Transportation
As the transportation hub of the region, Chesapeake is linked to one of the most modern interstate and state highway systems in the country.

- Typical commute to work is only 21.6 minutes
- Norfolk International Airport is only 20 minutes away, offering more than 250 daily flights
- Chesapeake Regional and Hampton Roads Airports provide corporate flight service within the city
- Interstate Highway 64 originates in Chesapeake; I-264, I-464, and I-664 also serve the city
- U.S. Route 58 connects Chesapeake to the principal North/South highways on the East Coast: I-95 and I-85
- U.S. Route 13 connects the city to Virginia’s Eastern Shore
- The Chesapeake Expressway (Route 168), a 16-mile, four-lane divided highway, links I-64 to North Carolina and the Outer Banks
- Rail service provided by Norfolk-Southern Corporation and CSX Corporation
- Connections via the Norfolk and Portsmouth Beltline

• One of the most successful commercial shipping ports worldwide linking to more than 250 ports in more than 100 overseas locations
• Virginia International Terminals, Inc., operates three state-owned general cargo terminals in the region and one inland port:
  - Norfolk International Terminal
  - Portsmouth Marine Terminal
  - Newport News Marine Terminals
  - Virginia Inland Port (Portsmouth)
• The largest intermodal facility on the U.S. East Coast with full service for international trade including a foreign trade zone, U.S. Customs and Freight
• Designated a Lunar Market Port by the International Longshoremen’s Association

Quality of Life and Community Services

Recreational Facilities
- Great Dismal Swamp National Wildlife Refuge
- Northwest River Park and Campground
- 57 parks and/or play areas citywide
- Public and commercial camping
- Three public and three commercial boat ramps
- Two senior centers and seven community centers
- 30 recreation areas and parks
- Golfing

Community Services
- Six branches of the U.S. Postal Service
- Major financial institutions
- More than 130 churches serving all denominations
- One central library, six additional branches and one bookmobile

Regional Medical Resources
- James Institute for Reproductive Medicine
- The Diabetes Institute Foundation
- The Children’s Hospital of the King’s Daughters
- Eastern Virginia Medical School

Nine general hospitals serve the area, including Chesapeake Regional Medical Center, which includes:
- Chesapeake General Hospital, a 310 all private bed facility with a medical staff of more than 600 physicians
- The Lifestyle Fitness Center
- The Birth Place
- Cedar Manor Assisted Living Center
- The Women’s Unit
- The Sleep Center
- Sidney M. Oman Cancer Center
- Stanley Jennings Outpatient Center
- Diagnostic Center of Chesapeake
- The Surgery Center of Chesapeake
- Chesapeake Regional Home Care Services
- Chesapeake Regional Health Foundation

Regional Attractions
- Performing Arts & Cultural Resources
  - Virginia Children’s Museum
  - Mariners’ Museum
  - The Chrysler Museum
  - Virginia Symphony
  - Virginia Zoological Park
  - National Maritime Museum
  - Sandler Center for the Performing Arts
  - Virginia Aquarium and Marine Science Center

- Historical Attractions
  - Busch Gardens
  - Jamestown-Yorktown
  - Colonial Williamsburg
  - Oceanfront
Demographic Facts

- One of the 100 largest cities in the U.S. and third-largest in the Commonwealth of Virginia.
- America’s 50 Best Cities, Bloomberg Businessweek
- One of the Best Run Cities in America, 24/7 Wall Street
- Top 300 Best Cities for Families, Parenting Magazine
- One of the Safest Cities in the U.S., FBI National Uniform Crime Report
- Top 300 Communities for Young People, Money Magazine
- Recognition by BMI as a 2030 “Smartest City” for using technology to better serve the community.
- One of seven cities nationally recognized for the Local Government Award Program: Harnessing the Power of Civic Media. The Public Technology Institute
- Top 300 Most Livable Cities in the U.S., Men’s Health Magazine
- Unemployment rates have traditionally been below the national average
- One of the most highly educated workforces in the U.S. - 80.6% with a high school diploma or higher - 28.4% with a bachelor’s degree or higher
- Retail sales more than $3 billion, boasting the highest per capita retail spending in Hampton Roads
- Within 750 miles and 1,200 kilometers of two-thirds of the nation’s population and industry
- Part of the Intracoastal Waterway, stretching from Monroe to Florida
- Adjacent to the world’s largest natural harbor and the world’s largest naval base

Economic Facts

- 2012 Total Households: 224,836
- 2000 Population: 1,685,610
- 2012 Population: 1,867,219
- 2017 Population: 1,951,380

City of Chesapeake

Hampton Roads MSA

Calendar Year

Commercial

Residential

Total

Spanish

National

State

2012 Population

183,115

1,867,219

2,050,334

109,114

3,087,432

4,186,546

1,284,591

1,867,219

2,151,810

72,165

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- Real Estate Tax: $1.04 (non-mosquito controlled) and $1.05 (mosquito controlled) per $100 of 100% assessed value
- Machinery and Tools (Manufacturers): $3.20 per hundred of the assessed value
- Business Property (Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment): $4.08 per hundred of the assessed value
- Business Property (Motor Homes/Camping Trailers): $1.58 per hundred of the assessed value
- Business Property (Boats): $0.09 per hundred of the assessed value
- Business Property (Aircraft): $0.58 per hundred of the assessed value

- $112.50 maximum per month
- $2.87/meter + $0.0171/kWH
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Business Licenses

- The Commissioner of Revenue assesses business license taxes on business activity conducted in Chesapeake. Most business license taxes are levied on the basis of gross receipts. The tax rate varies according to the business-classification license. Licenses expire at the end of each calendar year and must be renewed annually by March 1.
- Retail: $50 for annual gross receipts are below $100,000. If annual gross receipts are in excess of $100,000, 20 cents per $100 on all gross receipts.
- Wholesale: $50 fee for annual gross receipts are below $100,000. If annual gross receipts are in excess of $100,000, 20 cents per $100 on all gross receipts.
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- Gas: $2.25/million Btu
- Electric: $0.075/kWh

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- 99.9% of total teaching staff identified as highly qualified by the state of Virginia (2013-2014)
- Expenditure per pupil $10,680 (2011-2012)
- Average SAT scores: Writing 483, Math 505, Reading 501 (2013-2014)
- Annual dropout rate for grades 7-12 0.6% (2012-2013)

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- Nearly 10% of the U.S. military personnel are stationed in the Chesapeake region, making it a true “community within a community.” It is one of the oldest, and largest, industrial centers in Hampton Roads, representing a successful integration of new planning development and historic preservation.

- More than 353 square miles of land area, and plenty of space to meet your business needs
- Nearly 6,500 acres zoned industrial
- More than 25 million square feet of office and industrial space constructed

- 40,000 military spouses
- More than 17,000 exiting military personnel
- More than 8,500 graduating college students

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