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Department of Health Professions

**Joint Commission on Health Care**  
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*Overview and Priorities*  
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## DHP Facts and Figures

- **6/30/14 Current licenses: 374,626**
- 6/30/10 Current licenses: 325,515
- 13 Health Regulatory Boards
- 82 Professions and Occupations
  - 2014: Genetic Counselors, Surgical Technologists & Surgical Assistants
  - 2012: Behavior Analysts and Assistant Behavior Technologists
  - 2010: Polysomnographic Technologists, Mobile Dental Clinics and Portable Dental Operations
- No General Funds

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## DHP Boards

- Audiology & Speech-Language Pathology
- Counseling
- Dentistry
- Funeral Directors & Embalmers
- Long-Term Care Administrators
- Medicine
- Nursing
- Optometry
- Pharmacy
- Physical Therapy
- Psychology
- Social Work
- Veterinary Medicine
- Health Professions

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## DHP Boards

- Working Boards
  - Discipline
  - Licensing
  - Regulations and Legislation
  - Policy
- Over 180 Board Members
- Professional and Public Members
- DHP “Umbrella” Agency

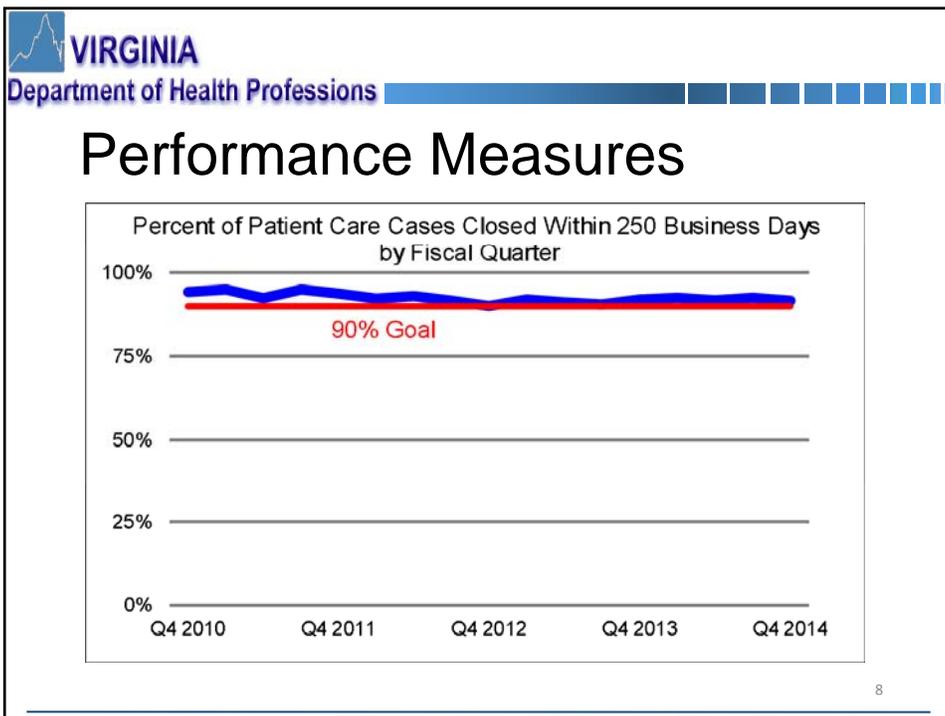
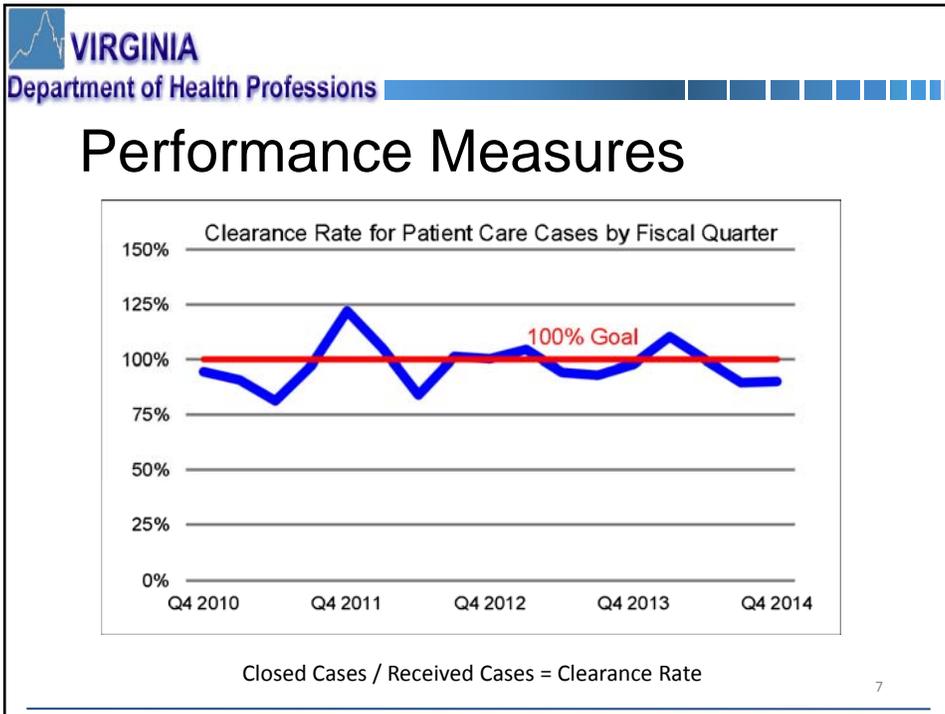
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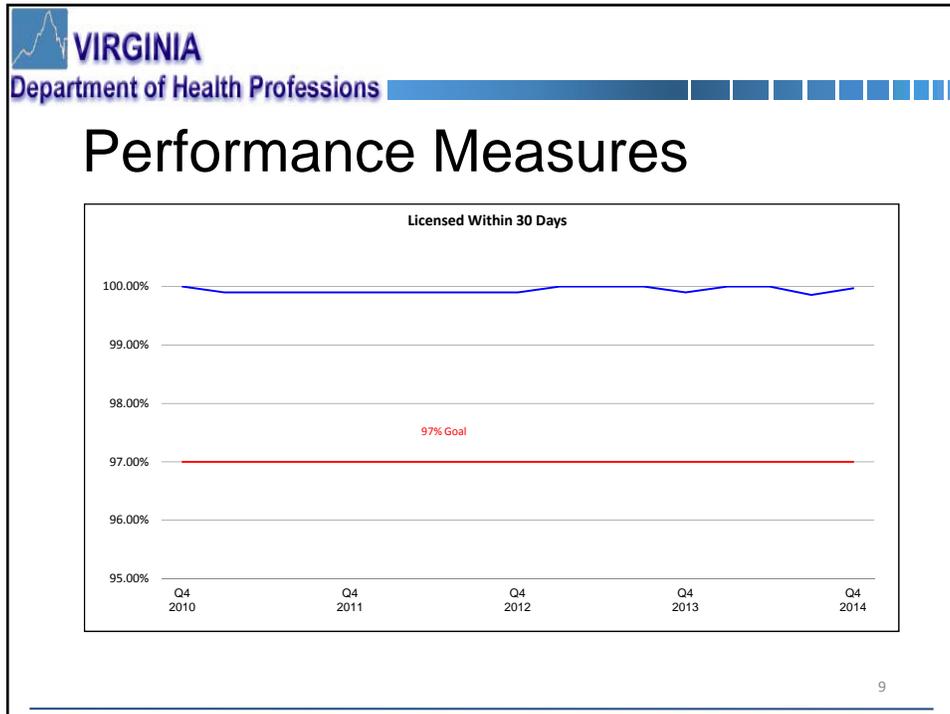


## Annual License Renewal Costs

	NC	MD	WVA	TX	VA
Physician	\$ 175.00	\$ 261.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 426.00	<b>\$ 146.50</b>
RN	<b>\$ 46.00</b>	\$ 92.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 70.00
Dentist	\$ 329.00	\$ 298.00	<b>\$ 185.00</b>	\$ 425.00	\$ 285.00
Optometrist	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 409.00	<b>\$ 135.00</b>
Chiropractor	\$ 150.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 362.00	<b>\$ 135.50</b>

