

# Virginia Advances

To this day, people migrate to Virginia due to advances in transportation, communications, and technology. Virginia industries also produce goods and services for the entire United States. These advances in transportation, communications, technology, and industries are causing Virginia to grow economically.

Virginia's transportation system (highways, railroads, and air transportation) contribute to Virginia's economic growth because they move raw materials to factories and finished products to markets. Virginia exports agricultural and manufactured products including tobacco, poultry, (chickens) coal, and large ships.

raw materials → factories → markets  
export - ship a good out (exit)

Virginia has a large number of communications and other technology industries that contribute to Virginia's economic growth because these industries provide jobs for Virginians and produce products for Virginians to use.

Tourism is a major part of Virginia's industry because it brings visitors to Virginia. Once in Virginia, these visitors spend money, contributing to Virginia's economic growth.

Since many federal workers live and/or work in Virginia, the federal government has a significant impact on Virginia's economy because these federal workers pay taxes on their homes or for work. These taxes are paid to Virginia, which helps our economy grow.