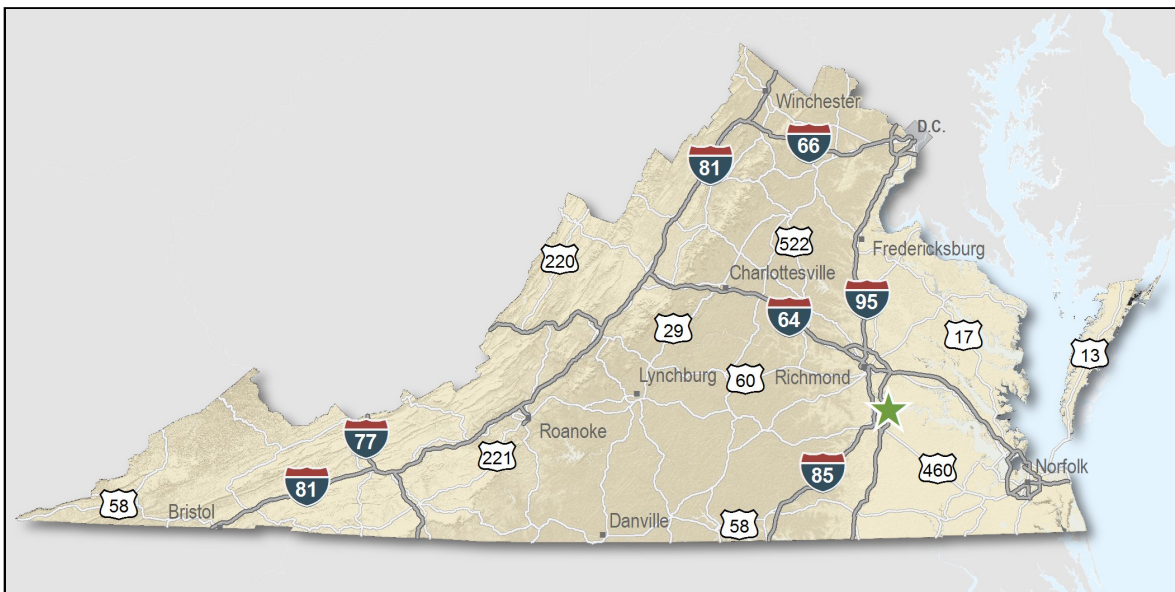

City of Hopewell, Virginia

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.

