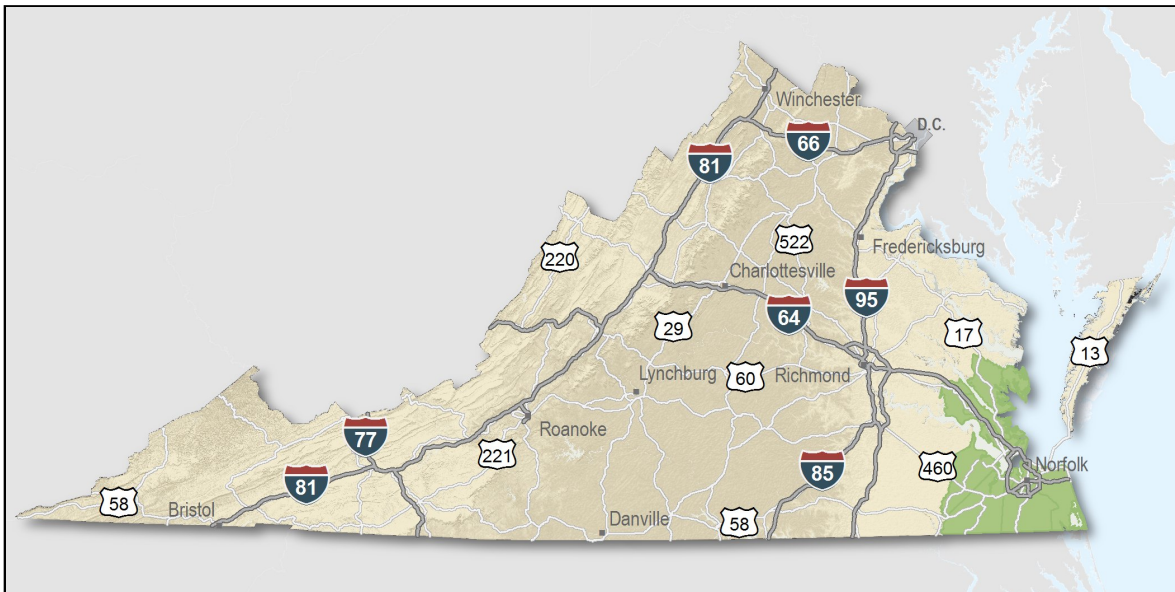

VA Beach-Norfolk-Newport News MSA, Virginia

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.

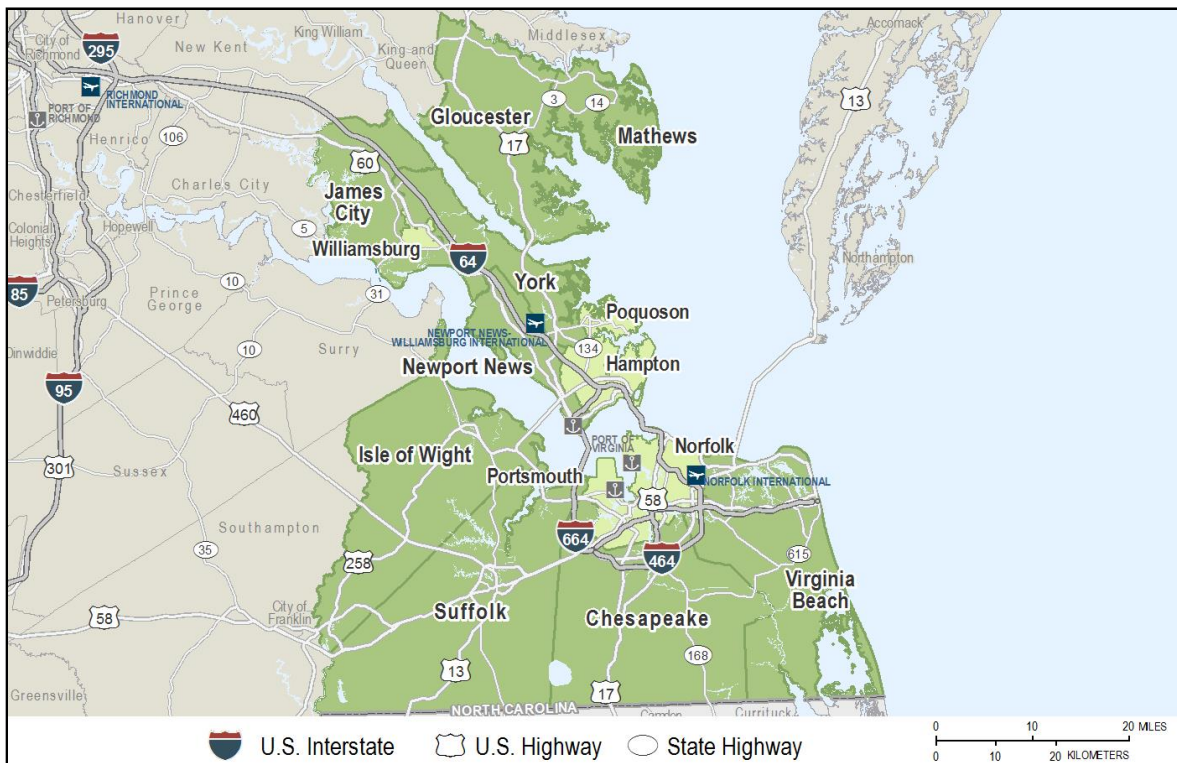
- AAA bond rating- Virginia has maintained a AAA rating since 1938, longer than any other state.
- Right-to-work law allows individuals the right to work regardless of membership in a labor union or organization.
- Corporate income tax rate of 6% has not been increased since 1972.
- Headquarters to 37 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 Virginia Beach-Norfolk-Newport News Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) is situated in the southeastern corner of Virginia. The MSA centers on Hampton Roads, the world's largest natural deepwater harbor. Nine cities and five counties comprise the metropolitan area. A totally integrated transportation network of interstate highways, air, rail, and sea services provide excellent access between the communities of this MSA and the markets of the world.

