

Key Facts on Boys and Men in Virginia



Boys and men are facing challenges on many fronts, including education, health and work.

44%

44% of men aged 25-54 have a bachelor's degree or higher, compared to 52% of women.

26%

Only 26% of 4th grade boys are reading at or above the proficient level, compared to 36% of girls, the third highest gap in the nation.

44%

Men's share of undergraduate enrollment is 44%, compared with 56% for women.

67%

Men account for 67% of the unsheltered population and 58% of people experiencing homelessness.

12%

Among men aged 25-54, 12% don't have health insurance, compared to 8% of women.

13%

13% of men aged 16-24 are neither working nor in school.

79%

Men account for 79% of suicide deaths in Virginia.

71%

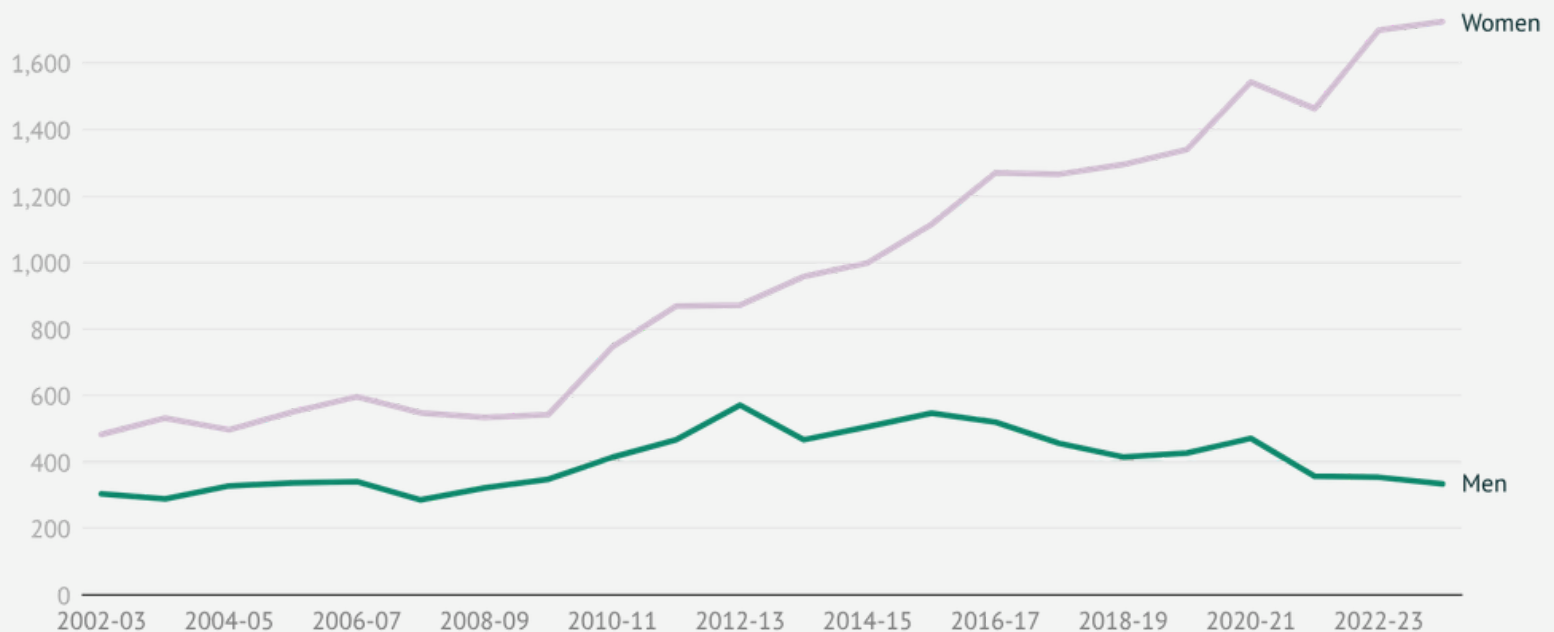
Men account for 71% of overdose deaths in Virginia.

Virginia: Male Teachers

The state of male teachers and the teacher pipeline

Education degrees are stagnant for men, growing for women

Number of bachelor's degrees in education awarded in Virginia by gender (2003-2024)



16%

The male share of education bachelor's degrees in Virginia was 16% in 2024, compared to 39% in 2003.

19%

In Virginia, men accounted for about 19% of teachers in 2024, an increase from 15% in 1970.

7%

Men are approximately 7% of early childhood education teachers in Virginia public schools.