

Fairfax County Benchmarking Charts

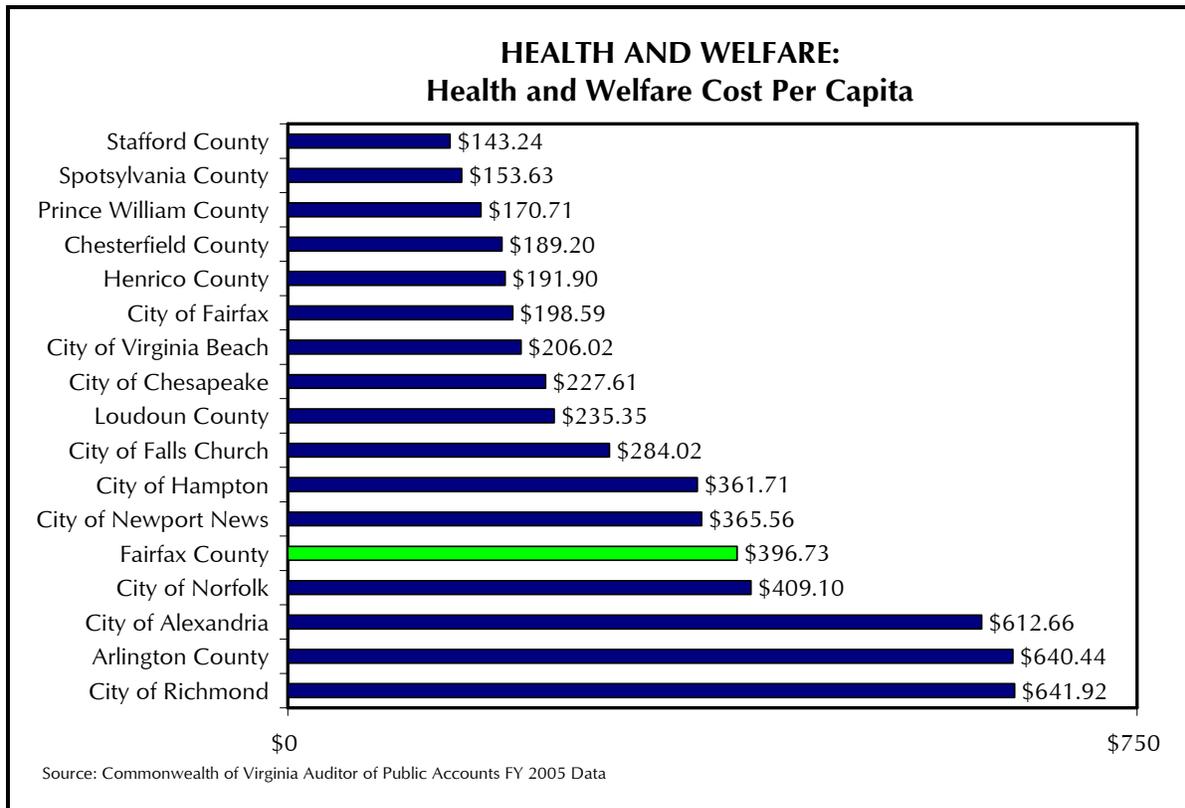
Health and Welfare Program Area Benchmarking Charts

Comparative performance information for the Health and Welfare Program Area comes from a variety of sources. This is in fact, one of the richer program areas for benchmarking due to the wide variety of programs and statistics that are collected for them. Data included for this program area were obtained from the Commonwealth of Virginia's Auditor of Public Accounts (APA), the Virginia Department of Health and the Virginia Department of Social Services.

