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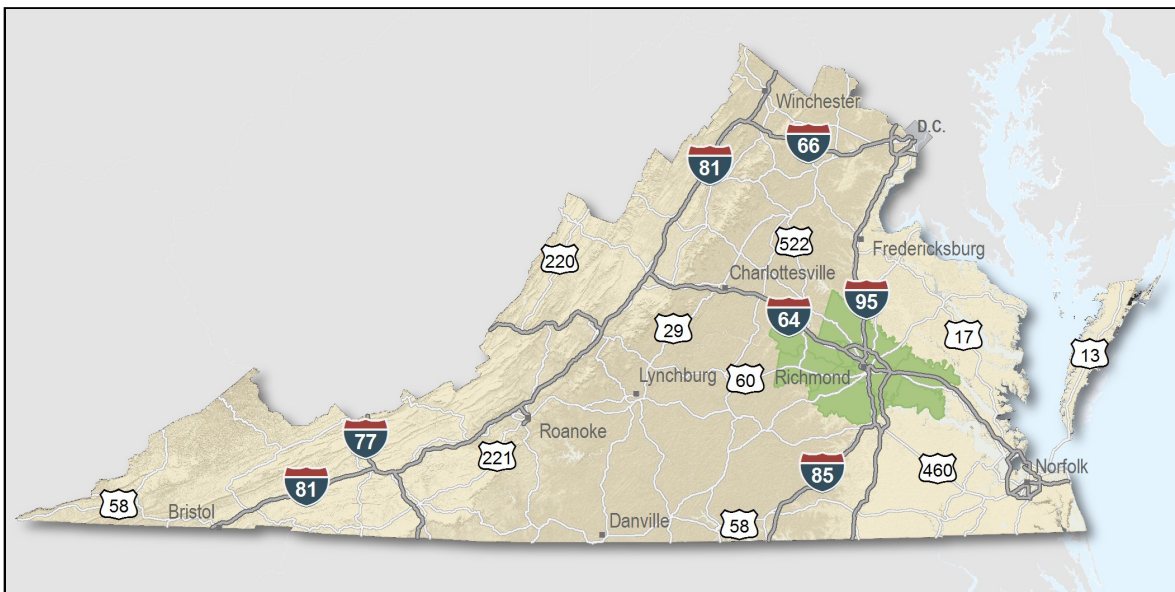
# Greater Richmond, Virginia

# Overview

Only a few locations can guarantee the right combination of resources that are crucial to your business's success. Virginia's premier location offers excellent domestic and international access. Centrally located on the U.S. East Coast, more than 47 percent of the U.S. population is within a day's drive, and our integrated transportation system of highways, railroads, airports and seaports ensures that you can reach every one of your markets efficiently. Close proximity to Washington, D.C. facilitates contact with policy makers and the federal government system.

Virginia continues to rank among America's leading states for business by CNBC and Forbes.com. Business-first values, easy access to markets, stable and competitive operating costs, and a talented workforce all drove Virginia to the top. This unique combination of assets has encouraged businesses to prosper here for more than 400 years. Like you, they searched the world over for that convergence of resources that would help ensure their prosperity. For them, their search ended here. Chances are yours will too.

- AAA bond rating- Virginia has maintained a AAA rating since 1938, longer than any other state.
- Right-to-work law allows individuals the right to work regardless of membership in a labor union or organization.
- Corporate income tax rate of 6% has not been increased since 1972.
- Headquarters to 37 Fortune 1000 firms.
- Headquarters to 56 firms each with annual revenue over \$1 billion.
- More than 21,400 high-tech establishments operate in Virginia.
- More than 700 internationally-owned businesses from 40 countries are located in Virginia.
- Ranks third among the 50 states as a recipient of federal R&D funds.
- Streamlined permitting process.
- Recruitment training programs to help new businesses become operational faster.
- Programs at little or no cost to help businesses increase international sales.

