

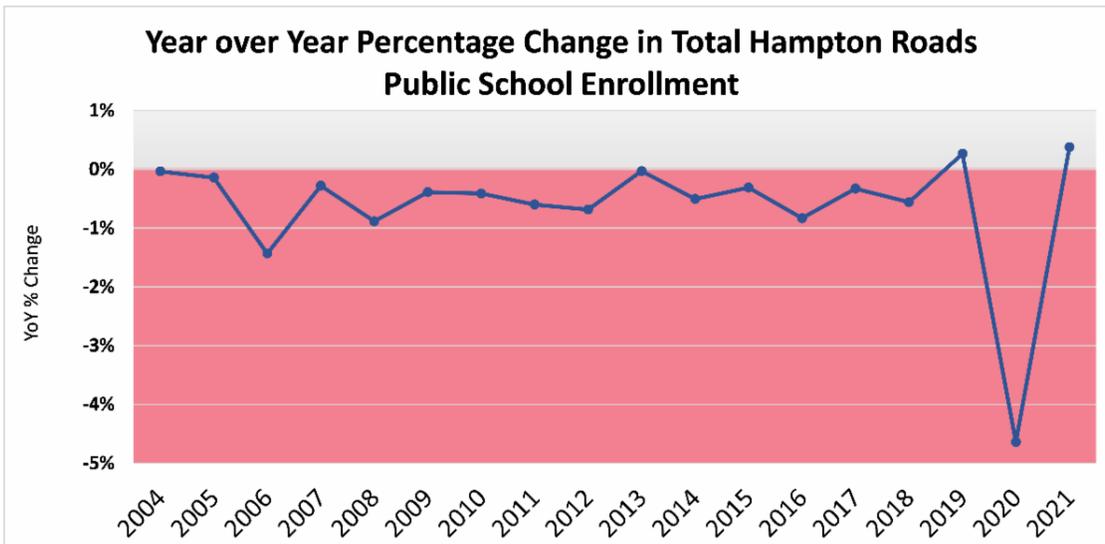


[Hampton Roads Economic Monthly Check In On Inflation](#)

Last summer, we dug into the Virginia Department of Education's fall enrollment data to understand the impact COVID-19 may have had on students in the region for the 2020-2021 school year, with the promise to follow up with the following year's data.

As reported last year, many states, including Virginia, reported declines in public school enrollment for the fall of 2020. From 2019 to 2020, fall enrollment overall in Hampton Roads declined by over 4.5%, while public school enrollment in the same time period in Virginia declined by nearly 3.5%. Overall fall public school enrollment in Hampton Roads has been declining for the past 15 years at roughly .5% per year, so a slight decline would not have been out of the ordinary, but this was over eight times the 15-year average annual rate of decline. The data showed that most of the decline was concentrated primarily at the pre-K and kindergarten levels with double digit drops in enrollment.

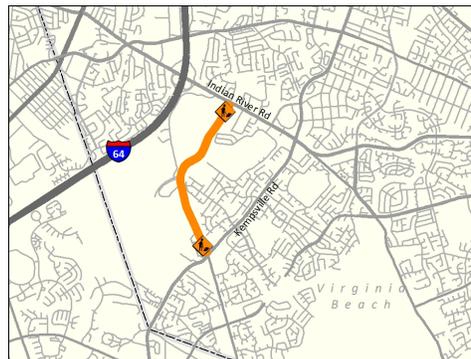
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Project of the Month: Centerville Turnpike Widening – Phase 2, Virginia Beach

Each month, HRTPO staff highlights a project that is currently being implemented within the Hampton Roads region. This month, staff is highlighting the Centerville Turnpike Widening – Phase 2 project in Virginia Beach. The project will widen Centerville Turnpike from a two-lane to a four-lane undivided road from Kempsville Road to Indian River Road, a distance of 1.85 miles.

