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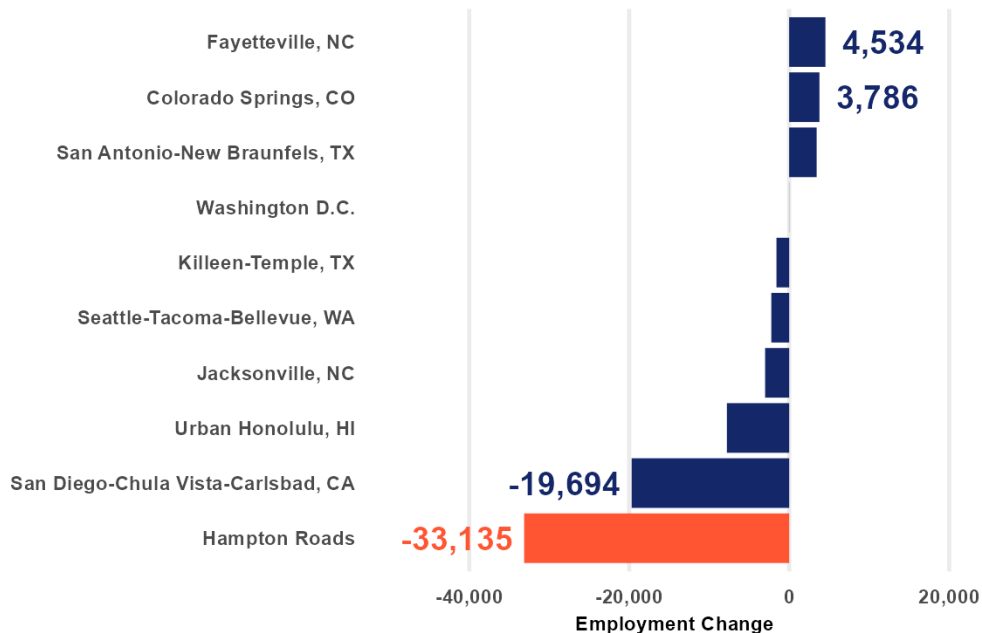
Missing Military: Discrepancies In Military Data

Access to accurate military data is essential for evaluating the economic conditions in regions with a heavy defense presence like Hampton Roads. The Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC) is the authoritative source of personnel and financial data for the Department of Defense. DMDC data is used by the Census Bureau to measure the military population and the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) to measure the military's portion of the regional economy. There are significant discrepancies in military statistics for Hampton Roads from the BEA and Census Bureau, leading to questions about the accuracy of DMDC's military personnel counts.

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Graph 1: Change in Military Employment, 2016-2022

Top 10 Metros by Military Employment in 2022



Map of the Month: Median Age of Hampton Roads Population

This month's *map* examines median age of the population by race or ethnicity across the Hampton Roads region. Using the latest 2017-2022 5-year American Community Survey (ACS) estimates, block groups in Hampton Roads were mapped by census-designated race categories.

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Race/Ethnicity Category	Population	Percent	Median Age (Yrs)
White	1,007,860	56.10%	40.5
Black or African American	538,628	30.00%	34.8
American Indian and Alaska Native	4,475	0.20%	38.9
Asian	72,003	4.00%	39.7
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	1,766	0.10%	30.6
Some Other Race	40,095	2.20%	29.9
Two or More Races	133,198	7.40%	22.7
Hispanic (any race)	133,086	7.40%	27.1
Total Population in Hampton Roads MSA	1,798,025	100%	37.0

Celebrating Women's History Month: A Trailblazer in Transportation – Dr. Camelia Ravanbakht

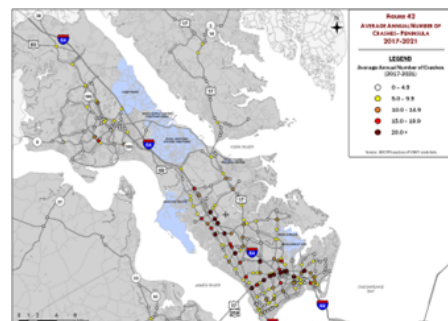
This Women's History Month, we're thrilled to spotlight a figure whose journey embodies perseverance, innovation, and leadership: Dr. Camelia Ravanbakht. Her transformative work over three decades has profoundly influenced the transportation fabric of Hampton Roads, where she served with distinction as the Deputy Executive Director of the HRTPO.



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Hampton Roads Regional Safety Study Available for Public Review and Comment

In 2022, there were a total of 24,712 crashes in Hampton Roads. These crashes resulted in tens of millions of dollars of damage, over 15,000 injuries, and 162 lives lost. But what caused these crashes? Was it a specific location or something like distracted driving? The HRTPO regularly prepares the Regional Safety Study in an



attempt to gain a better understanding of these factors and how they impact the safety of our roads.

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Save the Date: The Great American Cleanup, March 22-23

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HRTPO FY 2024-2027 TIP Amendments - Inter-Agency Conformity Consultation (IACC) (Comments due by March 18, 2024)

HRTPO FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) - Proposed Amendments 2 (Comments due by March 20, 2024)

Hampton Roads Regional Safety Study: DRAFT Report (Comments received through April 19, 2024)

From our partners

Give input on potential transportation improvements along Monticello Avenue/St. Paul's Boulevard - VDOT (Comments received through March 25, 2024)

Give input on two Route 17 (George Washington Memorial Highway) Project Pipeline studies-VDOT (Comments received through March 22, 2024)

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