

**VIRGINIA EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION (VEC)
HB 110 REPORTING REQUIREMENTS
September 22, 2006**

This report is based on guidance provided in the Secretary of Health and Human Resources memorandum of August 25, 2006 to meet the HB 110 reporting requirements regarding the impact of the aging of the population.

- To the extent such data is available, the number of persons who received services from the agency in the past fiscal year who fell into each of the following age ranges: 65-74; 74-85; and 85 and older. If the agency can provide data that compares such numbers to numbers of senior citizens served in the past, please do so.

Employment Services Program – Individuals served by the VEC in State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2006 compared with SFY 2005 and SFY 2004:

Service Provided	SFY 2006 7/1/2005 – 6/30/2006	SFY 2005 7/1/2004 – 6/30/2005	SFY 2004 7/1/2003 – 6/30/2004
Persons 65-74 Years of Age:			
Number Registered	10,657	9,076	9,210
Number of Services Received from VEC staff	10,740	11,505	9,971
Number of Referrals to Jobs Listed with the VEC	4,058	4,609	3,702
Number Securing Employment after Receiving Service from VEC Staff	797	936	800
Persons 75 – 84 Years of Age:			
Number Registered	1,267	1,050	1,057
Number of Services Received from VEC staff	1,449	1,409	1,122
Number of Referrals to Jobs Listed with the VEC	519	518	417
Number Securing Employment after Receiving Service from VEC Staff	78	93	85
Persons 85 Years of Age and Older:			
Number Registered	85	66	64
Number of Services Received from VEC staff	75	62	53
Number of Referrals to Jobs Listed with the VEC	29	30	23
Number Securing Employment after Receiving Service from VEC Staff	10	4	7

Unemployment Insurance Services Program – Individuals served by the VEC in SFY 2006 (July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006):

Age	Number of Claimants
Under 22 years	11,128
22 to 24 years	25,057
25 to 34 years	99,923
35 to 44 years	112,662
45 to 54 years	111,122
55 to 64 years	57,962
65 years and older	10,242
Total	428,096

Gender	Number of Claimants
Female	214,285
Male	213,811
Total	428,096

- Identify the agency services that are utilized by senior citizens 65 and older in significant numbers. Indicate whether the agency has the capacity at present to serve all interested seniors or whether the demand for certain services exceeds the agency’s capacity. If so, does the agency maintain waiting lists for services?

VEC services used by senior citizens 65 and older in significant numbers include Unemployment Insurance Services, Employment Services, job referral information and services, and labor market information services. The Agency has capacity at present to serve all interested seniors.

- Identify current agency programs, specifically designed to serve seniors 65 and older, that fall into any of the following six categories: Health Care/Wellness; Education; Public Safety; Recreation; Financial Security (including Housing); and Transportation.

VEC’s services are available to the universal population. The agency does however partner and coordinate services at the local level with local Office of Aging programs such as Green Thumb, Area Offices on Aging, and AARP. VEC offices/workforce centers also display service information designed for seniors. Senior Employment Resources (SER) representatives partner with VEC to sponsor job search and support services seminars for seniors as well as job fairs at the VEC location. VEC assists the Agency on Agency in recruiting employers for senior’s specific job fairs in Northern Virginia. Senior “issues” are also routinely discussed with our Employer Advisory Committee (EAC) membership.

- Identify the extent to which your agency provides “consumer-oriented” publications and websites online that are designed to be “senior-friendly.”

Our agency publications and website are senior-friendly. Website currently contains a link to the Virginia Association of Agencies on Aging, which covers 25 local areas of the

Commonwealth. Website also contains a link to “Senior Services” of Alexandria, which offers an employment counseling service for seniors in that particular jurisdiction.

5. Describe any other services or programs that the agency has implemented or plans to implement in the future to address the impact of the aging of Virginia’s population.

We will continue to work with employers in assisting them fill their job openings. Increasingly, these job seeker referrals will include seniors as this population segment is increasing in number and remaining in the workforce longer.