that ranks among the top tier of states, while using energy more efficiently than the majority of states.

- According to the 2010 U.S. Census, Virginia was home to 8.0 million people, the 12th largest of the states.²¹

Figure 1-8: State Rankings - Population, 2011²²



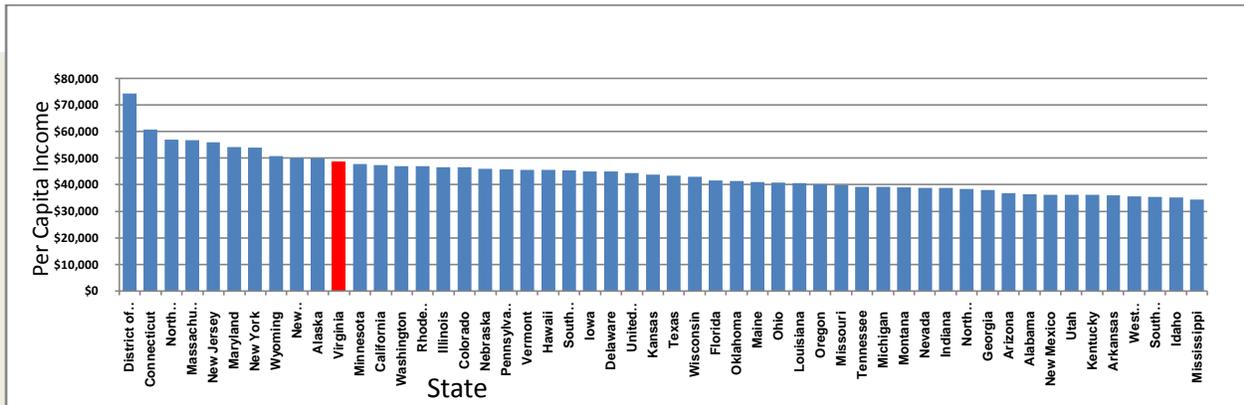
- In 2013, Virginia's per capita personal income was \$48,773, the 11th highest of the states (including the District of Columbia).²³

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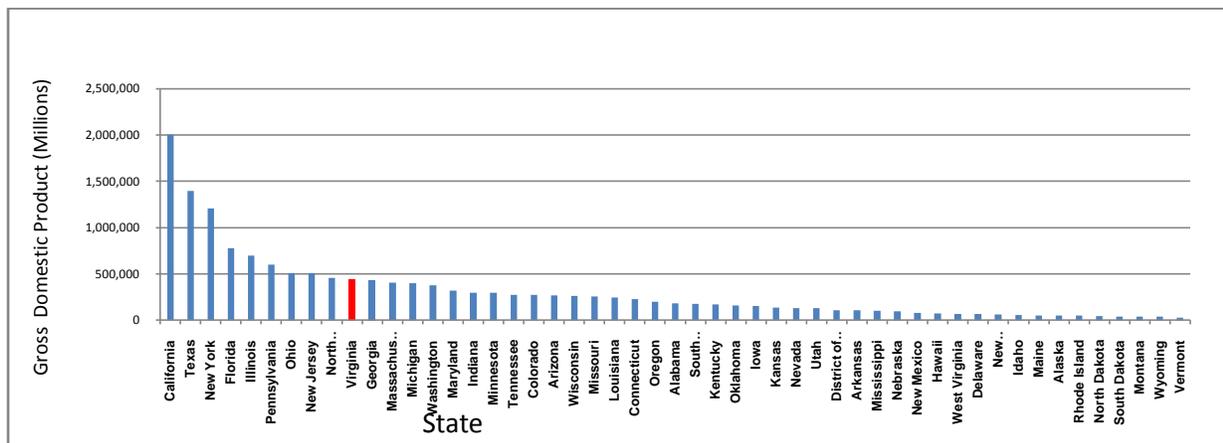
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Figure 1-9: State Rankings – Per Capita Income, 2013²⁴



- In 2013, Virginia’s gross domestic product (GDP) was \$445,876 billion, making it the 10th largest state economy of the nation.²⁵

