# Governor McAuliffe Announces Decrease in Virginia Unemployment Rate

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**RICHMOND** – Governor McAuliffe announced today that Virginia's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased 0.1 percentage point in July to 4.8 percent. Virginia's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remains below the national rate, which was unchanged in July at 5.3 percent.

The average weekly wage for private employers was $905.58 in July, 4.6 percent above a year ago.

"We are seeing tangible results from our work to build a new Virginia economy in communities across the Commonwealth by attracting new, high-growth industries and fostering growth in the existing businesses that represent our employment base," said Governor McAuliffe. "The new jobs numbers demonstrate enhanced income security for Virginia's workers while offering the opportunity of lower costs for employers doing business in Virginia. We still have much work to do, and I remain committed to providing pathways to prosperity for all Virginia families and businesses."

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