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## Big Picture Issues

- Professions seeking licensure
  - Public protection - or ability to bill - or title protection
- Regulation for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century
  - Collaborative care
  - Expanding scopes of practice
  - Telehealth
- Regulation needs to adapt to changing healthcare environment

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## Current Issues

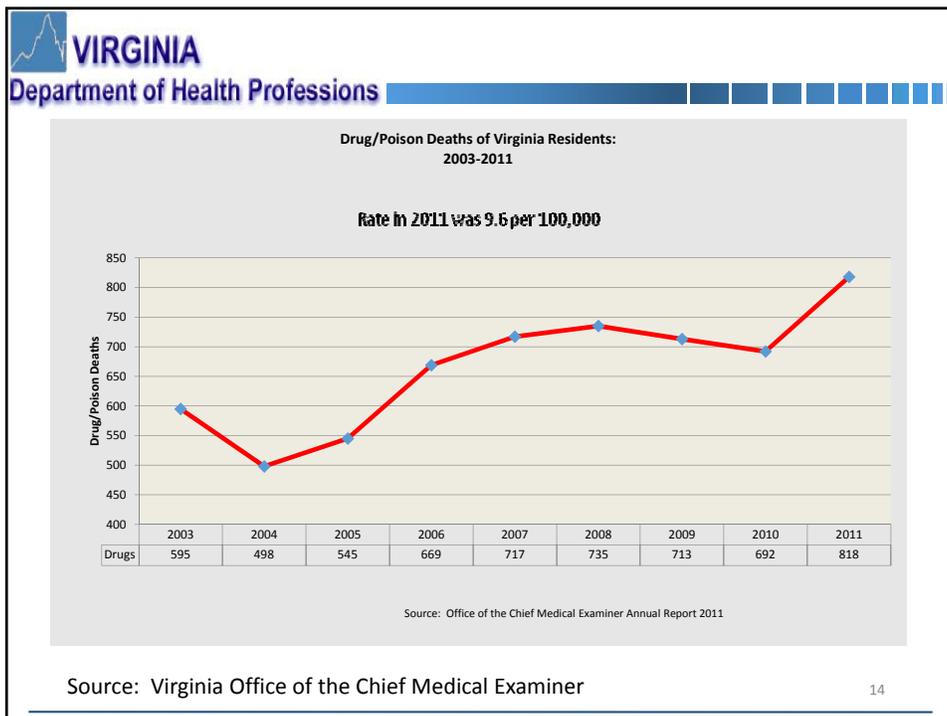
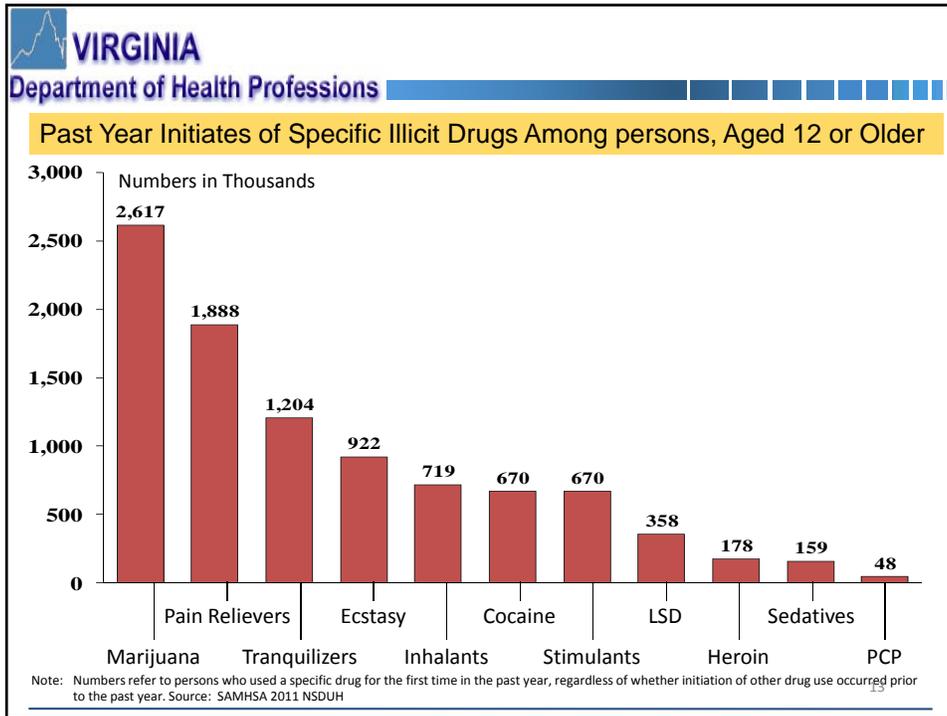
- Mid-level Provider (JHC)
- Physician-owned Distributorships (HB1235/SB536)
- Criminal Background Checks
- Compounding of Drugs
- Death Certificates
- NGA Veterans' Licensure and Certification
- Prescription Drug Abuse