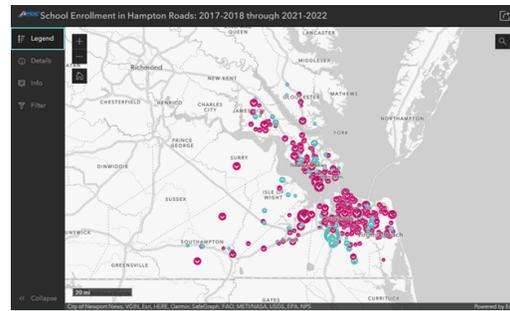
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Map of the Month: October 2022 – 5-Year School Enrollment Change

Students in Hampton Roads headed back to the classroom in September, and it looked closer to “normal” than the past two school years did. The COVID-19 pandemic made a generational impact on education in many ways – one of which was a decline in public school enrollment. However, the school enrollment data for the last five years indicates that many schools were already seeing a decline. It’s clear that the pandemic greatly affected the 2020-2021 school year, but there may be other factors at play which contributed to the longer trend.

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Did Everyone Work at Home During the Pandemic?

We all know that people were more likely to work at home during the pandemic, but how much more? Fortunately, the US Census Bureau recently released data for 2021, and that data shows that the portion of workers working at home in Hampton Roads more than doubled for 2021 as compared to the period before the pandemic.

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Please take the 2050 L RTP Regional Priorities Survey and help us plan for tomorrow's transportation system!

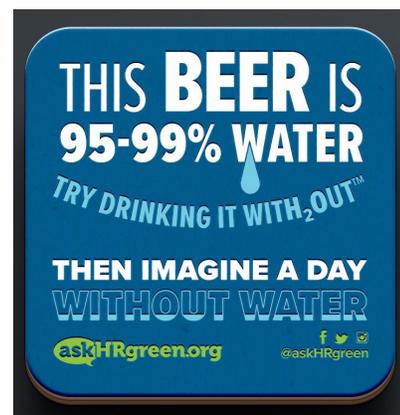
Scan the QR Code to take the survey or visit
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AskHRgreen.org Seeks Partnerships with Local Breweries for "Imagine A Day Without Water" Event

It is hard to imagine life without water for bathing, cooking, cleaning up—and even enjoying an occasional beer. That is the point that askHRgreen.org wants to convey by inviting Hampton Roads breweries to participate in the annual "Imagine a Day Without Water" awareness event, October 20.

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[HRHC Announces 16th Annual Housing Award Winners](#)

Hampton Roads Housing Consortium Chair, Dr. Brett Sierra, announced the organization's 16th Annual Members' Housing Awards winners. These four awards recognize individuals and organizations that have contributed to improving housing conditions for the region.

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Team HRPDC Places First in the Inaugural Hampton Roads Datathon

Team HRPDC took home first place in the inaugural Hampton Roads Datathon hosted by [*CivicLab Norfolk*](#), an agency that promotes data-informed decision making by city staff and transparency for the community. The event, which was modeled after the [*Virginia Datathon*](#), brought together 17 teams from local government agencies, non-profit organizations, universities, and others to create and share projects relating to the theme of "Analyzing, Promoting, and Protecting Biodiversity in Hampton Roads."

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[Hampton Roads mayors, city managers meet to discuss ways to combat area violence](#) (WAVY, September 22, 2022)

[Hampton Roads mayors continue discussion on gun violence solutions](#) (WTKR, September 22, 2022)

[Mayors across Hampton Roads hold roundtable discussion to fight crime](#) (WVEC, September 22, 2022)

[Hampton Roads leaders hone in on crime in priorities for next General Assembly session](#)
(Virginian-Pilot, September 23, 2022)

HRPDC/HRTPO Employment Opportunities

[Transportation/GIS Planner - Starting Salary \\$52,000 - \\$60,000 DOE/DOQ](#)
(Resumes reviewed on an ongoing basis.)

[Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Title VI/Civil Rights Coordinator - Starting Salary \\$80,000 - \\$85,000 DOE/DOQ](#) (Open until filled.)

Public Comment Opportunities

[PUBLIC NOTICE: HRTPO FY 2023 Unified Planning Work Program - Proposed Amendment](#) (Public Comment Period ends, October 19, 2022)

[PUBLIC NOTICE: 2050 Long-Range Transportation Plan – Regional Priorities Public Survey](#) (Survey Period ends, October 31, 2022)

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