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# Miscellaneous Statistical Information

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Norfolk is a city of some 235,000 residents and more than 100 diverse neighborhoods. It is the cultural, educational, business and medical center of Hampton Roads; hosts the region's international airport; and is one of the busiest international ports on the East Coast of the United States. Norfolk is home to the world's largest naval base and the North American Headquarters for NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization). The city is undergoing a successful renewal, including new office, retail, entertainment and hotel construction downtown, new residential development along the rivers and bay front, and revitalization projects in many of its neighborhoods.

The City of Norfolk was established as a town in 1682, as a borough in 1736 and incorporated as a city in 1845. The City lies at the mouth of the James and Elizabeth Rivers and the Chesapeake Bay, and is adjacent to the Atlantic Ocean and the cities of Virginia Beach, Portsmouth and Chesapeake. It has seven miles of Chesapeake Bay beachfront and a total of 144 miles of shoreline along our lakes, rivers and the Bay.

## Area of City

Year	Square Miles
1930	37.19
1940	37.19
1950	37.19
1960	61.85
1970	61.85
1980	65.75
1990	65.98
2000	65.98

## CITY GOVERNMENT

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Norfolk is an independent, full-service city with sole local government taxing power within its boundaries. It derives its governing authority from a charter (the "Charter"), originally adopted by the General Assembly of Virginia in 1918, which authorizes a council-manager form of government. The members are elected to office under a ward-based system, with two members elected from Citywide super wards. Beginning July 1, 2006, as a result of a charter change approved by the Virginia General Assembly, Norfolk swore in the first mayor elected at large. Prior to that time, the mayor was appointed by the City Council. Among the City officials currently appointed by the City Council are the City Manager, who serves as the administrative head of the municipal government. The City Manager carries out the City's policies, directs business procedures and appoints, with the power to remove, the heads of departments and other employees of the City except those otherwise specifically covered by statutory provisions. The City Council also appoints certain boards, commissions and authorities of the City.

## ECONOMIC AND DEMOGRAPHIC FACTORS

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### POPULATION

As reflected in Table 1, based on the 2000 Census, the population of the City has declined since 1970; a fact which can be attributed in part to the clearance and redevelopment of blighted areas and to a reduction in the birth rate. Norfolk is the second most populous city in Virginia, as shown in Table 2.

**Table 1: Population Trend Comparison, 1960 – 2000**

Year	Norfolk	Hampton Roads MSA (1)	Virginia	U.S.
1960	305,872	881,600	3,954,429	179,323,175
1970	307,951	1,058,764 (2)	4,468,479	203,211,926
1980	266,979	1,160,311 (2)	5,346,279	226,504,825
1990	261,250	1,430,974	6,189,197	249,632,692
2000	234,403 (3)	1,569,541	7,078,515	281,421,906

Sources: Various Reports of the Bureau of the Census.

Notes: (1) Until March 1993, the Hampton Roads MSA consisted of the Virginia localities of Norfolk, Chesapeake, Hampton, Newport News, Poquoson, Portsmouth, Suffolk, Virginia Beach, Williamsburg, Gloucester County, James City County, and York County. In March 1993, Mathews County and Isle of Wight County, Virginia and Currituck County, North Carolina were added to the Hampton Roads MSA.

(2) Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service, University of Virginia, is the source for the 1970 and the 1980 MSA Population.

(3) The most recent Weldon Cooper Center population estimate for Norfolk for 2008 is 235,092.

**Table 2: Five Most Populous Cities in Virginia**

City	2000 Census Population
Virginia Beach	425,257
Norfolk	234,403
Chesapeake	199,184
Richmond	197,790
Newport News	180,150

Source: U. S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census

## Age

The age distribution of the City's population is presented in Table 3.

**Table 3: City of Norfolk Population Distribution by Age, 1960 – 2000**

Year	Population	Under 20	20 – 64	65 or Older
1960	305,872	39.8%	54.5%	5.7%
1970	307,951	35.4	57.8	6.8
1980	266,979	30.7	60.1	9.2
1990	261,250	28.1	61.4	10.5
2000	234,403	28.6	60.5	10.8

Source: U. S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census

## INCOME

Table 4 provides an annual comparison of per capita personal income since 1996.