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## VIRGINIA'S PRESCRIPTION MONITORING PROGRAM

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## Prescription Monitoring Program

- 24/7 Database of Schedule II – IV Prescriptions
- Pharmacies, dispensing physicians report within 7 days
- Reporting exemptions include: samples; emergencies; administration of covered substances; dispensing to patients in nursing homes, hospitals, hospice; veterinarians; narcotic maintenance treatment program
- PMP is interoperable with 24 states, including WV, KY & TN
- *Mandatory registration of prescribers begins July 2015*

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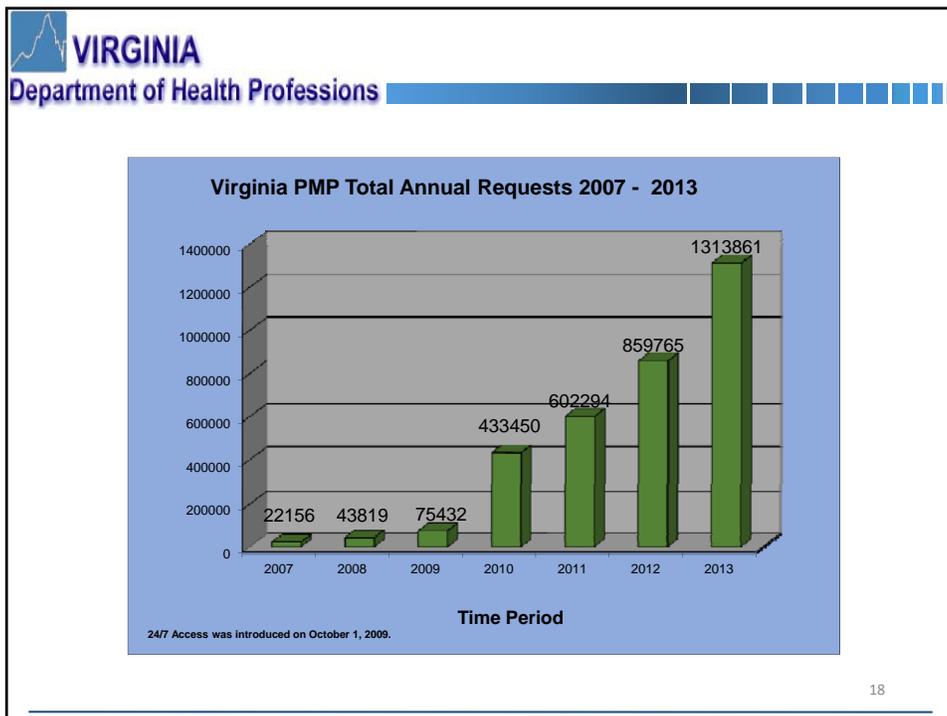
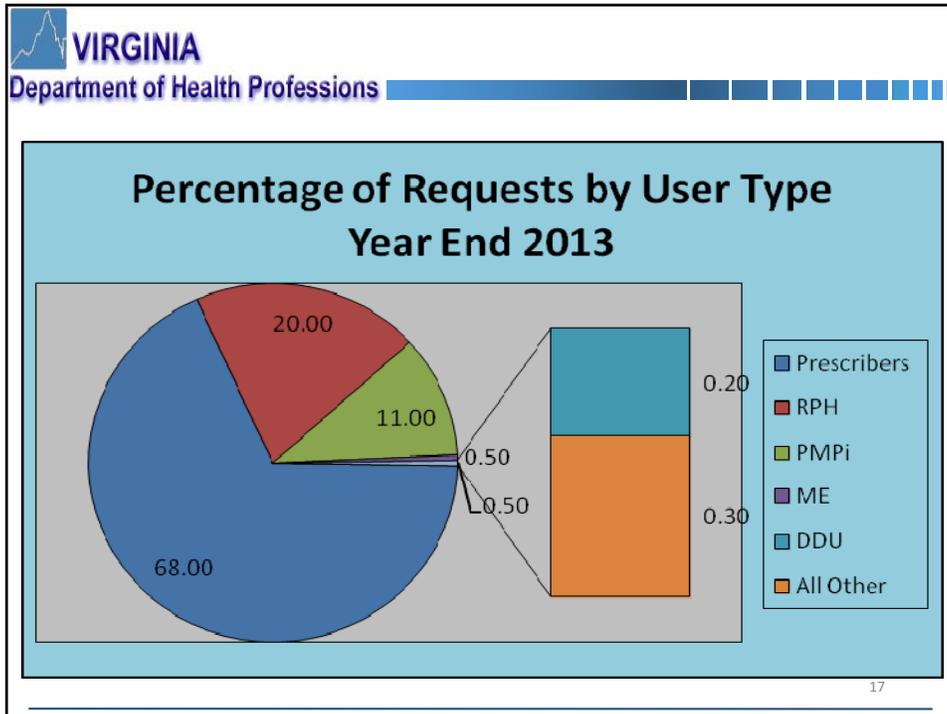


