

Community Needs Assessment



City of Colonial Heights Youth & Family Indicators 2020

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INTRODUCTION

This report indicates statistics corresponding to the status of youth and families in the City of Colonial Heights. Many of the indicators in this report follow the Communities That Care model for assessing risk in community, family, and school environments. The purpose of this report is to identify trends through a multi-year time span.

Charts and data are included with the most current information provided. The data is used to identify trends in the following demographics: Individual/ Peer, School, Drug and Alcohol Use, Transition and Mobility, and Family History.

In many places throughout the report, data is entered as years of fiscal years. The fiscal year (FY) refers to the calendar year used by the government and runs from July 1 of the previous year through June 30 of the current year, therefore FY 2019 runs from July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019.

Most data is specific to Colonial Heights. However, as Colonial Heights is partnered with Chesterfield County for the Department of Social Services, Health Department, and Courts System, unless otherwise noted, the data may be representative of Chesterfield and Colonial Heights combined.

If any questions, comments, or suggestions for additional indicators to be included in this report, contact the Office on Youth and Human Services by mail at P.O. Box 3401, Colonial Heights, VA 23834, by phone (804) 520- 9286, or by e-mail at lynchb@colonialheightsva.gov

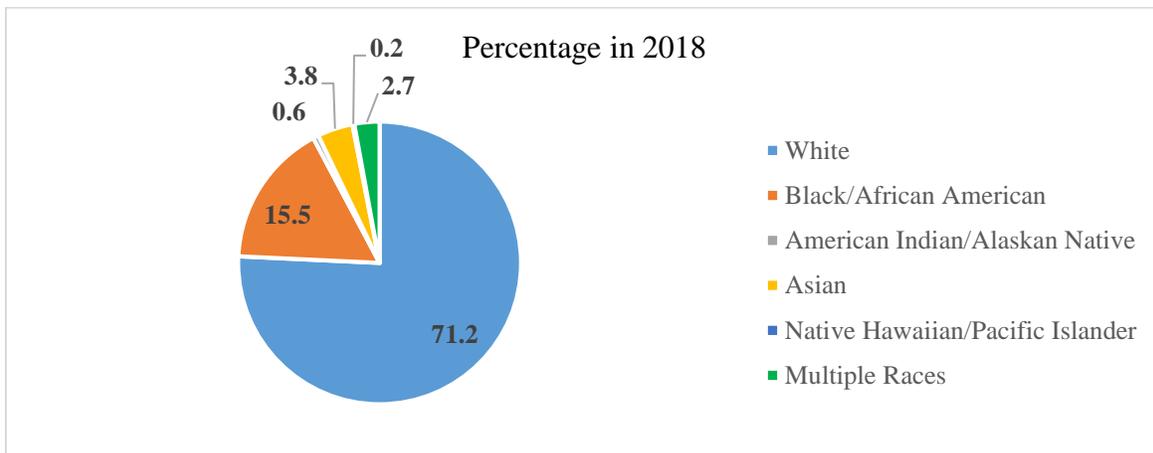
DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE INDICATORS

The demographic information below refers to the past population, projected growth, mobility of residents, and information regarding the families of Colonial Heights. Population data is further explained in terms of race and ethnicity, age group, and gender.

Colonial Heights population by race and ethnicity.

Race	Approximate in 2010	Approximate in 2018	Percentage in 2018
White	14,326	13,497	71.2%
Black or African American	1,783	2,943	15.5%
American Indian or Alaska Native	68	126	0.6%
Asian	578	714	3.8%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	8	34	0.2%
Multiple Races	390	519	2.7%
Other	258	N/A	N/A
Total Population	17,411	18,954	18,954
Ethnicity			
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	674	1,121	6.0%

Source: Virginia Community Profile



2018 Population of Colonial Heights, Virginia, & United States by Gender

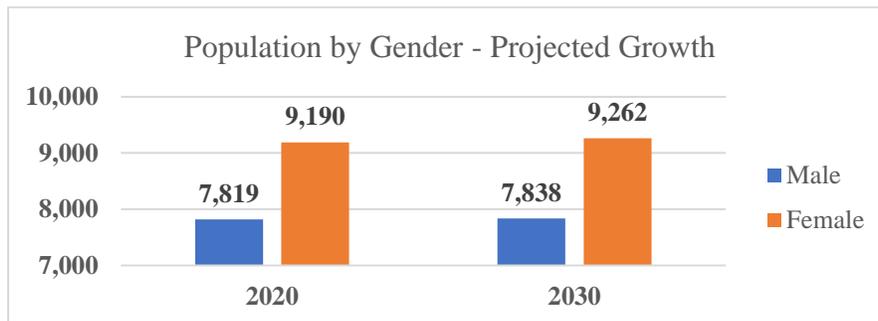
	Colonial Heights	Virginia	United States
Male	8,681	4,190,701	160,966,378
Female	10,273	4,326,984	166,201,056
Total	18,954	8,517,685	327,167,434

Source: Virginia Community Profile and U.S. Census Bureau

Projected Population Growth

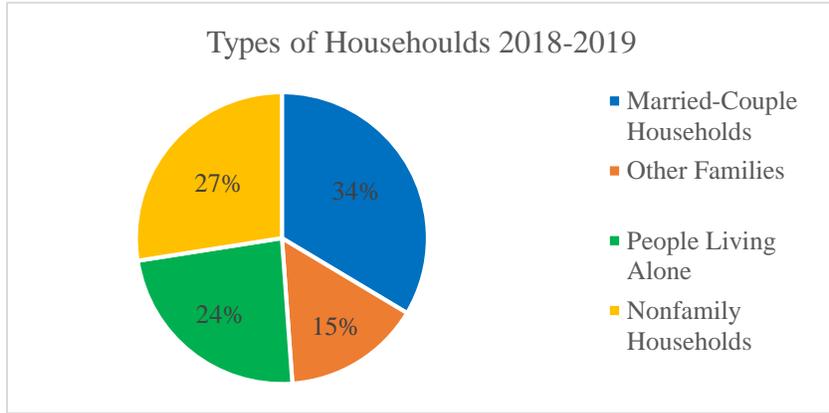
Age	2020		2030	
	Female	Male	Female	Male
Under 5	451	443	457	449
5 – 9	506	472	520	484
10 – 14	592	574	593	575
15 – 19	517	555	499	537
20 – 24	469	480	497	509
25 -29	528	488	540	499
30 – 34	480	418	472	411
35 – 39	506	491	526	510
40 – 44	503	422	509	427
45 – 49	500	503	520	523
50 – 54	506	457	463	419
55 - 59	613	511	515	429
60 – 64	617	497	516	416
65 – 69	516	428	571	474
70 – 74	585	410	586	411
75 – 79	424	303	472	337
80 - 84	348	173	455	226
85 +	529	194	551	202
Total	9,190	7,819	9,262	7,838
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Source: Virginia Community Profile – VEC

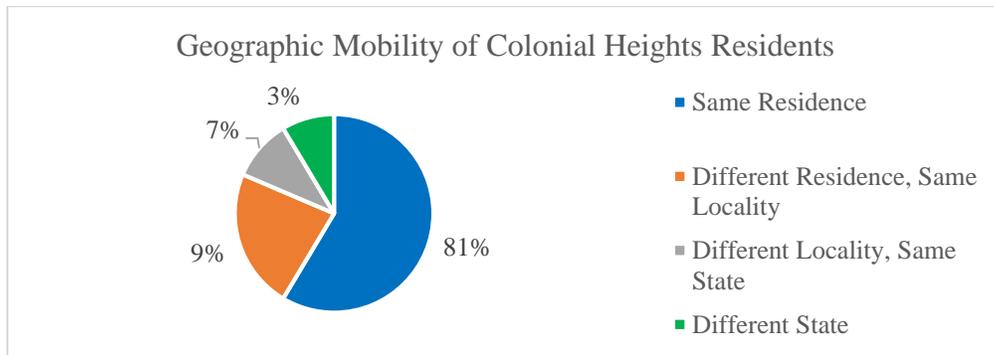


Family Households – Family Households – According to the 2017 US Census, the average family size in Colonial Heights was 2.45 members. The 2017 US Census projections estimated that the total population consisted of 7,092 households in the City of Colonial Heights with families making up 6,139 of the households in Colonial Heights. Families, defined by the US Census Bureau, consist of a householder and one or more people related to the householder by birth, marriage, or adoption. Same-sex married couples were not counted as families, instead, they were counted as nonfamily households. However, this may change in future censuses due to the Obergefell v. Hodges Supreme Court decision in 2015. Nonfamily

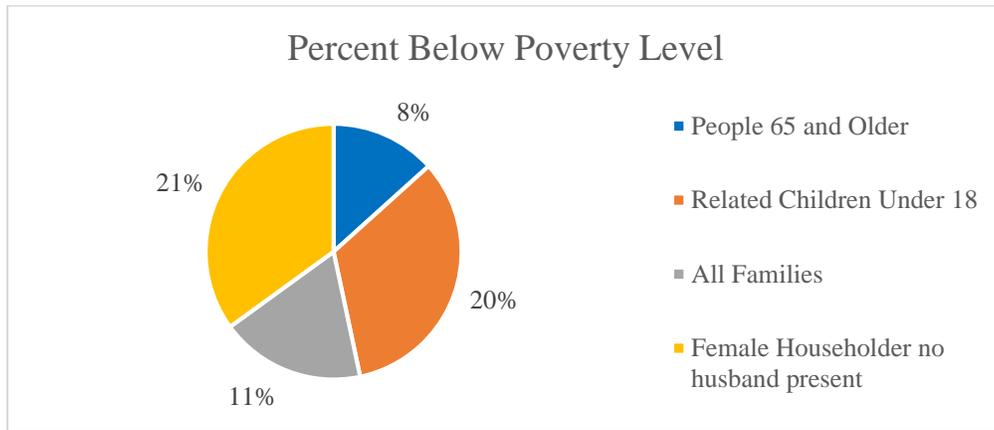
households were people living alone or composed of people living in households in which no one was related to the householder.



