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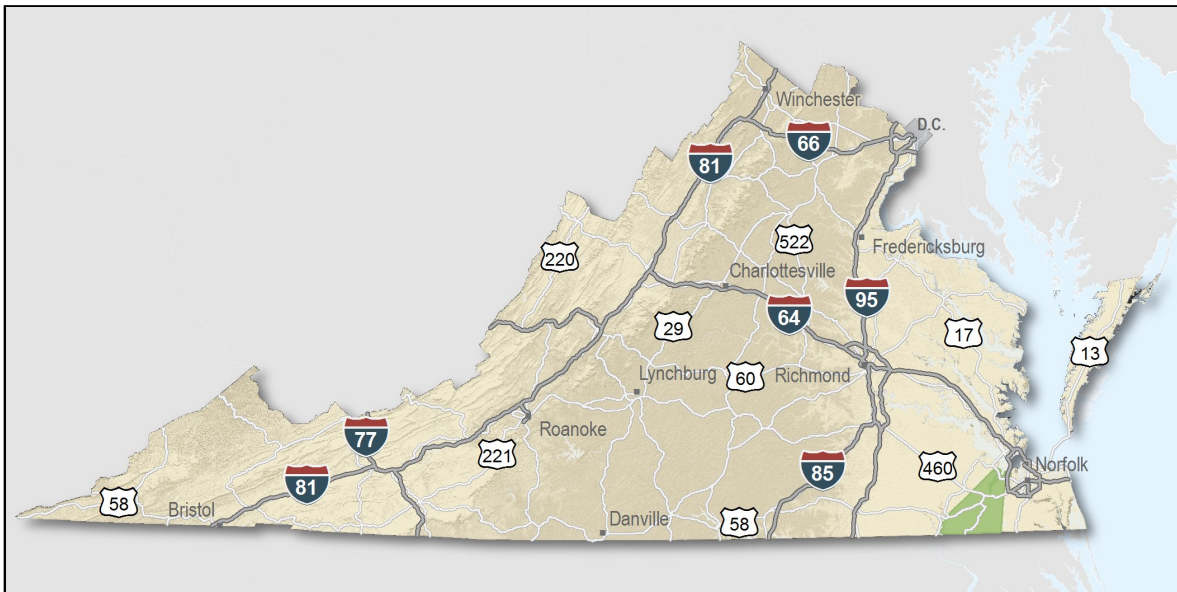
# City of Suffolk, Virginia

# 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.





## Suffolk's Technology Corridor

Building on a solid technology infrastructure which includes the U.S. Navy Cyber Defense Commands - Navy Information Forces (NAVIFOR), Joint Staff J7 and Virginia Modeling, Analysis and Simulation Center, Suffolk has emerged as a center for technology. It is home to some of the country's most progressive high-tech firms producing advanced computer simulations to help business, government, and the Department of Defense predict and plan the future. New and expanding technology companies include Northrop Grumman, Lockheed Martin Center for Innovation and Sera Brynn, one of the top ten cyber security firms in the United States, who all support evolving modeling and simulation technologies.



Lockheed Martin Center for Innovation

# Labor Market

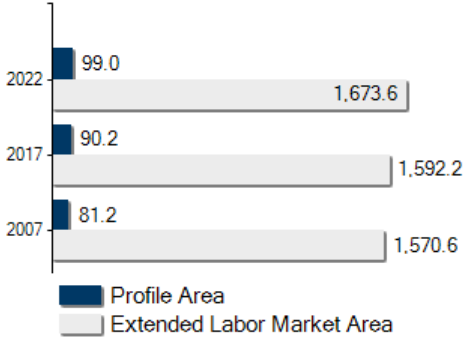
| Population                        |                     |                            |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Gender Distribution (2017)</b> |                     |                            |
| City of Suffolk                   | Male<br>48.4%       | Female<br>51.6%            |
| <b>Race/Ethnicity (2017)</b>      |                     |                            |
| <b>Classification</b>             | <b>Profile Area</b> | <b>Extended Labor Area</b> |
| White                             | 47,310              | 922,498                    |
| Black                             | 38,255              | 533,179                    |
| Two or More                       | 2,523               | 58,497                     |
| Asian                             | 1,684               | 66,813                     |
| American Indian or Alaska Native  | 371                 | 8,556                      |
| Pacific Islander                  | 94                  | 2,679                      |
| Hispanic (may be of any race)     | 4,005               | 68,085                     |
| <b>Median Age (2017)</b>          |                     | 38 years                   |

| Civilian Labor Force (2017) |                |
|-----------------------------|----------------|
| City of Suffolk             | 43,492         |
| Extended Labor Market Area  | 778,934        |
| <b>Total</b>                | <b>822,426</b> |