**Table 4: City of Norfolk Per Capita Personal Income Comparisons, 1996 – 2006**

Year	Norfolk	Hampton Roads MSA	State	U.S.
1996	19,401	21,876	25,034	24,175
1997	20,361	22,838	26,307	25,334
1998	21,406	24,026	27,780	26,883
1999	22,131	24,912	29,226	27,939
2000	23,523	26,360	31,083	29,845
2001	24,726	27,767	32,511	30,574
2002	25,346	28,784	33,033	30,821
2003	26,672	30,057	34,001	31,504
2004	28,114	31,540	35,841	33,123
2005	30,162	33,259	37,968	34,757
2006	31,459	34,858	39,540	36,714

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, Regional Economic Information System

## HOUSING AND CONSTRUCTION AVAILABILITY

Table 5 provides an annual breakdown of residential building permits since 1994.

**Table 5: City of Norfolk Residential Construction, 1994 – 2008**

Calendar Year	Residential Construction		
	Building Permits	Number of Units	Dollar Value (in thousands)
1994	238	278	23,709
1995	181	386	19,834
1996	192	214	16,142
1997	181	187	14,999
1998	178	329	27,187
1999	188	229	28,282
2000	175	301	30,707
2001	231	403	41,884
2002	294	561	52,164
2003	412	584	61,150
2004	533	770	149,403
2005	593	1,273	166,271
2006	398	762	97,727
2007	326	350	55,648
2008	280	1,008	95,770

Source: City of Norfolk Department of Planning and Community Development. Compiled by City of Norfolk Office of Budget and Management.

## UNEMPLOYMENT

The unemployment rate for the City is illustrated in Table 6.

**Table 6: City of Norfolk Unemployment Rates in Percentage, 1998 – 2008 (1) (2)**

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Norfolk	5.2	5.0	3.3	4.3	5.1	5.3	5.5	5.0	4.2	4.0	5.3
Hampton Roads MSA	3.4	3.3	2.5	3.3	4.2	4.3	4.0	3.9	3.3	3.2	4.2
Commonwealth of Virginia	2.8	2.7	2.3	3.2	4.2	4.1	3.7	3.5	3.0	3.0	4.0
United States	4.5	4.2	4.0	4.7	5.8	6.0	5.5	5.1	4.6	4.6	5.8

Sources: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics: Labor Force Statistics from the Current Population Survey and Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) series. Notes: (1) Not seasonally adjusted; (2) Figures for 1997 – 2007 represent annual numbers

## EMPLOYERS

A variety of industrial, commercial and service employers are located within the City. Table 7 presents data regarding the principal businesses in the City.

**Table 7: City of Norfolk Principal Non-Government Employers in 2008**

Company	Number of Employees	Product/Service
Sentara Healthcare	10,000+	Health Care
Dominion Enterprises (Trader Publishing)	2,500 – 9,999	Publishing
Bank of America		Banking
BAE Systems Norfolk (Norshipco)		Ship Building/Repair
Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters	1,500 – 2,499	Health Care Facilities
FHC Health Systems (Value Options Inc.)		Mental Health Management
Eastern Virginia Medical School		Education
Landmark Communications, Inc.	1,000 – 1,499	Publishing
USAA		Insurance Support Center
Dominion Virginia Power	500 – 999	Electric Utility
Wachovia Corporation		Banking
PRA, Inc. (Portfolio Recovery Associates)		Financial Services
BB & T		Banking
Unidyne LLC		Engineering
Capital Group (American Funds Group)		Mutual Funds
CMA-CGM (America), Inc.		Shipping
SunTrust Bank, Inc.		Banking
Virginia Natural Gas Company		Gas Utility
American Red Cross		Individual & Family Services

Sources: Hampton Roads Economic Development Alliance. Note: List does not include retail employers

## STUDENT POPULATION

Norfolk Public Schools student population is shown in Table 8.

**Table 8: City of Norfolk Public Schools Student Population  
(End of Year Report), 2000 - 2009**

<b>School Year</b>	<b>Average Daily Membership</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
1999-2000	35,326	
2000-2001	35,000	(0.9)
2001-2002	34,408	(1.7)
2002-2003	34,089	(0.9)
2003-2004	34,030	(0.2)
2004-2005	33,708	(0.9)
2005-2006	33,262	(1.3)
2006-2007	32,707	(1.7)
2007-2008	32,259	(1.4)
2008-2009 (1)	31,563	(2.2)
2009-2010 (1)	30,839	(2.3)

Source: Norfolk Public Schools. Note: (1) Projected

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