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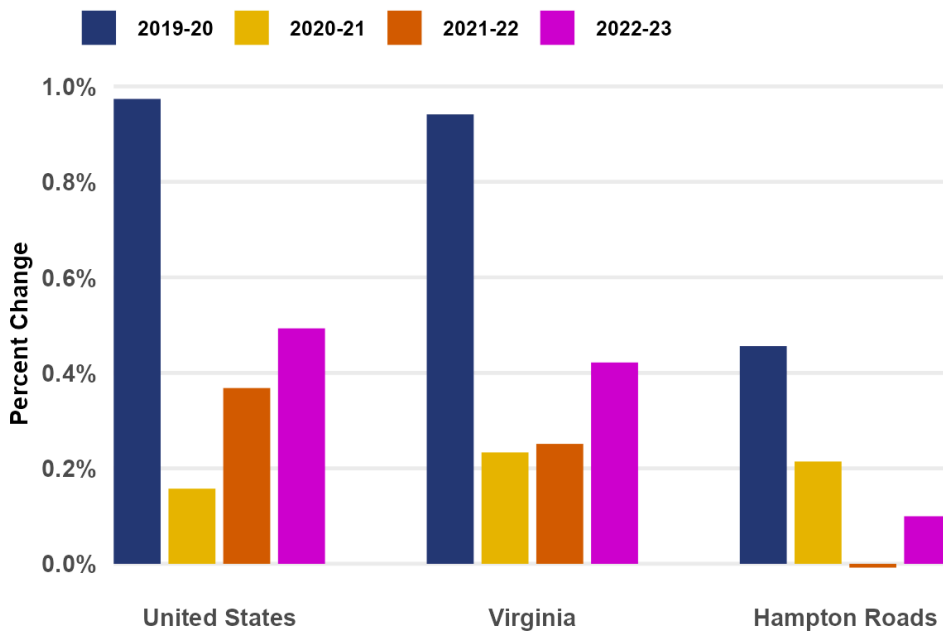
Hampton Roads Economic Monthly

***New Census Date: Population
Grow Rebounds***

Last month the U.S. Census Bureau released annual (intercensal) population estimates for 2023. The Hampton Roads metro area's population rose to 1,787,169, an increase of 1,779 residents from the previous year. The latest estimates indicate a positive shift toward pre-pandemic population trends for both the region and the nation as deaths slowed and net migration increased, a sign the pandemic's impact is diminishing. However, some lingering effects of the pandemic continue to shape demographic trends as population growth rates remain well below pre-pandemic levels, illustrating the ongoing nature of the recovery.

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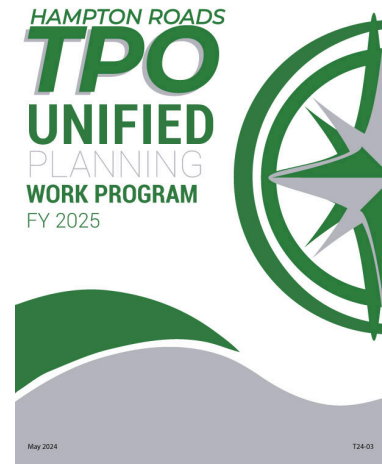
Figure 1: Population Change: U.S., Virginia, and Hampton Roads



HRTPO Board Approves Fiscal Year 2025 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

The Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO) on May 16, 2024 approved the agency's new Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). The UPWP serves as the region's blueprint for the transportation planning priorities and activities to be advanced within the Hampton Roads metropolitan planning area during the next fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2024.

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June Map of the Month: 2024 Great American Cleanup Results

The *2024 Great American Cleanup*, hosted by askHRgreen.org, was held on March 22-23, 2024 with events taking place across many localities in Hampton Roads. Inclement weather pushed back some events into April, but the volunteers still came out in full force!



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HRTPO Board Approves Funding under New Federal Program: Carbon Reduction Program (CRP)

The HRTPO Board approved \$12,575,632 in funding for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-2026 CRP Project Selection Process at the May 16, 2024 meeting. The CRP is a part of the current Federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), passed in November 2021, to provide funding for projects designed to reduce transportation emissions and benefit communities.



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Do the Math Before Flooding Occurs

Early predictions are calling for an extremely active 2024 Atlantic hurricane season. Take before bad weather arrives. Get Flood Fluent!

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Public Input Opportunities

DRAFT HRTPO Annual Roadway Performance Report (Comments received through June 21, 2024)

HRPDC/HRTPO In the News

EPA awards \$1.9 million grant to enhance recycling program in Hampton Roads (Suffolk News-Herald, June 12, 2024)

Hampton Roads leaders will ramp up recycling education with new EPA grant (WHRO News, June 12, 2024)

Hampton Roads' leaders back plan to study a potential site for a Suffolk Amtrak station (WAVY May 17, 2024)

Study: More people dying on Hampton Roads highways (WAVY May 17, 2024)

Danger Ahead: A look at the most dangerous roads in Hampton Roads (WAVY, May 21, 2024)

New state-managed bus route will run from Virginia Beach to Harrisonburg (WAVY, May 23, 2024)

As hurricane season begins, officials encourage people to consider flood insurance (WTKR, May 27, 2024)

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No Commission or TPO Board Meetings in June

Upcoming Meetings

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