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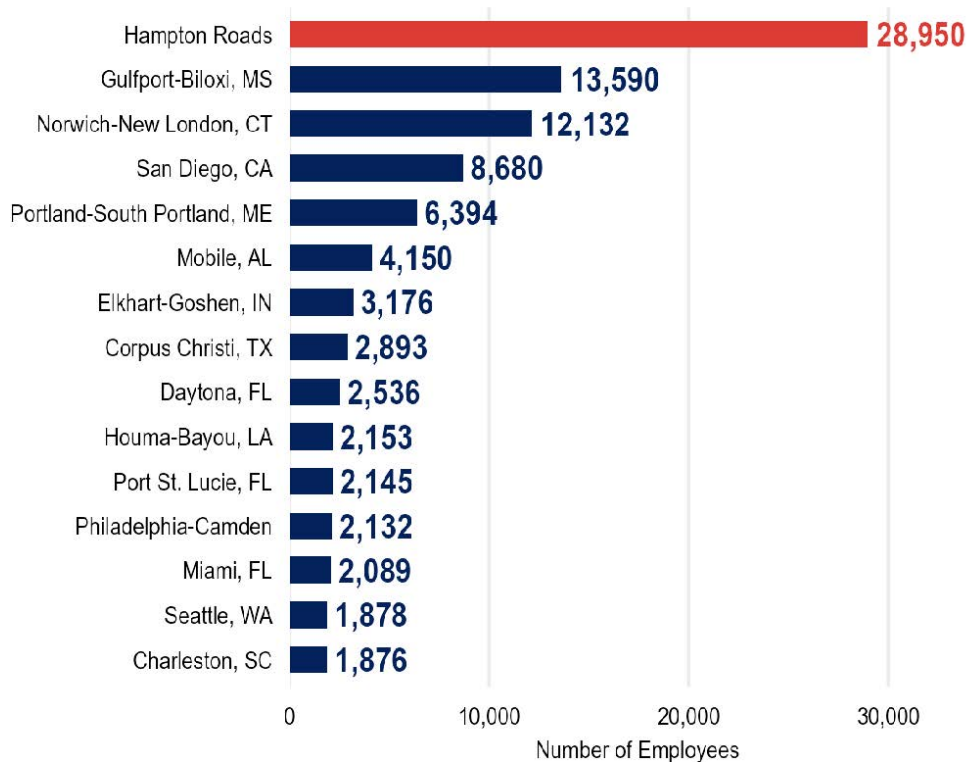
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Hampton Roads Economic Monthly: Shipbuilding & Repair

The budget reconciliation bill signed into law last week includes \$29 billion for shipbuilding and repair. The funding will support the construction of new Navy ships, upgrades to shipyard infrastructure, workforce development, and subsidies for commercial vessel production. This spending is in addition to the \$20.8 billion proposed in the Pentagon's base budget for shipbuilding and repair in fiscal year 2026. These investments, along with other recent legislative initiatives, reflect a broader federal effort to rebuild the U.S. shipbuilding industrial base, a sector where Hampton Roads plays a central national role.

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Figure 2: Private-Sector Shipbuilding & Repair Employment
Top 15 Metro Areas, 2023



2025 Hurricane Season Underway; Be Prepared and Know Your Zone

June 1st marked the beginning of the 2025 hurricane season. According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, while the hurricane season is already underway, most local tropical storm activity occurs around September.

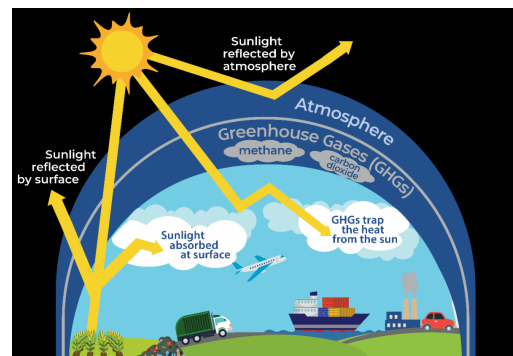
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HRPDC Climate Action Plan Draft Actions Kicks Off Month-long Survey Period

A recent webinar focused on the region's first Climate Action Plan draft measures and actions, kicked off a month-long survey period where community members can share their thoughts on which measures and actions should be made the top priority for local officials moving forward. Click [Read More](#) below to view the webinar and take the 10-minute survey.

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Public Comment Opportunities

Hampton Roads FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Proposed Amendments (Public Comments Due By: July 16, 2025)

Public Notice: HRPDC Climate Action Plan Draft Actions Detailed in Webinar, Survey (EXTENDED! - Public Comments Due By: July 31, 2025)

HRPDC/HRTPO In the News

Federal Cuts Hit Coastal Flooding, Dam Projects (WYDaily, June 26, 2025)

Democratic gubernatorial candidate stops in Hampton Roads on "Span Virginia Bus Tour" (WVEC, June 18, 2025)

Study finds sites in downtown Suffolk could fit an Amtrak station (WAVY,
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