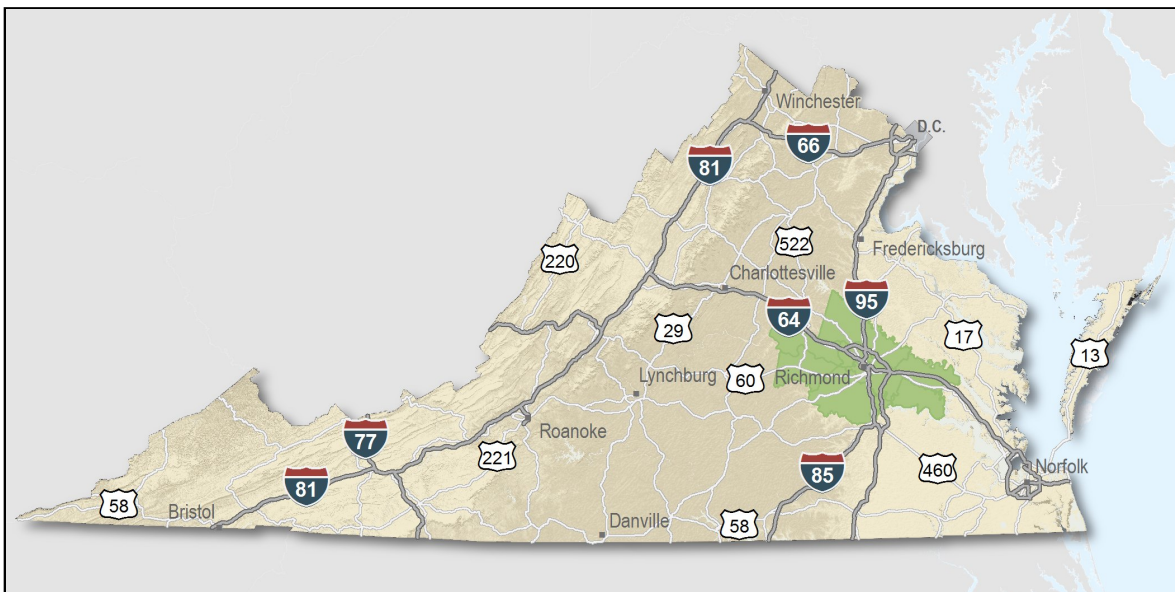

Greater Richmond, Virginia

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.

