#### Virginia Association of Counties 2015 - Region 12 Legislative Meeting



### Economic and Workforce Development Trends and Issues

John J. Smolak III

Appalachian Power

Director, Economic and Business Development

# Site location factors for business development



- Suitability of business parks, land and buildings
- Scale and skills of the labor market / workforce
- Scale and socioeconomic characteristics of the region
- Availability and quality of infrastructure – roads, electric, water/sewer, broadband telecom, intermodal terminals and connections

- Access to markets including airports, marine ports, intermodal rail
- Business support services and business climate – job training, regulatory climate and transport services
- Cost of doing business competitive labor, utilities, infrastructure and taxes
- Quality of life assets schools, recreation, culture

#### Additional factors



- The "top of mind" questions for the C Level executive considering a new or expanded location...
  - Will this region meet my current investment needs?
  - Will this region meet my long term needs to sustain and grow my business into the future?

#### Comparison



- 30 years ago
  - Key economic drivers that drove new investment and job growth
    - Land
    - Labor
    - Capital

#### Comparison

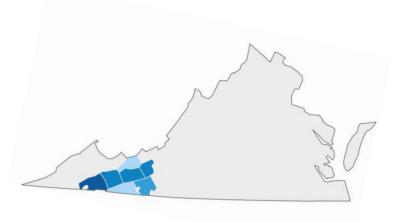


- Today all that plus more
  - Workforce Talent: attracting and keeping a talented workforce pool
  - Access to Technology: research and development, training facilities, tech companies in the region
  - Transportation: global supply chain and logistics
  - Communication: broadband connectivity

### VACo Region 12 Economy Overview



A unit of American Electric Power



Jobs by County (Thousands):

Washington 27.3

Pulaski 16.7; Smyth 15.9; Wythe 14.9

Carroll 10.5

Bland 3.3K; Grayson 4.5

Population (2014)	202,147	
Jobs (2014)	93,114	
Average Earnings (2014)	\$37,000	
Unemployed (2/2015)	5,397	
Education Completions (2013)	2,722	
GRP (2013)	\$5,721,560,413	
Exports (2013)	\$10,582,104,909	
Imports (2013)	\$11,118,139,480	

Source: EMSI 2015.1

### **Population Trend**



A unit of American Electric Power

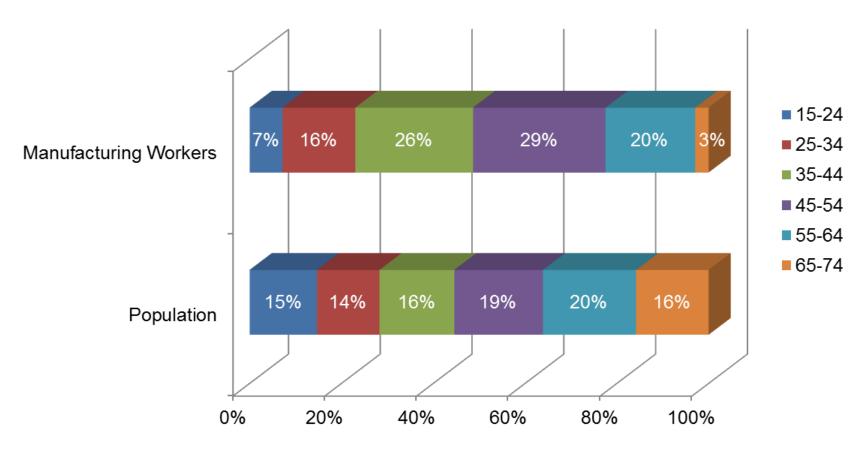
Area	2014 Population	2024 Population	Change	% Change
7 Counties	202,147	202,198	51	0%
State	8,365,888	8,815,202	449,314	5%
Nation	319,076,238	332,026,922	12,950,684	4%

Source: QCEW Employees, Non-QCEW Employees, Self-Employed & Extended Proprietors - EMSI 2015.1 Class of Worker