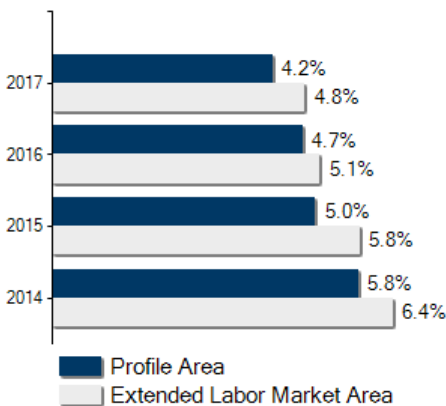
| Labor Force Participation (2013-2017) |       |
|---------------------------------------|-------|
| City of Suffolk                       | 64.3% |
| Extended Labor Market Area            | 61.2% |

| Unemployment                              |               |
|---|---------------|
| <b>Unemployment Rate (September 2018)</b> |               |
| City of Suffolk                           | 3.1%          |
| Extended Labor Market Area                | 3.1%          |
| Statewide                                 | 2.8%          |
| <b>Unemployed (2017)</b>                  |               |
| City of Suffolk                           | 1,808         |
| Extended Labor Market Area                | 33,172        |
| <b>Total</b>                              | <b>34,980</b> |
| <b>Underemployed (3rd Quarter 2018)</b>   |               |
| City of Suffolk                           | 5,223         |
| Extended Labor Market Area                | 91,897        |
| <b>Total</b>                              | <b>97,120</b> |

**Population in Thousands**



**Unemployment Rates**





# Labor Market

## Commute Time (2013-2017)

|                                    |        |       |
|------------------------------------|--------|-------|
| Worked from home                   | 1,419  | 3.4%  |
| Under 15 minutes                   | 7,619  | 18.9% |
| 15-24 minutes                      | 10,682 | 26.5% |
| 25-34 minutes                      | 10,198 | 25.3% |
| 35-44 minutes                      | 3,991  | 9.9%  |
| 45-59 minutes                      | 4,595  | 11.4% |
| Over 60 minutes                    | 3,225  | 8.0%  |
| Mean Travel Time to Work (minutes) |        | 28    |

## Additional Labor Resources

|  |         |
|--|---------|
| High School Graduates Not Continuing (2017-2018)     | 190     |
| Two-Year College Graduates (Spring 2017)             | 10,505  |
| Two-Year College Enrollees (Fall 2017)               | 87,788  |
| Other College and University Graduates (Spring 2017) | 10,495  |
| Total  | 108,978 |



# Labor Market

## 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 Suffolk            | 11         |
| Extended Labor Market Area | 181        |
| <b>Total</b>               | <b>192</b> |

## Educational Attainment

|  |       |
|--|-------|
| On-Time Graduation Rate (Class of 2017)  | 87.1% |
| Percentage of City of Suffolk population age 25+ who are high school graduates (2013-2017)                 | 88.6% |
| Percentage of City of Suffolk population age 25+ who have earned a Bachelor's Degree or higher (2013-2017) | 27.2% |



# Labor Market

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

|   |               |               |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting        | 196           | 0.6%          |
| Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction     | 13            | 0.0%          |
| Utilities                                       | N.D.          | N.D.          |
| Construction                                    | 1,193         | 3.7%          |
| Manufacturing                                   | 2,212         | 6.9%          |
| Wholesale Trade                                 | 1,130         | 3.5%          |
| Retail Trade                                    | 3,879         | 12.2%         |
| Transportation and Warehousing                  | 2,179         | 6.8%          |
| Information                                     | 179           | 0.6%          |
| Finance and Insurance                           | 379           | 1.2%          |
| Real Estate and Rental and Leasing              | 242           | 0.8%          |
| Professional Scientific and Technical Services  | 2,337         | 7.3%          |
| Management of Companies and Enterprises         | N.D.          | N.D.          |
| Administrative and Support and Waste Management | 1,312         | 4.1%          |
| Educational Services                            | 344           | 1.1%          |
| Health Care and Social Assistance               | 4,802         | 15.1%         |
| Arts Entertainment and Recreation               | 280           | 0.9%          |
| Accommodation and Food Services                 | 3,233         | 10.2%         |
| Other Services                                  | 872           | 2.7%          |
| Total Government                                | 6,403         | 20.1%         |
| Federal Government                              | 1,291         | 4.1%          |
| State Government                                | 842           | 2.6%          |
| Local Government                                | 4,270         | 13.4%         |
| Unclassified                                    | 85            | 0.3%          |
| <b>Total</b>                                    | <b>31,852</b> | <b>100.0%</b> |