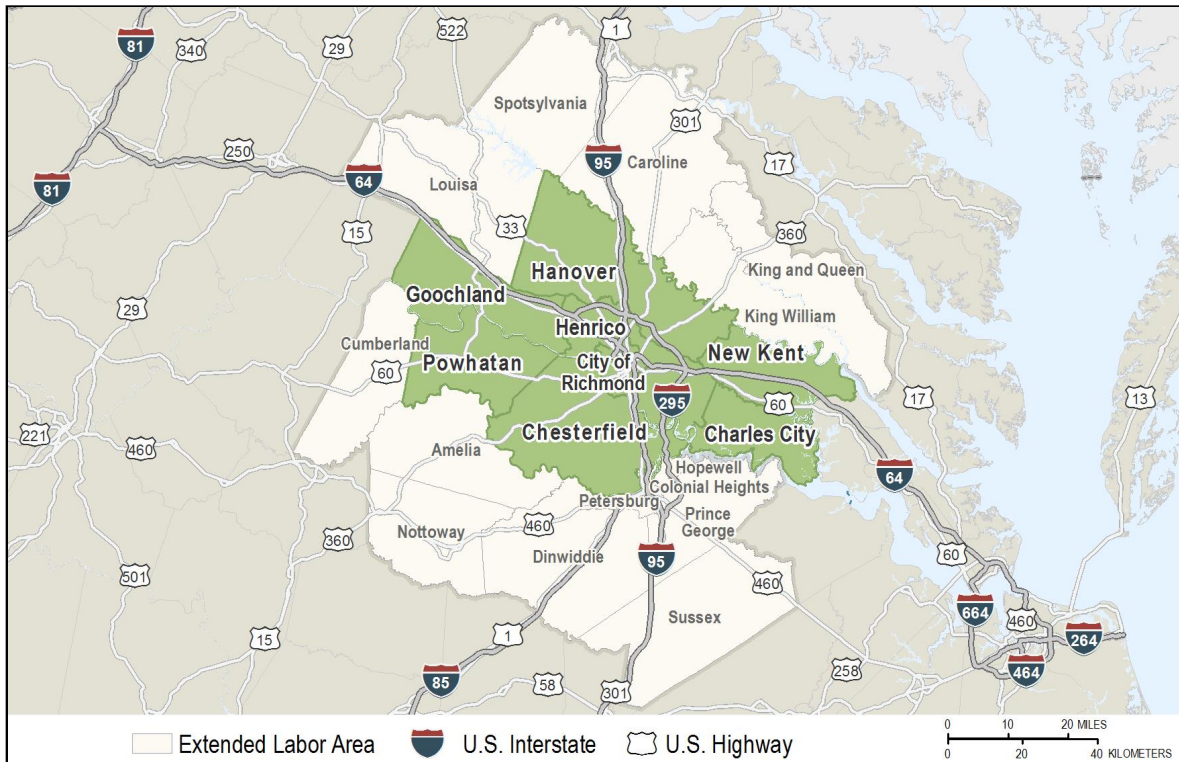


# Location

Greater Richmond, located in the center of eastern Virginia, covers 2,136 square miles. The region allows residents and businesses the location advantages of a growing metropolitan area along with considerable acreage for expansion into suburban and rural areas.

Richmond is the state capital and headquarters of the Fifth Federal Reserve District. Additionally, seven Fortune 500 companies are headquartered here. The region is a crossroads of transportation with rail lines radiating in all directions from Richmond. Interstates 64 and 95 converge in the area, and Interstate 85 is directly south.

Richmond is 105 miles south of Washington, D.C., 93 miles north of Norfolk, and 189 miles east of Roanoke.



# Greater Richmond

Greater Richmond, Virginia offers many business, personal and lifestyle advantages. A workforce of 580,000, supplemented each year by more than 12,000 college graduates, provides the skills and experience needed by advanced manufacturers such as DuPont and Pfizer as well as financial service providers Capital One and Genworth Financial. The area's affordability is equally appealing to life science startups at the Virginia Biotechnology Research Park and to Fortune 500 headquarters such as Altria and CarMax. Cultural and recreational offerings rivaling those in larger cities and a 24-minute average commute make the area an "easy move" for top-level professionals and managers.

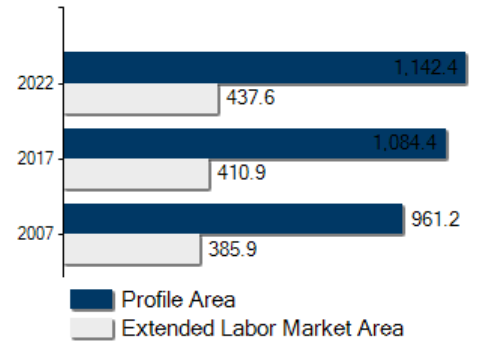


Downtown Richmond's office towers on the James River light up the night. Photo by Michael Ivey.