# Manufacturing Workers and Population by Age



A unit of American Electric Power

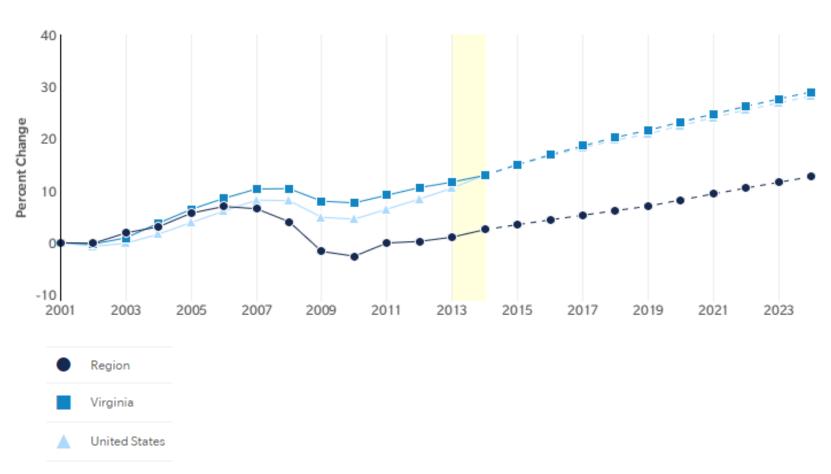


Source: EMSI 2015.1; manufacturing workers n=16,284; population n=153,290

### Regional Job Trend



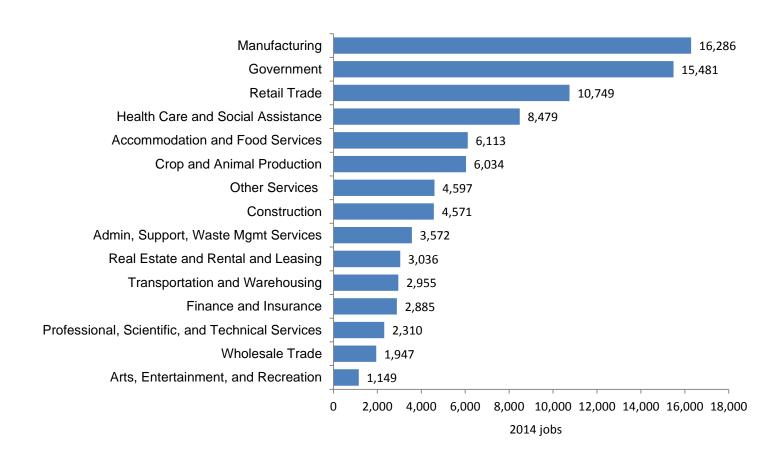
A unit of American Electric Power



Source: EMSI 2015.1

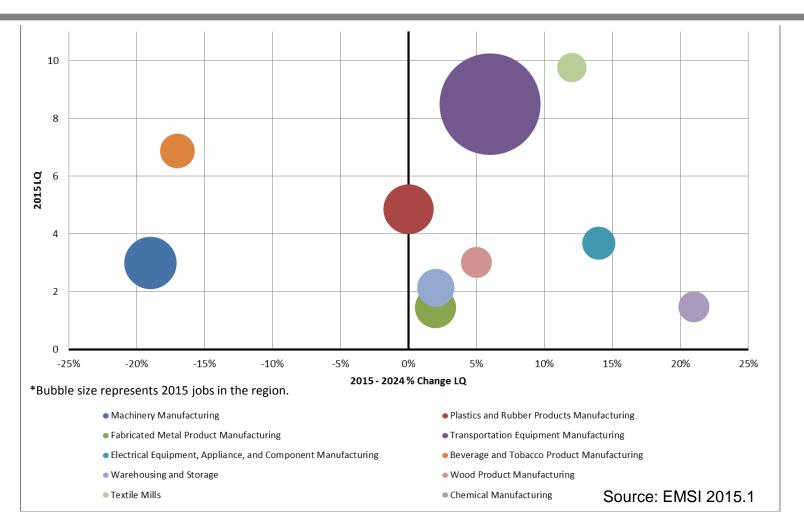
# Largest Employment Sectors





## 2015 Location Quotient Key Mfg Industries & Warehousing

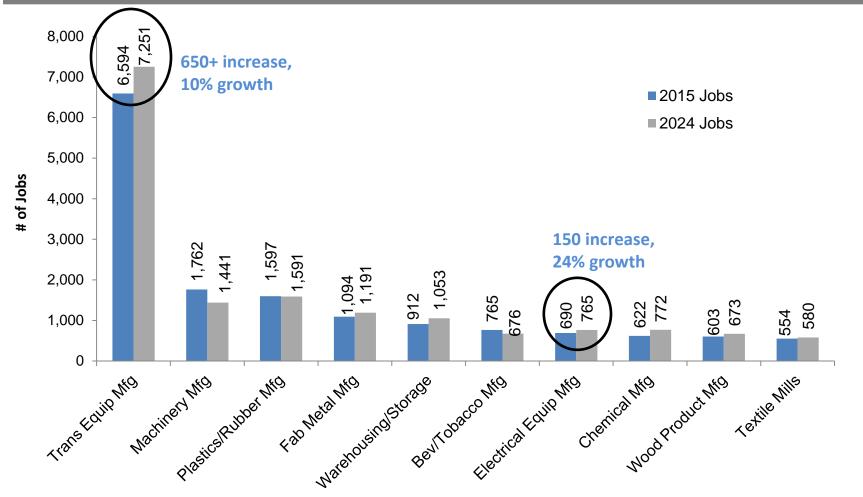




### Top Industries of Tomorrow Key Mfg Industries & Warehousing



A unit of American Electric Power



Source: EMSI 2015.1

