



## **Hampton Roads Economic Monthly: 2020 Census Results are In: What's The Count?**

The 2020 Census – a headcount of every person living in the United States as of April 1, 2020 – is one of the most important tools analysts, policymakers, businesses, non-profits and other decision makers have for understanding the nation's demographics, and determines how billions of dollars in public funds are allocated by state, local and federal lawmakers.

This process is undertaken every decade, but the 2020 Census has received an overwhelming amount of media interest this past year for a few different reasons. Due to the nature of how census data is collected, the COVID-19 pandemic impacted the ability for in-person follow-up interviews for households who do not respond to the survey. Due to these data collection difficulties and the associated uncertainties the pandemic created, the data was released much later than expected.

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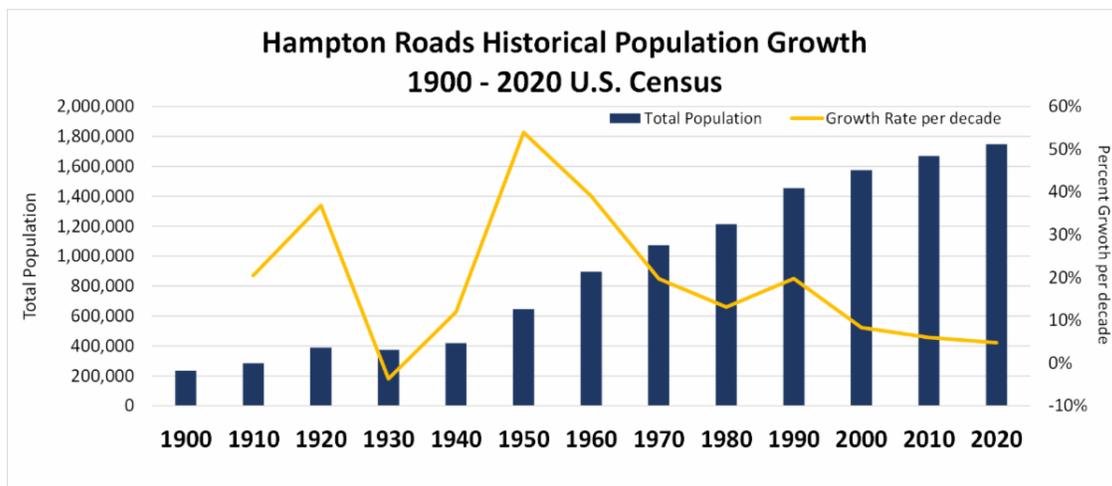
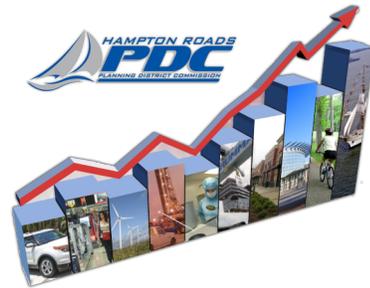


Figure 1: Historic population growth in Hampton Roads, 1900—2020, total population and growth rates. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, HRPDC.

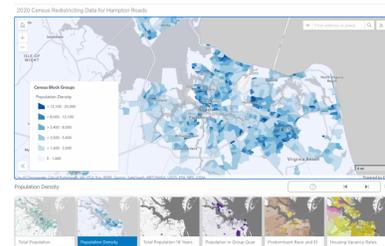
## **HRPDC Overhauls Regional Benchmarking Study**

The Code of Virginia calls for Planning District Commissions to collect and maintain demographic, economic and other data concerning the region and member localities, and act as a State Data Center affiliate in cooperation with the Virginia Employment Commission (VEC). In keeping with this mandate, the HRPDC staff has produced the Regional Benchmarking Study and released it annually as a standing publication. In 2021, economics staff began updating the individual components of the benchmarking study on a rolling basis as publicly available data is released.



## **Map of the Month: October – 2020 Census Redistricting Data**

This month's map is a collection of maps visualizing the 2020 Census redistricting data for Hampton Roads. Included are maps of total population, population density, total population over 18, predominant race and ethnicity, population in group quarters, and housing vacancy rates. Each map is multi-scale so that the closer it is zoomed in, the more detailed the geography and data will be.



## **HRPDC/HRTPO In the News**

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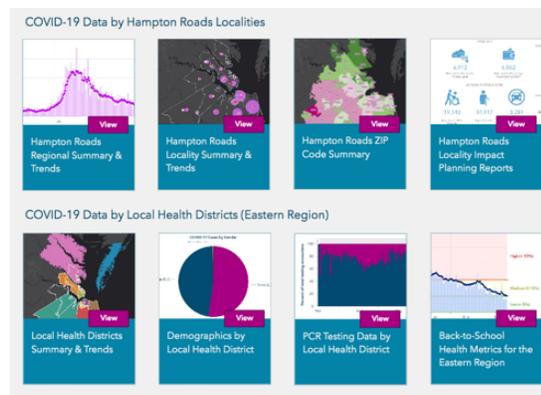
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## [Virginia gave millions to flood resilience projects in Hampton Roads. Here's what they'll do.](#) (Virginian-Pilot)

## [Hampton Roads COVID-19 Impact Planning Hub](#)

Visit the COVID-19 Impact Planning Hub to get the latest information on COVID-19 in Hampton Roads.



## Upcoming Meetings



## Public Comment Opportunities

## **Virginia Coastal Resilience Master Plan Community Meetings - Fall 2021**

## **HRTPO FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program Proposed Amendments**

## **Naval Station Norfolk Transit Corridor Project**

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