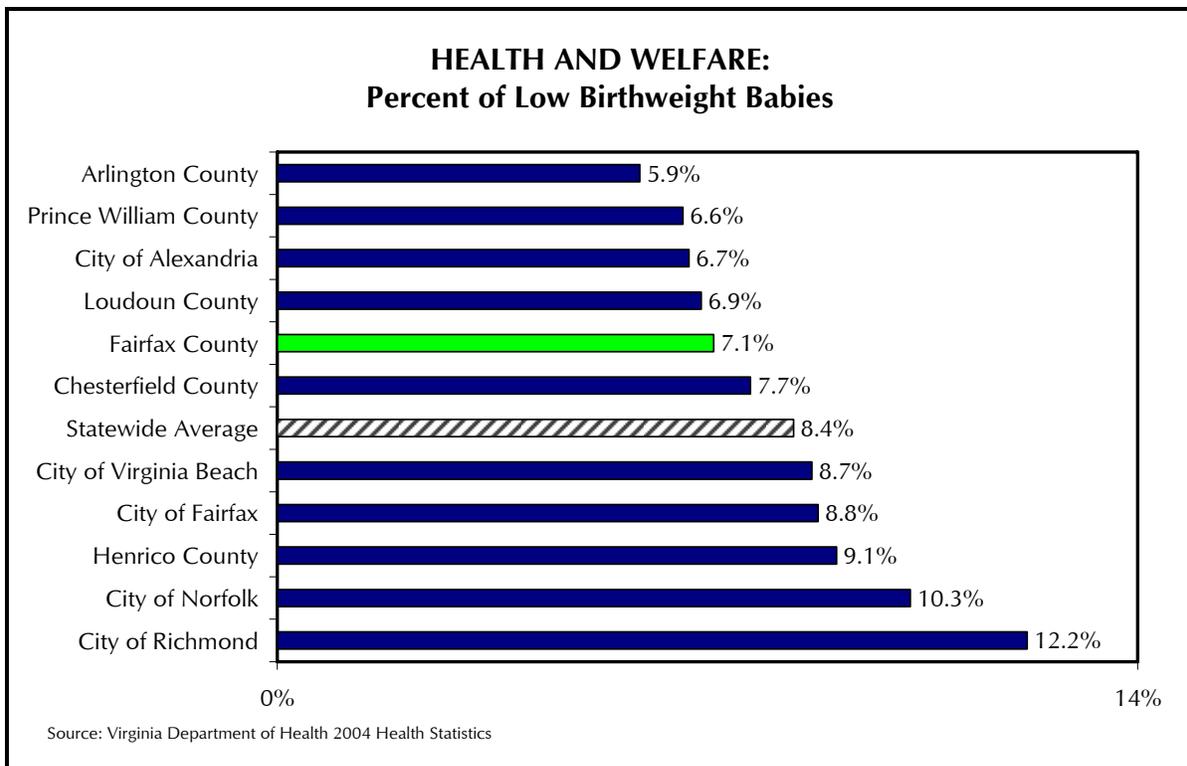
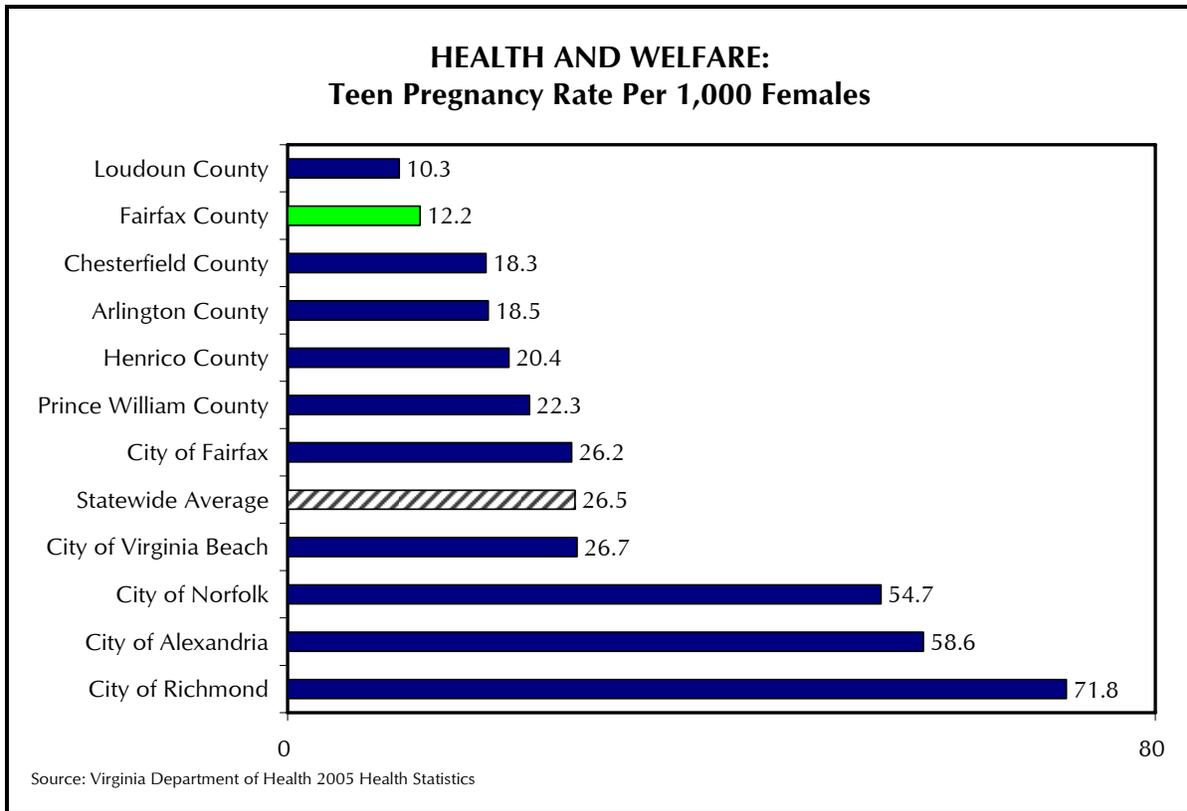
The APA collects financial data annually from all Virginia jurisdictions. Due to the timeframe involved in collecting and verifying the data, FY 2005 represents the most recent year for which data are available. As seen below, Fairfax County's cost per capita for Health and Welfare indicates the high level of local support for these programs and reflects the County's increasing urbanization that brings its own challenges in terms of human service needs.