N.D. - Not Disclosed

\*By Business Establishment



# Labor Market

| Major Employers                                  |                                      |
|--|--------------------------------------|
| <b>Manufacturing</b>                             |                                      |
| <b>Company</b>                                   | <b>Product/Service</b>               |
| BASF   | Chemical manufacturing               |
| Kraft Heinz - Planters Peanuts                   | Nut processing                       |
| Massimo Zanetti Beverage USA, Inc.               | Coffee roasting                      |
| Unilever - Lipton                                | Tea bags/beverage products           |
| <b>NonManufacturing</b>                          |                                      |
| <b>Company</b>                                   | <b>Product/Service</b>               |
| Naval Information Forces                         | Federal government                   |
| Navy Exchange Service Command (NEXCOM) Northeast | Warehousing/Distribution             |
| Distribution Center                              |                                      |
| QVC Suffolk                                      | Shopping network distribution center |
| Sentara Healthcare                               | Health care                          |
| Sysco Food Services                              | Distribution center                  |
| Target   | Distribution Center                  |
| TowneBank  | Banking                              |
| U.S. Joint Staff J7                              | Government                           |

# Labor Market

| <b>Union Activity (8/1/2015 - 8/1/2018)</b> |   |
|---|---|
| Petitions filed for representation          | 1 |
| Elections won by union                      | 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 | 12.74              | 15.31            | 26,495               | 31,835             |
| Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers   | 19.68              | 22.00            | 40,930               | 45,773             |
| Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, and Weighers  | 19.50              | 21.07            | 40,575               | 43,841             |
| Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers  | 21.81              | 21.88            | 45,360               | 45,516             |
| First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers                                    | 24.29              | 24.18            | 50,531               | 50,295             |
| Maintenance and Repair Workers, General   | 34.47              | 34.08            | 71,712               | 70,901             |
| Office Clerks, General  | 17.97              | 18.76            | 37,397               | 39,013             |
| Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive               | 14.78              | 15.87            | 30,734               | 32,997             |
| Receptionists and Information Clerks  | 17.24              | 17.47            | 35,844               | 36,353             |
| Customer Service Representatives  | 13.20              | 13.39            | 27,469               | 27,857             |
| Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks  | 14.87              | 15.45            | 30,933               | 32,134             |
| First-Line Supervisors of Office and Administrative Support Workers                           | 19.01              | 19.99            | 39,548               | 41,584             |
| Computer Occupations, All Other   | 26.46              | 28.47            | 55,042               | 59,199             |
| Computer User Support Specialists   | 43.29              | 43.35            | 90,043               | 90,164             |
| Software Developers, Applications   | 24.24              | 24.96            | 50,415               | 51,927             |
| Computer Systems Analysts   | 43.31              | 49.32            | 90,079               | 102,579            |
| Accountants and Auditors  | 38.61              | 41.58            | 80,315               | 86,501             |
| Management Analysts   | 33.79              | 37.82            | 70,285               | 78,680             |
| Human Resources Specialists   | 42.80              | 47.01            | 89,042               | 97,788             |
|   | 30.35              | 31.93            | 63,143               | 66,415             |

## Per Capita Personal Income (2016)

\$48,467

## Median Family Income (2013-2017)

\$79,696

# Education

## Public School Enrollment (Fall 2017)

| Level       | Number | Enrollment |
|-------------|--------|------------|
| Elementary  | 11     | 7,065      |
| Middle      | 4      | 3,221      |
| High School | 3      | 4,073      |

## Student Teacher Ratio (FY 2017)

|            |      |
|------------|------|
| Elementary | 15:1 |
| Secondary  | 13:1 |

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

|           |
|-----------|
| 10,507.00 |
|-----------|

## On-Time Graduation Rate (Class of 2017)

|       |
|-------|
| 87.1% |
|-------|

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

|       |
|-------|
| 80.2% |
|-------|

## Advanced Programs (2017-2018)

### Governor's Schools

Governor's School for the Arts

### Governor's STEM Academies and Health Academies

Fostering Innovation and Relevance Through STEM and Trades (FIRST)

|   |     |
|---|-----|
| Governor's School Enrollment                              | 34  |
| Senior International Baccalaureate (IB) Enrollment        | 28  |
| Seniors Awarded IB Diplomas                               | 22  |
| Students taking 1 or more Advanced Placement (AP) Courses | 425 |
| Students taking 1 or more AP Exams                        | 249 |
| Students taking 1 or more Dual Enrollment Courses         | 134 |