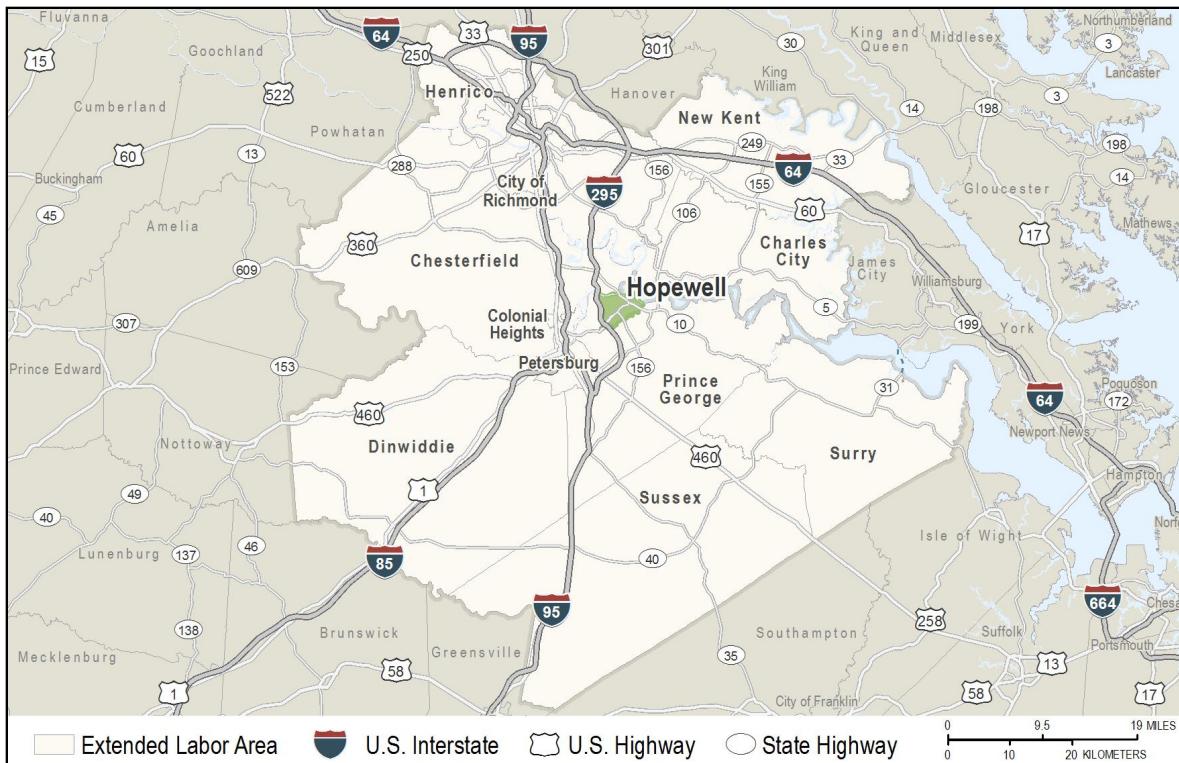


Location

The city of Hopewell is a dynamic riverfront community located at the confluence of the James and Appomattox Rivers. Hopewell has the charm of a small community with convenient access to the amenities of the Richmond metropolitan area. The city is located along Interstate 295 and is easily accessible to Interstates 64, 85, and 95, making it an excellent location to serve the markets of the East and Midwest.

Hopewell is 25 miles southeast of Richmond and 120 miles south of Washington, D.C. The Port of Hampton Roads is 90 miles southeast. Ft. Lee, the home of the Combined Arms Support Command, is located along the city's western edge.

The city of Hopewell is located within the Richmond Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA).





At the Confluence

From small local businesses to Fortune 500 companies, Hopewell is home to a diverse economy and offers a pro-business climate, committed to economic development. The city is promoting development opportunities ranging from mixed-use sites in our historic downtown business district and along the riverfront to commercial/retail sites along Interstate 295 adjacent to a recently expanded major military installation to industrial sites that build on the city's strong industrial base. Hopewell stands poised at the confluence of two rivers ready to take advantage of new growth opportunities presented by the global economy. Visit us online at www.hopewellva.gov and allow us to introduce Hopewell to you.

Labor Market

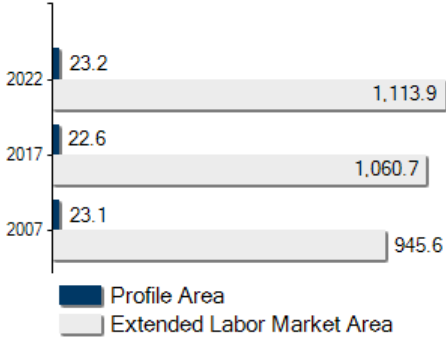
Population		
Gender Distribution (2017)		
City of Hopewell	Male	Female
	46.6%	53.4%
Race/Ethnicity (2017)		
Classification	Profile Area	Extended Labor Area
White	11,798	619,719
Black	9,576	357,722
Two or More	757	26,510
Asian	271	49,608
American Indian or Alaska Native	160	5,876
Pacific Islander	59	1,290
Hispanic (may be of any race)	1,746	19,206
Median Age (2017)		36 years

Civilian Labor Force (2017)	
City of Hopewell	9,931
Extended Labor Market Area	556,706
Total	566,637

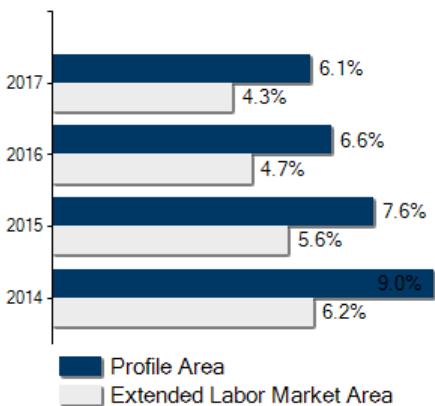
Labor Force Participation (2013-2017)	
City of Hopewell	60.9%
Extended Labor Market Area	66.4%