Geographic Mobility - The chart below shows geographic mobility of Colonial Heights residents in 2013. Geographic mobility refers to the measure of how populations move over time. Between 2005 and 2009, 87 percent of the people, at least one year old, living in Colonial Heights were living in the same residence as the previous year. However, in 2013 the percentage decreased to 81 percent. Previously, 5 percent had moved during the past year from another residence in the same locality; however, this percentage increased by 4 percent to a total of 9 percent in 2013. In 2009, 5 percent of residents relocated from another locality in Virginia, this percentage has had a 2 percent increase to a total of 7 percent. There was also a 1 percent increase of residents relocating to a different state culminating in a total of 3 percent.



Poverty Level – The median income of households in Colonial Heights in 2017 was \$50,952. Seventy-one percent of the households received earnings and twenty-eight percent received retirement income other than Social Security. Thirty-eight percent of the households received Social Security. The average income from Social Security was \$18,456. These income sources are not mutually exclusive; that is, some households received income from more than one source. In 2013-2017, 11 percent of people were in poverty, twenty percent of related children under 18 were below the poverty level, compared with 8 percent of people 65 and over. Eleven percent of all families and 21 percent of families with a female householder and no husband present had incomes below the federal poverty level.



Source: Data USA

Unemployment Rate - The unemployment rate is the number of unemployed people as percentage of the workforce. As of August 2019, the unemployment rate for Colonial Heights was 3.1%, the state rate for Virginia was 2.8%, and the United States unemployment rate was 3.8%. The unemployment rate for Colonial Heights consistently been lower than that of the United States. However, it is generally higher than the Virginia rate. Below is a table with the unemployment rates for Colonial Heights, Virginia, and the United States.

Year	Colonial Heights	Virginia	United States
2013	6.5%	5.7%	7.4%
2014	5.8%	5.2%	6.2%
2015	4.7%	4.5%	5.3%
2016	4.5%	4.1%	4.9%
2017	4.0%	3.7%	4.4%
2018	3.3%	3.0%	3.9%

Source: Virginia Community Profile

Commuting Patterns & Employment – According to the VA Community Profile, published by the Virginia Employment Commission, there are 1,058 people who live and work in Colonial Heights. There are 8,852 people who commute into the city for work and 6,937 people who commute out of Colonial Heights for work. Based on the number of commuters, it appears that 7,621 residents of Colonial Heights are employed and in the workforce. According to the same report, there are 10,665 employed workers in Colonial Heights with the five largest employment industries being retail (2,913); accommodation & food services (2,179); health care & social assistance (1,721); government – this includes federal, state, & local – (1,309); and Other Services (except Public Administration) (389). The average weekly wages for these industries are as follows: retail – \$438/week; accommodation & food services – \$301/week; health care & social assistance – \$788/week; government (all levels) – \$1,009/week; and Other services (except Public Administration) - \$724/week. For more information regarding the VA Community Profile for Colonial Heights, please contact Karen Epps, Economic Development Director, 201 James Avenue, Colonial Heights, VA 23834. eppsk@colonialheightsva.gov

SCHOOL-RELATED INDICATORS



The school year in Colonial Heights runs from the first Tuesday after the first Monday in September through the second week in June. Colonial Heights currently has three elementary schools (Lakeview, North, and Tussing Elementary Schools), one middle school (Colonial Heights Middle School), and one high school (Colonial Heights High School). Additionally, there is a technical center (Colonial Heights Technical School) and an alternative education school (Community Day School). All schools are accredited by the Virginia Board of Education and by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Below are tables and graphs related to school demographics, achievements, and safety.

Public School Enrollment (As of September 30 of each school year) – Enrollment in Colonial Heights Public Schools remained relatively constant over the last six years averaging total enrollment of 2,830 students.

	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Elementary	1,235	1,238	1,282	1,321	1,368	1376
Middle	710	658	649	624	624	646
High	881	899	906	888	874	877
TOTAL	2,826	2,795	2,837	2,833	2,866	2,899

Source: Virginia Department of Education

Ethnicity of the School Population (As of September 30 of each school year)

	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
White	1,871	1,858	1,820	1,728	1,679	1674
Black	510	463	518	603	640	605
Hispanic	188	191	183	195	217	271
Asian	102	100	106	90	82	85
American Indian	5	1	0	1	3	2
Hawaiian	2	2	2	5	6	4
Non-Hispanic/ 2 or more races	148	180	208	211	239	258

Source: Virginia Department of Education

Students in English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Programs (As of September 30 of each school year) – This is the number of students served in appropriate programs of language assistance (e.g., English as a Second Language, High Intensity Language Training, and bilingual education).

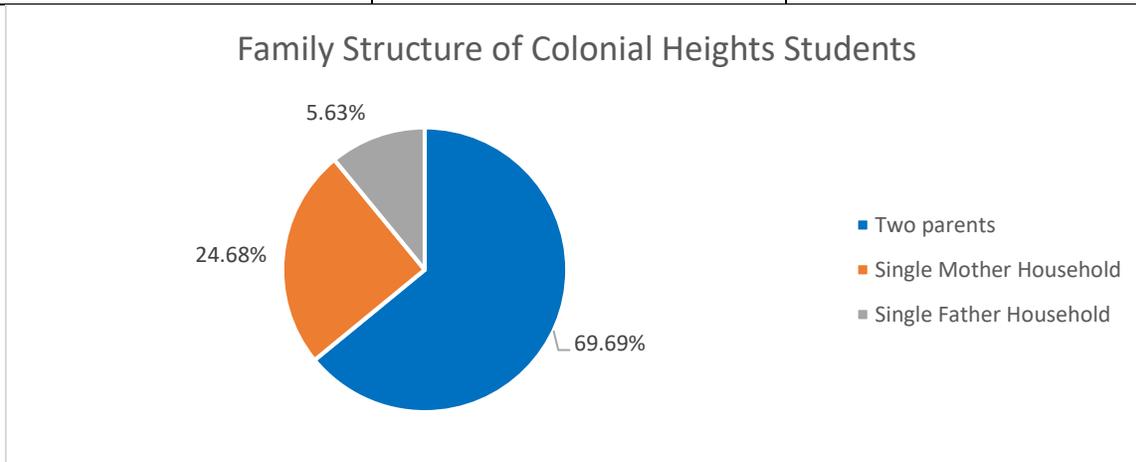
	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
LEP/ELL TOTAL	126	137	124

Source: Virginia Department of Education School Quality Report

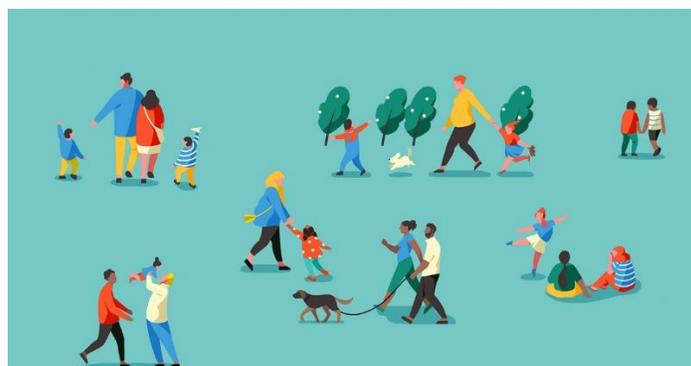


Family Structure of Colonial Heights Students – Data represents total number of families in Colonial Heights with children 18 years or younger. Based on data collected in the 2010 Census, and projected numbers generated each year, the majority of Colonial Heights students live in two parent homes while most others live in a single parent household.

	Percentage	Numbers
Two parents	69.69%	1437
Single parent (mother)	24.68%	509
Single parent (father)	5.63%	116



Source: U.S. Census, American Community Survey, 2017



The **Standards of Learning (SOL)** describe the commonwealth's expectations for student learning and achievement in grades K-12 in English, mathematics, science, history/social science, technology, the fine arts, foreign language, health and physical education, and driver education.

The annual SOL testing is administered at the elementary and middle school levels as follows:

- SOL Reading: 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grades.
- SOL Math: 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grades.
 - SOL Writing: Eighth grades.
 - SOL Science: 5th and 8th grades.
- SOL History/Social Studies: Eighth grades.

**There was no SOL testing done for the 2019-20 school year due to COVID pandemic.*

The following data provides information of school and student success based on Standards of Learning (SOL) annual testing, displaying the percentage of passing and advanced passing students by grade level and subject matter.

Elementary – At the elementary school level, SOL tests are administered to 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students. These students take SOL tests on reading and mathematics.