### Worker Commuting Patterns In & Out of the Region



A unit of American Electric Power



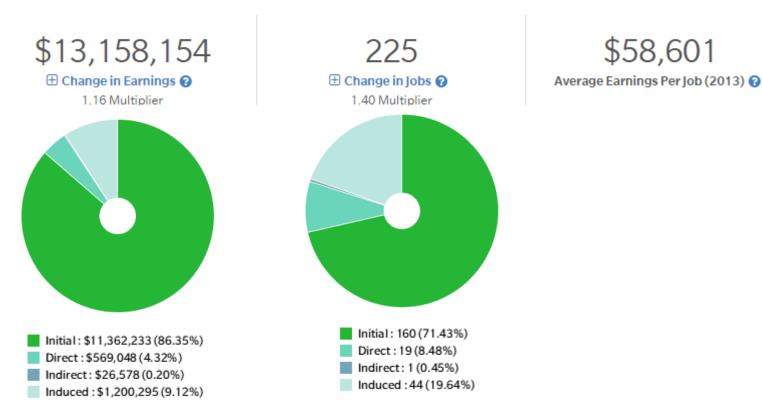
Source: Census On The Map

#### Multiplier Effect



A unit of American Electric Power

Mayville Engineering Company, Inc. (MEC) | 160 New Jobs | Smyth County



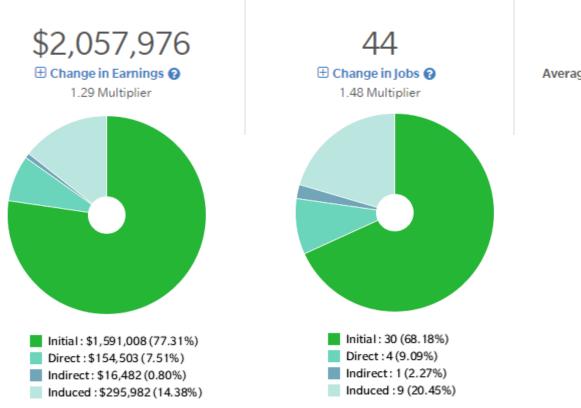
Source: EMSI 2015.1, NAICS 336370 Motor Vehicle Metal Stamping

### Multiplier Effect



A unit of American Electric Power

Guardian Industries | 30 New Jobs | Galax City



\$46,343
Average Earnings Per Job (2013) @

Source: EMSI 2015.1, NAICS 327211: Flat Glass Manufacturing

# Thank you for your Attention



Comments and Questions?