The Virginia Beach-Norfolk-Newport News MSA is 200 miles south of Washington, D.C. and 100 miles south of Richmond, the state capital of Virginia.



VA Beach-Norfolk-Newport News MSA

Hampton Roads (Virginia Beach-Norfolk-Newport News MSA): The Heart of the Mid-Atlantic Fourteen individual jurisdictions in Virginia make up Hampton Roads, the 2nd best performing metro economy in the nation during the recession according to The Brookings Institution. With a civilian labor force of more than 800,000 and 20,000 individuals graduating from Hampton Roads' 8 universities and 4 community colleges annually, the area's skilled workforce stands out. Four Fortune 500 companies are headquartered in Hampton Roads because they know that the region's economy is as strong as it is stable due to the low business costs, attractive labor supply and superior economic climate that businesses enjoy. For many businesses it is critical to be conveniently located near customers, suppliers, distributors, employees and vendors. Over 60 percent of the population of the U.S. is within 750 miles of Hampton Roads and the region's convenient and accessible transportation infrastructure provides multiple options for moving goods between national and international markets.

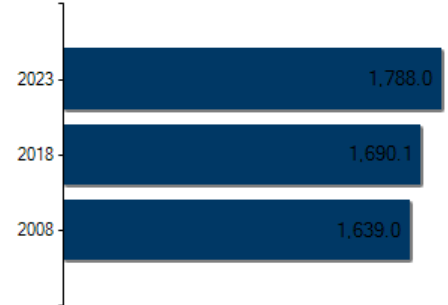


The Downtown Norfolk Skyline

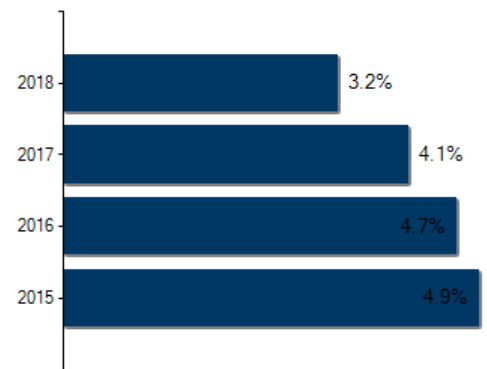
Labor Market

Population		
Gender Distribution (2018)		
VA Beach-Norfolk-Newport News MSA	Male	Female
	49.2%	50.8%
Race/Ethnicity (2018)		
Classification		Profile Area
White		1,004,641
Black		538,478
Asian		71,916
Two or More		63,429
American Indian or Alaska Native		8,667
Pacific Islander		2,957
Hispanic (may be of any race)		120,033
Median Age (2018)		
Chesapeake		37 years
Gloucester		45 years
Hampton		36 years
Isle of Wight		45 years
James City		47 years
Mathews		54 years
Newport News		34 years
Norfolk		31 years
Poquoson		43 years
Portsmouth		36 years
Suffolk		38 years
Virginia Beach		36 years
Williamsburg		27 years
York		39 years