# Education

## Workforce Development Facilities

| Facility  | Type                        |
|---|-----------------------------|
| Opportunity, Inc. One Stop Workforce Center                   | Comprehensive Center        |
| Pruden Center for Industry & Technology                       | Career and Technical Center |
| Suffolk Workforce Development Center                          | Satellite Center            |
| Tidewater Tech  | Career and Technical Center |
| Workforce Development Center - Paul D. Camp Community College | Satellite Center            |



# Education

## Higher Education Facilities – Fall 2017

| Facility   | Enrollment |
|--|------------|
| Old Dominion University  | 24,375     |
| Tidewater Community College - Virginia Beach                     | 11,771     |
| Regent University - Virginia Beach Campus                        | 10,633     |
| Thomas Nelson Community College - Hampton Campus                 | 7,342      |
| Tidewater Community College - Chesapeake Campus                  | 6,732      |
| Tidewater Community College - Norfolk Campus                     | 6,186      |
| Tidewater Community College - Portsmouth Campus                  | 5,695      |
| Norfolk State University   | 5,305      |
| Christopher Newport University                                   | 5,081      |
| Hampton University   | 4,619      |
| Eastern Virginia Medical School                                  | 1,320      |
| Paul D. Camp Community College - Hobbs Suffolk Campus            | 995        |
| Paul D. Camp Community College - Franklin Campus                 | 756        |
| National Institute of Aerospace                                  | *          |
| Old Dominion University - Peninsula Higher Education Center      | *          |
| Old Dominion University - Tri Cities Higher Education Center     | *          |
| Old Dominion University - Virginia Beach Higher Education Center | *          |
| University of Virginia - Eastern Regional Center at Newport News | *          |
| Virginia Tech - Hampton Roads Center                             | *          |
| Virginia Tech - Hampton Roads Center, Newport News               | *          |
| Paul D. Camp Community College - Smithfield Center               | †§         |
| George Washington University - Advanced Technology Center        | †          |
| George Washington University - Hampton Roads Center              | †          |

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

† Enrollment figures are not available.

‡ Enrollment figures are for all campuses.

§ Enrollment counted at a main campus.

◊ Fall 2016 Enrollment



# Education

## Higher Education Facilities – Fall 2017

| Facility   | Enrollment          |
|--|---------------------|
| ECPI University - Newport News Campus                  | 12,068 <sup>‡</sup> |
| ECPI University - Virginia Beach Campus                | 12,068 <sup>‡</sup> |
| Strayer University - Chesapeake Campus                 | 6,473 <sup>‡◊</sup> |
| Strayer University - Newport News Campus               | 6,473 <sup>‡◊</sup> |
| Stratford University - Newport News Campus             | 2,926 <sup>‡</sup>  |
| Stratford University - Virginia Beach Campus           | 2,926 <sup>‡</sup>  |
| Virginia Wesleyan College                              | 1,476               |
| DeVry University - Chesapeake Campus                   | 687 <sup>‡◊</sup>   |
| South University - Virginia Beach Campus               | 643                 |
| Advanced Technology Institute - Miller Store Campus    | 606 <sup>‡◊</sup>   |
| Advanced Technology Institute - Southern Boulevard     | 606 <sup>‡◊</sup>   |
| University of Phoenix - Virginia Beach Learning Center | 526 <sup>‡</sup>    |
| Bryant & Stratton College - Virginia Beach Campus      | 472 <sup>◊</sup>    |
| Sentara College of Health Sciences                     | 383 <sup>◊</sup>    |
| Bryant & Stratton College - Hampton Campus             | 340                 |
| Fortis College - Norfolk Campus                        | 298 <sup>◊</sup>    |
| Tidewater Tech   | 270 <sup>◊</sup>    |
| Everest College - Chesapeake Campus                    | 225                 |
| Centura College - Chesapeake Campus                    | 193 <sup>◊</sup>    |
| Aviation Institute of Maintenance - Chesapeake Campus  | 186 <sup>◊</sup>    |
| Centura College - Norfolk Campus                       | 168 <sup>◊</sup>    |
| Centura College - Newport News Campus                  | 147 <sup>◊</sup>    |
| Everest College - Newport News Campus                  | 10                  |

