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Federal Workforce in Hampton Roads

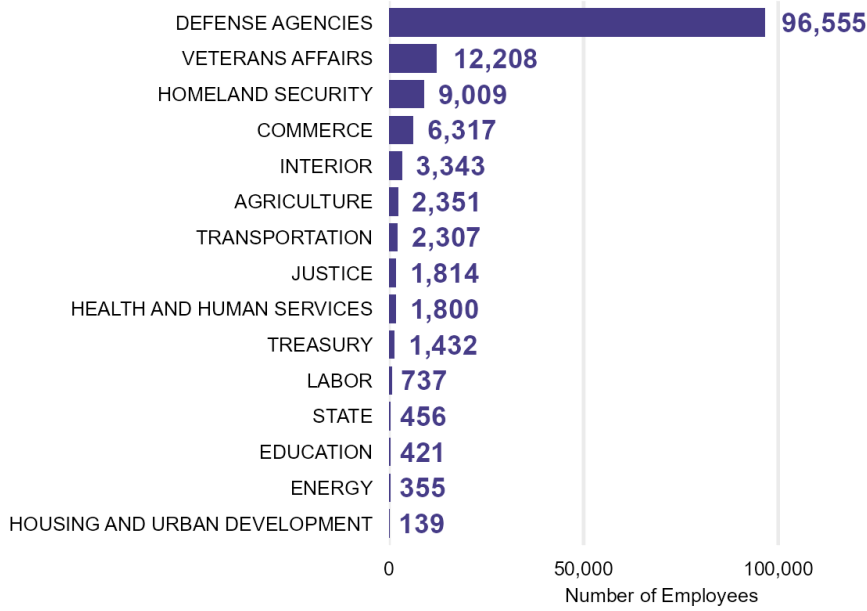
While the federal workforce spans the nation, some regions have a greater concentration of federal employees than others. In this article we explore the distribution and relative concentration of the federal workforce in the Commonwealth and Hampton Roads.

A recent Congressional Budget Office report estimated that the federal workforce consisted of approximately 5.1 million employees in 2022. This includes 2.1 million uniformed military personnel, 2.3 million federal civilian workers, and 700,000 government enterprise employees. The latter group, which includes agencies such as the U.S. Postal Service, the largest share of government enterprise employees, operate on a self-financing model. Among the 2.3 million federal civilian workers, more than half are employed in defense related agencies including the Departments of Defense, Veterans Affairs, and Homeland Security.

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Figure 1: Federal Civilian Employment by Agency
Virginia, September 2024



March Map of the Month:
LEED-Certified Projects in Hampton Roads



The Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (**LEED**) certification program, developed by the **U.S. Green Building Council**, has transformed the building industry by establishing a comprehensive framework for creating healthier, more sustainable structures. LEED-certified projects are found around the world and here in Hampton Roads, showcasing the growing commitment to green building practices. They typically consume less energy and water, generate less waste, and create healthier indoor environments for occupants. Studies show they also command higher property values and rental rates while reducing operating costs.

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State of Transportation in Hampton Roads Highlights Regional Transportation Trends

Did you know that rail and air travel passenger levels in Hampton Roads are at all-time highs? Or that the number of bridges in poor condition are less than half than they were a decade ago? These facts and more are included in HRTPO's State of Transportation in Hampton Roads 2024 report.

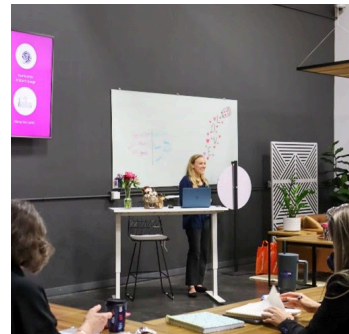


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HRPDC Staff Engages Realtors on Waterfront Regulations and Flood Risk

HRPDC Water Resources staff recently presented at a training series for Hampton Roads real estate agents hosted by RE/MAX Connect in Yorktown, VA. Senior Water Resources Planner Jill Sunderland and Resilience Planner Emma Corbitt led a session titled, "Good to Know for Waterfront Buyers," focusing on the role agents can play in preparing homebuyers for key regulations and hazards, including the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act (Bay Act) and flood risk.



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Calling All Volunteers! Registration for the 2025 Hampton Roads Great American Cleanup

We're excited to announce that **volunteer registration for the 2025 Hampton Roads Great American Cleanup is now open!** Cleanups will be held on **March 28-29, 2025**. You can organize your own neighborhood cleanup or join an organized event. Our city and county partners are ready to assist you with free supplies including safety vests, litter grabbers, and trash bags. Last year we had a

Sharing Resilience Planning Insights

Recently, Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO) staff had the opportunity to speak at the *National Academies Climate Crossroads Congressional Fellowship Seminar*, where experts gathered to discuss how communities can better prepare for disruptions and build stronger, more adaptable systems.



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How a federal grants freeze could rattle Hampton Roads and put programs in jeopardy (Virginian-Pilot, March 13, 2025)



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