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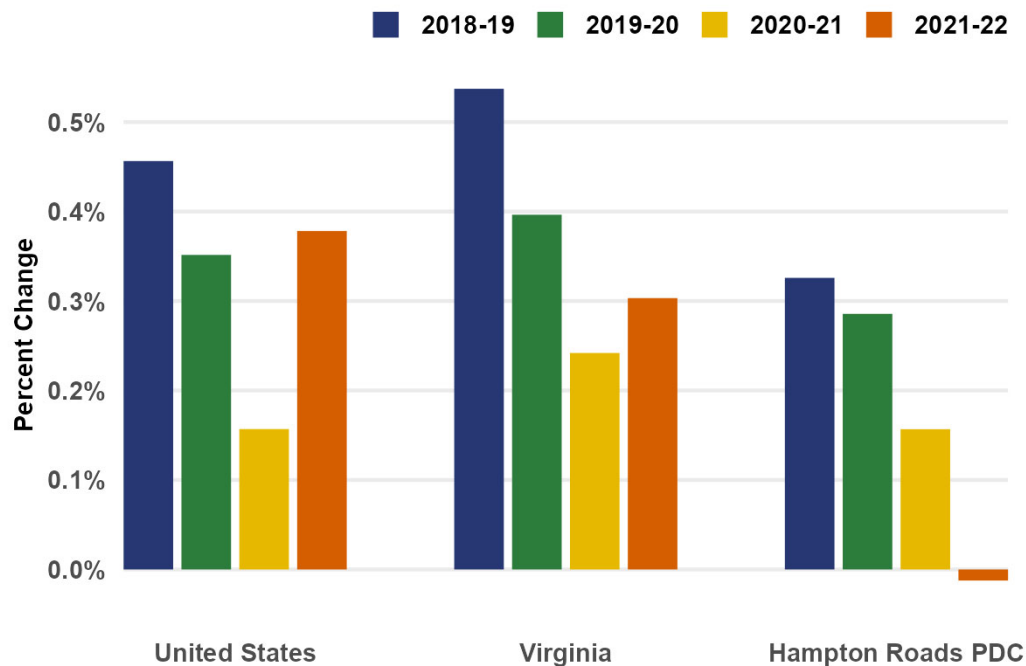
Unpacking the Latest Population Estimates

In non-decennial census years, the U.S. Census Bureau provides annual (intercensal) population estimates as of July 1st. These estimates have played a vital role in understanding the pandemic's impact on population growth. Analyzing the latest 2022 population estimates, we explore population trends in Hampton Roads over the past few years, while also drawing comparisons to the rest of Virginia and the nation.

The Hampton Roads Planning District Commission had an estimated 1.75 million residents in 2022. In the previous decade, the region's population grew at an average rate of 0.3% per year. In contrast to the rebound observed at both the state and national level, the region's total population decreased 0.01% in 2021-22.

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Population Change: U.S., Virginia, and Hampton Roads



FINAL CALL FOR INPUT Imagine the Year 2050...

Picture a world with high-speed trains, electric buses, and bike lanes galore. Imagine being able to travel to work in a driverless car, even a flying one. These are just a few of the ideas that transportation planners at the HRTPO considers when developing long-range transportation plans for the region.

We want to hear from you! To help inform scenario planning for the 2050 LRTP, we've developed a public survey to identify influences or "drivers of change" that can impact travel. Please take a moment to complete this survey (***Survey period extended through August 20, 2023!***). Your responses will be instrumental in guiding transportation planning in Hampton Roads. To access the survey, please scan or click on the QR code below.

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TELL US YOUR THOUGHTS

Please take the 2050 LRTP Scenario Planning Survey and help us plan for tomorrow's transportation system!