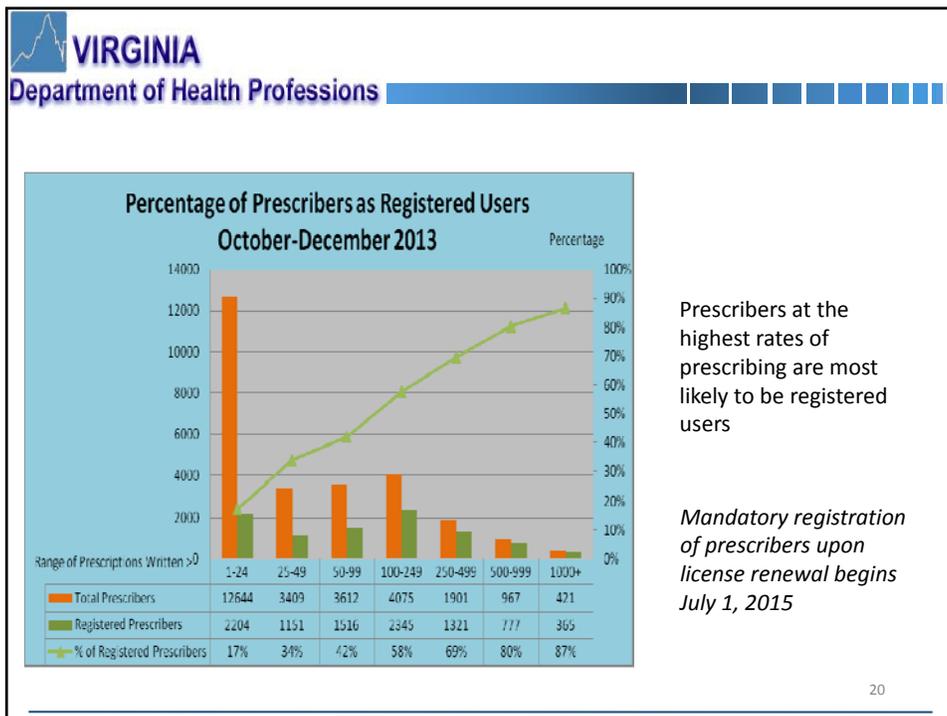
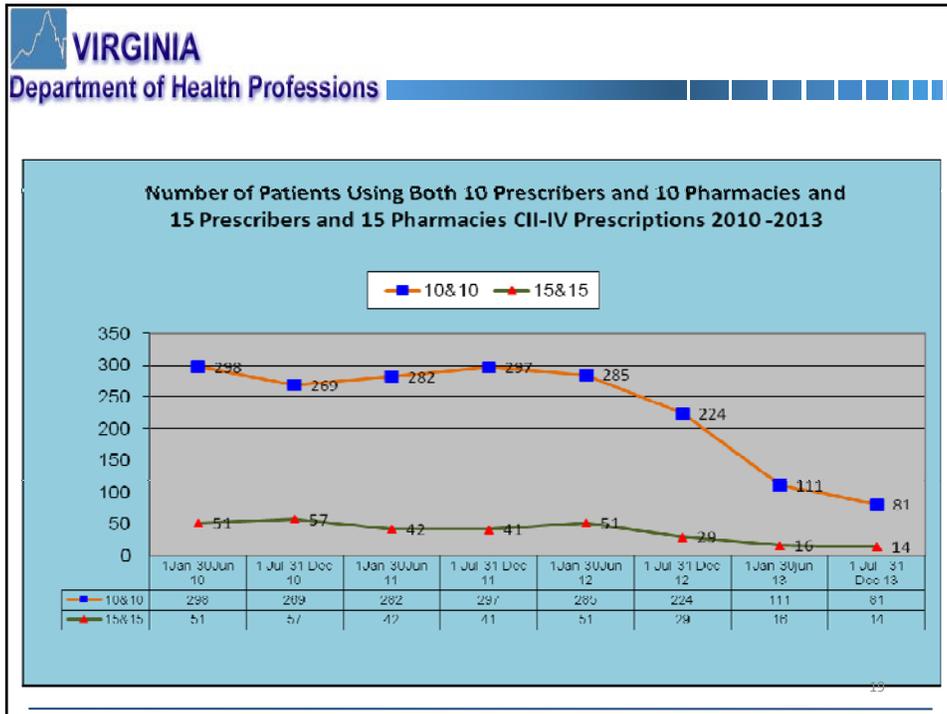
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## Who May Get Information?