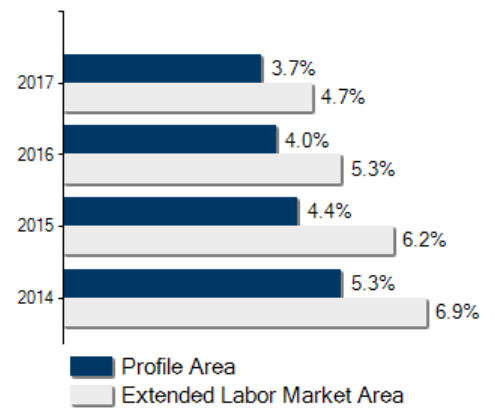
# Labor Market

Population		
<b>Gender Distribution (2017)</b>		
Greater Richmond	Male 48.0%	Female 52.0%
<b>Race/Ethnicity (2017)</b>		
<b>Classification</b>	<b>Profile Area</b>	<b>Extended Labor Area</b>
White	685,861	270,836
Black	315,942	117,891
Asian	49,762	7,308
Two or More	25,889	11,736
American Indian or Alaska Native	5,808	2,559
Pacific Islander	1,162	591
Hispanic (may be of any race)	69,590	26,342
<b>Median Age (2017)</b>		
Charles City		51 years
Chesterfield		39 years
Goochland		48 years
Hanover		43 years
Henrico		39 years
New Kent		44 years
Powhatan		46 years
Richmond City		34 years

## Population in Thousands



## Unemployment Rates





# Labor Market

## Civilian Labor Force (2017)

Greater Richmond	581,051
Extended Labor Market Area	195,630
Total	776,681

## Labor Force Participation (2013-2017)

Greater Richmond	67.5%
Extended Labor Market Area	60.9%

## Unemployment

<b>Unemployment Rate (September 2018)</b>	
Greater Richmond	2.8%
Extended Labor Market Area	3.2%
Statewide	2.8%
<b>Unemployed (2017)</b>	
Greater Richmond	21,778
Extended Labor Market Area	8,412
Total	30,190
<b>Underemployed (3rd Quarter 2018)</b>	
Greater Richmond	67,992
Extended Labor Market Area	20,590
Total	88,582



# Labor Market

## Commute Time (2013-2017)

Worked from home	27,196	5.1%
Under 15 minutes	111,042	22.0%
15-24 minutes	183,674	36.4%
25-34 minutes	126,230	25.0%
35-44 minutes	34,908	6.9%
45-59 minutes	25,637	5.1%
Over 60 minutes	23,621	4.7%
Mean Travel Time to Work (minutes)		
Charles City		33
Chesterfield		26
Goochland		31
Hanover		26
Henrico		22
New Kent		33
Powhatan		32
Richmond		22

## Additional Labor Resources

High School Graduates Not Continuing (2017-2018)	1,868
Two-Year College Graduates (Spring 2017)	5,248
Two-Year College Enrollees (Fall 2017)	84,773
Other College and University Graduates (Spring 2017)	12,255
Total	104,144

### Career Readiness Certificate (06/30/2017-06/30/2018)

Virginia's Career Readiness Certificate (CRC) assists employers by certifying that a recipient possesses core skills in applied math, reading for information, and locating information. The CRC certification is based on established Workeys® assessment tests. Virginia uses a three-tiered approach (bronze, silver, gold) to credentialing certificate holders that is based on the recipient's level of development skills.

Greater Richmond	286
Extended Labor Market Area	107
<b>Total</b>	<b>393</b>

### Educational Attainment

On-Time Graduation Rate (Class of 2017)	89.8%
Percentage of Greater Richmond population age 25+ who are high school graduates (2013-2017)	90.1%
Percentage of Greater Richmond population age 25+ who have earned a Bachelor's Degree or higher (2013-2017)	38.6%