Population in Thousands



Unemployment Rates



Labor Market

Civilian Labor Force (2018)

VA Beach-Norfolk-Newport News MSA	830,717
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Labor Force Participation (2013-2017)

VA Beach-Norfolk-Newport News MSA	61.5%
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Unemployment

Unemployment Rate (December 2019)	
VA Beach-Norfolk-Newport News MSA	2.7%
Statewide	2.5%
Unemployed (2018)	
VA Beach-Norfolk-Newport News MSA	26,982
Underemployed (4th Quarter 2019)	
VA Beach-Norfolk-Newport News MSA	95,963



Labor Market

Commute Time (2013-2017)

Worked from home	28,386	3.4%
Under 15 minutes	201,315	25.0%
15-24 minutes	278,397	34.6%
25-34 minutes	178,640	22.2%
35-44 minutes	50,610	6.3%
45-59 minutes	54,326	6.8%
Over 60 minutes	40,957	5.1%
Mean Travel Time to Work (minutes)		
Chesapeake		26
Gloucester		33
Hampton		22
Isle of Wight		29
James City		25
Mathews		33
Newport News		23
Norfolk		21
Poquoson		25
Portsmouth		24
Suffolk		28
Virginia Beach		24
Williamsburg		20
York		22

Additional Labor Resources

High School Graduates Not Continuing (2017-2018)	2,543
Two-Year College Graduates (Spring 2018)	8,147
Two-Year College Enrollees (Fall 2018)	65,949
Other College and University Graduates (Spring 2018)	12,803
Total	89,442

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.

VA Beach-Norfolk-Newport News MSA

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Educational Attainment

On-Time Graduation Rate (Class of 2018)	91.6%
Percentage of VA Beach-Norfolk-Newport News MSA population age 25+ who are high school graduates (2013-2017)	90.9%
Percentage of VA Beach-Norfolk-Newport News MSA population age 25+ who have earned a Bachelor's Degree or higher (2013-2017)	31.0%



Labor Market

Employment by Sector* (4th Qtr. 2018)

Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	836	0.1%
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	106	0.0%
Utilities	1,371	0.2%
Construction	35,874	4.8%
Manufacturing	56,942	7.6%
Wholesale Trade	16,686	2.2%
Retail Trade	85,345	11.4%
Transportation and Warehousing	23,787	3.2%
Information	10,091	1.4%
Finance and Insurance	21,049	2.8%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	12,902	1.7%
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	46,205	6.2%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	11,523	1.5%
Administrative and Support and Waste Management	46,477	6.2%
Educational Services	11,634	1.6%
Health Care and Social Assistance	93,678	12.5%
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	11,792	1.6%
Accommodation and Food Services	77,399	10.4%
Other Services	23,390	3.1%
Total Government	158,766	21.2%
Federal Government	58,260	7.8%
State Government	19,961	2.7%
Local Government	80,545	10.8%
Unclassified	1,367	0.2%
Total	747,221	100.0%

N.D. - Not Disclosed

*By Business Establishment

Employment by Occupation (2017)

Construction, Extraction & Maintenance	70,070	9.6%
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	720	0.1%
Managerial, Professional & Related	223,200	30.7%
Production, Transportation & Material	83,880	11.5%
Moving		
Sales & Office	188,460	25.9%
Service	161,060	22.1%
Total	727,390	100%

Labor Market

Major Employers

Manufacturing

Company

Canon VA, Inc.
 Earl Industries LLC
 Huntington Ingalls Industries Inc.
 Smithfield Packing Company
 Stihl, Inc.

