

# E-UPDATE

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## **Hampton Roads Economic Monthly: Employment Revisions Are In**

Monthly estimates for overall and industry employment are derived from the Current Employment Statistics (CES) program. Also known as the payroll survey, the CES is a federal and state cooperative program that provides timely estimates of civilian payroll employment by sampling the population of employers. These estimates are subject to both sampling and non-sampling error, so each year they are benchmarked to employment counts from a census of the employer population, derived primarily from data provided by companies in their unemployment insurance reports. They use this data to revise prior estimates and improve the quality of future estimates and are released each March.

**Revision to Industry Employment in Hampton Roads  
(February 2021 industry employment with December 2020 revision applied)**

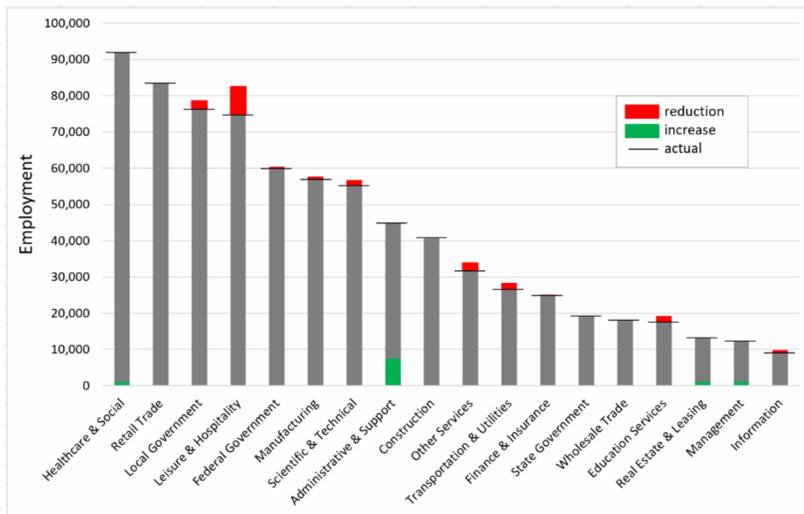
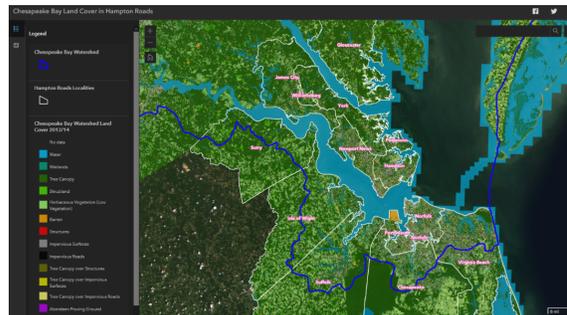


Figure: Hampton Roads Industry Employment revisions. Source: BLS, HRPDC.

## **April Map of the Month – Chesapeake Bay Watershed Land Cover**

The Chesapeake Bay watershed is getting a digital update to accurately represent [land use and land cover](#) (LULC) on the landscape. **Land cover** is created using aerial imagery and computer algorithms to classify the physical landscape into categories such as forests, grasslands, cropland, wetlands, or impervious surfaces. With additional input, **land use** can be derived which describes how the landscape is used or managed by humans with categories such as agriculture, residential development, commercial development, transportation, recreation, or conservation.



## **HRPDC/HRTPO In the News**

**Recycling Do's and Don'ts** - (Hampton Roads Show, April 9, 2021)

## **Public Comment Opportunities**

## **Virtual Public Meeting and Survey for the Hampton Roads Hazard Mitigation Plan Update**

The HRPDC communities are updating the region's Hazard Mitigation Plan. The Plan and planning process are designed to make Hampton Roads less vulnerable to natural disasters and manmade hazards. Your participation is important. Information you provide helps us better understand your hazard concerns and can lead to mitigation activities to lessen the impact of future events. You can participate in the planning process by taking a survey and/or attending a virtual meeting to share your opinions.

**[Click here to take the survey.](#)**

**[Click here to register](#)**, to attend the public Zoom meeting on **April 20, 2021 at 6:00pm.**

## **Draft FY 2022 Unified Planning Work Program**

The Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO) has produced the Draft Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for fiscal year 2022, which begins on July 1, 2021. The UPWP describes transportation planning work to be performed for the Hampton Roads metropolitan planning area by the HRTPO, the local public transportation operators (Hampton Roads Transit, Williamsburg Area Transit Authority, and Suffolk Transit), and the Virginia Department of Transportation. All interested parties are encouraged to review the Draft FY 2022 UPWP and provide comments on this draft by April 21, 2021.

### **FINAL CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS!**

## **Draft Regional Conformity Assessment for the Hampton Roads 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan and Fiscal Year 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program**

The two-week public comment period is ending soon! All interested parties are encouraged to review the Draft Regional Conformity Assessment for the Hampton Roads 2045 LRTP and Fiscal Year 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program and provide comments by April 14, 2021.

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## **HRTPO FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program - Proposed Amendments**

The two-week public comment period is ending soon! The Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO), the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for the Hampton Roads metropolitan planning area, is considering requests to amend the HRTPO

FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The amendment process includes an opportunity for public review and comment. Provide comments by April 14, 2021.

## From Our Partners!

### [DRPT Virginia Commuter Survey-Tell DRPT About Your Commute](#)

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) in partnership with the Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) is collecting data associated with travel to and from work in response to COVID-19 in Virginia. The COVID-19 pandemic has changed the way people are traveling, including, to and from work. The purpose of the recurring Virginia Commuter Surveys is to understand how commutes are changing and identify opportunities to improve commuting during and after this pandemic.

### [Hampton Roads COVID-19 Impact Planning Hub](#)

Visit the COVID-19 Impact Planning Hub to get the latest information on COVID-19 in Hampton Roads.



## Upcoming Meetings



## RFP/RFQ Opportunities

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL #PDC-RFP-2021-01**: The Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (the "Organization") is soliciting proposals for the procurement of professional services for Regional Construction Standards Program support. Interested parties should refer to the full request for proposal (RFP) posted below. Submit proposals by 2:00 PM Eastern Daylight Time on Tuesday, April 27, 2021.

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL #GEN-RFP-2021-02**: The Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (the "Organization") is soliciting proposals for the procurement of janitorial services. Interested parties should refer to the full request for proposal (RFP) posted below. Submit proposals by 2:00 PM Eastern Daylight Time on Tuesday, May 11, 2021.

### On Behalf of the Southside Network Authority

**Request for Qualifications-SNA-RFQ-2021-01**: Prequalification for Construction and Maintenance of Southside Regional Fiber Connectivity Ring. All prequalification submissions must be submitted no later than May 11, 2021, at 2:00 pm local time.



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