

# Girls' Well-Being: Virginia vs. the United States

### The State of Girls 2017

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This profile summarizes recent trends in the well-being of girls living in Virginia, compared with girls living in the U.S.

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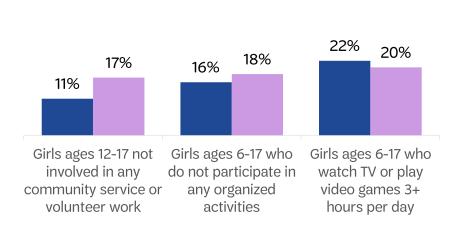
### **Virginia State Ranking**



The state ranking is based on 13 national measures of girls' well-being.\*

# Extracurricular and Out-of-School Activities



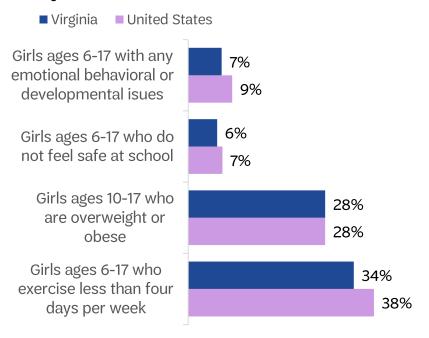


# Top ranked states for girls' well-being:

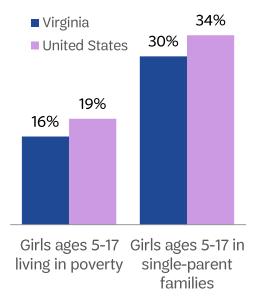
- 1. New Hampshire
- 2. Utah
- 3. Minnesota
- 4. Vermont
- 5. South Dakota
- 6. Massachusetts
- 7. Nebraska
- 8. Connecticut
- 9. Maine
- 10. North Dakota



## **Physical and Emotional Health**



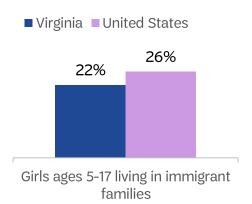
# **Economic Well-Being**



## **Girls' Race/Ethnicity**

	Virginia	United States
White	56%	51%
Latina	12%	25%
Multiracial	5%	4%
American Indian	0%	1%
Asian	6%	5%
Black	21%	14%

### Girls' Immigrant Status



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Source: PRB analysis of the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS), U.S. Census Bureau Population Estimates, National Survey of Children's Health (NSCH), and National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). ACS, NSCH, and NAEP estimates are based on surveys of the population and are subject to both sampling and nonsampling error. These measures represent the most recent data gathered from national and government sources for the period 2012–2015.

\*The state ranking for girls' well-being is a composite measure designed to summarize the well-being of girls in each of the 50 states across the 13 measures of well-being summarized in this fact sheet in education, economic well-being, extracurricular and out-of-school activities, and physical and emotional health.



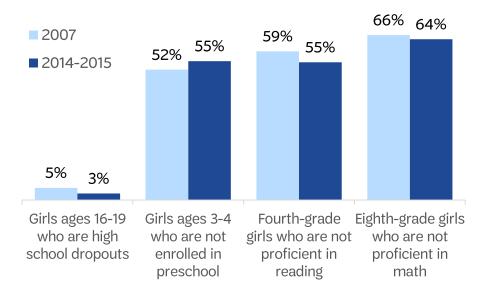
# Girls' Well-Being in Virginia: 2007 – Present

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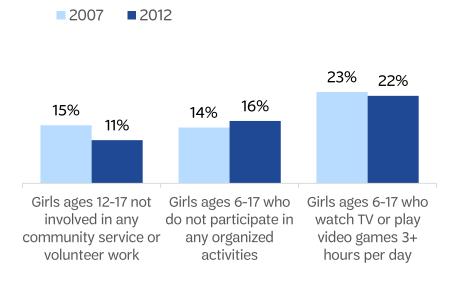
This profile summarizes recent trends in the well-being of the 663,425 girls ages 5 to 17 living in Virginia across two time points: before and after the Great Recession, which took place from 2007 to 2009.

### **Education**



The population of girls living in Virginia rose to **663,425** in 2014 from **649,394** in 2007.

# Extracurricular and Out-of-School Activities



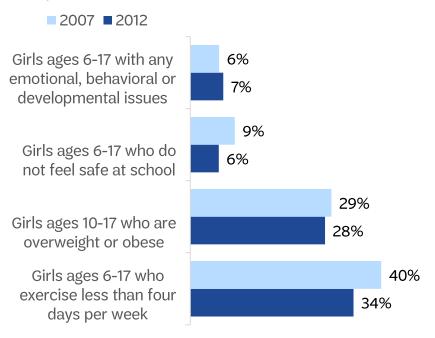
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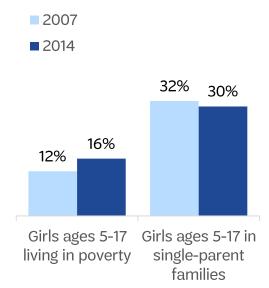
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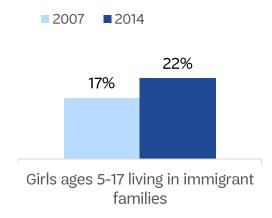
# Economic Well-Being



## **Girls' Race/Ethnicity**

	2007	2014
White	62%	56%
Latina	8%	12%
Multiracial	3%	5%
American Indian	0%	0%
Asian	4%	6%
Black	23%	21%

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