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

<sup>◊</sup> Fall 2016 Enrollment



# Transportation

| Interstates |                       |
|-------------|-----------------------|
| Name        | Distance              |
| I-664       | 0.0 miles (0.0 km.)   |
| I-64        | 1.8 miles (2.9 km.)   |
| I-264       | 3.4 miles (5.5 km.)   |
| I-564       | 5.0 miles (8.1 km.)   |
| I-464       | 7.2 miles (11.6 km.)  |
| I-95        | 32.3 miles (52.0 km.) |
| I-295       | 43.1 miles (69.4 km.) |
| I-85        | 47.6 miles (76.6 km.) |

Note: Measured from border of locality/region.

| Highways    |             |             |             |             |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Highway 10  | Highway 13  | Highway 135 | Highway 164 | Highway 17  |
| Highway 189 | Highway 260 | Highway 32  | Highway 337 | Highway 460 |
| Highway 58  |             |             |             |             |

| Commercial Air Service  |                 |                 |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Norfolk International Airport, Norfolk -- 35.3 miles (56.8 km.)</b>                        |                 |                 |
| American Airlines   | American Eagle  | Delta Air Lines |
| Southwest Airlines  | United Express  |                 |
| <b>Newport News-Williamsburg International Airport, Newport News -- 38.1 miles (61.3 km.)</b> |                 |                 |
| American Airlines   | Delta Air Lines |                 |

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





# Transportation

## General Aviation Service

| Name                               | Runway Length      |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Suffolk Executive Airport, Suffolk | 5,007 ft (1,526 m) |

## Freight Rail Service

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|--|
| CSX Transportation<br>Norfolk Southern Railway Company |
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## Seaports

| Name   | Distance              |
|--|-----------------------|
| Port of Virginia (Virginia International Gateway)  | 23.0 miles (37.0 km)  |
| Port of Virginia (Norfolk International Terminals) | 30.0 miles (48.3 km)  |
| Port of Virginia (Portsmouth Marine Terminal)      | 31.0 miles (49.9 km)  |
| Port of Virginia (Newport News Marine Terminals)   | 36.0 miles (57.9 km)  |
| Port of Virginia (Richmond Marine Terminal)        | 87.0 miles (140.0 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               |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| Norfolk                     | 35.3 miles (56.8 km)   |
| Newport News                | 38.1 miles (61.3 km)   |
| Richmond-Petersburg         | 83.8 miles (134.9 km)  |
| Port of Washington - Dulles | 198.6 miles (319.6 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              | Community Electric Cooperative        |
| Electric              | Dominion Energy                       |
| Natural Gas           | Columbia Gas of Virginia              |
| Natural Gas           | Virginia Natural Gas                  |
| Telecommunications    | Verizon South                         |
| Telecommunications    | Charter Communications                |
| Water                 | City of Suffolk                       |
| Waste Water Treatment | City of Suffolk                       |
| Waste Water Treatment | Hampton Roads Sanitation District     |
| Solid Waste Disposal  | Southeastern Public Service Authority |

# Financial Institutions

| <b>Financial Institutions – 1st Qtr 2018 Assets</b> |                                   |
|---|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Bank</b>   | <b>Assets<br/>(US\$ Millions)</b> |
| Bank of America, N.A.                               | 1,765,242.0                       |
| Branch Banking and Trust Company                    | 215,012.0                         |
| SunTrust Bank                                       | 199,970.2                         |
| Union Bank & Trust Co.                              | 13,118.0                          |
| TowneBank   | 10,620.4                          |
| WoodForest National Bank                            | 5,699.6                           |
| Southern Bank and Trust Company                     | 2,548.3                           |
| Virginia Commonwealth Bank                          | 992.9                             |
| Farmers Bank  | 455.4                             |



# Government and Taxes

## Government

Suffolk has a City Manager and an eight-member City Council.

The city has a comprehensive plan and subdivision and zoning 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 (Suffolk) [pdf](#)*

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



# Community Facilities

The Obici Health System is an integrated system of health care that provides medical care through primary care physician practices, inpatient hospital services, outpatient diagnostic testing, physical rehabilitation services, occupational health and home health services. Wellness and prevention services are provided to the community through the Obici Foundation for community Health Improvement.

Obici Hospital is a 168-bed state-of-the-art full-service hospital in Suffolk and the largest entity in the Obici Health System.