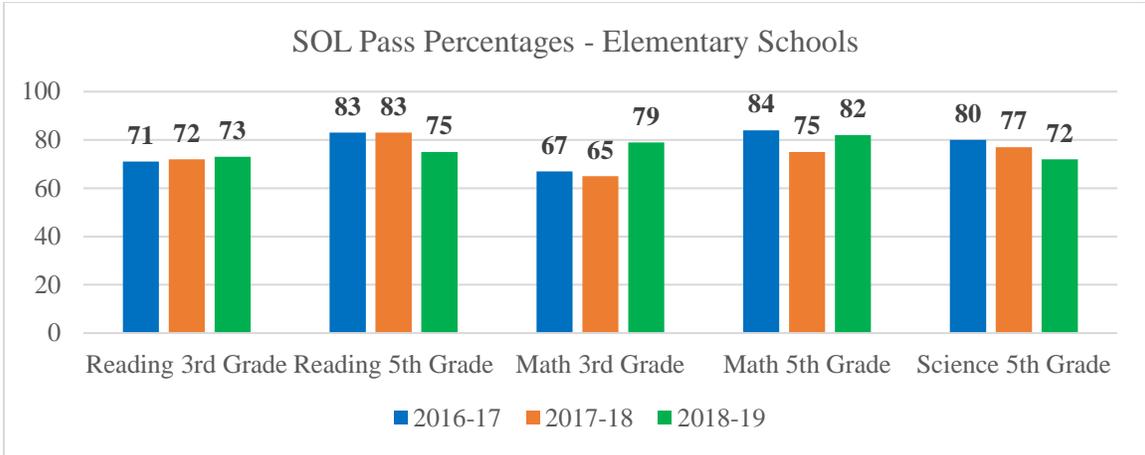
3rd Grade

	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Reading	71	72	73	exempt
Mathematics	67	65	79	exempt
Advanced Passing Percentage				
Reading	13	11	12	exempt
Mathematics	13	5	13	exempt

5th Grade

	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Reading	83	83	75	exempt
Mathematics	84	75	82	exempt
Science	80	77	72	exempt
Advanced Passing Percentage				
Reading	21	9	16	exempt
Mathematics	20	13	15	exempt
Science	26	34	16	exempt

Source: Virginia Department of Education



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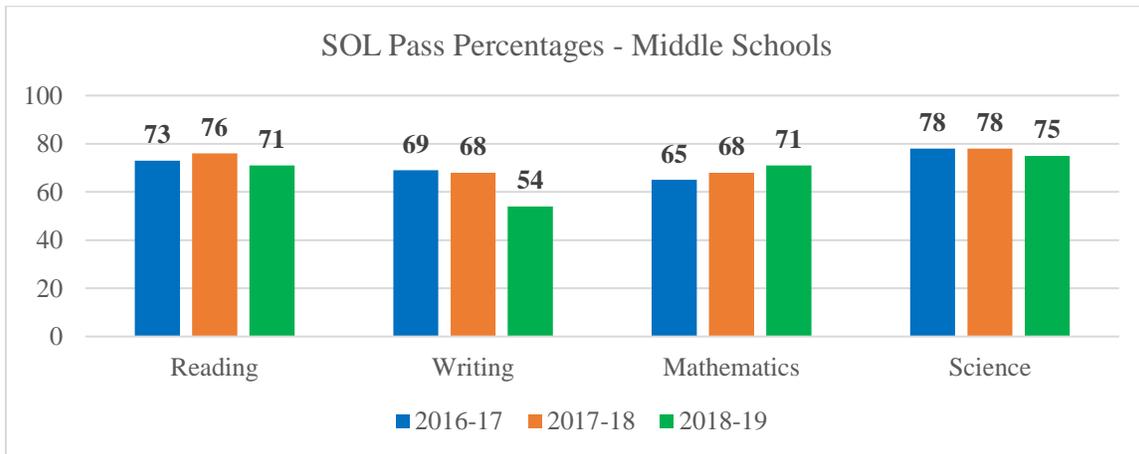
Pictured is Colonial Heights Middle School



Colonial Heights Middle School – Students in Grade 8 take SOL tests in Writing, Reading, Math, and Science.

	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Reading	73	76	71	exempt
Writing	69	68	54	exempt
Mathematics	65	68	71	Exempt
Science	78	78	75	exempt
Advanced Passing Percentage				
Reading	10	5	5	exempt
Writing	19	13	9	exempt
Mathematics	0	0	0	exempt
Science	6	5	10	exempt

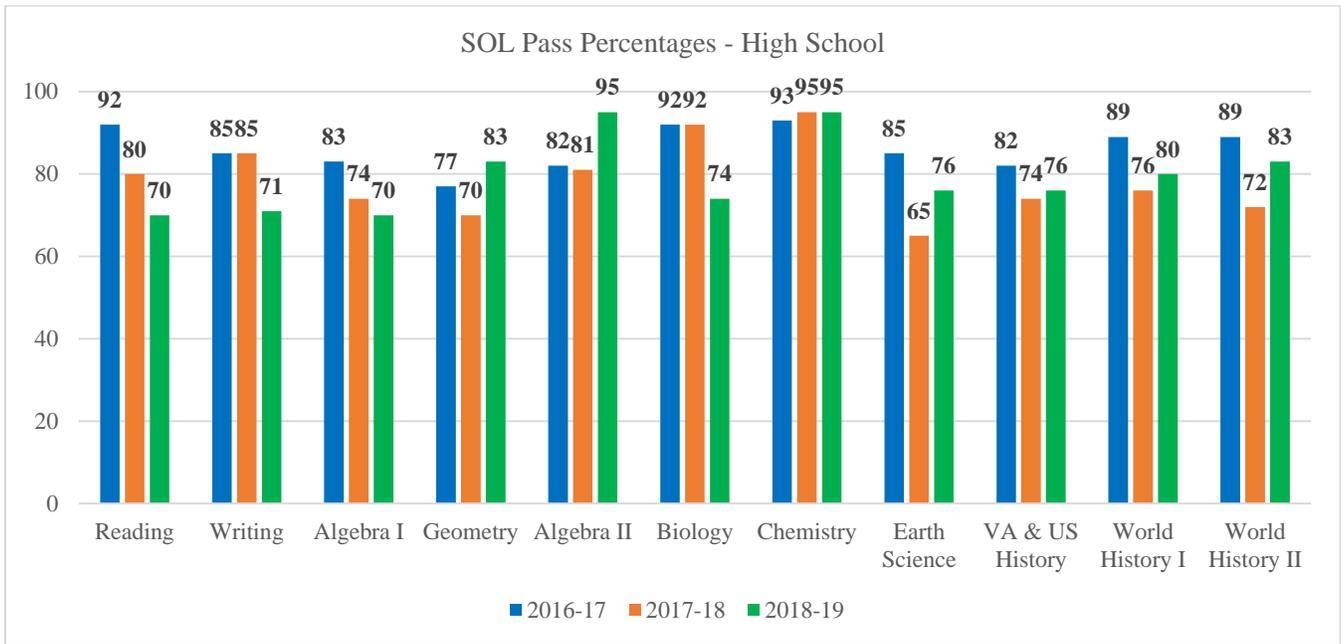
Source: Virginia Department of Education



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Colonial Heights High School – At the high school level, SOL tests are administered by course and not grade level, which is different from elementary and middle school. The data represents the percentage of students passing end-of-course SOL tests for the past 3 consecutive years.

	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Reading	92	80	70	exempt
Writing	85	85	71	exempt
Algebra I	83	74	70	exempt
Geometry	77	70	83	exempt
Algebra II	82	81	95	exempt
Biology	92	92	74	exempt
Chemistry	93	95	95	exempt
Earth Science	85	65	76	exempt
VA & US History	82	74	76	exempt
World History I	89	76	80	exempt
World History II	89	72	83	exempt
Advanced Passing Percentage				
Reading	6	6	5	exempt
Writing	20	24	0	exempt
Algebra I	0	0	0	exempt
Geometry	4	4	6	exempt
Algebra II	16	11	25	exempt
Biology	13	15	9	exempt
Chemistry	14	10	8	exempt
Earth Science	6	6	3	exempt
VA & US History	20	15	5	exempt
World History I	16	12	11	exempt
World History II	13	10	9	exempt



Source: Virginia Department of Education

PALS-K Testing – PALS-K testing is the Phonological Awareness Literacy Screening given to kindergarten students yearly, this screening identifies students that are below kindergarten readiness. Below is the percentage of kindergarten students identified in the fall as needing additional intervention under the Early Intervention Reading Initiative (EIRI).

	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Number of Students Below Kindergarten Readiness in Colonial Heights	39	40	37	29	35	34
Percentage of Students Below Kindergarten Readiness in Colonial Heights	17.7%	21.3%	17.0%	14.0%	16.0%	16.0%
Percentage of Students Below Kindergarten Readiness in Virginia	12.9%	12.5%	14.6%	16.0%	17.0%	19.0%

Source: Department of Education School Quality Profiles

Special Education – Children and youth with disabilities receiving special education services. This data is from a specific point in time and not necessarily respective of an entire school year.