Data provided by the Virginia Department of Health are included to show how Fairfax County compares to other large jurisdictions in the state, as well as the statewide average in the areas of teen pregnancy rate, low birthweight and infant mortality. Again, due to the timeframe for collecting and verifying data, 2005 represents the most recent year for these statistics, except for Percent of Low Birthweight Babies, which had not yet been updated by the state as of publication of this budget. Therefore, 2004 data are included pending the release of more recent data.

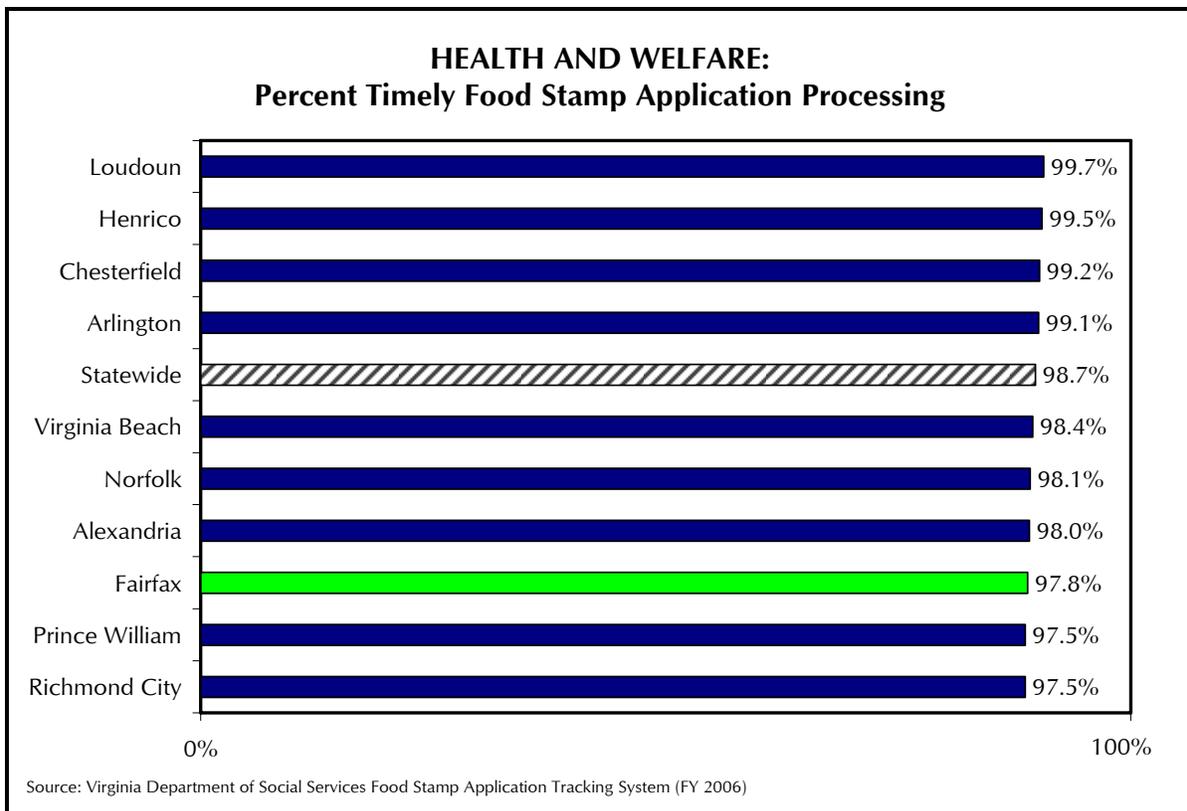
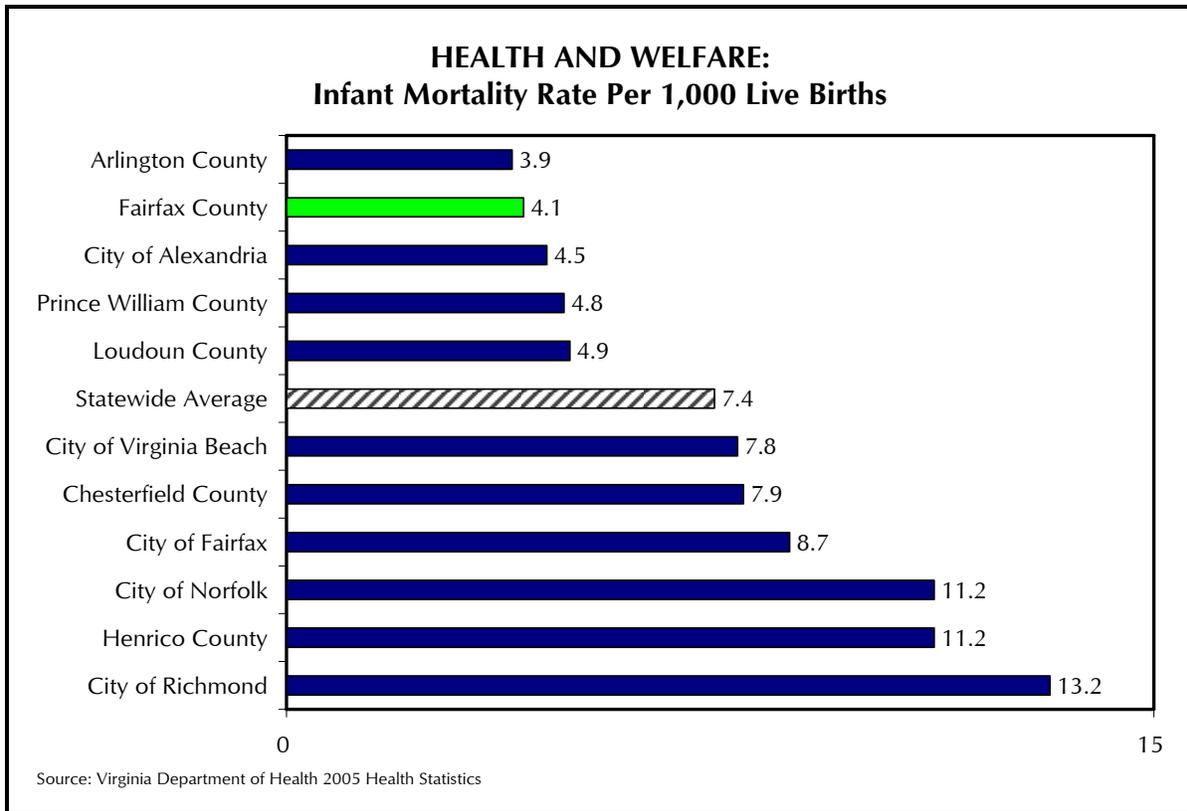
Another source included is the Virginia Department of Social Services which collects comparative data for various programs including Food Stamps, VIEW (Virginia Initiative for Employment not Welfare), Children in Foster Care and Rates of Abuse per 1,000 Children. Fairfax County data are presented in comparison to other larger jurisdictions in the state and show a fairly high level of performance.