Product/Service

Copiers, cameras and laser printers
 Ship repair
 Ship building and repair
 Meat processing & packing
 Power tools

NonManufacturing

Company

APAC Services (for United Parcel Service)
 Army and Air Force Exchange Service (Dan Daniels
 Distribution Center)
 Bank of America
 Bon Secours
 Busch Gardens Williamsburg
 CVN Distribution Co., Inc. (QVC)
 Naval Medical Center Portsmouth
 Norfolk Naval Shipyard
 Old Dominion University
 Riverside Health System
 Sentara Healthcare
 The College of William and Mary

Product/Service

Teleservices
 Distribution center

 Financial services
 Health services
 Theme park
 Shopping network distribution center
 Health care
 Federal government
 Higher education
 Health care
 Healthcare
 Higher education



Labor Market

Closings, Reductions, Layoffs (7/2018 to date)

Date	Type	Company	Product/Service	Employees Affected
9/30/2018	Layoff	General Dynamics Information Technology	Computer services provider to federal government clients	101
7/12/2019	Closing	SwimWays*	Manufactures recreational water products	80
9/30/2019	Layoff	AECOM	Engineering, technical, and management support services	101

*Internationally-owned

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

Petitions filed for representation	16
Elections won by union	9
Elections won by company	4

Labor Market

Estimated Earnings (May 2018)

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	13.16	15.64	27,380	32,533
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	20.22	21.71	42,067	45,173
Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	19.53	20.99	40,612	43,660
Machinists	25.08	24.52	52,161	51,007
First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers	25.89	25.51	53,848	53,064
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	32.59	33.98	67,778	70,685
Office Clerks, General	18.09	19.00	37,635	39,521
Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive	14.92	15.94	31,041	33,154
Receptionists and Information Clerks	17.40	17.64	36,184	36,685
Customer Service Representatives	13.11	13.32	27,262	27,702
Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks	14.46	15.18	30,067	31,580
First-Line Supervisors of Office and Administrative Support Workers	18.68	19.56	38,856	40,676
Computer Occupations, All Other	26.31	28.39	54,716	59,059
Computer User Support Specialists	44.25	44.41	92,040	92,364
Software Developers, Applications	25.51	25.78	53,051	53,628
Computer Systems Analysts	42.71	48.20	88,841	100,270
Accountants and Auditors	39.88	43.05	82,961	89,527
Management Analysts	34.31	37.75	71,363	78,517
Human Resources Specialists	43.16	47.50	89,766	98,799
	31.05	32.29	64,591	67,173

Per Capita Personal Income (2017)

\$48,502

Median Family Income (2013-2017)

\$74,604

Education

Public School Enrollment (Fall 2018)

Level	Number	Enrollment
Preschool	12	2,810
Elementary	210	116,377
Combined	7	6,522
Middle	64	53,371
High School	52	75,214

Student Teacher Ratio (FY 2018)

Elementary	13:1
Secondary	13:1

Per Pupil Expenditure (FY 2018) (US\$)

11,682.15

On-Time Graduation Rate (Class of 2018)

91.6%

High School Graduates Continuing Education (2017-2018)

86.9%

Advanced Programs (2017-2018)

Governor's STEM Academies and Health Academies

Aviation Academy
 Fostering Innovation and Relevance Through STEM and Trades (FIRST)
 Gloucester County Public Schools & Mathews County Public Schools Governor's Health Sciences Academy
 Governor's STEM Academy for Engineering, Marketing, and Information Technology Studies
 Greater Peninsula Governor's STEM Academy
 Hampton City Public Schools Governor's Health Sciences Academy
 Hampton City Schools Architecture & Applied Arts Governor's STEM Academy
 Heritage High School Governor's STEM Academy
 Newport News and York County Public Schools Governor's Health Sciences Academy
 The Grassfield High School Governor's STEM Academy

Governor's School Enrollment	599
Senior International Baccalaureate (IB) Enrollment	434
Seniors Awarded IB Diplomas	250
Students taking 1 or more Advanced Placement (AP) Courses	19,423
Students taking 1 or more AP Exams	12,738
Students taking 1 or more Dual Enrollment Courses	3,099



