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2024 Population Estimates

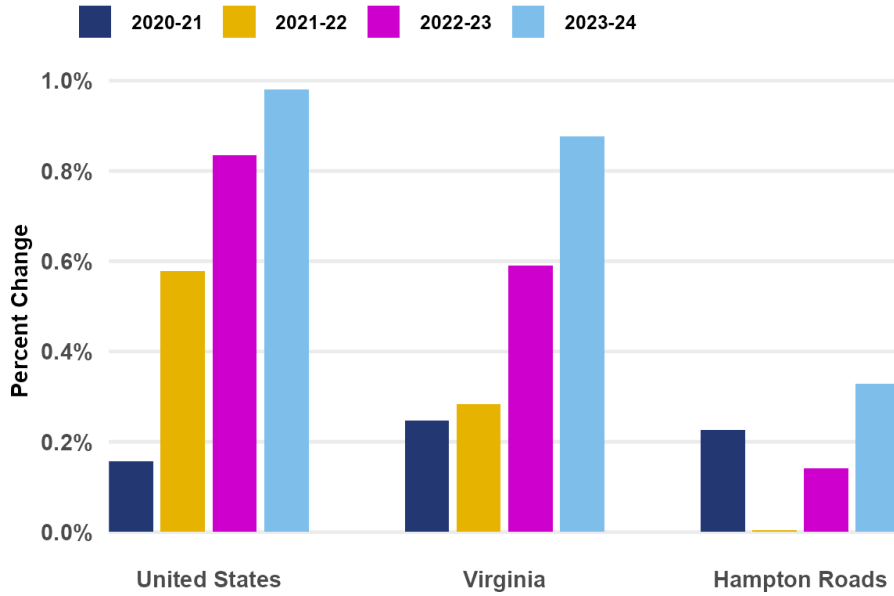
The U.S. Census Bureau recently released its annual population estimates for 2024, showing a continued acceleration in national population growth. The U.S. population increased by 0.98% over the year, marking the fastest rate of growth since 2018. This represents a sharp rebound from the historic lows observed during the height of the pandemic, when growth fell to just 0.1% in 2021. The growth in 2024 was driven largely by a resurgence in international migration, as global mobility resumed. Although natural population change (births minus deaths) has also stabilized and domestic migration remains a key driver in many states, international migration accounted for the largest share of national growth in 2024.

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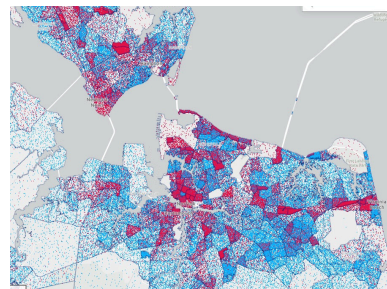
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Figure 1: Population Change: U.S., Virginia, and Hampton Roads



April Map of the Month:

Owners and Renters in Hampton Roads



The Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC) will be conducting a regional housing assessment which will help ensure a balanced and sustainable housing market that supports the region's economic growth. A part of this assessment will be evaluating the overall supply of needed housing for the region.

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WaterWalk Trail in Central Hampton Serves Many Activities and Locations

The two-mile WaterWalk in central Hampton is both beautiful and utilitarian. It provides scenic views of Coliseum Lake, Newmarket Creek, and Lake Hampton; and provides access from nearby residential housing to nearby commercial centers via the safe, healthy, economical travel modes of cycling and walking.



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Hitting the Streets to Curb Recycling Contamination

Hampton Roads communities are joining forces through askHRgreen.org to reduce waste and tackle recycling contamination *head-on*. On March 31, askHRgreen.org launched the “Feet on the Street” cart-tagging recycling project—an initiative to improve the quality of recycling in single-stream curbside recycling carts by providing residents with personalized, real-time recycling education and feedback. The project includes approximately 32,000 households in James City County, Newport News, Norfolk, Suffolk, York County, and Virginia Beach.



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FEET ON THE STREET

Recycling Quality Improvement Initiative in Hampton Roads

Start Smart
Recycle Right
askHRgreen.org

HRPDC/HRTPO In the News

Storm drains are constantly filled with pollutants: here's how to fix it on Coast Live (WTKR, April 8, 2025)

Quality controlling your waste: New program will inspect thousands of Hampton Roads recycling bins (Virginian-Pilot, April 3, 2025)

Adrift in the Freeze (Resource Recycling, March 31, 2025)

James City County Joins Regional Effort to Curb Recycling Contamination (Williamsburg-Yorktown Daily, March 30, 2025)



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HRPDC WILL Meet in April**



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