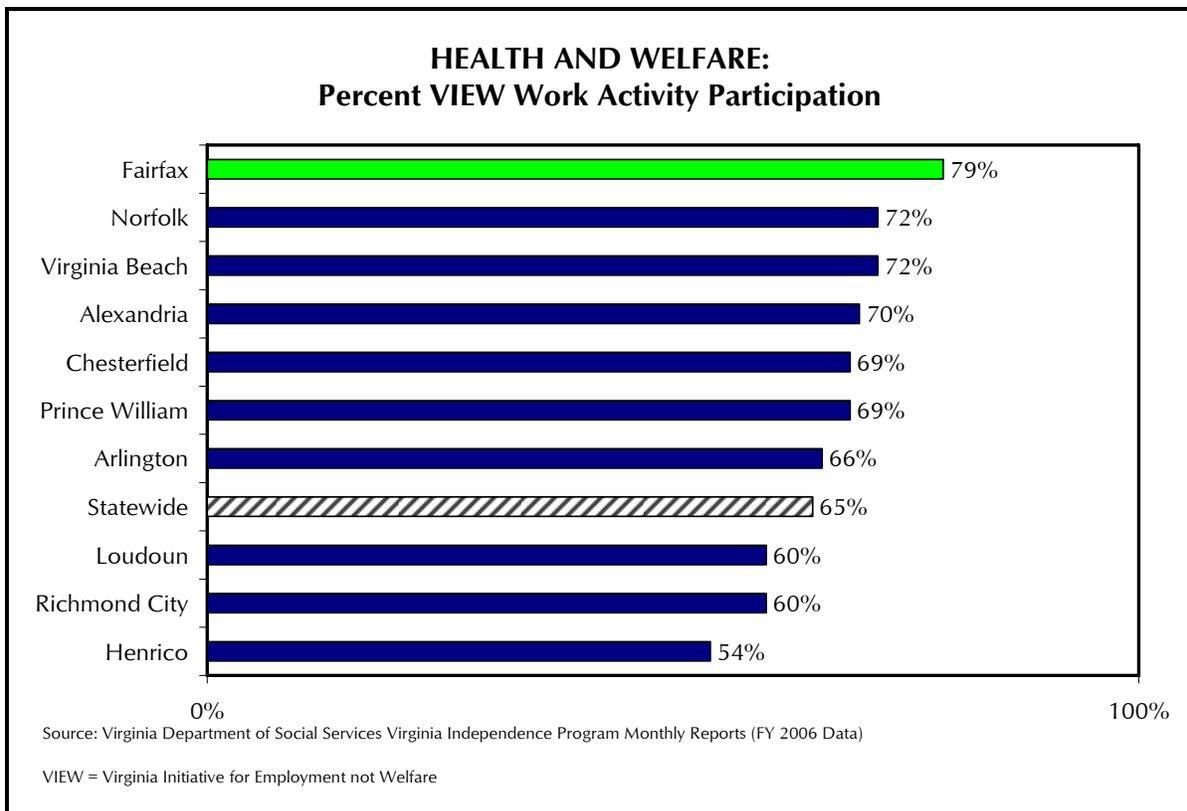
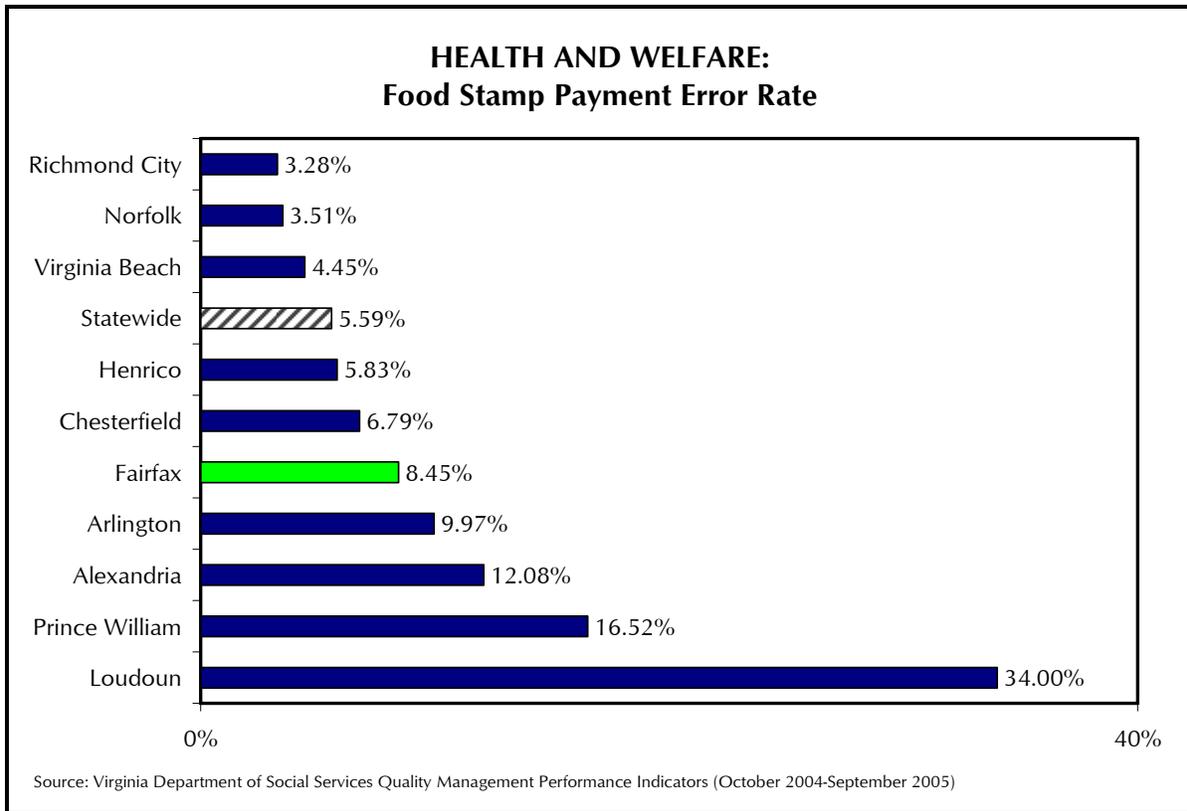
