

E-UPDATE

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Hampton Roads Economic Monthly: Defense Spending in Hampton Roads, Virginia, and the U.S.

The U.S. Department of Defense's Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation (OLDCC) partnered with the Library of Congress's Federal Research Division to produce a report summarizing defense spending (contract and personnel) in the U.S. by state for fiscal year 2020. While it is well known how important defense spending is to the Hampton Roads economy, we took this opportunity to dig a little deeper into Department of Defense (DoD) expenditures in the region and how it compares to the rest of the Commonwealth and the nation.

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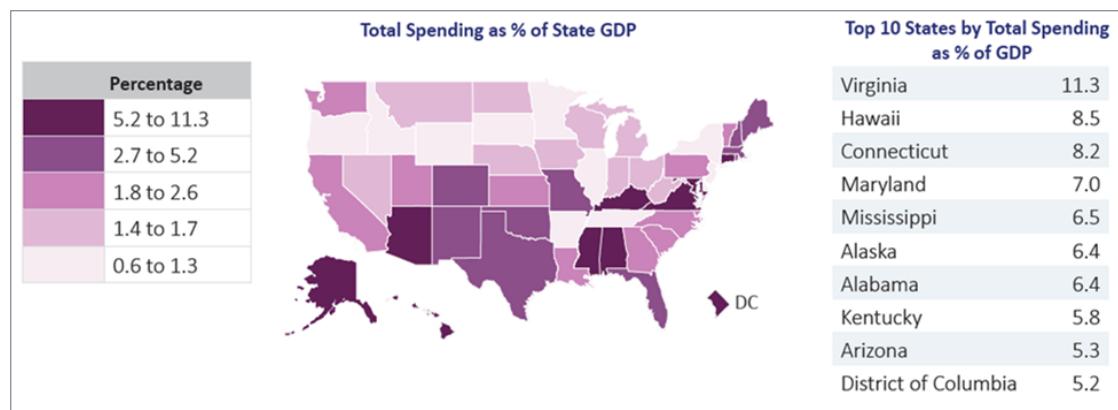
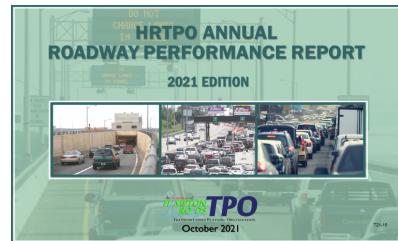


Figure 1: Total spending as a percentage of state GDP with top 10 states. Source: OLDCC

HRTPO Releases Annual Roadway Performance Report – 2021 Edition

HRTPO recently prepared the 2021 edition of the Annual Roadway Performance Report. The report includes various information on the performance of the roadway system in Hampton Roads, including: Regional Roadway Travel Levels; Peak Period Regional Congestion Levels; Peak Period Travel Times on Major Corridors; and Tables and Maps.



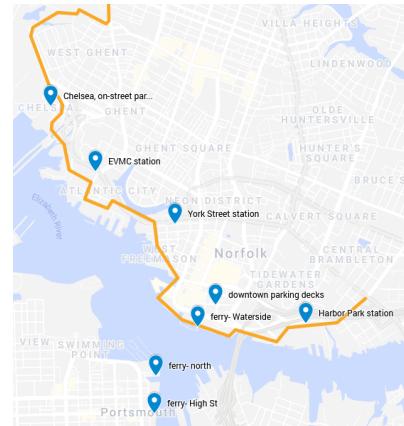
askHRgreen.org Program to Honor 10 Eco-educators with \$1,000 Awards

To mark its 10th year of educating Hampton Roads residents about all things green, askHRgreen.org is accepting nominations for its Green Star Teachers educator recognition program.



Trail of the Month- Elizabeth River Trail

This month, HRTPO Staff looks at the Elizabeth River Trail which runs for 10.5 miles through the western side of Norfolk, between Harbor Park Stadium and Norfolk International Terminals.



The Virginia Outdoors Plan Needs Your Input!

The Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) is requesting [public input](#) for the next update of the Virginia Outdoors Plan (VOP). The VOP is the state's comprehensive plan for land conservation, outdoor recreation, and open-space planning and it is updated every five years.



Get Back to Basics for America Recycles Day

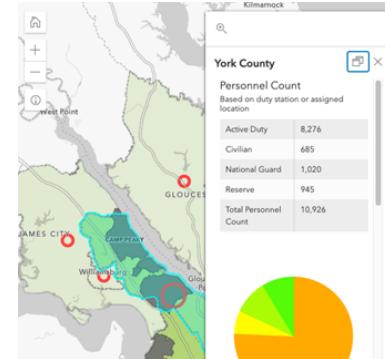
The United States generates over 290 million pounds of waste each year. That's about five pounds per person per day! This year for **America Recycles Day on Nov. 15**, askHRgreen.org challenges you to reduce the amount of waste you create by starting smart and recycling right.



Map of the Month: November – Military Personnel and

Payroll in Hampton Roads

The [November Map of the Month](#) presents information about military personnel in Hampton Roads. According to the Department of Defense's Defense Manpower Data Center, there are nearly 110,000 people associated with the military in the region with approximately 55,000 on active duty.



TIP Snapshot #17 Jan 2021-Mar 2021: Laskin Road Phase 1-A

HRTPO staff has updated phase cost estimates, expenditures, and schedule information on projects in the FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and has produced a snapshot of this data. In addition, staff identifies CMAQ and RSTP projects for which the data indicates progress has stalled. A snapshot of the TIP is produced on a quarterly basis.



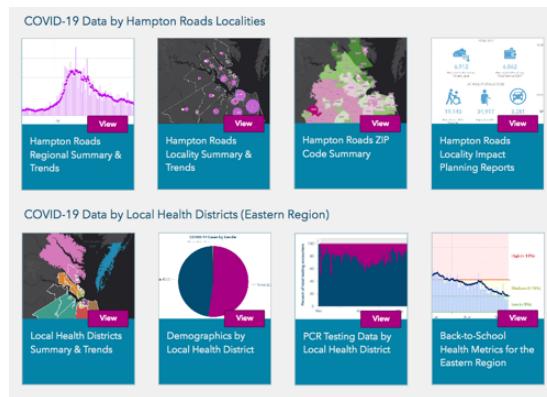
HRPDC/HRTPO In the News

Local group discusses efforts to attract businesses to Hampton Roads (WVEC)

Highway projects, broadband among top local priorities for infrastructure funds (WAVY)

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



Public Comment Opportunities

The Virginia Outdoors Plan Input (Through December 13, 2021)

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