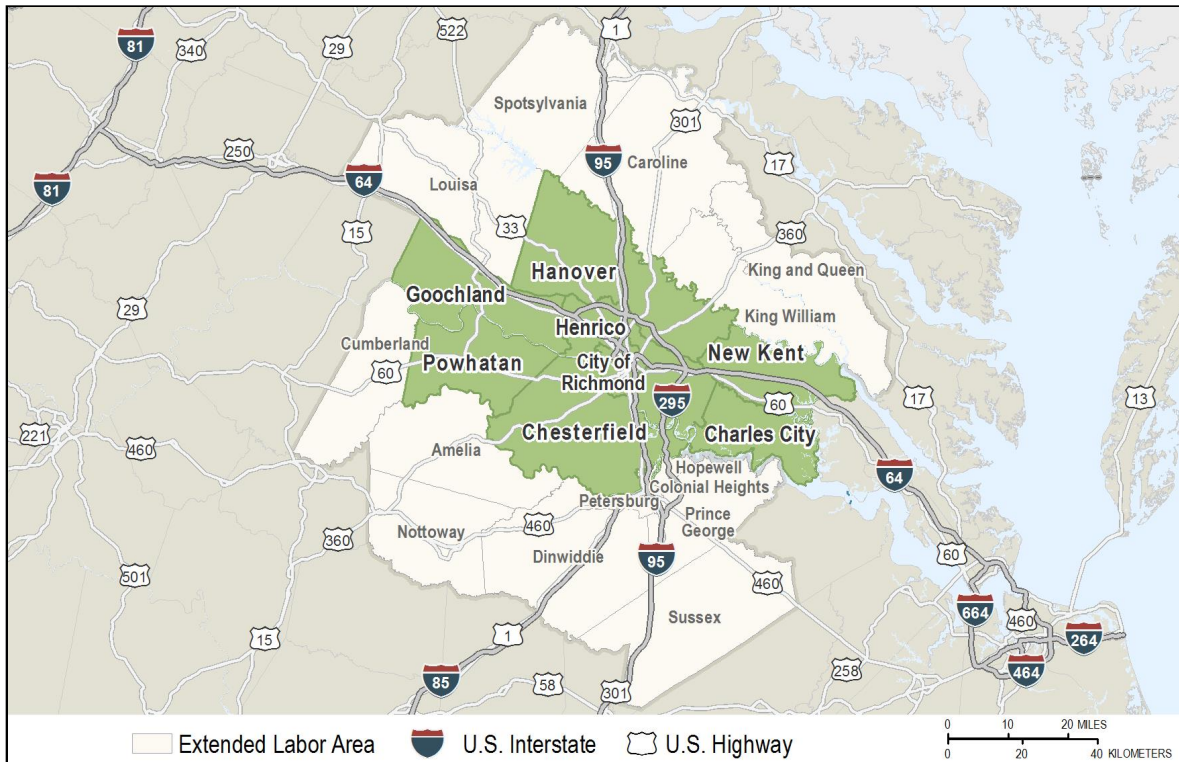


Location

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.

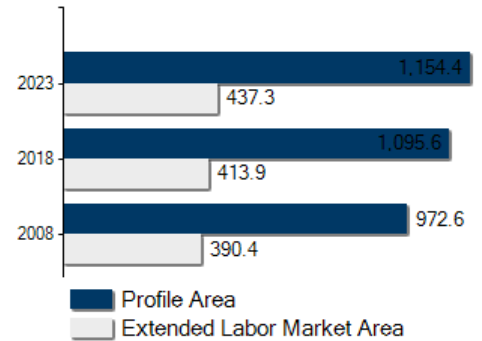


Downtown Richmond's office towers on the James River light up the night. Photo by Michael Ivey.

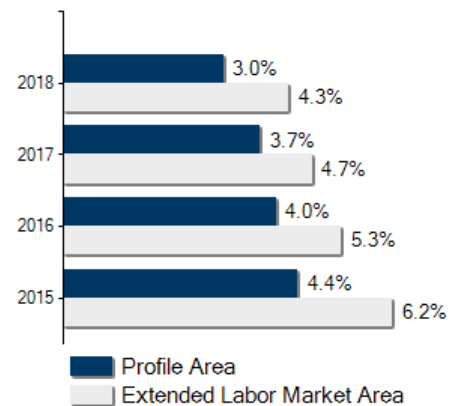
Labor Market

Population		
Gender Distribution (2018)		
Greater Richmond	Male 48.1%	Female 51.9%
Race/Ethnicity (2018)		
Classification	Profile Area	Extended Labor Area
White	692,594	272,350
Black	317,938	118,685
Asian	50,937	7,465
Two or More	26,963	12,129
American Indian or Alaska Native	6,000	2,607
Pacific Islander	1,172	619
Hispanic (may be of any race)	72,943	27,849
Median Age (2018)		
Charles City		51 years
Chesterfield		39 years
Goochland		49 years
Hanover		43 years
Henrico		39 years
New Kent		43 years
Powhatan		46 years
Richmond City		34 years

Population in Thousands



Unemployment Rates





Labor Market

Civilian Labor Force (2018)

Greater Richmond	581,489
Extended Labor Market Area	195,563
Total	777,052

Labor Force Participation (2013-2017)

Greater Richmond	67.5%
Extended Labor Market Area	60.9%

Unemployment

Unemployment Rate (December 2019)	
Greater Richmond	2.4%
Extended Labor Market Area	2.9%
Statewide	2.5%
Unemployed (2018)	
Greater Richmond	17,594
Extended Labor Market Area	6,770
Total	24,364
Underemployed (4th Quarter 2019)	
Greater Richmond	75,475
Extended Labor Market Area	20,720
Total	96,195