Education

Workforce Development Facilities	
Facility	Type
Advanced Technology Center	Career and Technical Center
Arclabs Welding School	Career and Technical Center
Chesapeake Center for Science & Technology	Career and Technical Center
Eastern Shore Workforce Center	Satellite Center
Fredericksburg Workforce Center	Comprehensive Center
Job Assistance Center	Satellite Center
New Horizons Regional Education Center-Butler Farm	Career and Technical Center
New Horizons Regional Education Center-Kiln Creek	Career and Technical Center
New Horizons Regional Education Center-Woodside Lane	Career and Technical Center
Norfolk Technical Center	Career and Technical Center
Opportunity, Inc. One Stop Workforce Center	Comprehensive Center
Peninsula Worklink One-Stop Center-Hampton	Comprehensive Center
Peninsula Worklink One-Stop Center-Williamsburg	Satellite Center
Pruden Center for Industry & Technology	Career and Technical Center
Southeast Higher Education Center	Career and Technical Center
Suffolk Workforce Development Center	Satellite Center
TCC Regional Automotive Center	Career and Technical Center
Thomas Nelson Workforce Center	Career and Technical Center
Tidewater Tech	Career and Technical Center
Warsaw Workforce Center	Satellite Center
Workforce Development Center - Paul D. Camp Community College	Satellite Center



Education

Higher Education Facilities – Fall

Facility	Enrollment
Old Dominion University	24,176
Tidewater Community College - Virginia Beach	10,811
College of William and Mary	8,817
Thomas Nelson Community College - Hampton Campus	6,788
Tidewater Community College - Chesapeake Campus	6,548
Tidewater Community College - Norfolk Campus	5,825
Tidewater Community College - Portsmouth Campus	5,441
Norfolk State University	5,204
Christopher Newport University	4,957
Rappahannock Community College - Glens Campus	1,819
Thomas Nelson Community College - Historic Triangle Campus	1,558
Paul D. Camp Community College - Hobbs Suffolk Campus	897
Paul D. Camp Community College - Franklin Campus	718
National Institute of Aerospace	*
Old Dominion University - Peninsula Higher Education Center	*
Old Dominion University - Tri Cities Higher Education Center	*
George Washington University - Advanced Technology Center	†
Everest College - Chesapeake Campus	†
Everest College - Newport News Campus	†
University of Phoenix - Virginia Beach Learning Center	†
Paul D. Camp Community College - Smithfield Center	†§
Rappahannock Community College - Kilmarnock 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 Enrollment



Education

Higher Education Facilities – Fall 2018

Facility	Enrollment
Regent University - Virginia Beach Campus	10,859
Hampton University	4,321
Virginia Wesleyan College	1,438
Eastern Virginia Medical School	1,383
Bryant & Stratton College - Virginia Beach Campus	484 [◊]
Advanced Technology Institute - Southern Boulevard	464 [◊]
Sentara College of Health Sciences	440 [◊]
Bryant & Stratton College - Hampton Campus	303 [◊]
Centura College - Norfolk Campus	193 [◊]
Centura College - Chesapeake Campus	190 [◊]
Aviation Institute of Maintenance - Chesapeake Campus	183 [◊]
Centura College - Newport News Campus	179 [◊]
Centura College - Virginia Beach Campus	150 [◊]
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	*
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	†
Florida Institute of Technology - Hampton Roads Campus	†
Advanced Technology Institute - Miller Store Campus	†
DeVry University - Chesapeake Campus	†
ECPI University - Newport News Campus	†
ECPI University - Virginia Beach Campus	†

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† Enrollment figures are not available.

‡ Enrollment figures are for all campuses.

◊ Fall 2017 Enrollment



Education

Higher Education Facilities – Fall 2018

Facility	Enrollment
Strayer University - Chesapeake Campus	5,894 [‡] [◊]
Strayer University - Newport News Campus	5,894 [‡] [◊]
Strayer University - Virginia Beach Campus	5,894 [‡] [◊]
Stratford University - Newport News Campus	2,282 [‡]
Stratford University - Virginia Beach Campus	2,282 [‡]
South University - Virginia Beach Campus	564 [◊]
Tidewater Tech	359 [◊]
Fortis College - Norfolk Campus	229 [◊]
National College - Bristol Campus	⁺

⁺ Enrollment figures are not available.

[‡] Enrollment figures are for all campuses.