# Labor Market

## Employment by Sector\* (2nd Qtr. 2018)

Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	1,035	0.2%
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	288	0.1%
Utilities	1,485	0.3%
Construction	33,538	5.9%
Manufacturing	25,578	4.5%
Wholesale Trade	22,399	3.9%
Retail Trade	57,752	10.2%
Transportation and Warehousing	18,775	3.3%
Information	6,803	1.2%
Finance and Insurance	36,351	6.4%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	8,196	1.4%
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	38,487	6.8%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	21,506	3.8%
Administrative and Support and Waste Management	40,709	7.2%
Educational Services	8,242	1.5%
Health Care and Social Assistance	74,176	13.1%
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	11,869	2.1%
Accommodation and Food Services	47,693	8.4%
Other Services	20,174	3.5%
Total Government	91,757	16.1%
Federal Government	11,693	2.1%
State Government	34,273	6.0%
Local Government	45,791	8.1%
Unclassified	1,529	0.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>568,341</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

N.D. - Not Disclosed

\*By Business Establishment

## Employment by Occupation (2017)

Construction, Extraction & Maintenance	46,990	8.4%
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	640	0.1%
Managerial, Professional & Related	189,310	33.9%
Production, Transportation & Material Moving	61,500	11.0%
Sales & Office	153,960	27.6%
Service	106,040	19.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>558,440</b>	<b>100%</b>

# Labor Market

## Major Employers

### Manufacturing

#### Company

Altria Group  
 Cadmus Communications, Inc.  
 E. I. DuPont de Nemours & Co., Inc.  
 Fareva USA  
 Media General  
 Tyson Foods, Inc.  
 WestRock

#### Product/Service

Cigarettes  
 Commercial printing  
 Plastic films, synthetic fibers  
 Pharmaceuticals & cosmetics  
 Newspaper  
 Poultry products  
 Paperboard

### NonManufacturing

#### Company

AHS Cumberland Hospital  
 Capital One Financial Corp.  
 Powhatan Correctional Center  
 SuperValu  
 The Kroger Company  
 Ukrop's Bakery  
 United Parcel Service  
 University of Richmond  
 Verizon Communications  
 Virginia Commonwealth University  
 Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.  
 WellPoint Inc.  
 Wells Fargo & Co.

#### Product/Service

Care facility for adolescent brain trauma  
 Financial services  
 Correctional institution  
 Food distribution  
 Grocery stores  
 Bakery, prepared foods  
 Courier  
 Higher education  
 Telecommunications  
 Higher education  
 Discount store  
 Health insurance  
 Financial services

**Closings, Reductions, Layoffs (1/2015 to date)**

Date	Type	Company	Product/Service	Employees Affected
6/24/2015	Layoff	Carpenter Company	Molded and urethane foam	55
3/31/2016	Layoff	Altria	Headquarters for tobacco manufacturing company	200
4/10/2016	Layoff	Genworth Financial	Insurance services	70
8/16/2016	Layoff	Genworth Financial	Finance and insurance firm	27
8/24/2016	Reduction	BB&T Securities	Financial services company ending equity research coverage	61
9/8/2016	Layoff	Martin Agency	Advertising agency	29
10/29/2016	Closing	Arrow Electronics	Electronics distribution	72
12/31/2016	Layoff	UPS Freight	Package delivery	160
1/31/2017	Closing	The Home Depot	Cabinet refurbishing facility	70
3/14/2017	Reduction	Martin Agency	Advertising agency	16
6/30/2017	Layoff	Markel	IT department of specialty insurance services provider	40
7/16/2017	Layoff	Bear Island Paper	Newsprint manufacturing mill	164
10/31/2017	Closing	Land-O-Sun Dairies, LLC	Fluid milk processing	71
1/7/2018	Layoff	Capital One Financial Corp.	Diversified financial services holding company with banking and non-banking subsidiaries.	10
2/16/2018	Closing	Taylor Communications	Provider of market-specific insights, compelling portfolio of solutions to healthcare, financial services, commercial and industrial markets.	50
3/1/2018	Closing	Metrie, Inc.	Company manufactures and distributes interior finishings.	59
8/17/2018	Reduction	Northrop Grumman Systems Corporation	Operations center; IT services; data center	348
8/31/2018	Closing	Tailored Brands, Inc.	Leading retailer of men's tailored clothing and largest men's formalwear provider	64

**Union Activity (8/1/2015 - 8/1/2018)**

Petitions filed for representation	12
Elections won by union	8
Elections won by company	1