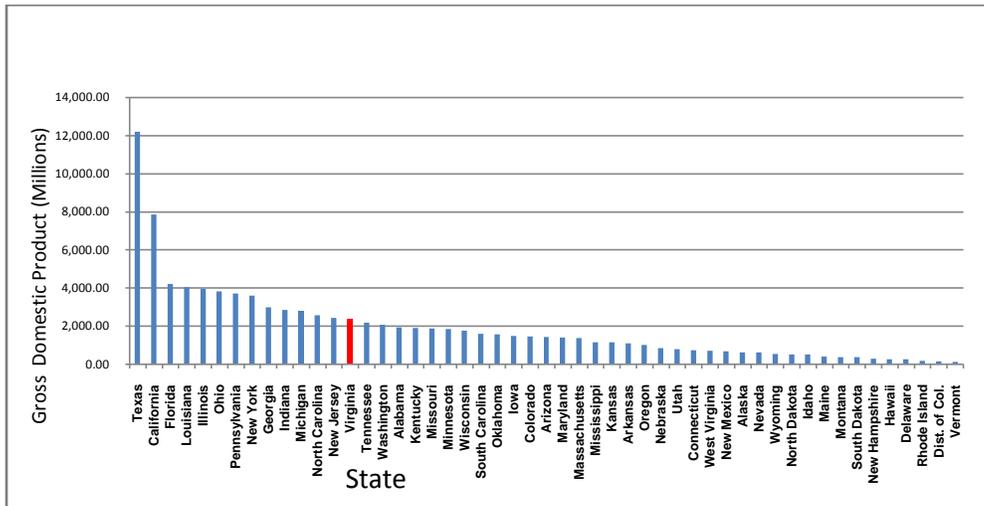
Figure 1-10: State Rankings – Gross Domestic Product, 2013²⁶



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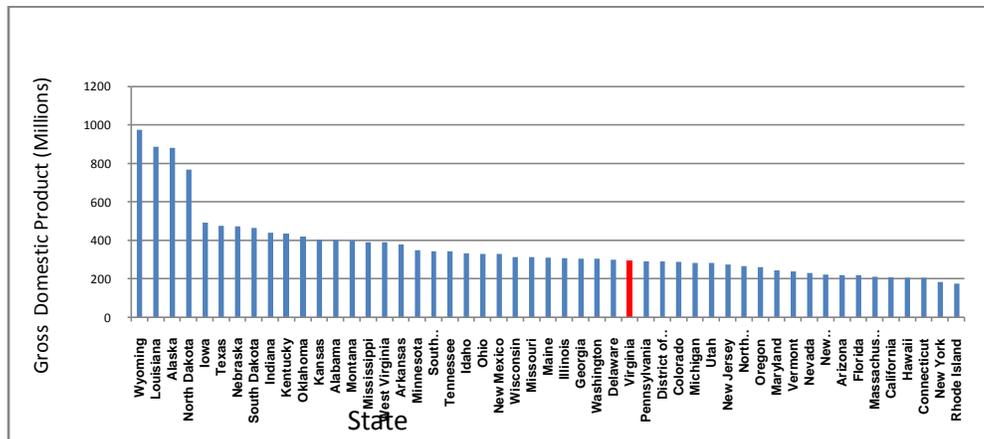
- In 2011, Virginia ranked 14th in total energy consumption, using 2,386 trillion BTUs of energy, or 2.5 percent of the total energy used in the U.S.²⁷

Figure 1-11: State Rankings - Total Energy Consumption, 2011²⁸



- In 2009, Virginia ranked 29th in energy use per capita among the states, using 303 million BTUs per person, 5 million Btu's less than the national average.²⁹

