EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT & EARNINGS: ANALYZING DATA FROM GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

This Cluster Analysis of Government & Public Administration in the Commonwealth highlights information important to each of the six pathways — Public Management and Administration, Regulation, Governance, Revenue and Taxation, National Security, and Planning—including in this career cluster.

What trends do we currently see? What trends may we anticipate?
• Government & Public Administration appears to be the smallest career cluster, perhaps because the list of government service occupations that the BLS tracks is small, and many government specialties are not included.
• Many occupations across this cluster—particularly those in the Governance, Planning, and Revenue and Taxation pathways—require college degrees.
• Employment growth is anticipated in most of this cluster’s pathways.

EDUCATION

Figure 1 shows the predominant level1 of education and training in each pathway. Education classification is determined by Trailblazers, based on US Bureau of Labor Statistics occupational education and training data.

Footnote 1: Reflects predominant education by the number of occupations in each pathway, not the number of workers.
EMPLOYMENT

Figure 2 compares the estimated 2012 employment for each pathway to projected 2022 employment levels.

Data are provided by the Virginia Employment Commission.

EARNINGS AND GROWTH

Figure 3 presents the size and median wage-earning for the two fastest-growing occupations in each pathway. Wage data are provided by the US Bureau of Labor Statistics’ Occupational Employment Statistics program.