# Labor Market

## Estimated Earnings (May 2017)

Occupation	Median Wage (US\$)	Mean Wage (US\$)	Median Salary (US\$)	Mean Salary (US\$)
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators	12.17	13.86	25,310	28,839
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	16.94	17.17	35,233	35,712
First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers	19.57	20.98	40,718	43,644
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	30.12	30.96	62,649	64,395
Office Clerks, General	17.87	18.77	37,187	39,028
Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive	15.78	16.43	32,837	34,182
Receptionists and Information Clerks	18.49	18.92	38,447	39,336
Customer Service Representatives	14.23	14.91	29,592	31,013
Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks	16.83	17.23	35,005	35,838
First-Line Supervisors of Office and Administrative Support Workers	19.73	20.41	41,045	42,448
Telemarketers	28.60	30.05	59,492	62,504
Computer User Support Specialists	13.34	13.74	27,743	28,584
Network and Computer Systems Administrators	23.14	24.15	48,144	50,235
Software Developers, Systems Software	41.67	42.62	86,681	88,643
Software Developers, Applications	47.71	48.30	99,237	100,446
Computer Systems Analysts	48.21	48.96	100,288	101,825
Accountants and Auditors	46.47	47.43	96,655	98,662
Management Analysts	34.60	38.75	71,969	80,611
Human Resources Specialists	38.54	41.52	80,155	86,369
	31.50	33.53	65,506	69,744

## Per Capita Personal Income (2016)

\$54,238

# Education

## Public School Enrollment (Fall 2017)

Level	Number	Enrollment
Preschool	3	1,357
Elementary	134	76,536
Combined	2	672
Middle	39	37,195
High School	32	49,126
Alternative	4	1,506
Special Education	1	44

## Student Teacher Ratio (FY 2017)

Elementary	13:1
Secondary	13:1

## Per Pupil Expenditure (FY 2017) (US\$)

10,489.89
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## On-Time Graduation Rate (Class of 2017)

89.8%
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## High School Graduates Continuing Education (2017-2018)

84.3%
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## Advanced Programs (2017-2018)

### Governor's STEM Academies and Health Academies

Chesterfield County Public Schools Governor's Health Sciences Academy  
 Chesterfield Governor's Career and Technical Academy for Engineering Studies  
 Governor's Career & Technical Education Academy for STEM in Richmond  
 The Bridging Communities Governor's STEM Academy

Governor's School Enrollment	974
Senior International Baccalaureate (IB) Enrollment	468
Seniors Awarded IB Diplomas	192
Students taking 1 or more Advanced Placement (AP) Courses	11,743
Students taking 1 or more AP Exams	8,509
Students taking 1 or more Dual Enrollment Courses	2,881



# Education

Workforce Development Facilities	
Facility	Type
Cedar Fork Resource Workforce Center	Comprehensive Center
Chesterfield Career & Technical Center - Courthouse Campus	Career and Technical Center
Chesterfield Career & Technical Center - Hull Street Campus	Career and Technical Center
Chesterfield Resource Workforce Center	Comprehensive Center
Community College Workforce Alliance at Featherstone Professional Center	Career and Technical Center
Hermitage Technical Center	Career and Technical Center
Highland Springs Technical Center	Career and Technical Center
RCC New Kent Site	Career and Technical Center
Richmond Resource Workforce Center	Satellite Center
Richmond Technical Center - South	Career and Technical Center
The Hanover Center for Trades and Technology	Career and Technical Center



# Education

## Higher Education Facilities – Fall 2017

Facility	Enrollment
Virginia Commonwealth University	31,036
College of William and Mary	8,740
J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College - Parham Road Campus	7,088
John Tyler Community College - Midlothian Campus	6,879
John Tyler Community College - Chester Campus	5,393
Virginia State University	4,713
J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College - Downtown Campus	4,387
University of Richmond	4,023
Rappahannock Community College - Glens Campus	1,850
Virginia Union University	1,663
Thomas Nelson Community College - Historic Triangle Campus	1,607
Randolph-Macon College	1,453
Bryant & Stratton College - Richmond Campus	617 <sup>◊</sup>
Bon Secours Memorial College of Nursing	522 <sup>◊</sup>
J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College - Western Campus	457
Union Presbyterian Seminary	163 <sup>◊</sup>
Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond	67 <sup>◊</sup>
Old Dominion University - Richmond Campus	*
Virginia Tech - Richmond Center	*
Central Texas College - Fort Lee Campus	†
Florida Institute of Technology - Fort Lee Campus	†
Florida Institute of Technology - Hampton Roads Campus	†
Central Michigan University - Fort Lee Center	†

\* AAAA Enrollment figures are included in participating colleges and universities.

