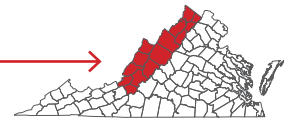


# CHILD WELL-BEING IN VALLEY VIRGINIA REGION DURING 2012



**1** in **6**

→ **CHILDREN LIVE IN POVERTY.**



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

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**THAT'S 29,030 CHILDREN LIVING IN POVERTY.**

**ENOUGH TO FILL 581 SCHOOL BUSES**



**39%**

**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**

**65,874**

**CHILDREN LIVING BELOW 200% OF POVERTY LEVEL.**



**10%**

**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**

**28%**

**72%**



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



**On-Time High School Graduation Rate**

**NOT ON-TIME**

→

**10%**

**ON-TIME**

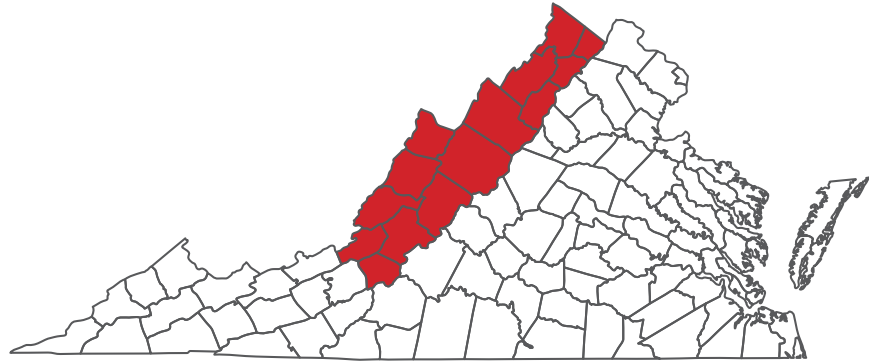
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**90%**

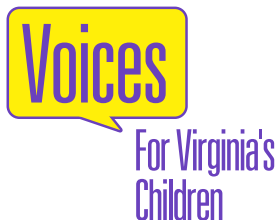


Three factors build toward high school graduation on time, a major milestone on the path to adulthood: 1) enter school ready to succeed, 2) read proficiently by the fourth grade, and 3) make a successful transition to middle school.

# VALLEY VIRGINIA REGION DATA



LOCALE	TOTAL POP. UNDER 18	CHILDREN IN POVERTY	PERCENTAGES OF CHILDREN IN POVERTY	CHILDREN LIVING UNDER 200% OF POVERTY	PERCENTAGES OF CHILDREN LIVING UNDER 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
Alleghany	3,435	677	21%	1,106	32%	70%	30%	9%	89%	11%
Augusta	15,619	2,007	14%	6,035	39%	66%	34%	9%	90%	10%
Bath	987	124	16%	697	71%	66%	34%	10%	96%	5%
Botetourt	7,324	700	10%	1,687	23%	75%	25%	2%	92%	8%
Buena Vista	1,367	324	24%	742	54%	58%	42%	8%	94%	6%
Clarke	3,223	323	11%	539	17%	80%	20%	14%	100%	0%
Covington	1,265	285	24%	659	52%	83%	17%	5%	83%	17%
Craig	1,157	234	22%	432	37%	90%	10%	3%	86%	14%
Frederick	19,552	2,303	12%	5,242	27%	65%	35%	12%	87%	13%
Harrisonburg	7,507	2,155	27%	4,157	55%	65%	35%	27%	85%	15%
Highland	296	62	21%	168	57%	96%	4%	0%	100%	0%
Lexington	709	88	12%	298	42%	75%	25%	12%	NA	NA
Page	5,151	1,049	22%	2,435	47%	60%	40%	14%	97%	3%
Roanoke City	21,081	6,335	30%	12,552	60%	67%	33%	4%	77%	23%
Roanoke County	19,984	1,797	9%	4,736	24%	78%	22%	6%	92%	8%
Rockbridge	4,389	752	18%	1,720	39%	68%	32%	11%	83%	17%
Rockingham	17,861	2,514	14%	7,176	40%	74%	26%	16%	91%	10%
Salem	4,901	734	15%	1,589	32%	81%	19%	5%	94%	6%
Shenandoah	9,238	1,583	18%	3,885	42%	61%	39%	13%	92%	8%
Staunton	4,569	1,083	25%	1,993	44%	67%	33%	11%	85%	15%
Warren	8,997	1,342	15%	2,928	33%	70%	30%	8%	92%	9%
Waynesboro	4,944	1,216	25%	2,186	44%	67%	33%	10%	80%	20%
Winchester	5,870	1,343	23%	2,912	50%	71%	29%	28%	86%	14%
Total	169,426	29,030	17%	65,874	39%	72%	28%	10%	90%	10%
<b>State Totals</b>	<b>1,848,713</b>	<b>283,035</b>	<b>15.5%</b>	<b>633,000</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>72%</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>9.7%</b>	<b>88%</b>	<b>12%</b>



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