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 2018)	5,230
Two-Year College Enrollees (Fall 2018)	44,731
Other College and University Graduates (Spring 2018)	12,223
Total	64,052

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
Total	393

Educational Attainment

On-Time Graduation Rate (Class of 2018)	90.2%
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* (4th Qtr. 2018)

Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	808	0.1%
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	284	0.0%
Utilities	1,492	0.3%
Construction	33,937	5.9%
Manufacturing	25,807	4.5%
Wholesale Trade	22,445	3.9%
Retail Trade	58,621	10.2%
Transportation and Warehousing	20,475	3.6%
Information	6,567	1.1%
Finance and Insurance	36,916	6.4%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	8,359	1.5%
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	39,118	6.8%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	21,802	3.8%
Administrative and Support and Waste Management	42,865	7.5%
Educational Services	8,536	1.5%
Health Care and Social Assistance	74,880	13.0%
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	9,856	1.7%
Accommodation and Food Services	47,000	8.2%
Other Services	20,382	3.5%
Total Government	92,885	16.2%
Federal Government	11,927	2.1%
State Government	35,368	6.2%
Local Government	45,590	7.9%
Unclassified	1,191	0.2%
Total	574,227	100.0%

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	61,500	11.0%
Moving		
Sales & Office	153,960	27.6%
Service	106,040	19.0%
Total	558,440	100%

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 (7/2018 to date)

Date	Type	Company	Product/Service	Employees Affected
8/17/2018	Reduction	Northop 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
2/4/2019	Closing	Confluence Coffee	Manufactures cold brew coffee	33
5/11/2019	Layoff	Genworth Financial	Insurance services	21
5/17/2019	Closing	Live Well Financial Inc.	Mortgage lender and servicer	103
6/3/2019	Closing	ColorTree Group	Manufactures full color and custom envelopes	240
7/29/2019	Layoff	Health Diagnostic Laboratory	Clinical laboratory diagnostics and clinical trial services	399
7/31/2019	Closing	Dianne's Fine Desserts	Manufactures desserts	97
9/13/2019	Closing	Premier Store Fixtures	Manufactures wooden store fixtures	24
9/13/2019	Closing	Premier Store Fixtures	Manufactures wooden store fixtures	28
9/13/2019	Closing	Premier Store Fixtures	Manufactures wooden store fixtures	138

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

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

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	12.68	14.02	26,385	29,152
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	16.97	17.37	35,298	36,134
First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers	19.75	20.66	41,088	42,967
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	30.83	31.87	64,113	66,290
Office Clerks, General	18.91	20.22	39,341	42,055
Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive	16.60	17.56	34,537	36,532
Receptionists and Information Clerks	18.31	18.76	38,090	39,025
Customer Service Representatives	14.32	14.63	29,785	30,434
Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks	16.55	17.11	34,422	35,590
First-Line Supervisors of Office and Administrative Support Workers	20.26	20.39	42,134	42,417
Telemarketers	27.95	29.67	58,128	61,720
Computer User Support Specialists	13.80	13.89	28,695	28,887
Network and Computer Systems Administrators	23.87	24.75	49,657	51,495
Software Developers, Systems Software	40.84	42.51	84,949	88,413
Software Developers, Applications	46.23	47.58	96,170	98,966
Computer Systems Analysts	49.47	50.26	102,894	104,548
Accountants and Auditors	47.51	47.90	98,818	99,636
Management Analysts	35.04	39.06	72,868	81,249
Human Resources Specialists	37.50	40.17	78,001	83,565
	32.79	34.66	68,201	72,086

Education

Public School Enrollment (Fall 2018)

Level	Number	Enrollment
Preschool	3	1,266
Elementary	134	76,340
Combined	2	682
Middle	38	37,595
High School	33	49,241
Alternative	3	1,400
Special Education	1	37

Student Teacher Ratio (FY 2018)

Elementary	14:1
Secondary	13:1

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

10,911.60

On-Time Graduation Rate (Class of 2018)