† Enrollment figures are not available.

‡ Enrollment figures are for all campuses.

◊ Fall 2016 Enrollment



# Education

## Higher Education Facilities – Fall 2017

Facility	Enrollment
ECPI University - Emerywood Campus	12,068 <sup>‡</sup>
ECPI University - Innsbrook Campus	12,068 <sup>‡</sup>
ECPI University - Moorefield Campus	12,068 <sup>‡</sup>
Strayer University - Chesterfield Campus	6,473 <sup>‡◊</sup>
Strayer University - Henrico Campus	6,473 <sup>‡◊</sup>
Stratford University - Richmond Campus	2,926 <sup>‡</sup>
Richard Bland College	2,148
South University - Richmond Campus	693
University of Phoenix - Richmond-Virginia Beach Campus	526 <sup>‡◊</sup>
Fortis College - Richmond Campus	398 <sup>◊</sup>
Virginia College	348 <sup>◊</sup>
Chester Career College	162 <sup>◊</sup>
Centura College - Richmond Main Campus	144 <sup>◊</sup>

<sup>‡</sup> Enrollment figures are for all campuses.

<sup>◊</sup> Fall 2016 Enrollment



# Transportation

Interstates	
Name	Distance
I-195	0.0 miles (0.0 km.)
I-295	0.0 miles (0.0 km.)
I-64	0.0 miles (0.0 km.)
I-95	0.0 miles (0.0 km.)
I-85	1.3 miles (2.1 km.)
I-664	30.0 miles (48.3 km.)
I-564	37.2 miles (59.8 km.)
I-264	40.3 miles (64.8 km.)

Note: Measured from border of locality/region.

Highways				
Highway 1	Highway 10	Highway 106	Highway 13	Highway 144
Highway 145	Highway 146	Highway 147	Highway 150	Highway 155
Highway 156	Highway 157	Highway 161	Highway 195	Highway 197
Highway 249	Highway 250	Highway 271	Highway 273	Highway 288
Highway 30	Highway 300	Highway 301	Highway 33	Highway 356
Highway 36	Highway 360	Highway 45	Highway 5	Highway 522
Highway 54	Highway 6	Highway 60	Highway 76	Highway 895

Commercial Air Service		
<b>Richmond International Airport, Sandston -- 8.1 miles (13.1 km.)</b>		
American Airlines	Delta Air Lines	Southwest Airlines
United Airlines	JetBlue Airways	Allegiant Air
OneJet		
<b>Newport News-Williamsburg International Airport, Newport News -- 39.0 miles (62.7 km.)</b>		
American Airlines	Delta Air Lines	

# Transportation

Commercial Air Service		
<b>Charlottesville-Albemarle Airport, Charlottesville -- 51.5 miles (82.9 km.)</b>		
American Airlines	Delta Connection	United Airlines
<b>Norfolk International Airport, Norfolk -- 68.9 miles (110.9 km.)</b>		
American Airlines	American Eagle	Delta Air Lines
Southwest Airlines	United Express	

Note: Within a 75-mile drive of the center of the closest locality in the region.



# Transportation

## General Aviation Service

Name	Runway Length
Chesterfield County Airport, Chesterfield	5,500 ft (1,676 m)
Hanover County Municipal Airport, Ashland	5,402 ft (1,647 m)
New Kent County Airport, Quinton	3,603 ft (1,098 m)

## Freight Rail Service

Buckingham Branch Railroad
CSX Transportation
Norfolk Southern Railway Company

## Seaports

Name	Distance
Port of Virginia (Richmond Marine Terminal)	13.0 miles (20.9 km)
Port of Virginia (Newport News Marine Terminals)	60.0 miles (96.6 km)
Port of Virginia (Virginia International Gateway)	65.0 miles (104.6 km)
Port of Virginia (Norfolk International Terminals)	72.0 miles (115.9 km)
Port of Virginia (Portsmouth Marine Terminal)	72.0 miles (115.9 km)

Note: Driving distance from the center of the closest locality in the region to the Port of Virginia and any other seaports within 100 miles.

## Other Ports of Entry

Name	Distance
Richmond-Petersburg	8.1 miles (13.1 km)
Newport News	39.0 miles (62.8 km)
Norfolk	68.9 miles (110.9 km)
Port of Washington - Dulles	98.5 miles (158.5 km)

Note: Driving distance from the center of the closest locality in the region to the Port of Washington-Dulles and any other port of entry within 100 miles.