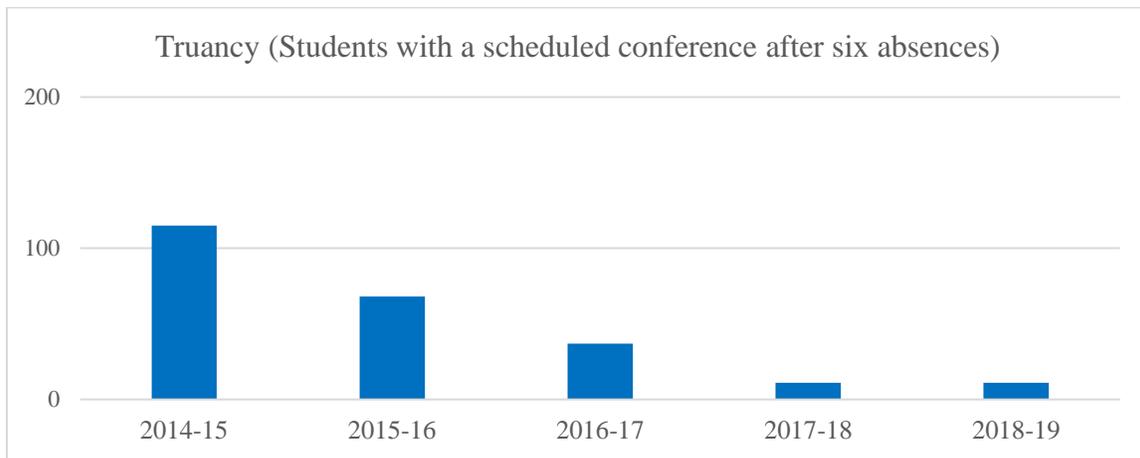
	Dec 2014	Dec 2015	Dec 2016	Dec 2017	Dec 2018
Intellectual Disabilities	23	25	34	31	26
Hearing Impairment	5	4	4	0	0
Speech/Language Impairment	45	47	51	46	47
Visual Impairment	1	1	1	0	0
Emotional Disturbance	32	33	30	29	33
Orthopedic Impairment	2	1	0	0	0
Other Health Impairment	92	107	113	127	145
Specific Learning Disability	169	146	152	153	154
Deaf-Blindness	0	0	0	0	0
Multiple Disabilities	3	2	2	0	0
Autism	30	31	35	37	44
Traumatic Brain Injury	2	3	3	0	0
Developmental Delay	26	31	33	34	32
Number of Students Receiving Services	430	431	457	457	481
Percentage of Total Enrollment	6.5%	6.5%	6.2%	6.3%	7.2%

Source: Virginia Department of Education

Truancy - Truancy refers to students absent from school on a regular basis without a good reason/excuse. The table below shows the number of students with whom a conference was scheduled after the student had accumulated six absences.

	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Number of Truant Students	115	68	37	11	11

Source: Virginia Department of Education



Suspensions and Expulsions – Students receiving short-term suspension, long-term suspension of 10 days or more, and students expelled from school for 365 days.

	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Lakeview Elementary Short-Term Suspended Students	<	24	24	28	25
North Elementary Short-Term Suspended Students	<0	<	<	11	23
Tussing Elementary Short-Term Suspended Students	<	<	11	14	<
Middle School Short-Term Suspended Students	61	62	55	40	73
High School Short-Term Suspended Students	70	68	54	50	47
Colonial Heights Middle School Long-Term Suspended Students	<	<	<	<	<
Colonial Heights High School Long-Term Suspended Students	<	0	<	<	<
Lakeview Elementary Expelled Students	0	0	0	<	0
Colonial Heights Middle School Expelled Students	<	<	<	<	<
Colonial Heights High School Expelled Students	0	<	<	<	<

Source: Virginia Department of Education

< = A group below state definition for personally identifiable results, generally any group less than 10 students. Source: VDOE – Colonial Heights Public Schools Disciplinary Outcome Report

The three elementary schools (Lakeview, North, & Tussing) did not have any long-term suspensions. North and & Tussing Elementary did not have any expulsions.



School Safety – Annually, the Virginia Department of Education publishes school safety report cards for each school division listing the offenses committed by students at school. An Annual School Safety Audit is facilitated through the Virginia Center for School and Campus Safety. Below are the results from the Colonial Heights Public School Division Report.

Offense Category	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019
Weapons Offenses	<	<	0
Offenses Against Student	<	<	<
Offenses Against Staff	0	0	0
Other Offenses Against Persons	56	52	81
Alcohol, Tobacco, & Other Drug Offenses	0	0	43
Property Offenses	0	0	0
Disorderly/Disruptive Behavior Offenses	102	84	75
Technology Offenses	<	<	<
All Other Offenses	<	<	<

< = A group below state definition for personally identifiable results, generally any group less than 10 students.

Source: Virginia Department of Education

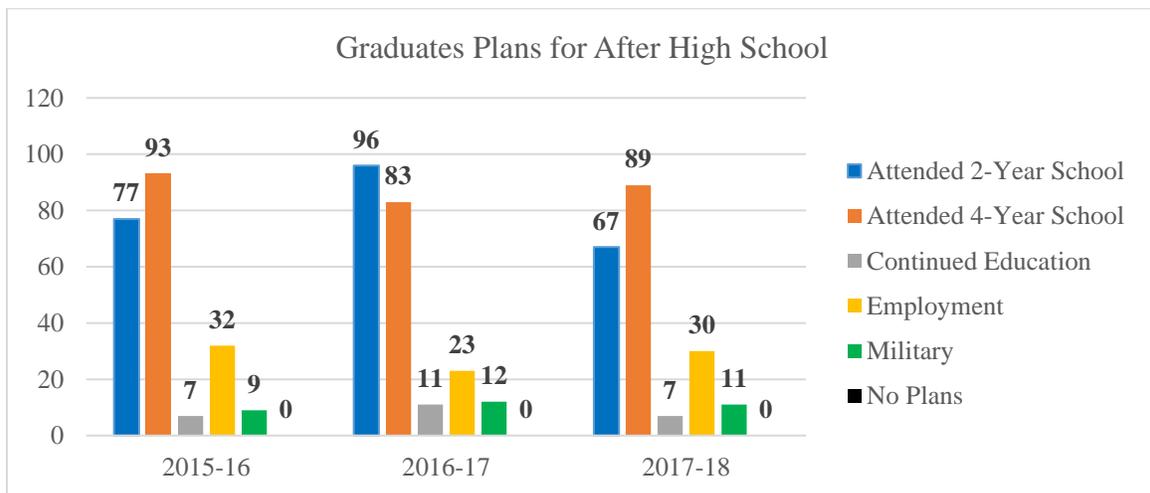
School Dropouts – In 2005, the National Governors Association (NGA) task force proposed a graduation-rate formula that would provide “... a measure of on-time completion, with most students, but not all, expected to finish in four years.” The nation’s governors (led by then Virginia Governor Mark Warner) endorsed the formula. Cohort graduation rates such as the Virginia On-Time Graduation Rate provide a more accurate picture of what happens to high school students as they move toward graduation. Colonial Heights class of 2019 dropout rate is 3.88% as listed on the Virginia Department of Education School Division Report.

	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
# of Dropouts grade 7-12	10	9	18	6	8

Continuing Education Plans – Graduating seniors are surveyed about their after-graduation plans. The following data represents students planning to attend a 2-year college, a 4-year college, pursue continuing education, seeking employment, joining the military, or no plans after graduation.

	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Attended 2-year School	77	96	67	86
Attended 4-year School	93	83	89	85
Continued Education	7	11	7	6
Employment	32	23	30	33
Military	9	12	11	9
No Plans	0	0	0	2
Total	218	225	204	221

Source: Virginia Department of Education



Free or Reduced Priced Meals – The information below collectively represents the percentage of students in Colonial Heights eligible for free or reduced priced meals.

	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Total	35.9%	43.7%	43.0%

The following represents the percentage of eligible students that participate in the free or reduced priced meals.

	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Breakfast	21.1%	22.7%	20.6%
Lunch	30.2%	32.6%	37.4%

Source: Virginia Department of Education – School Quality Report



There are significantly fewer recipients of free or reduced priced lunches in Colonial Heights than in the other comparison areas.

	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Chesterfield	18,091	21,586	22,117
Colonial Heights	1,319	1,326	1,338
Dinwiddie	2,118	1,964	2,032
Hopewell	3,794	4,022	4,044
Martinsville	1,828	2,016	1,942
Petersburg	4,275	4,195	4,196
Prince George	2,624	2,702	2,671

Source: Virginia Department of Education

DRUGS & ALCOHOL INDICATORS

Dr. J. David Hawkins, PhD and Dr. Richard F. Catalano, PhD are the co-founders of the Social Research Group. Dr. Hawkins has studied the etiology and prevention of problem behaviors among children and adolescents for over 30 years. He is internationally known for his research on delinquency and substance abuse prevention. Dr. Catalano’s career spans over 30 years of research, program development and testing focused on prevention and youth development. According to Hawkins and Catalano, the more available drugs/alcohol are in a community the higher the risk that young people will abuse these substances.

Alcohol Licenses – The total Alcohol Licenses issued in the City of Colonial Heights has remained steady from 2013-2018

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Colonial Heights	74	74	74	74	71	71
Hopewell	65	65	66	67	64	65
Petersburg	126	124	121	128	126	125
Chesterfield	613	596	637	654	660	659
Dinwiddie	43	43	47	46	46	47
Prince George	45	45	50	52	49	53

Source: VA ABC Annual Reports

ABC Licenses Issued by Category in Colonial Heights 2018

	Clubs	Convenience Stores	Drug Stores	Grocery Stores	Brew Shops	Hotels/ Resorts	Restaurants	Total
2018 Establishments	2	14	4	3	4	2	42	71

Source: VA ABC 2018 Annual Report

Gallons of Alcohol Sold – The number of gallons of alcohol sold by the Colonial Heights ABC Store has fluctuated since 2013, averaging 36,059 gallons per year.