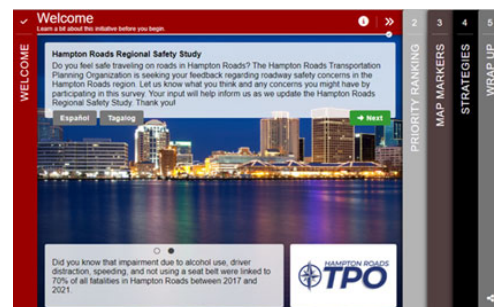
Scan the QR Code to take the survey or visit
www.HRTPO.org/LRTPSurvey

Hampton Roads Safety Survey Underway; Make Your Voice Heard

HRTPO staff are updating the Regional Hampton Roads Safety Study to help address roadway safety concerns experienced in the Hampton Roads region. Take a moment to tell us what you think and help us better understand the roadway safety issues that are important to you.

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Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) and the Reconnecting Communities Pilot [RCP] Program

The IIJA, aka the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), is providing \$973 billion over five years from Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 through FY 2026, includes \$550 billion in new funding streams. The RCP looks for projects that restore community connectivity by removing, retrofitting, or mitigating highways or other transportation facilities that create barriers to community connectivity.

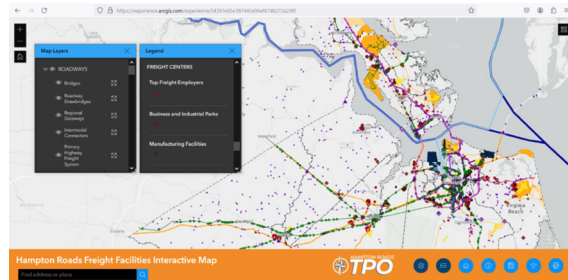
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Map of the Month: Regional Freight Facilities Interactive Map

The HRTPO Freight Facilities Interactive Map was created to provide a “one-stop shop” to access data on various aspects of the Hampton Roads freight network, and to assist HRTPO staff and other regional stakeholders with understanding the impact of freight on the region and incorporating freight movement into the regional transportation planning process.



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Extending the Elizabeth River Trail- Cost Model and Cost Estimates

In 2022, the City of Norfolk asked HRTPO staff to estimate the costs of the two Elizabeth River Trail Extension routes. The recently published HRTPO report titled ***Extending the Elizabeth River Trail- Cost Model and Cost Estimates*** documents the development of a trail cost model, the application of that model to the two route options, and route issues identified in the process.



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SAVE THE DATE
Hampton Roads Housing Consortium (HRHC)
17th Annual Members Awards Luncheon
October 12, 2023
Westin - Virginia Beach Town Center

Make plans to join the HRHC in recognizing members who are making a difference in the affordable housing industry.

This year's luncheon keynote speaker is Lance Freeman, a Professor in the Urban Planning Program and the Director of the doctoral program in Urban Planning at Columbia University in New York City. He is the editor of the journal *City & Community*, and his research focuses on affordable housing, gentrification, ethnic and racial stratification in housing markets, and the relationship between the built environment and well-being.

Visit the [*HRHC website*](#) for more information on registration and sponsorship opportunities.



HRPDC/HRTPO In the News

Input sought for Hampton Roads traffic safety survey (WAVY, August 4, 2023)

Tired of being stuck in tunnel traffic? Here's your chance to fix it. (WTKR, August 3, 2023)

Editorial: Public input needed as area officials develop regional transportation vision (Virginian-Pilot, July 27, 2023)

Here's how you can report a dangerous intersection in Hampton Roads (WTKR, July 27, 2023)

Open house set on final planning for regional connectors (Suffolk News-Herald, July 24 2023)

How do you envision regional transportation in 25 years? (WVEC, July 17, 2023)

Give your thoughts on the future of transportation in Hampton Roads (WTKR, July 13, 2023)

Request for Proposals

None at this time.

Public Comment Opportunities

Public Notice: Regional Solid Waste Management Plan for Southeastern Virginia

2050 LRTP Scenario Planning Survey (Survey period extended through August 20, 2023)

Hampton Roads Regional Safety Survey (Survey open through August 31, 2023)

Public Notice: Draft Title VI & Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Plan (Comments accepted through September 3, 2023)

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Upcoming Meetings

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