[◊] Fall 2017 Enrollment



Transportation

Interstates	
Name	Distance
I-264	0.0 miles (0.0 km.)
I-464	0.0 miles (0.0 km.)
I-564	0.0 miles (0.0 km.)
I-64	0.0 miles (0.0 km.)
I-664	0.0 miles (0.0 km.)
I-295	21.5 miles (34.6 km.)
I-95	26.0 miles (41.9 km.)
I-85	27.7 miles (44.6 km.)

Note: Measured from border of locality/region.

Highways				
Highway 10	Highway 105	Highway 13	Highway 132	Highway 134
Highway 135	Highway 14	Highway 141	Highway 143	Highway 152
Highway 162	Highway 164	Highway 165	Highway 166	Highway 168
Highway 169	Highway 17	Highway 170	Highway 171	Highway 172
Highway 173	Highway 189	Highway 190	Highway 191	Highway 192
Highway 194	Highway 196	Highway 198	Highway 199	Highway 216
Highway 223	Highway 225	Highway 238	Highway 239	Highway 246
Highway 247	Highway 258	Highway 260	Highway 278	Highway 279
Highway 3	Highway 30	Highway 306	Highway 31	Highway 312
Highway 32	Highway 33	Highway 337	Highway 351	Highway 403
Highway 405	Highway 406	Highway 407	Highway 415	Highway 460
Highway 5	Highway 58	Highway 60		

Commercial Air Service		
Norfolk International Airport, Norfolk -- 4.4 miles (7.1 km.)		
American Airlines	American Eagle	Delta Air Lines
Frontier Airlines	Southwest Airlines	United Express
Allegiant Air		
Newport News-Williamsburg International Airport, Newport News -- 4.8 miles (7.7 km.)		
American Airlines	Delta Air Lines	

Transportation

Commercial Air Service

Richmond International Airport, Sandston -- 43.2 miles (69.6 km.)

American Airlines	Delta Air Lines	Southwest Airlines
Spirit Airlines	United Airlines	JetBlue Airways
Allegiant Air		

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

Transportation

General Aviation Service

Name	Runway Length
Chesapeake Regional Airport, Chesapeake	5,500 ft (1,676 m)
Franklin Municipal Airport, Franklin	4,976 ft (1,517 m)
Hampton Roads Executive Airport, Norfolk	5,350 ft (1,631 m)
Suffolk Executive Airport, Suffolk	5,007 ft (1,526 m)
Williamsburg-Jamestown Airport, Williamsburg	3,204 ft (977 m)

Freight Rail Service

CSX Transportation
Eastern Shore RR
Norfolk Portsmouth Beltline RR
Norfolk Southern Railway Company

Seaports

Name	Distance
Port of Virginia (Norfolk International Terminals)	4.0 miles (6.4 km)
Port of Virginia (Virginia International Gateway)	4.0 miles (6.4 km)
Port of Virginia (Portsmouth Marine Terminal)	5.0 miles (8.0 km)
Port of Virginia (Newport News Marine Terminals)	10.0 miles (16.1 km)
Port of Virginia (Richmond Marine Terminal)	49.0 miles (78.9 km)

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

Other Ports of Entry

Name	Distance
Norfolk	4.4 miles (7.1 km)
Newport News	4.8 miles (7.7 km)
Richmond-Petersburg	43.2 miles (69.6 km)
Port of Washington - Dulles	157.7 miles (253.8 km)

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

Utilities

Electric

City of Franklin
 Dominion Energy

Community Electric Cooperative
 Prince George Electric Cooperative

Natural Gas

Columbia Gas of Virginia
 Washington Gas Company

Virginia Natural Gas

Telecommunications

Cox Communications
 Verizon South

Cavalier Telephone Company
 Verizon-Virginia

Water

City of Chesapeake
 City of Norfolk
 City of Suffolk
 Newport News Waterworks
 York County
 Isle of Wight County
 City of Williamsburg

City of Franklin
 City of Portsmouth
 James City County Service Authority
 Tidewater Community College
 Gloucester County
 City of Virginia Beach

Waste Water Treatment

City of Chesapeake
 City of Norfolk
 Hampton Roads Sanitation District
 Town of Smithfield

City of Franklin
 City of Suffolk
 Isle of Wight County
 Mathews Courthouse Sanitary District

Solid Waste Disposal

Atlantic Waste Disposal
 Hampton City Landfill
 James City County Transfer Station
 Middle Peninsula Landfill & Recycling Center
 Southeastern Public Service Authority
 Virginia Peninsulas Public Service Authority

