

CHILD WELL-BEING IN EASTERN VIRGINIA REGION DURING 2012



1 in **4**

→ **CHILDREN LIVE IN POVERTY.**



Poverty is the single greatest threat to the long-term well-being of children.

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THAT'S 7,161 CHILDREN LIVING IN POVERTY.

ENOUGH TO FILL **143**  **SCHOOL BUSES**

45%

OF AT-RISK CHILDREN LIVE IN OR NEAR POVERTY.

Families living at 200% of poverty level can only meet basic needs: food, rent, utilities, child care, and transportation.



THAT'S

12,688

CHILDREN LIVING BELOW 200% OF POVERTY LEVEL.



14%

Of Births are to Mothers with Less than a 12th Grade Education.



The children from affluent families hear 30 million more words by age 3 than children from low-income households.

1 in **3**

Third Graders Failed SOL Reading Test.

FAIL

PASS

30%

70%



Children reading below proficiency in the third grade are unlikely to ever catch up.



On-Time High School Graduation Rate

NOT ON-TIME



14%

ON-TIME

86%

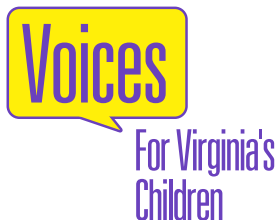


Three factors build toward high school graduation on time, a major milestone on the path to adulthood: 1) enter school ready to succeed, 2) read proficiently by the fourth grade, and 3) make a successful transition to middle school.

EASTERN VIRGINIA REGION DATA



LOCALE	TOTAL POP. UNDER 18	CHILDREN IN POVERTY	PERCENTAGES OF CHILDREN IN POVERTY	CHILDREN LIVING BELOW 200% OF POVERTY	PERCENTAGES OF CHILDREN LIVING BELOW 200% OF POVERTY	PASS RATE OF THIRD GRADERS ON SOL READING TEST	FAILURE RATE OF THIRD GRADERS ON SOL READING TEST	BIRTHS TO MOTHERS WITH LESS THAN 12TH GRADE EDUCATION	ON-TIME HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RATE	NOT ON-TIME HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RATE
Accomack	7,105	2,184	31%	3,820	54%	63%	37%	29%	84%	16%
Essex	2,387	608	26%	1,325	56%	69%	31%	13%	79%	21%
King and Queen	1,400	278	21%	661	47%	65%	35%	11%	93%	7%
King William	3,915	477	13%	921	24%	69%	31%	2%	81%	19%
Lancaster	1,806	470	28%	738	41%	73%	27%	13%	92%	8%
Middlesex	1,748	426	26%	671	38%	81%	19%	8%	92%	8%
Northhampton	2,475	821	35%	1,268	51%	62%	38%	17%	76%	24%
Northumberland	2,035	558	29%	950	47%	78%	22%	18%	89%	11%
Richmond County	1,638	366	24%	676	41%	73%	27%	21%	84%	16%
Westmoreland	3,479	973	29%	1,658	48%	70%	30%	10%	89%	11%
Total	27,988	7,161	26%	12,688	45%	70%	30%	14%	86%	14%
State Totals	1,848,713	283,035	15.5%	633,00	35%	72%	28%	9.7%	88%	12%



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See Voices' website for additional sources:
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