Unemployment	
Unemployment Rate (September 2018)	
City of Hopewell	4.4%
Extended Labor Market Area	3.0%
Statewide	2.8%
Unemployed (2017)	
City of Hopewell	605
Extended Labor Market Area	22,013
Total	22,618
Underemployed (3rd Quarter 2018)	
City of Hopewell	1,153
Extended Labor Market Area	65,065
Total	66,218

Population in Thousands



Unemployment Rates





Labor Market

Commute Time (2013-2017)

Worked from home	197	2.1%
Under 15 minutes	2,238	24.4%
15-24 minutes	3,642	39.7%
25-34 minutes	1,697	18.5%
35-44 minutes	505	5.5%
45-59 minutes	679	7.4%
Over 60 minutes	422	4.6%
Mean Travel Time to Work (minutes)		24

Additional Labor Resources

High School Graduates Not Continuing (2017-2018)	60
Two-Year College Graduates (Spring 2017)	4,066
Two-Year College Enrollees (Fall 2017)	72,259
Other College and University Graduates (Spring 2017)	9,456
Total	85,841

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.

City of Hopewell	11
Extended Labor Market Area	305
Total	316

Educational Attainment

On-Time Graduation Rate (Class of 2017)	84.2%
Percentage of City of Hopewell population age 25+ who are high school graduates (2013-2017)	81.1%
Percentage of City of Hopewell population age 25+ who have earned a Bachelor's Degree or higher (2013-2017)	15.1%



Labor Market

Employment by Sector* (2nd Qtr. 2018)

Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	N.D.	N.D.
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	0	0
Utilities	122	1.5%
Construction	474	5.9%
Manufacturing	2,168	26.8%
Wholesale Trade	120	1.5%
Retail Trade	657	8.1%
Transportation and Warehousing	10	0.1%
Information	N.D.	N.D.
Finance and Insurance	112	1.4%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	70	0.9%
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	125	1.5%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	N.D.	N.D.
Administrative and Support and Waste Management	347	4.3%
Educational Services	N.D.	N.D.
Health Care and Social Assistance	1,285	15.9%
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	35	0.4%
Accommodation and Food Services	890	11.0%
Other Services	236	2.9%
Total Government	1,410	17.4%
Federal Government	29	0.4%
State Government	43	0.5%
Local Government	1,338	16.6%
Unclassified	10	0.1%
Total	8,083	100.0%

N.D. - Not Disclosed

*By Business Establishment

Labor Market

Major Employers

Manufacturing

Company

AdvanSix
Ashland Aqualon Functional Ingredients
E. I. DuPont De Nemours & Co.
Evonik Industries
WestRock

Product/Service

Chemicals & fibers
Specialty chemical products
Chemicals
Chemicals
Containerboard

NonManufacturing

Company

John Randolph Medical Center

Product/Service

Health care

Labor Market

Union Activity (8/1/2015 - 8/1/2018)	
Petitions filed for decertification	0
Petitions filed for representation	0
Petitions filed for raid	0
Elections won by union	0
Elections won by company	0

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	11.78	13.61	24,493	28,314
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	16.98	16.97	35,330	35,302
Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, and Weighers	20.77	22.19	43,215	46,153
Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	17.21	17.80	35,784	37,016
First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers	23.60	23.93	49,100	49,774
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	31.71	32.68	65,946	67,968
Office Clerks, General	18.22	19.52	37,900	40,591
Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive	15.26	15.92	31,742	33,105
Receptionists and Information Clerks	15.69	16.33	32,646	33,956
Customer Service Representatives	14.01	14.08	29,157	29,293
Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks	16.80	16.90	34,928	35,158
First-Line Supervisors of Office and Administrative Support Workers	18.75	19.21	39,011	39,973
Telemarketers	27.20	28.01	56,566	58,258
Computer User Support Specialists	10.93	11.77	22,732	24,471
Software Developers, Applications	21.97	23.15	45,706	48,149
Computer Systems Analysts	46.17	47.01	96,032	97,782
Accountants and Auditors	44.80	46.63	93,192	96,992
Management Analysts	35.04	39.09	72,882	81,304
Human Resources Specialists	40.02	42.90	83,229	89,224
	30.76	32.66	63,991	67,930

