

CITY PROFILE

FOUNDED

1963 by merger of Norfolk County (1636)
and the City of South Norfolk (1921)

LOCATION

In Southeastern Virginia - one of the cities
comprising the Norfolk-Virginia Beach-
Newport News Metropolitan Area.

It is bordered on the west by Suffolk, east by
Virginia Beach, south by the North Carolina
border and north by the cities of Portsmouth
and Norfolk.

LAND AREA

353 square miles
13th largest city in land area in U.S.
2nd largest City in Virginia

POPULATION

226,995 (Est. 2009)
Median Age 36.2

CLIMATE

Average summer high 77 degrees
(July warmest month)
Average winter low 41 degrees
(January coldest month)
Average annual rainfall 45 inches
Average annual snowfall trace

ELEVATION

12.2 Average feet above sea level

FINANCIAL

12 commercial banks with 37 offices
5 savings and loan associations with 8 offices

EDUCATION

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

28 elementary schools
10 middle schools
7 senior high schools
2 centers for special programs
9 support buildings

Students: 40,000

Teachers: 2,900

COLLEGES

Tidewater Community College

These institutions serve the
Metro area:

Old Dominion University

Norfolk State University

Regent University

Eastern Virginia Medical School

Virginia Wesleyan College

MEDICAL FACILITIES

Chesapeake Regional Medical Center (260
beds)

9 other general hospitals serve the area

265 plus physicians and 73 dentists

RACIAL COMPOSITION (%)

(2009)

White - 63.4%

Black - 29.6%

Other - 7%

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TRANSPORTATION

Air - Chesapeake Municipal Airport and Hampton Roads Airport are located in the City of Chesapeake.

Norfolk International Airport is located 12 miles from central Chesapeake and is served by 12 airlines.

Bus - Greyhound, Trailways (Local)
Tidewater Regional Transit

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Police, Fire & Ambulance: 911
Crises Center: 399-6393

LIBRARY

1 central library with 7 branches and a bookmobile
569,181 volumes

Tidewater Community College
175,100 volumes

CHURCHES

Over 130 serving all denominations

RETAIL SALES

\$2,897,360,063 (2009)
Shopping Centers - 2 Regional Malls

INCOME

Median Household \$67,996 (2009 Est.)
Per capita personal \$29,813 (2009 Est.)
Source: U.S. Census Bureau

NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS

84,072 (2009)

MAJOR INDUSTRIES

Manufacturing - Major products include building materials, plastics, plywood, fertilizer, refrigerators, steel and railroad equipment.

Agribusiness - major crops include corn, wheat, soybeans, nursery products and timber.

TAXES

Real Estate - \$1.04/\$100 at 100% of assessment - \$1.05/\$100 with Mosquito Control - effective July 1, 2008

Personal Property - \$4.00/\$100 at 100% of loan value - \$4.08 with Mosquito Control

State Non-Grocery Retail Sales - 5.0%

Restaurant - 5.5% of meal

GOVERNMENT

Council/Manager

Police - 387 uniformed (2009)
- 139 civilians

Fire/ - 424 professionals (2009)

EMS - 22 volunteers - active
- 15 stations
- 10 medic units

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE

116,664 (2010)

Source: Virginia Employment Commission

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RECREATION

Great Dismal Swamp National Wildlife Refuge (54,133 acres)

Northwest River Park (763 acres) with boating, hiking, riding, fishing and 100 site campground

53 public tennis courts; organized sports programs for basketball, softball, football, soccer

Canoeing on 30 miles of water trails

Boating on Intracoastal Waterways

Parks: Great Bridge Lock Park, Deep Creek Lock Park, Lakeside Park, Crestwood Park, Western Branch Park, Indian River Park, Chesapeake Park Greenbrier Parkway

8 Community recreation centers
Greenbrier Civic Sports Complex
2 ceramic art centers
2 senior citizen centers; leisure skill classes, special events, therapeutic and senior citizen programs.

CULTURAL

The following are located in the metro area:

Virginia Opera Association
Virginia Symphony
Chrysler Museum
Virginia Orchestra Group
Virginia Beach Pops
Virginia Marine Science Museum

Virginia Sports Hall of Fame
MacArthur Memorial
Children's Museum
The Chesapeake Planetarium
Virginia Stage Company

VOTER REGISTRATION

Registrar's office - 411 Cedar Road
Phone: 277-9797

ACRONYMS

BA	Borrowing Authority-Unissued
BADR	Borrowing Authority-Supported by Dedicated Revenues
CIB	Capital Improvement Budget
CP	Funds From Completed CIB Projects
FPA	Funds Previously Appropriated
GF	General Fund Balance
HVAC	Heating, Ventilating and Air Conditioning
IE	Interest Earnings
OSO	Open Space Ordinance
PR	Pro Rata Drainage Funds
PUF	Public Utilities Fund Balance
PUB	Public Utilities Bonds
RRF	Renewal and Replacement Funds
SGF	State General Fund
SWMF	Stormwater Management Fees
TRB	Toll Revenue Bonds
VL	Virginia Lottery
VDOT	Virginia Department of Transportation