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Colonial Heights	34,857	35,510	36,553	36,583	36,123	36,730

Source: VA ABC Annual Reports

Compliance Checks – Throughout the year, the Colonial Heights Police Department conducts compliance checks with businesses that sell alcohol in Colonial Heights. In 2015, 33 businesses were checked for compliance of the laws regarding the sale of alcohol, of those, 26 were found to be complying, while there were 7 businesses where arrests were made due to failure of following the compliance laws. These numbers come directly from the Colonial Heights Police Department 2015 Annual Report. (**Not in 2017 or 2018 annual reports)

Heroin/Opioid Use – Heroin and opioid use has increased dramatically throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia culminating in overdose deaths across localities. Due to the number of overdoses throughout the Commonwealth many interventions were put into place including a documentary, Heroin: The Hardest Hit, produced by the Office of the Attorney General. Specifically, on October 15, 2019, the Colonial Heights Commonwealth Attorney’s Office, Colonial Heights Public Schools, and the City of Colonial Heights hosted a regional Summit on Heroin & Opiate Abuse for individuals to gather information and talk with professionals in the field of substance abuse regarding the current epidemic.

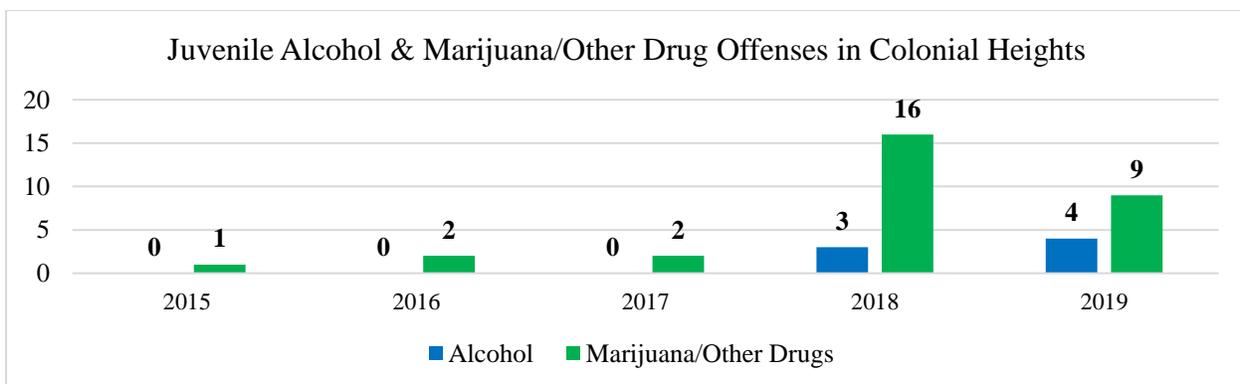
During 2012-2017, Colonial Heights has had 10 verified heroin/opioid overdose deaths. The table below shows the heroin and opioid overdose deaths in Colonial Heights and the surrounding localities:

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Colonial Heights	1	3	0	1	2	3
Chesterfield	19	23	27	31	63	60
Dinwiddie	0	2	0	2	3	3
Hopewell	1	3	0	2	9	13
Petersburg	2	3	2	3	16	17
Prince George	0	0	1	2	6	9

Source: Virginia Department of Health

Juvenile Drug/Alcohol Arrests – The number of juveniles arrested in Colonial Heights for alcohol and drug offenses are as follows:

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Alcohol/Drug Offenses	0	0	0	3	4
Marijuana/Other Drug Offenses	1	2	2	16	9



Reported Use & Availability by Colonial Heights Public Schools Students – Pride Survey Results – Biannually, with the permission of the Superintendent of Colonial Heights Public Schools, partnering with the Colonial Heights Office on Youth, Pride Surveys Student Questionnaire for Grades 6-12 are administered to Colonial Heights Middle School and High School students. This survey also fulfills part of the requirement of Every Student Succeeds Act, schools are required to establish a Uniform Management and Information Reporting System. The last survey conducted was February, 2020 and was administered to students in grades 8, 10, and 12. The survey collects data from students anonymously regarding prevalence, beliefs, and age of use of substances. The total number of students surveyed is 406: 150 eighth grade students, 129 tenth grade students, and 127 twelfth grade students. Of the students surveyed 187 students identified themselves as male and 218 identified themselves as female. Results are given by grade level, number of valid responses, number of missing responses, and response percentage. Below is a brief list of responses given by students in Colonial Heights Public Schools. The full report may be viewed on the Youth & Human Services website at this link www.colonialheightsva.gov/Youth-Human-Services.

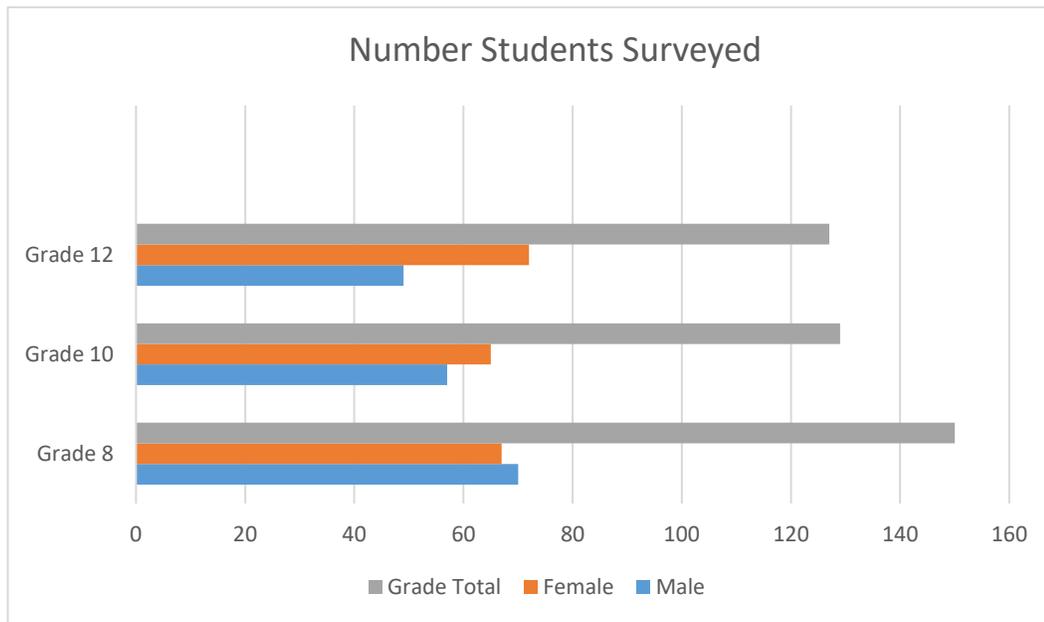


Table 1.1: Number of Students Surveyed

Grade	Grade Total	Male	Female
8	150	70	67
10	129	57	65
12	127	49	72
6-8	150	70	67
9-12	256	106	137
Total	406	176	204

Many federal agencies have identified certain data that are most important in measuring drug use and perceptions among youth. These data are often referred to as the Core Measures and consist of:

- Reported 30-day Use - the percentage of students who have reported use in the last 30 days,
- Perception of Risk - the percentage of students who reported that a drug was Moderate Risk or Great Risk,
- Perception of Parental Disapproval of Use - the percentage of students who reported that their parents would feel if was Wrong or Very Wrong to use,
- Perception of Friends' Disapproval of Use - the percentage of students who reported that their friends would feel if was Wrong or Very Wrong to use

Table 2.1 Core Measures for All Students Figures represented in percentages.

Measure	E-Cig or Tobacco	Alcohol	Marijuana	Prescription Drugs
Past 30-Day Use	3.6	16.3	13.4	3.1
Perceived Risk	77.5	68.5	37.3	78.8
Parental Disapproval	92.7	87.6	77.8	94.8
Friends Disapproval	66.0	62.0	48.3	80.0

Table 2.2: Percentage of Students Who Report Using Drugs

The table below shows how many juveniles answered that they have used the following substances in the past 30 days/past year.

Responses are shown in percentages.

DRUG	ANNUAL	MONTHLY
Tobacco	12.9	7.3
Cigarettes	–	3.6
E-cigarettes	31.3	21.1
Alcohol	38.6	16.3
Marijuana	21.3	13.4
Cocaine	0.2	0.2
Inhalants	1.8	1.0
Hallucinogens	3.5	1.2
Heroin	0.8	0.3
Steroids	1.8	0.3
Ecstasy	1.5	0.5

Table 2.3 Where do Students Report Using

The table below shows responses to where are substances used.

Drug	Home	School	Car	Friends' House	Other
Tobacco	4.2	0.7	2.7	4.9	3.2
E-Cigarettes	13.1	3.9	9.6	15.0	8.6
Alcohol	19.7	0.7	1.7	16.0	8.1
Marijuana	7.9	1.0	4.7	11.8	7.6
Prescription Drugs	3.0	0.2	0.2	0.2	1.0
Opioid Pain Killers	1.5	0.0	0.5	0.2	0.5

Table 2.4 When do Students Report Using

The table below shows responses to when are substances used.

Drug	Before School	During School	After School	Week Night	Weekend
Tobacco	1.5	0.5	4.2	3.7	5.9
E-Cigarettes	5.4	4.2	11.8	10.1	16.0
Alcohol	0.7	0.5	3.2	3.2	26.4
Marijuana	3.7	0.7	6.9	5.4	14.3
Prescription Drugs	0.5	0.0	0.7	1.2	1.2
Opioid Pain Killers	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.5	1.0

Students' Perception of Risk – Students are asked about their perception of risk of regular use of cigarettes, alcohol, marijuana, and use of prescription drugs not prescribed to them. The possible responses on the survey were No Risk, Slight Risk, Moderate Risk, or Great Risk. The following chart displays the percentage of students that responded with Moderate or Great Risk.