Per Capita Personal Income (2016)

\$37,561

Median Family Income (2013-2017)

\$52,846

Education

Public School Enrollment (Fall 2017)

Level	Number	Enrollment
Preschool	1	318
Elementary	3	1,994
Middle	1	907
High School	1	1,124

Student Teacher Ratio (FY 2017)

Elementary	11:1
Secondary	11:1

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

11,333.00

On-Time Graduation Rate (Class of 2017)

84.2%

High School Graduates Continuing Education (2017-2018)

76.8%

Advanced Programs (2017-2018)

Governor's Schools

Appomattox Regional Governor's School for the Arts & Technology

Governor's School Enrollment	22
Students taking 1 or more Advanced Placement (AP) Courses	91
Students taking 1 or more AP Exams	91
Students taking 1 or more Dual Enrollment Courses	134

Workforce Development Facilities

Facility	Type
Virginia Workforce Center - Petersburg	Satellite Center
Virginia Workforce Center-Emporia/Greenville	Comprehensive Center
Virginia Workforce Center-Tri-Cities	Comprehensive Center



Education

Higher Education Facilities – Fall 2017

Facility	Enrollment
Virginia Commonwealth University	31,036
ECPI University - Emerywood Campus	12,068 [‡]
ECPI University - Innsbrook Campus	12,068 [‡]
ECPI University - Moorefield Campus	12,068 [‡]
J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College - Parham Road Campus	7,088
John Tyler Community College - Midlothian Campus	6,879
Strayer University - Chesterfield Campus	6,473 ^{†‡}
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
Stratford University - Richmond Campus	2,926 [‡]
Richard Bland College	2,148
Virginia Union University	1,663
Bryant & Stratton College - Richmond Campus	617 [◊]
Union Presbyterian Seminary	163 [◊]
Centura College - Richmond Main Campus	144 [◊]
Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond	67 [◊]
Old Dominion University - Richmond Campus	*
Virginia Tech - Richmond Center	*
Central Texas College - Fort Lee Campus	†
Florida Institute of Technology - Fort Lee 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



Transportation

Interstates	
Name	Distance
I-295	0.0 miles (0.0 km.)
I-95	3.0 miles (4.8 km.)
I-85	4.2 miles (6.8 km.)
I-64	13.7 miles (22.0 km.)
I-195	18.7 miles (30.1 km.)

Note: Measured from border of locality/region.

Highways				
Highway 10	Highway 156	Highway 36		

Commercial Air Service		
Richmond International Airport, Sandston -- 21.0 miles (33.9 km.)		
American Airlines	Delta Air Lines	Southwest Airlines
United Airlines	JetBlue Airways	Allegiant Air
OneJet		
Newport News-Williamsburg International Airport, Newport News -- 72.8 miles (117.2 km.)		
American Airlines	Delta Air Lines	

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



Transportation

General Aviation Service

Name	Runway Length
Chesterfield County Airport, Chesterfield	5,500 ft (1,676 m)

Freight Rail Service

CSX Transportation Norfolk Southern Railway Company
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Seaports

Name	Distance
Port of Virginia (Richmond Marine Terminal)	19.0 miles (30.6 km)
Port of Virginia (Virginia International Gateway)	78.0 miles (125.5 km)
Port of Virginia (Norfolk International Terminals)	91.0 miles (146.5 km)
Port of Virginia (Portsmouth Marine Terminal)	92.0 miles (148.1 km)
Port of Virginia (Newport News Marine Terminals)	95.0 miles (152.9 km)

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

Other Ports of Entry

Name	Distance
Richmond-Petersburg	21.0 miles (33.9 km)
Newport News	72.8 miles (117.2 km)
Norfolk	99.4 miles (160.0 km)
Port of Washington - Dulles	136.6 miles (219.9 km)

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

Utilities

Utilities	
Electric	Dominion Energy
Natural Gas	Columbia Gas of Virginia
Telecommunications	Verizon-Virginia
Water	Virginia American Water Company
Waste Water Treatment	Hopewell Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility
Solid Waste Disposal	Private Waste Haulers and Landfills

Financial Institutions

Financial Institutions – 1st Qtr 2018 Assets

Bank	Assets (US\$ Millions)
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
Virginia Commonwealth Bank	992.9



Government and Taxes

Government

Hopewell has a City Manager and a seven-member City Council.