90.2%

High School Graduates Continuing Education (2017-2018)

84.3%

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

Facility	Enrollment
Virginia Commonwealth University	31,076
College of William and Mary	8,817
J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College - Parham Road Campus	6,964
John Tyler Community College - Midlothian Campus	6,864
John Tyler Community College - Chester Campus	4,952
Virginia State University	4,385
University of Richmond	4,002
J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College - Downtown Campus	3,813
Rappahannock Community College - Glens Campus	1,819
Virginia Union University	1,560
Thomas Nelson Community College - Historic Triangle Campus	1,558
Randolph-Macon College	1,488
Bon Secours Memorial College of Nursing	477 [◊]
Virginia College	348
J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College - Western Campus	323
Union Presbyterian Seminary	160 [◊]
Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond	70 [◊]
Virginia Tech - Richmond Center	*
Old Dominion University - Richmond Campus	†
University of Phoenix - Richmond-Virginia Beach Campus	†
Central Texas College - Fort Lee Campus	†
Florida Institute of Technology - Fort Lee Campus	†
Florida Institute of Technology - Hampton Roads Campus	†

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

† Enrollment figures are not available.

‡ Enrollment figures are for all campuses.

◊ Fall Enrollment



Education

Higher Education Facilities – Fall 2018

Facility	Enrollment
Strayer University - Chesterfield Campus	5,894 [‡] [◊]
Strayer University - Henrico Campus	5,894 [‡] [◊]
Richard Bland College	2,358
Stratford University - Richmond Campus	2,282 [‡]
Bryant & Stratton College - Richmond Campus	675 [◊]
South University - Richmond Campus	652 [◊]
Fortis College - Richmond Campus	404 [◊]
Chester Career College	181 [◊]
Centura College - Richmond Main Campus	98 [◊]
Central Michigan University - Fort Lee Center	†
ECPI University - Emerywood Campus	†
ECPI University - Innsbrook Campus	†
ECPI University - Moorefield Campus	†

† Enrollment figures are not available.

‡ Enrollment figures are for all campuses.

◊ Fall 2017 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		
Richmond International Airport, Sandston -- 8.1 miles (13.1 km.)		
American Airlines	Delta Air Lines	Southwest Airlines
Spirit Airlines	United Airlines	JetBlue Airways
Allegiant Air		
Newport News-Williamsburg International Airport, Newport News -- 39.0 miles (62.7 km.)		
American Airlines	Delta Air Lines	

Transportation

Commercial Air Service		
Charlottesville-Albemarle Airport, Charlottesville -- 51.5 miles (82.9 km.)		
American Airlines	Delta Air Lines	United Airlines
Norfolk International Airport, Norfolk -- 68.9 miles (110.9 km.)		
American Airlines	American Eagle	Delta Air Lines
Frontier Airlines	Southwest Airlines	United Express
Allegiant Air		

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

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
Branch Banking and Trust Company	219,071.0
SunTrust Bank	209,720.5
Citizens Bank, N.A.	129,426.6
Capital One Bank	120,417.9
Manufacturers and Traders Trust Co.	119,636.1
First-Citizens Bank & Trust Co.	35,267.5
South State Bank	14,673.4
Union Bank & Trust Co.	13,732.0
Fulton Bank	12,558.9
TowneBank	11,163.0
WoodForest National Bank	5,923.7
Sonabank, N.A.	2,707.1
First Community Bank, N.A.	2,236.7
Citizens & Farmers Bank	1,517.6
Essex Bank	1,393.7
Premier Bank, Inc.	1,239.3
Virginia Commonwealth Bank	1,076.2
Chesapeake Bank	850.9
First Bank - Strasburg	752.7
The Bank of Southside Virginia	555.3
Village Bank	512.7
Touchstone Bank	426.3
Citizens Bank & Trust Co.	392.5
VCC Bank	194.1
Community Bankers' Bank	135.9
New Horizon Bank, N. A.	84.0



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

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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.

Greater Richmond Partnership