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Virginia Employment Commission Unemployment Rate

RICHMOND—The VEC will release Virginia state unemployment rates to coincide with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, monthly release of *Regional and State Unemployment Rates*.

The release will include seasonally adjusted and seasonally unadjusted unemployment rates for Virginia and the U.S. for the most recent month available. The data can be found on the VEC website, VAEmploy.com, under Labor Market Information. The area rates are seasonally unadjusted and will be updated approximately ten days after the statewide rates are released.

Seasonally adjusted rates make it easier to observe the fundamental changes in the data series, particularly those movements that are cyclical and not seasonal and are associated with general economic expansions and contractions. Seasonal adjustment removes the effects of recurring calendar-related events that follow a somewhat regular pattern each year, such as weather, holidays, and school openings and closings.

The release schedule for the remainder of 2009 is as follows:

Month	Release Date
April	5/22
May	6/19
June	7/17
July	8/21
August	9/18
September	10/21
October	11/20
November	12/18
December	1/22/2010