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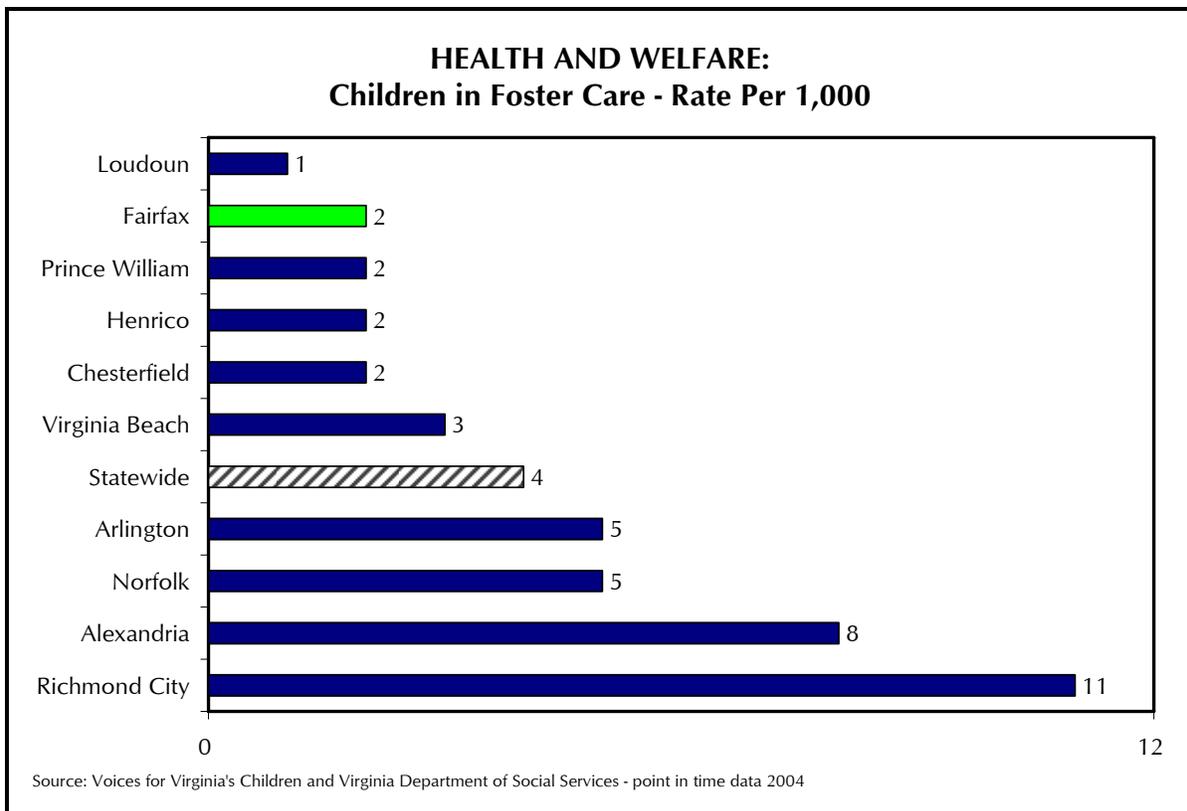