 York County Sanitary Landfill
 City of Williamsburg

City of Virginia Beach Sanitary Landfill
 Hampton/NASA Steam Generation Facility
 Mathews County Transfer Station
 Portsmouth Sanitary Landfill
 Southeastern Public Service Authority Regional Landfill
 Virginia Peninsulas Public Service Authority Regional Landfill
 Waste Management



Financial Institutions

Financial Institutions – 4th Qtr 2018 Assets	
Bank	Assets (US\$ Millions)
Bank of America, N.A.	1,782,639.0
Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.	1,689,351.0
PNC Bank, N.A.	370,500.9
Branch Banking and Trust Company	219,071.0
SunTrust Bank	209,720.5
Union Bank & Trust Co.	13,732.0
Fulton Bank	12,558.9
TowneBank	11,163.0
Dollar Bank, Federal Savings Bank	8,514.1
WoodForest National Bank	5,923.7
City National Bank of West Virginia	4,837.8
Sonabank, N.A.	2,707.1
Southern Bank and Trust Company	2,624.1
Citizens & Farmers Bank	1,517.6
Premier Bank, Inc.	1,239.3
Armed Forces Bank, N.A.	1,077.6
Virginia Commonwealth Bank	1,076.2
The Old Point National Bank of Phoebus	1,032.7
Crescent Bank & Trust	978.5
Chesapeake Bank	850.9
The Bank of Southside Virginia	555.3
Village Bank	512.7
AMG National Trust Bank	492.5
Farmers Bank	478.3
TruPoint Bank	435.4



Government and Taxes

Government

The city of Virginia Beach has a City Manager and an eleven-member City Council. The city of Chesapeake has a City Manager and a nine-member City Council. The cities of Hampton, Newport News, Norfolk, Poquoson, Portsmouth, and Suffolk have a City Manager and a seven-member City Council. The city of Williamsburg has a City Manager and a five-member City Council. The county of Gloucester has a County Administrator and a seven-member Board of Supervisors. The counties of James City and York have a County Administrator and a five-member Board of Supervisors.

All communities have adopted comprehensive plans and have zoning and subdivision ordinances.

Gloucester is the county seat of Gloucester County. There are no other incorporated towns within the county. Williamsburg serves as the county seat for James City County. There are no incorporated towns within the county. Yorktown is the county seat of York County. There are no other incorporated towns in the county.

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

Residents of the Virginia Beach-Norfolk-Newport News MSA are served by 20 hospitals with over 5,836 beds. The 576-bed Riverside Regional Medical Center in Newport News offers a full range of services including a nuclear medicine unit, comprehensive heart program, cancer treatment center, neurosurgery, and pediatrics. Sentara Norfolk General has been designated as the tertiary care facility and regional referral center for the Hampton Roads area. The Eastern Virginia Medical School in Norfolk is affiliated with more than 30 area hospitals and clinics. This internationally known medical school is the acknowledged leader in invitro fertilization and embryo transfer in the United States.

Seventy-three nursing homes offer extended care to the elderly in the area.

The area is served by more than 2,425 physicians and 588 dentists.

More than 1,230 places of worship are located in the MSA. Most Protestant denominations are represented along with the Roman Catholic, Jewish, Muslim and Greek Orthodox faiths.

The local public library systems operate 43 branches containing over 4,000,000 volumes. Area colleges and universities open their library facilities to the public. These include libraries at The College of William and Mary in Williamsburg with over 1,276,000 volumes, Christopher Newport University in Newport News with 398,000 volumes, Hampton University with nearly 400,000 volumes, Virginia State University with a 768,818 volumes and Old Dominion University with 1,400,246 volumes. NASA's Langley Research Center Library with more than 2,100,000 volumes also permits area residents to borrow books through an interlibrary loan system.



Community Facilities

(continued)

Residents enjoy an exceptional assortment of shopping opportunities in the region. The historic area of Williamsburg offers the shopper a rare blend of antique, specialty, and craft shops combined with entertainment activities in a restored 18th-century setting. There are ten regional malls. The foremost shopping facility in the area is the 1,000,000-square foot MacArthur Center Mall. Located in Downtown Norfolk. This world-class mall features Nordstrom, Dillards, and Pottery Barn, as well as an 18-screen theater, 70-foot atrium, and over 135 additional stores. There are also numerous shopping opportunities in the central business districts of the cities and towns located across the area.

