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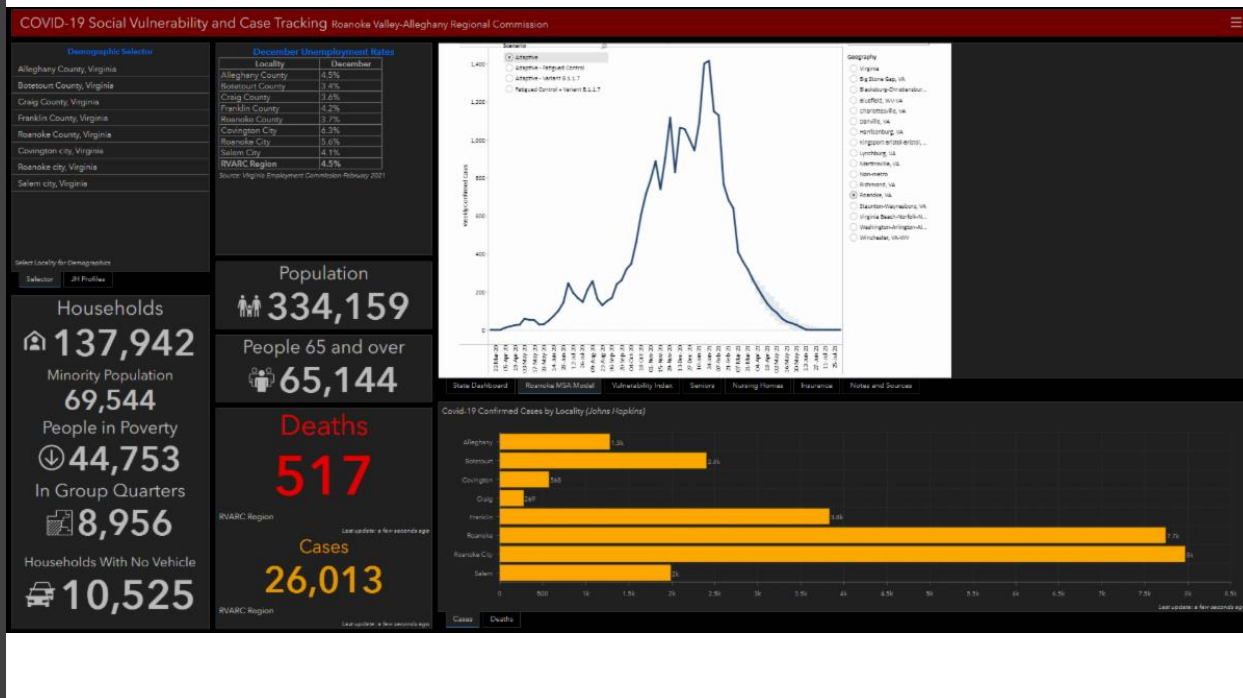
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COVID-19 Dashboard

Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission staff has prepared a COVID-19 dashboard to track regional cases and also includes demographics and mapping of vulnerable populations.

Included in the dashboard are unemployment claims, nursing home locations, and zip code COVID-19 data. COVID-19 cases and deaths are updated hourly from Johns Hopkins. To access the dashboard, click [HERE](#).



Executive Director Wayne Strickland Announces Retirement from Regional Commission

Wayne Strickland will retire in June as Executive Director of the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission after 42 years. Wayne joined the Regional Commission, then the Fifth District Planning District Commission, in 1979 as a Regional Planner. In 1981, he was promoted to the Chief of Land Use and Environmental Planning and in 1987 became Executive Director of the Regional Commission where he has served until his retirement this year.



“I am very grateful to have been a part of the Regional Commission for most of our 50 years of service to the region. I hope that my leadership has helped shape the region into a better place for our citizens and businesses.” said Strickland.

“On behalf of the Regional Commission, I would like to thank Wayne for his service to the commission and his continued devotion to making the region a better place for everyone to live, work, and play.” said Commission Chair, Mayor Bradley Grose. “Wayne has always conducted himself in a gentlemanly manner as he has provided steady leadership for the Regional Commission. Wayne’s leadership, intelligence, and effectiveness are highly respected in our region and throughout the state. I have appreciated the opportunity to work with someone of his caliber and integrity.”