Table 2.5 Core Measures of Perception of Risk by Grade and Sex

Grade	Cigarettes	Alcohol	Marijuana	Prescription Drugs
8	68.5	69.0	38.5	72.1
10	81.5	72.3	42.4	75.4
12	84.1	64.3	31.1	89.7
SEX				
Male	79.0	64.5	36.0	75.0
Female	80.3	72.7	36.8	84.3

Table 2.6 Core Measures of Parental Disapproval by Grade and Sex

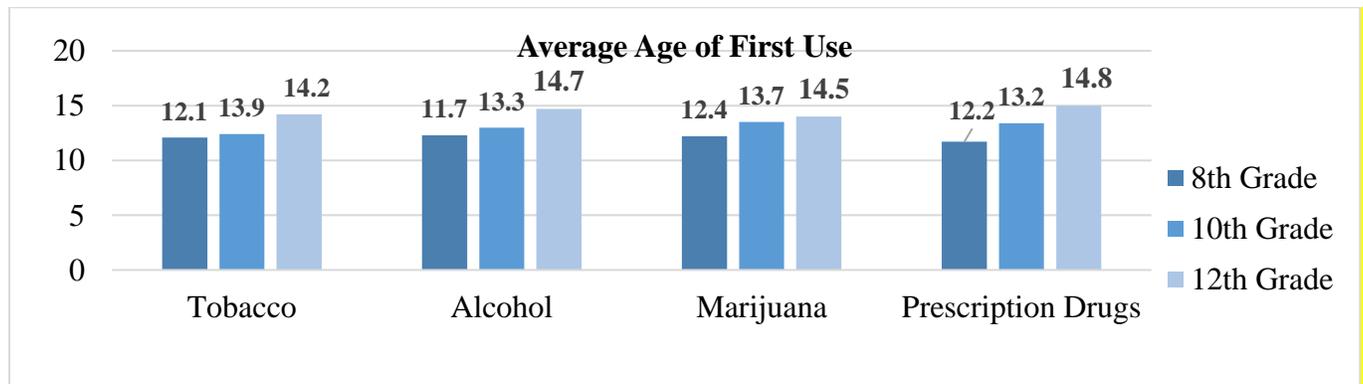
Students’ Perception of Disapproval – This section covers how students perceive their parents and peers feel it is *Wrong* or *Very Wrong* for students to use tobacco, drink alcohol regularly, smoke marijuana, and use prescription drugs not prescribed for them.

Grade	Tobacco	Alcohol	Marijuana	Prescription Drugs
8	92.3	86.1	84.8	89.5
10	94.9	92.3	82.2	99.1
12	91.2	84.9	65.6	96.8
Sex				
Male	93.9	85.4	77.00	95.7
Female	93.4	90.9	78.7	95.9

Table 2.6a Core Measures of Friends Disapproval by Grade and Sex

Grade	Tobacco	Alcohol	Marijuana	Prescription Drugs
8	69.7	66.7	59.9	77.9
10	70.3	70.3	50.0	85.3
12	57.6	48.8	33.3	77.4
Sex				
Male	66.9	58.9	44.7	78.3
Female	65.5	63.5	49.2	82.0

Table 2.7 Average Age of Onset



Information and results of the Pride Surveys Questionnaire are available at the Office on Youth & Human Services, 201 James Avenue, Colonial Heights, VA 23834.

FIREARM INDICATORS

Availability of Firearms – As of December 2017, there were 5 Dealers in Firearms in the City of Colonial Heights, according to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, & Explosives.

(<https://www.atf.gov/firearms/listing-federal-firearms-licensees-fpls-2017>)

Weapon Laws Violations – The following is a table of Weapons Laws Violations in Colonial Heights.

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Adult Weapons Law Violations	60	38	39	73	54	N/A
Juvenile Weapons Violations	0	0	0	0	1	1

Source: Colonial Heights Police Department

Juvenile weapons law violations data for 2019 is from January – November 2019. Data regarding Adult weapon law violations was not complete for the same time period.



JUVENILE DELINQUENCY INDICATORS



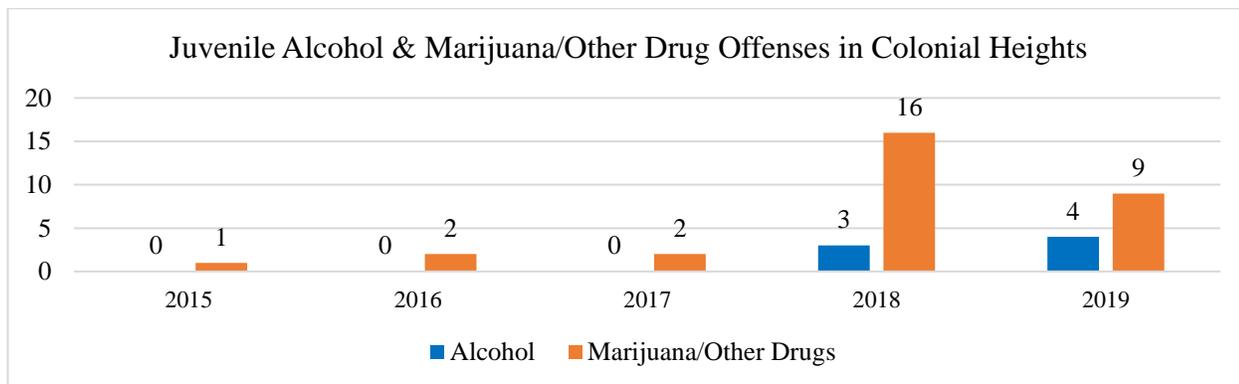
Catalano and Hawkins call attitudes and policies that a community adopts Community Norms. Community Norms are conveyed in a variety of ways: through laws and written policies, through informal social practices and through the expectations parents and other members of the community establish for young people. When laws and community standards are favorable, unclear or conflicting toward substance use or crime, children are at a higher risk.

The 2019 data displayed in the below charts is from January - November 2019.

Alcohol/Drug Related Offenses

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Alcohol/Drug Offenses	0	0	0	3	4
Marijuana/Other Drug Offenses	1	2	2	16	9

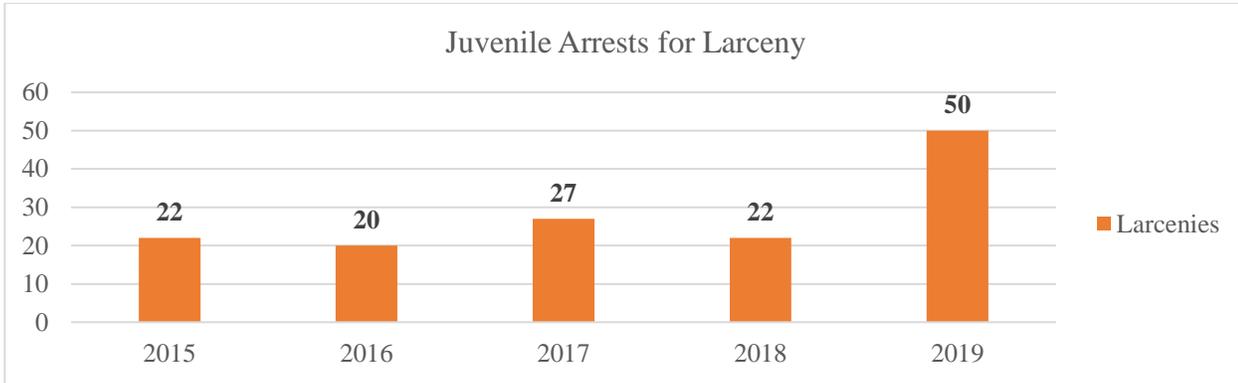
Source: Colonial Heights Police Department



Larcenies – Juvenile arrests for larceny (theft) seem to fluctuate. This includes theft from individuals as well as shoplifting

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Larcenies	22	20	27	22	50

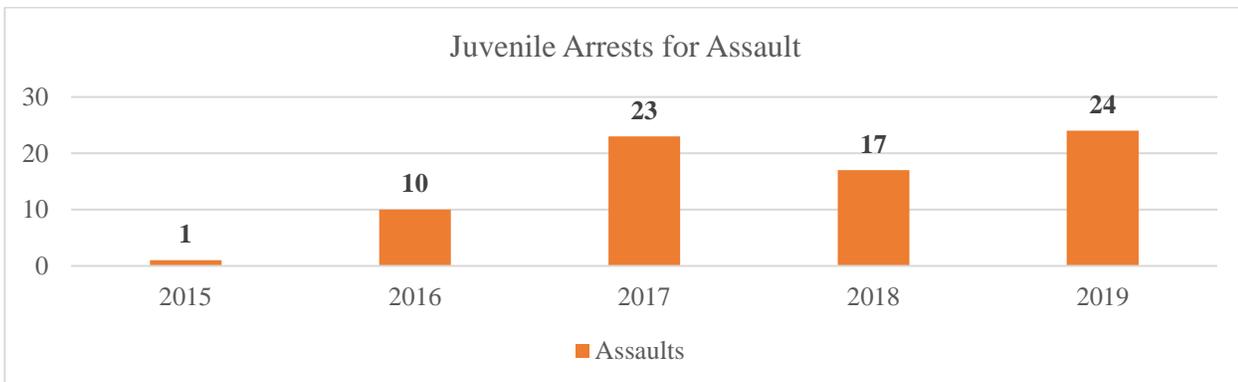
Source: Colonial Heights Police Department



Assaults – This data primarily falls under the category of simple assault

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Assaults (excluding sexual assaults)	1	10	23	17	24