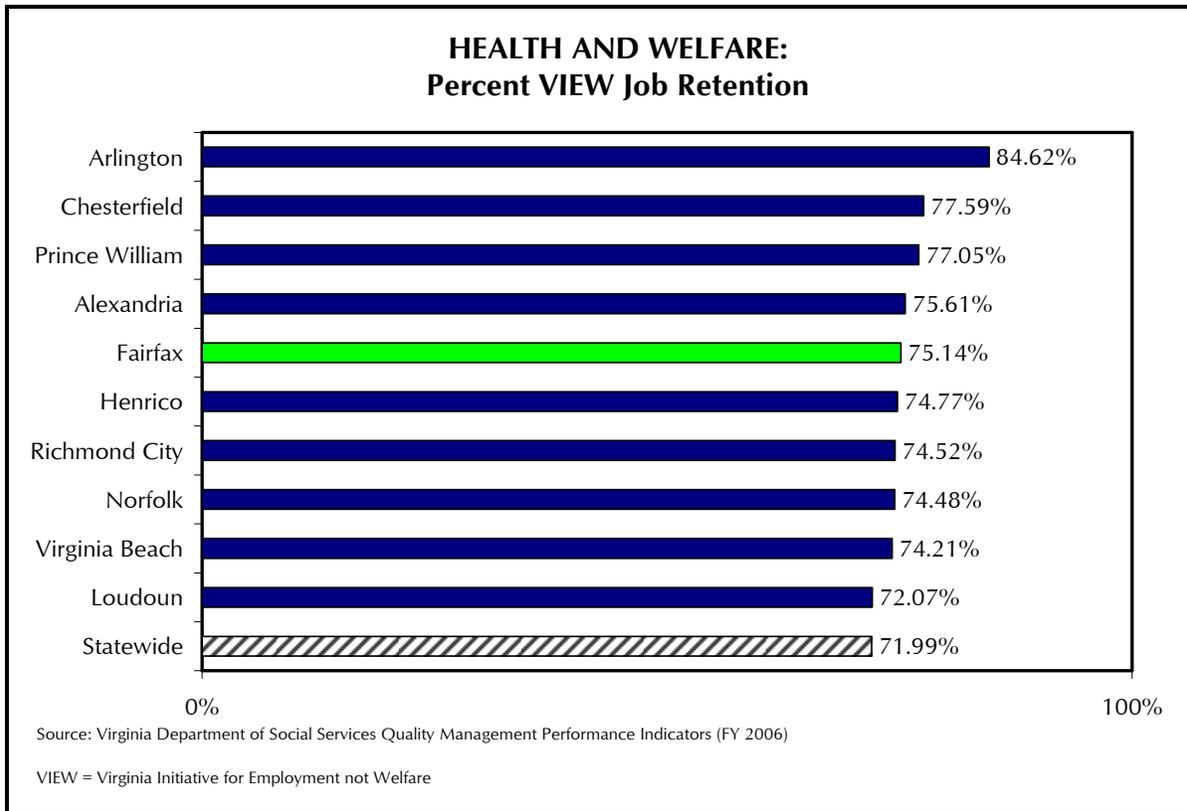
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