## Utilities

### Electric

Central Virginia Electric Cooperative  
 Southside Electric Cooperative

Rappahannock Electric Cooperative  
 Dominion Energy

### Natural Gas

Columbia Gas of Virginia  
 Atmos Energy

City of Richmond  
 Virginia Natural Gas

### Telecommunications

Cavalier Telephone Company  
 Verizon-Virginia

Sprint/Centel-Virginia  
 Comcast Business Communications

### Water

Chesterfield County  
 Henrico County  
 Roxbury Industrial Center  
 New Kent County  
 Powhatan County

City of Richmond  
 Hanover County  
 Charles City County  
 Goochland County  
 AquaVirginia

### Waste Water Treatment

Chesterfield County  
 Hanover County  
 Roxbury Industrial Center  
 New Kent County  
 Powhatan County

City of Richmond  
 Henrico County  
 Charles City County  
 Goochland County

### Solid Waste Disposal

Browning-Ferris Industries  
 City of Richmond  
 Goochland County Transfer Station  
 Powhatan County Transfer Station  
 Stokes Disposal Inc.  
 USA Waste  
 County Waste

Chambers of Virginia  
 County of Henrico  
 Hanover County  
 Shoosmith Brothers, Inc.  
 Town of Ashland  
 Waste Management



# Financial Institutions

<b>Financial Institutions – 1st Qtr 2018 Assets</b>	
<b>Bank</b>	<b>Assets (US\$ Millions)</b>
Bank of America, N.A.	1,765,242.0
Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.	1,716,532.0
Branch Banking and Trust Company	215,012.0
SunTrust Bank	199,970.2
Citizens Bank, N.A.	122,428.7
Manufacturers and Traders Trust Co.	118,089.0
Capital One Bank	114,098.2
First Tennessee Bank, N.A.	40,245.5
First-Citizens Bank & Trust Co.	34,262.9
Union Bank & Trust Co.	13,118.0
Fulton Bank	11,396.6
TowneBank	10,620.4
WoodForest National Bank	5,699.6
Access National Bank	2,824.1
Sonabank, N.A.	2,652.5
First Community Bank, N.A.	2,424.3
Citizens & Farmers Bank	1,527.1
Essex Bank	1,353.1
Premier Bank, Inc.	1,091.9
Virginia Commonwealth Bank	992.9
Chesapeake Bank	793.2
First Bank - Strasburg	767.6
The Bank of Southside Virginia	569.1
Village Bank	486.8
Citizens Bank & Trust Co.	380.6
VCC Bank	178.7
Touchstone Bank	162.1
Community Bankers' Bank	147.9
New Horizon Bank, N. A.	78.7



# Government and Taxes

## Government

Greater Richmond includes the city of Richmond plus Charles City, Chesterfield, Goochland, Hanover, Henrico, New Kent, and Powhatan Counties. The city has a mayor and city council. Each county has a county administrator and board of supervisors.

All localities have comprehensive plans and zoning and subdivision ordinances.

There is one incorporated town in Greater Richmond.

Chesterfield and Henrico Counties maintain a AAA bond rating.

## Taxes

Localities in Virginia collect a 1% sales tax. They do not tax other items taxed at the State level.

Counties and cities in Virginia are separate taxing entities. Therefore, a company pays taxes to either a county or to a city.

If a company is located in a town, it pays town and county taxes except for utility taxes which are paid only to the town and the license tax which is paid only to the town unless town law permits the additional collection of a county tax.

Manufacturers pay real estate, machinery and tools, truck and automobile, utility, and sales taxes.

Nonmanufacturers pay real estate, tangible personal property, truck and automobile, utility, and sales taxes. They also may pay either a merchants' capital or a license tax.



# Community Facilities

The finest medical care is available in Greater Richmond. The Richmond metropolitan area has been designated by the American Medical Association as a Prime Medical Center, meaning that residents have local access to virtually all the services of modern medical science. Twenty-two hospitals and more than 5,700 patient beds are located in the area. Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) Health, in downtown Richmond, is ranked among the top medical centers on the East Coast, and is highly regarded as a leader in research and teaching and for its sophisticated patient care.