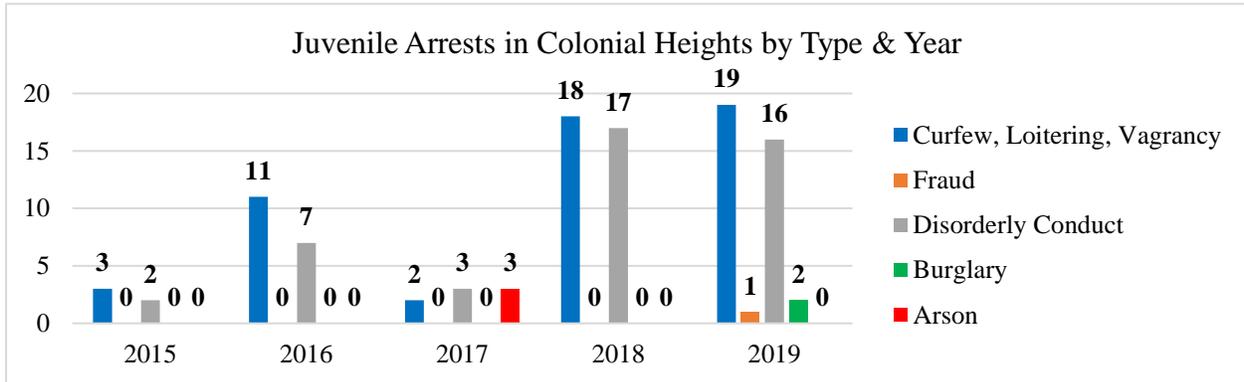
Source: Colonial Heights Police Department



Juvenile Arrests – Most other crimes committed by juveniles in Colonial Heights fall under the categories of curfew, loitering, vagrancy, fraud, disorderly conduct, burglary, and arson. Curfew violations, loitering, and vagrancy represent the largest amount of arrests.

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Curfew, Loitering, & Vagrancy	3	11	2	18	19
Fraud	0	0	0	0	1
Disorderly Conduct	2	7	3	17	16
Burglary	0	0	0	0	2
Arson	0	0	3	0	0

Source: Colonial Heights Police Department



Juvenile Delinquency Intakes 2016-2018 – This is the number of intakes by the Court Service Units, more commonly known as juvenile probation office. Colonial Heights shares their Court Service Unit with Chesterfield County. Between FY 2010 and FY 2019, intake cases declined by 39.8%

Source: Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice Data Resource Guide

	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
Colonial Heights	311	263	207	239
Hopewell	280	256	239	237
Petersburg	817	736	526	450
Chesterfield	2,129	2,023	1,962	1677
Dinwiddie	100	124	87	86
Prince George	93	131	118	115

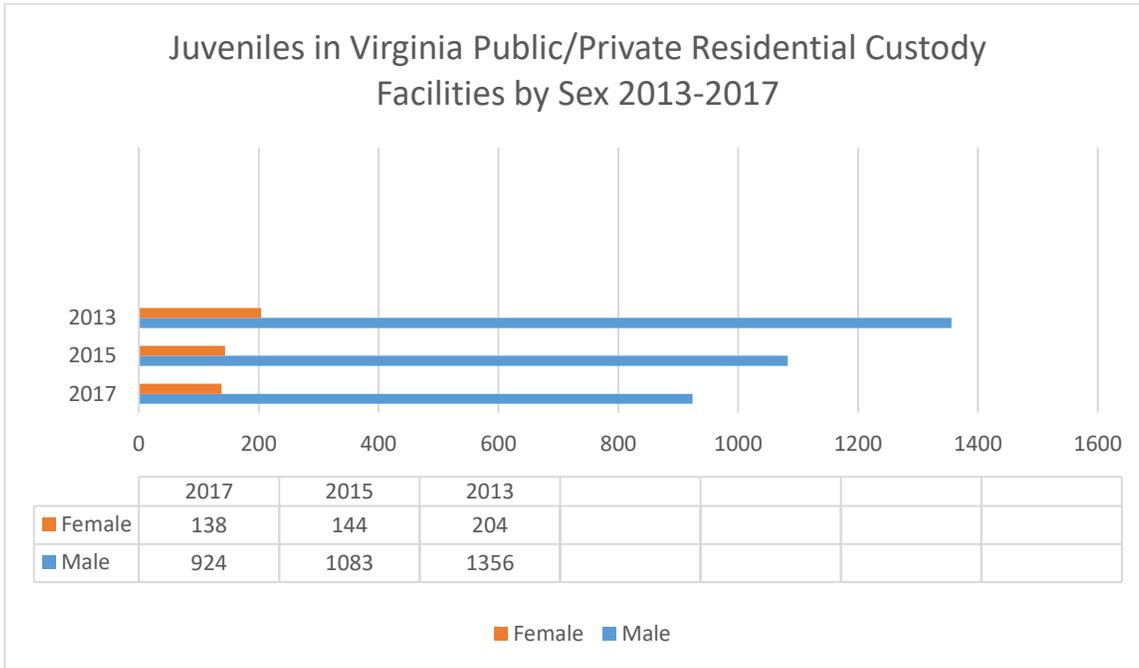
Chesterfield County Juvenile Detention Home – The Chesterfield County Juvenile Detention Home primarily serves juveniles from Chesterfield County and Colonial Heights. Chesterfield County and the City of Colonial Heights entered into an agreement in 1984 for the provision of juvenile detention facilities to the City by the County at the Chesterfield County Juvenile Detention Home. The agreement was originally for 6 beds. However, due to the expansion of the Juvenile Detention Center, the agreement increased the number of bed space for Colonial Heights. In 2019, the average length of stay for juveniles ordered into the detention center by the Colonial Heights Juvenile & Domestic Relations Court and Court Service Unit was 11 days. These averages are determined by the number of juveniles in the detention center and their actual length of stay. Some of the juveniles staying in the detention center are part of a court-ordered program known as Post-D. While the juveniles in this program are living at the detention center they are part of a separate community and have a vigorous daily regimen including school and Moral Reconciliation Therapy – a treatment strategy that seeks to decrease recidivism among offenders by increasing moral reasoning. The length of this program increases the length of stay as compared to those juveniles who are sent to the detention center as punishment or are awaiting trial.



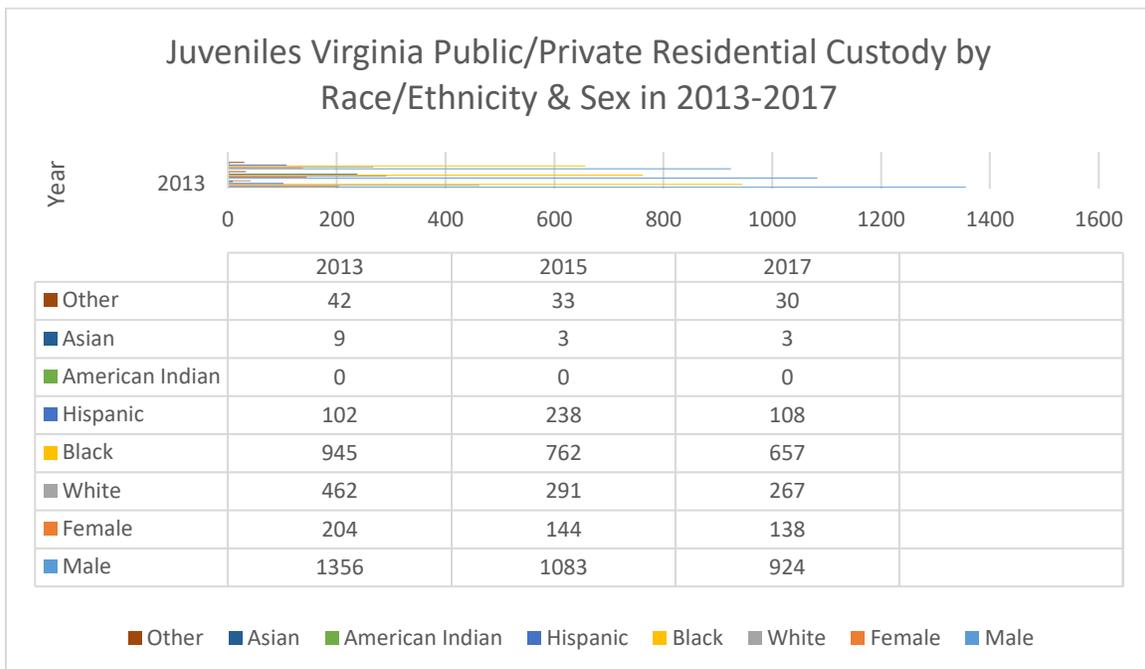
Juveniles in Virginia Public/Private Residential Custody Facilities

Source: Office on Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention

https://www.ojjdp.gov/ojstatbb/ezacirp/asp/age_sex.asp



According to this data, juveniles in residential custody has declined in the State of Virginia



FAMILY INDICATORS



Research by Hawkins and Catalano shows that if children are raised in a family with a history of addiction to alcohol or other drugs, the risk of substance abuse problems increase. If children are raised in a family with a history of criminal activity, their risk of juvenile delinquency increases. Children who are raised by a teenage mother are more likely to experience teen pregnancy, and children of school dropouts are more likely to drop out of school. Family history includes looking at genetic factors as well as the family history of behavior.