Roanoke County Board of Supervisors member, and Vice Chair of the Commission, Phil North noted that many key regional initiatives had their start at the Commission during Wayne’s tenure. “The Greenway Commission, the Western Virginia Water Authority, and the Broadband Authority have been supported by the Regional Commission in numerous ways since their inception,” North said. “Wayne and his staff have always been responsive to the needs of the Commission’s member governments throughout the region.”

“While the decision to retire was a hard one, I am confident in the work the staff has done and will continue to do under new leadership,” said Strickland. “I have enjoyed my time working with all our local governments and look forward to hearing about the continued good work of the Commission in our region.”

Regional Commission Seeks Applications for Executive Director



The Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission is a regional planning agency located in the western part of Virginia. The Commission's programs/projects focus on transportation, community/economic development, and environmental planning. The Commission is seeking an innovative, energetic, and experienced professional to serve as the next Executive Director. The Commission, headquartered in Roanoke, Virginia and serving the Counties of Alleghany, Botetourt, Craig, Franklin, and Roanoke; the Cities of Covington, Roanoke, and Salem; and the Towns of Clifton Forge, Rocky Mount, and Vinton, is seeking a candidate with outstanding leadership, management, analytical, and communication skills.

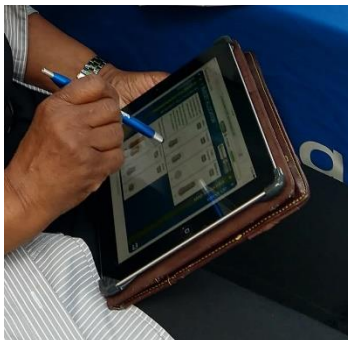
For a complete job description and information on how to apply, click the button below

[Apply for the Executive Director Position](#)

The position will be open until filled with the first review commencing on April 20, 2021.

The Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission is proud to be an equal opportunity employer. All aspects of employment, including the decision to hire, promote, discipline or discharge, will be based on merit, competence, performance, and organizational needs.

Public Participation Plan Update

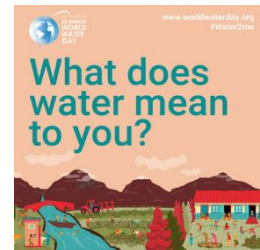


The Roanoke Valley Transportation Planning Organization seeks public input on the update of the Public Participation Plan. The Public Participation Plan, adopted in 2018, describes how the RVTPO obtains public input to support transportation planning and promote the integrity and transparency of the transportation planning process. Please [review the plan](#) and [take the survey](#) by April 19, 2021.

If you need assistance completing this survey, please call (540) 343-4417 or email rruhlen@rvarc.org.

World Water Day Has Passed, The Conversation Continues

On March 22nd, the international community celebrated the work being done around the globe to ensure equitable water access to all communities. This year's theme, "valuing water", emphasized water as something much more than a commodity and highlighted its enormous value for our households, health, community, and local ecosystems. Learn more about the effort at worldwaterday.org.



Regional Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee Now Accepting Applications

The Regional Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee is [accepting applications](#) for membership until April 30, 2021. The Regional Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee facilitates regional collaboration with diverse stakeholders to support infrastructure, policy, and programs that improve walking and bicycling in the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany region.



Ongoing Projects

The Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission is always working with localities on projects that benefit the region. Some of these projects are listed below.

- Alleghany Highlands Economic Impact of the Arts
- Roanoke Valley Transportation Plan
- Rural Long-Range Transportation Plan

- City of Covington Downtown Revitalization Planning Grant Assistance
- City of Roanoke Neighborhood Walk Project
- City of Roanoke Pedestrian Safety Campaign
- Promotion and access improvements for the Roanoke River Blueway
- RVTPO Surface Transportation Block Grant Funding Program FY22-27/28
- Botetourt County Community Mobility Design Challenge
- Regional Study on Transportation Project Prioritization for Economic Development and Growth in the Roanoke Valley

For more information on ongoing projects contact [Tim Pohlad-Thomas](#) or visit [RVARC.org](#).

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