Among services provided by the hospital are a cardiology program, including a full range of diagnostic testing, cardiac catheterization lab, and cardiac rehabilitation. The hospital also has a 21-bed Women's Center for obstetrical and gynecologic care; a 10-bed inpatient psychiatric center and outpatient program; onsite MRI; compressive cancer services including radiation therapy; home health services; full range of rehabilitative services; neurophysiology capabilities, including a sleep lab; and comprehensive radiology department. A three-year registered nursing school and one-year LPN school is also affiliated with Obici Hospital.

In addition to Obici Hospital, there are over two dozen hospitals and acute-care facilities in the metropolitan area providing residents with an abundant choice of medical care options.



# Community Facilities

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Ninety-five physicians and 25 dentists practice in Suffolk with many additional health care professionals available in the metropolitan region.

The Suffolk Public Library System is made up of a main library, one branch, and two stations. The main library, Morgan Memorial Library, is located in central Suffolk. The branch library is located in northern Suffolk, and the stations are located in northern and eastern Suffolk. Bookmobile service is also provided. In addition to holdings totaling over 112,000 volumes, the system is highly automated, allowing patrons to dial in from home computers to check records, place reservations, read encyclopedias and search for magazine articles.

Approximately 130 churches and synagogues are located in Suffolk.

Suffolk has a thriving commercial trade with seven shopping centers located in the city limits and several in development in the northern Suffolk corridor. Within a very short distance are several regional shopping malls providing a vast retail selection. The centerpiece of the city's central business district is the \$14 million Mills E. Godwin Courthouse that is complemented with attractive streetscapes and new businesses. The list of specialty shops includes a bakery café, wine shop, gift shop, art gallery, haberdashery and several boutiques. The Downtown Suffolk Initiatives Plan is credited with much of the success of the public-private reinvestment taking place. The Suffolk-Nansemond Historical Society is active in preserving the city's historic properties including a former CSX train station and pre-Civil War era homes. The growing Harbour View area of northern Suffolk features an ever-expanding host of dining, retail, entertainment and shopping options, all within minutes of I-664.



# Lifestyle

The Suffolk Department of Parks, Recreation, and Facility Management offers a wide range of activities involving instructional classes, athletic programs, and special events that serve all age groups. In addition, numerous non-profit organizations operate youth athletic programs covering baseball, football, soccer, tennis, basketball leagues, and sports camps. Two public golf courses and one private 18-hole golf course is available. There is one public swimming pool, two tennis facilities with a total of 24 courts, 10 ball fields, a walking track, and a YMCA facility. Taste of Suffolk is a popular annual family event Downtown featuring local independently owned restaurants offering samples of their tastiest fares.

Numerous resources are available for outdoor recreation. Area lakes covering more than 8,000 acres are well stocked with game fish. Lake Drummond, in the heart of the Great Dismal Swamp, is home to great fishing. Deer and other small game are plentiful and make for excellent hunting. Saltwater fishing is popular and several marinas provide easy access to Hampton Roads harbour, Chesapeake Bay, and the Atlantic Ocean.

Suffolk is within an hour's drive of the Virginia Beach boardwalk, Virginia Beach Amphitheater, Virginia Beach Sportsplex, Norfolk's Tides Stadium, Norfolk's Town Point Park, Yorktown, Jamestown, Colonial Williamsburg and Busch Gardens. A wealth of concerts and special events are held throughout the metropolitan area. During the summer months, Parks, Recreation and Facility Management sponsors the TGIF Summer Concert Series in Suffolk, which offers free music and entertainment on Friday evenings at Constant's Wharf. Collegiate basketball, professional baseball, hockey and soccer games are available in the region. Local festivals have also steadily garnered popularity. The Suffolk Peanut Festival is a four-day celebration of the city's world famous peanut crop complete with parades, exhibits, entertainment, arts and crafts, and food. Every year, Suffolk Executive Airport hosts the Festival of Flight which features aircraft, rides, entertainment and food.

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The fine arts are well supported by this community. An ante-bellum mansion, Riddick's Folly, is home to a museum and a multi-purpose cultural center. The Suffolk Museum features art and photography exhibits by local artists. Opera, ballet, symphony, professional theatre, and several first-rate museums, including the Chrysler Museum in Norfolk, are just minutes from Suffolk.

*[VA Beach-Norfolk-Newport News MSA Profile](#)*

*[Hampton Roads Profile](#)*

*[The Hampton Roads Economic Development Alliance](#)*

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