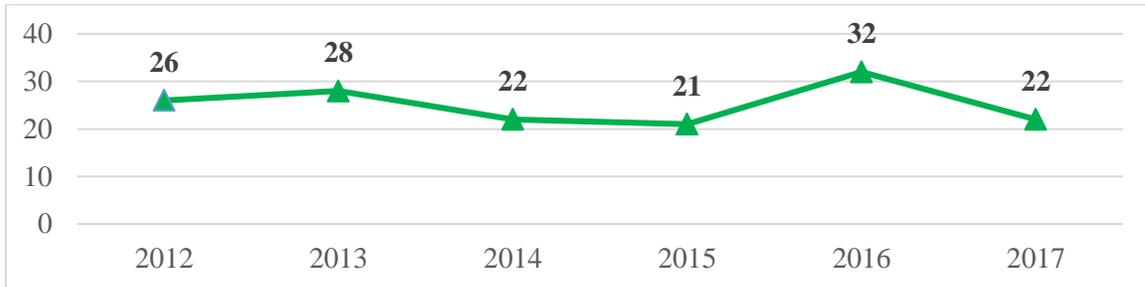
In Colonial Heights, 91% of the population 25 and over are high school graduates, and 23.6% hold bachelors or higher degree. (U.S. Census Bureau, 2013-2017 American Community Survey)

In 2017 there were 140 households in Colonial Heights in which a grandparent was responsible for one or more of their own grandchildren. 567 households reported having a grandparent living in the home. (U. S. Bureau of the Census, 2013-2017 American Community Survey)

In 2017, 23 infants were born pre-term, 21 infants had a low birth weight, 14 infants had late or no prenatal care, 27 infants had mothers who smoked cigarettes while pregnant, and there were 16 teenage (15-19) pregnancies in Colonial Heights. (Virginia Department of Health – Virginia Maternal & Child Health Report)

Infant Deaths in Chesterfield Health District – Includes Chesterfield, Colonial Heights, & Powhatan

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
# of Infant Deaths	26	28	22	21	32	22



The Chesterfield-Colonial Heights Department of Social Services is a combined agency serving both the County of Chesterfield and the City of Colonial Heights.



Medicaid, SNAP, TANF – Below is the data for Colonial Heights for SNAP (formerly known as Food Stamps), TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families), and Medicaid. The number of cases represents the monthly average number of cases.

	Medicaid	SNAP	TANF
FY 2015	1619	982	44
FY 2016	1667	939	46
FY 2017	No data	980	No data
FY 2018	No data	994	No data
FY 2019	No data	1,019	41

Source: Virginia Department of Social Services

According to Hawkins & Catalano, a number of issues fit under the category of Family Management Problems, some of which include: reported child neglect and abuse cases, runaway reports, children living in foster care homes, and children living outside of the family unit. These are all predictive of risk behaviors.

Reports of Child Abuse in Colonial Heights

	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
Reports of Child Abuse/Neglect	169	97	145	24
Valid Referrals &/or CPS Interventions	69	26	54	5

Source: Virginia Department of Social Services

These reports can be broken down into the categories of physical abuse, physical neglect, sexual abuse, mental abuse, and other. The following shows the break down for FY 2018:

	# of Reports Made	# of Valid Reports
Physical Abuse	30	2
Physical Neglect	85	12
Sexual Abuse	10	1
Mental Abuse	2	0
Other	7	0

Source: Virginia Department of Social Services

Children in Foster Care – This data is from a specific point in time and not necessarily representative of an entire year.

	October 2016	October 2017	October 2018	October 2019
Children in Foster Care	0	0	0	0

Hawkins and Catalano report that persistent, serious conflict between caregivers or between caregivers and children appears to increase risk for children raised in these families. Risk predictors for family conflict include divorces, married persons living without their spouse, and domestic violence reports.

The following charts show statistics relating to calls to Colonial Heights Police Department regarding domestic violence, petitions for protective orders against family abuse, petitions filed for custody and visitation, and petitions regarding relief of custody and terminating parental rights.

Domestic Violence Calls for Service in Colonial Heights

	2016	2017	2018
Total Domestic Calls for Service	360	346	365
Total Arrests	99	106	118
Adult Male	63	58	75
Adult Female	28	37	30
Juvenile Male	7	6	4
Juvenile Female	1	6	9

Source: Colonial Heights Police Department

Petitions for Protective Orders Protecting Against Family Abuse Filed in Colonial Heights Juvenile & Domestic Relations District Court – The number of Protective Orders filed over last five years are identified in the table below.

Jan-Dec 2014	Jan-Dec 2015	Jan-Dec 2016	Jan-Dec 2017	Jan-Dec 2018
47	40	50	45	48

Source: Virginia’s Judicial System

Petitions for Custody and Visitation Filed in the Colonial Heights Juvenile & Domestic Relations District Court – These numbers include initial filings, as well as motions to amend previously entered agreements. This also may be skewed as both parents can file petitions for each child.

Jan-Dec 2014	Jan-Dec 2015	Jan-Dec 2016	Jan-Dec 2017	Jan-Dec 2018
492	511	514	472	467

Source: Virginia’s Judicial System

Petitions for Relief of Custody and Terminating Parental Right Filed in the Colonial Heights

Juvenile & Domestic Relations District Court – Relief of Custody refers to when a parent or guardian seeks to be relieved of the custody of any juvenile or where a public or private agency seeks to be given custody of the juvenile. The court will separate a juvenile from his/her parents or guardians only when the juvenile’s welfare is endangered or separation is in the interest of public safety.

	Jan-Dec 2014	Jan-Dec 2015	Jan-Dec 2016	Jan-Dec 2017	Jan-Dec 2018
Custody Relief	0	2	1	0	0
Term Parent Rights	0	0	2	0	0

Source: Virginia’s Judicial System

The precise incidence rate of domestic violence in the U. S. is difficult to determine for several reasons; it often goes unreported and the definition of domestic violence is so broad and unclear there is often disagreement about what should be included as domestic violence. Domestic violence can be any and/or all of these things: physical, mental or emotional abuse of any kind and stalking and/or harassment.

Gender trends: Women make up 3/4 of the victims of homicide by an intimate partner. 30% of all women murdered (of course, only cases which are solved are included) are murdered by an intimate partner. Women make up about 96% of the victims of nonfatal domestic violence. In all, women are victims of intimate partner violence at a rate about 5 times that of males. *

Racial and Ethnic trends: Black women and men suffer from the highest rates of domestic violence. "Black females experienced domestic violence at a rate 12% higher than that of white females, and about 22 times the rate of women of other races. Black males experienced domestic violence at a rate about 62% higher than that of white males and about 22 times the rate of men of other races. *

Age trends: Domestic violence is most prominent among women aged 35 to 49. *

Economic Trends: Poorer women experience significantly more domestic violence than higher income women. *

Marital status: For both men and women, divorced or separated persons were subjected to the highest rates of intimate partner victimization, followed by never- married persons. *

Reporting to police: The rates at which individuals report domestic violence to police vary along racial and gender lines. Hispanic and black women report domestic violence at the highest rate (approximately 65% to 67% of abuse is reported). For white females, only about 50% of the abuse is reported. * Rennison, M. and W. Welchans. Intimate Partner Violence. U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Statistics. May 2000, NCJ 178247, Revised 10/19/18.

Parental attitudes and involvement in the problem behavior is yet another area of risk. Some of the predictive risk indicators are: adult violent crimes arrests, adult property crimes arrests, adult alcohol related arrests, babies born affected by alcohol or other drugs, and drug use during pregnancy. Below are tables listing crimes reported to and arrests made by the Colonial Heights Police Department. These figures include juvenile and adult arrests.

Crimes Reported to Colonial Heights Police Department

Crime	2016	2017	2018
Homicide	0	2	0
Rape	6	4	7
Robbery	17	18	9
Aggravated Assault	17	18	22
Total Violent Crimes	43	46	38
Break & Enter	48	25	32
Larceny	785	701	685
Vehicle Theft	20	17	27
Arson	2	8	2
Total Property Crimes	855	751	746
Simple Assaults	150	200	205
Annoying Phone Calls	5	12	10
Bomb Threats	3	1	1
Child Neglect	35	54	20
Credit Card Fraud	70	78	69
Curfew Violations	10	8	8
Disorderly Conduct	27	13	25
Domestic Violence	360	346	365
Drugs/Narcotics	329	517	392
Drunkenness	76	41	52
Embezzlement	40	16	27
Forgery	57	46	29
Fraud by Swindle	101	94	117
Hit & Run	170	176	154
Indecent Exposure	4	6	7
Kidnapping/Abduction	11	5	7
Missing Person	9	11	18
Pornography	4	10	5

Resist Arrest	33	35	25
Stalking	3	1	2
Suicide	4	2	2
Trespassing	52	53	61
Vandalism	173	128	94
Weapons Violations	39	73	54
All Other Offenses	920	952	1,178

Source: Colonial Heights Police Department

Total Arrests by Offenses by Colonial Heights Police Department

Offense Type	2016	2017	2018
Homicide	0	2	0
Manslaughter	1	0	0
Rape	4	3	4
Robbery	11	20	11
Aggravated Assault	11	23	22
Other Assault	186	187	208
Burglary	30	24	19
Larceny	756	666	533
Vehicle Theft	7	9	7
Arson	2	9	2
Forgery/Counterfeit	56	45	39
Fraud	188	130	173
Embezzlement	58	25	38
Vandalism	78	61	39
Weapons Offenses	54	137	83
Sex Offenses	26	24	10
Drug Sales	33	113	66
Drug Possession	337	604	328
DUI	154	162	190
Alcohol Violations	58	43	40
Drunk in Public	82	42	54
Disorderly	42	50	52
Runaway	29	11	12
Curfew	39	8	29
Other	1,858	1,861	1,891
TOTAL	4,100	4,259	3,850

Source: Colonial Heights Police Department

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