The Richmond region has more than 3,500 physicians and 17 acute care and specialty hospitals with nearly 4,000 beds. Included are Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) Medical College of Virginia (MCV) Hospitals with more than 600 beds and McGuire Veterans Affairs Medical Center with 399 beds. All medical specialties and services are available, including Level I Trauma Center, cancer and cardiac care, neonatal intensive care, and organ transplantation.

MCV Hospitals and VCU's five health science schools make up the most comprehensive teaching medical center in Virginia. MCV is regularly ranked among the top hospitals in America.



# Community Facilities

**(continued)**

HCA and Bon Secours are the area's other major service providers.

HCA Richmond Health System is part of HCA Healthcare, the nation's leading provider of healthcare services. HCA's Richmond area facilities include CJW Medical Center with two campuses (Chippenham and Johnston-Willis); Henrico Doctors Hospital with three campuses (Forest, Parham and Retreat); John Randolph Medical Center in Hopewell; and numerous outpatient facilities.

Bon Secours Richmond Health System is a not-for-profit Catholic health system with four hospitals in the Richmond metropolitan area: St. Mary's Hospital, Memorial Regional Medical Center, Richmond Community Hospital, and St. Francis Medical Center. The Reynolds Crossing Heart Institute opened 2008.

Over 20 nursing homes are located in the region. In the city of Richmond alone, nine nursing homes provide beds for nearly 1,000 patients.

More than 800 places of worship are located in Greater Richmond. Most Protestant denominations are represented, as are Roman Catholic, Greek Orthodox, and Jewish faiths.

Greater Richmond has more than 30 public library facilities that hold approximately 1,900,000 volumes. Reciprocal arrangements exist between localities allowing easy access to other collections. In addition, libraries of eight area colleges and universities are publicly available.

Greater Richmond represents one of the largest retail concentrations between Washington, D.C. and Atlanta. Downtown Richmond offers a diverse retail mix with a variety of locally owned businesses. Outside downtown, over 50 shopping centers make shopping easy and convenient. The range of choices for consumers runs from major regional malls such as Stony Point Fashion Park, Short Pump Town Center; Chesterfield Towne Center, Regency Square, Virginia Center Commons, the recently renovated Willow Lawn, and small neighborhood retail centers.



Greater Richmond offers a wide range of cultural attractions. There are 17 museums in the metropolitan area including the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, the Science Museum of Virginia, and the Valentine Museum. Musical entertainment is varied with the Richmond Symphony, Richmond Philharmonic, and the Virginia Opera Association representing just a few of the numerous organizations presenting regular productions to the community. The area also hosts a number of touring Broadway musicals, jazz and other guest performances to complement local organizations. The Richmond Ballet and the Concert Ballet of Virginia add to the diversity in the performing arts. Two outdoor amphitheaters attract thousands of patrons to enjoy an eclectic mixture of entertainment under the stars.

Both public and private recreational facilities are available throughout the region. Thousands of acres of parks and recreational facilities are available for both indoor and outdoor enthusiasts. The localities offer year-round comprehensive programs of activities and events for all ages. Programs offered include arts and crafts, dance, music, sports, games, and special events. The region is home to 38 golf courses, along with numerous private swim and racquet clubs, and fitness centers.

The James, Appomattox, Pamunkey, York and Chickahominy Rivers provide an excellent setting for water sports including swimming, boating, canoeing, water skiing, and fishing. The James River is a major recreational resource for the community. Over 10,700 acres of park land runs along both sides of the river. Hunting deer, turkey, quail, and squirrel is also popular.

Sporting events include the Richmond Marathon, professional golf and tennis, cycle racing, NASCAR stock car racing, the Richmond Kickers professional soccer team, the Flying Squirrels double A baseball team, and the Richmond Roughriders arena football team. The City of Richmond also hosts the Washington Redskins training camp during the summer. College sporting events are also favorite spectator pastimes. Virginia Commonwealth University's men's basketball team and the University of Richmond men's basketball team are perennial contenders in the Atlantic 10 conference.

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Kings Dominion, a major amusement and theme park is located in Hanover County. Another major theme park, Busch Gardens is located in nearby Williamsburg, less than one hour away. The coastal beaches of Virginia, the famed Blue Ridge Mountains, and Washington D.C. are within a two-hour drive from the area. History buffs will find a wealth of significant attractions of interest in the region. Close to Richmond are Colonial Williamsburg, Yorktown, Jamestown, Monticello, Colonial-era plantations and the Civil War Battlefields.

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