The city has a comprehensive plan and zoning and subdivision ordinances.

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.

Manufacturer's Tax Profile (Hopewell) [pdf](#)

Non-Manufacturer's Tax Profile (Hopewell) [pdf](#)



Community Facilities

Residents of Hopewell have easy access to the 147-bed John Randolph Medical Center, which offers a full range of medical services that include 24-hour emergency care, nuclear medicine, physical therapy, and respiratory care. John Randolph Medical Center was named one of the nation's top performers on key quality measures by the Joint Commission. Southside Regional Medical Center in Petersburg, a 468-bed acute care facility provides extensive facilities and services that include emergency care, surgery, intensive and coronary care, physical rehabilitation, and a school of nursing. There more than 3,500 physicans and 17 acute care and speciality hospitals with approximately 4,000-beds are located in the Richmond area, which has been designated as a prime medical center by the American Medical Association. The designation is giving only to areas where each type of medical care and surgery is provided.

Three long-term care nursing facilities with a total of 248-beds are located in Hopewell that offer rehabilitative and outpatient services. There are an additional twenty-three nursing care facilities located throughout the metropolitan area.

The Hopewell health department provides a wide range of public health care services that include family planning, obstetrics, immunizations and x-ray clinics.



Community Facilities

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Hopewell is a part of the Appomattox Regional Library System. The main branch of the Appomattox Regional Library System is located in downtown Hopewell. This library system circulates 119,561 volumes. Area colleges and universities also open their library facilities to the public. These library facilities include the 64,105-volume collection at Richard Bland College, the 75,472-volume collection at John Tyler Community College, and the 768,818-volume collection at Virginia State University.

There are 35 churches representing the leading Protestant denominations located in Hopewell. Catholic churches and Jewish synagogues can be found in Petersburg and Richmond.

Numerous shopping opportunities are available throughout the metropolitan area. The city of Hopewell has two shopping centers that offer a broad retail mix of department and specialty stores. The newly revitalized downtown area of Hopewell also offers a variety of retail and service-related businesses. As part of the Richmond-Petersburg metropolitan area, city residents enjoy easy access to virtually unlimited shopping choices throughout the area.

Hopewell and the metropolitan area provide numerous opportunities to pursue historical, cultural and recreational opportunities. Residents, as well as visitors, can enjoy the many homes and sites encountered on the Historic District Walking Tour. The area, first settled in the early 1600's, has played significant roles in both the Revolutionary and Civil Wars. Appomattox Manor, a National Historic Landmark, was used as headquarters by Grant during the Civil War. Hopewell is also the gateway to the historic James River Plantations, which include Brandon, Berkeley, Shirley, Westover, and Evelynton.

The city operates a visitor's center for the convenience of the public.

Cultural attractions in the area include Weston Manor where drama, music and ballet performances are held on the outdoor stage; the Fort Lee Playhouse; and the Swift Creek Mill dinner theater.

Recreational opportunities are also plentiful in Hopewell. The James and Appomattox Rivers offer fishing, boating and swimming. The Hopewell Yacht Club holds several regattas during the year. Both the Yacht Club and Jordan Point Marina offer excellent docking facilities. Jordan Point Country Club has tennis courts, a swimming pool, and an 18-hole golf course. The club opens their golf course to the general public during weekdays.

Public recreational facilities include a full-service community center with competition-sized indoor swimming pool, gymnasium, exercise room, racquetball courts and tennis courts; ten additional tennis courts, seven softball/baseball fields, two community parks, six neighborhood parks, and two multi-purpose parks.

Hopewell's close proximity to Richmond enables residents to enjoy the numerous cultural, historical and entertainment attractions the area has to offer. These attractions include the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, the Virginia Science Museum, and performances by the Virginia Opera, the Richmond Ballet and Theater Virginia.

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