Figure 1-12: State Rankings - Energy Use Per Capita, 2011³⁰



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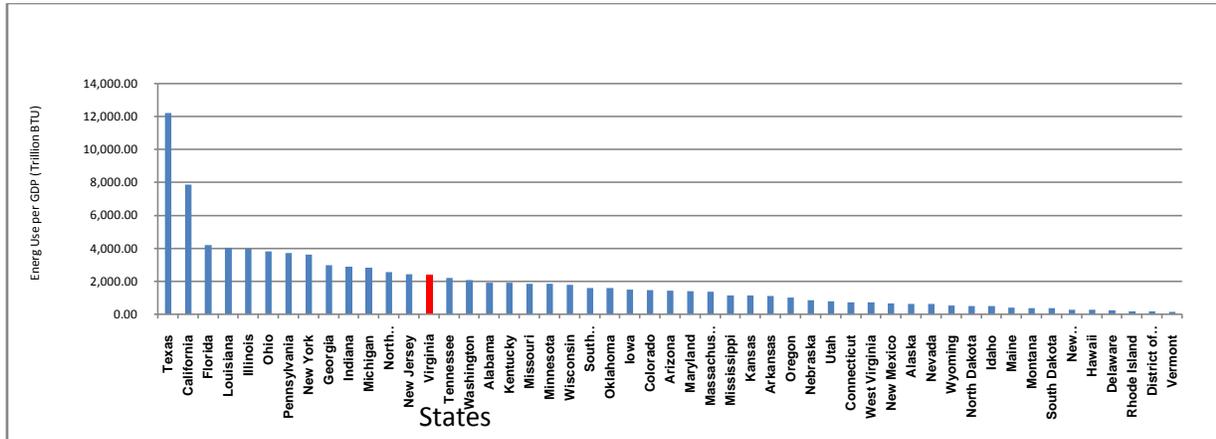
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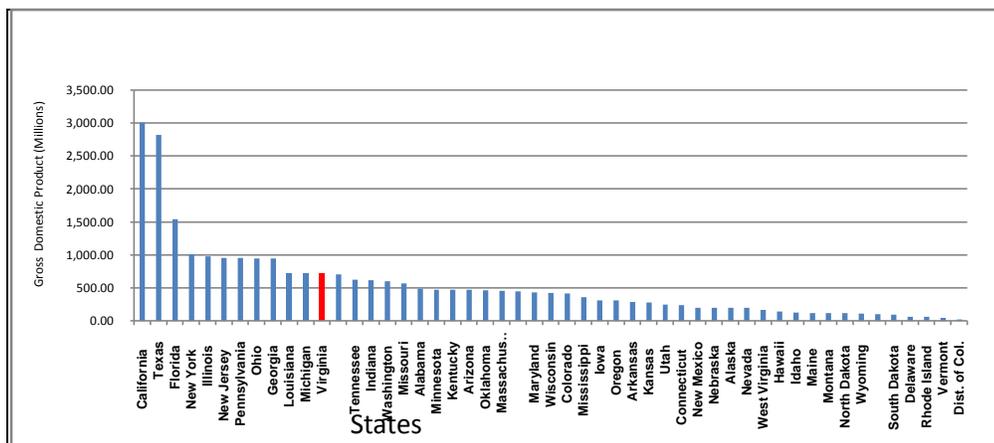
In 2011, Virginia ranked 14th, behind New Jersey, in energy use per gross domestic product (GDP), using 6,500 Trillion BTUs per dollar of GDP. This is slightly below the U.S. average of 7,300 Trillion BTUs per dollar of GDP.³¹

Figure 1-13: State Rankings - Energy Use Per Real Dollar of Gross Domestic Product (GDP), 2011³²



- In 2009, Virginians used 745,455 billion BTU of energy for transportation. This was greater than for any other sector, ranking Virginia 10th amongst the states in terms of total energy used for transportation.³³

Figure 1-14: State Rankings - Energy Use for Transportation, 2011³⁴



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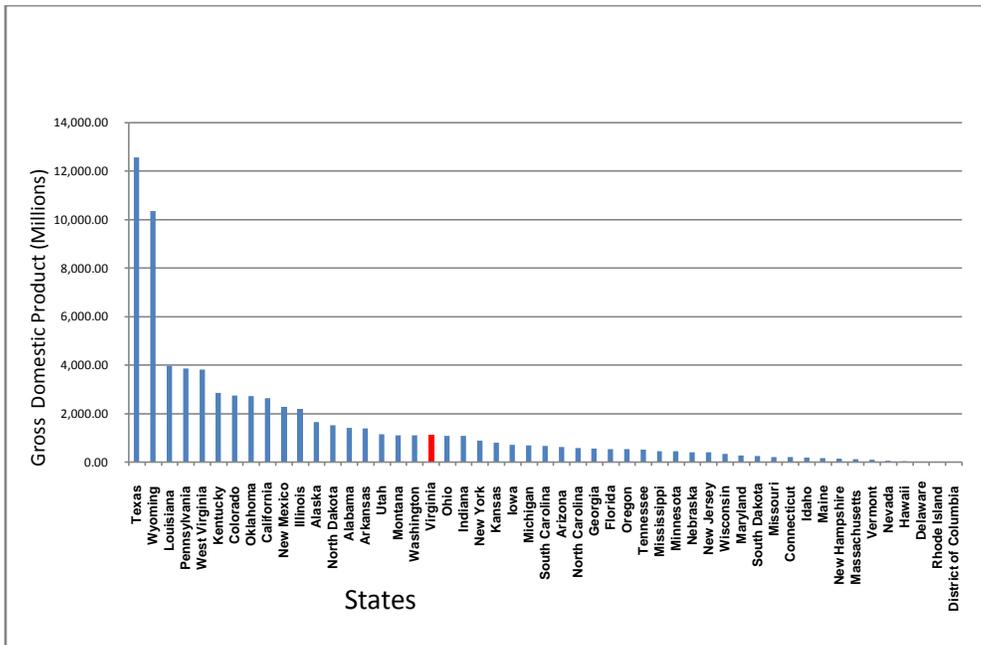
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- In 2009, Virginia produced 1,092 trillion BTUs, ranking it 15th among the states in terms of total energy production.³⁵

Figure 1-15: State Rankings – In-State Energy Production, 2011³⁶



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