The Virginia Beach-Norfolk-Newport News MSA is home to much of America's early history. Historic Jamestowne, the site of the first permanent English settlement, offers a glimpse into the lifestyle of early settlers. Yorktown highlights the sights and sounds of the Revolutionary War and celebrates the British surrender. Colonial Williamsburg recreates 18th-century America at the Colonial Capitol. Mathews County has an active historical society headquartered in the Mathews Court House Square, a collection of 17th century buildings. Charles City County is noted for its abundance of historic sites and architecture including the beautiful Berkeley Plantation, Shirley Plantation, and Westover Plantation.

Area residents also enjoy many cultural attractions and museums. The Mariner's Museum in Newport News, with a collection of more than 800 model ships, figureheads, ship equipment, and instruments, is one of the most famous and complete maritime museums in the world. Also in Newport News is the Virginia War Museum, featuring the largest collection of war relics and historical records in the United States. Nauticus, the National Maritime Center, is located on the downtown Norfolk waterfront. This exciting 120,000 square-foot science and technology center exploring the power of the sea is home to the Battleship Wisconsin.

Norfolk is recognized as the Arts capital of Virginia, and is the home city for the Virginia Symphony, Virginia Ballet, Virginia Opera and the Commonwealth Theatre Company. The NorVa, a downtown concert venue, offers concerts featuring national touring acts and well-known artists. Each spring, internationally acclaimed artists from around the globe team up with the best of the region's own professional arts organizations to present a dazzling lineup of music, theatre and dance at the Virginia Arts Festival. The Chrysler Museum of Art is home to Walter Chrysler Jr.'s world-class collection of more than 30,000 pieces of art. Considered "one of the top 20 museums in the country" by the Wall Street Journal, the museum offers a full schedule of free programs and activities including concerts, theatrical performances, children's tours, group tours, and lectures, and is home to the Jean Outland Chrysler Library, one of the largest art research libraries in the Southeast .

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The Williamsburg Players is the area's oldest continuous community theatre. Founded in 1957, the troupe presents five professional-quality theatre productions at the James-York Playhouse each season. The College of William and Mary is home to the Williamsburg Chamber Ballet and also hosts concerts, plays, and lecture series open to the general public, and during the summer hosts the Virginia Shakespeare Festival. The Hampton Arts Commission sponsors events, including the Great Performers Series, which consists of ballet, musical, and theatrical performances. Broadway productions and entertainment attractions appear in Richmond and Norfolk.

Recreational activities abound in the area. Facilities located along the James and York Rivers offer a variety of activities that include boating, fishing, camping, biking, and tennis. There are hundreds of parks and campgrounds throughout the area. First Landing State Park, located in Virginia Beach, is a registered National Landmark located along the Atlantic Ocean and Chesapeake Bay. Other significant parks are the Virginia Zoological Park and the Norfolk Botanical Gardens. The 19-acre Charles Steirly Heron Rookery provides fishing, swimming, boating, camping and picnic facilities. The recently completed Capital Bike Trail connects the Jamestown Settlement to the City of Richmond.

The region boasts an abundance of golf courses, including the Golden Horseshoe in Williamsburg and Kingsmill, Fords Colony, Legends at Stonehouse, and Governor's Land at Two Rivers in James City County.

The Hampton Coliseum, with a 13,800-person capacity, is home to the annual Hampton Jazz Festival and also hosts a variety of concerts, events, trade shows, and conventions. Harbor Park, on the banks of the Elizabeth River along Norfolk's downtown waterfront, is the 12,000-seat home of the AAA Norfolk Tides, the farm team of the Baltimore Orioles. The Norfolk Scope is host to a wide variety of events including conventions, concerts, and family shows and is home to the Norfolk Admirals, the primary American Hockey League affiliate for the Tampa Bay Lightning of the NHL. Scope is also home to Arena Racing USA, where drivers race real, one-half-scale stock cars on a custom-designed, high-banked indoor track.

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Located in James City County, Busch Gardens Williamsburg has been voted the world's "Most Beautiful Theme Park" for fourteen consecutive y

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