- Prescribers and Pharmacists for their patients
- Investigators for licensing boards, if there is an open investigation
- Certain law enforcement agents, if there is an open investigation
- Patients for their own prescription history

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## Healthcare Workforce Data Center

- Profession-specific (now over 20) surveys  
<http://www.dhp.virginia.gov/hwdc/findings.htm>
- Voluntary at time of license renewal
- High participation rate
- Nursing Education Program Reports

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Healthcare Workforce Data Center Resources  
 Profession Reports

**The Physician Assistant Workforce:  
At a Glance:**

<u>The Workforce</u>	<u>Background</u>	<u>Current Employment</u>
Licenses: 2,953	Rural Childhood: 31%	Employed in Prof.: 97%
Virginia's Workforce: 2,382	HS Degree in VA: 42%	Hold 1 Full-time Job: 72%
FTEs: 2,321	Prof. Degree in VA: 36%	Satisfied?: 97%
<u>Survey Response Rate</u>	<u>Education</u>	<u>Job Turnover</u>
All Licensees: 64%	Masters: 70%	Switched Jobs in 2013: 11%
Renewing Practitioners: 81%	Baccalaureate: 17%	Employed over 2 yrs: 52%
<u>Demographics</u>	<u>Finances</u>	<u>Primary Roles</u>
Female: 69%	Median Inc.: \$90k-\$100k	Patient Care: 92%
Diversity Index: 29%	Health Benefits: 71%	Administration: 2%
Median Age: 37	Under 40 w/ Ed debt: 80%	Education: 1%

Source: Va. Healthcare Workforce Data Center

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