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FOR SOUTH HAMPTON ROADS
A Regional Human Services Initiative

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Regional Report Card
South Hampton Roads, Virginia

*Chesapeake • Isle of Wight • Norfolk
Portsmouth • Suffolk • Virginia Beach*

We are pleased to present the second **Regional Report Card for South Hampton Roads**. This 2005 issue is a follow-up to the 2002 publication and shows important trending differences. Jurisdictions represented here include the cities of Chesapeake, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Suffolk, and Virginia Beach and Isle of Wight County. Although data from Isle of Wight County (which constitutes almost 3% of the region's population) was not included in the 2002 Report Card, the following comparisons describing regional trends are informative.

- In 2005, out of 25 indicators tracked, the region was doing better in 19, compared to only 13 in 2002.
- In 2005, only five downward trends were noted compared to nine downward trends in 2002.
- In 2005, one indicator was static; three were unchanged in 2002.

This is good news for the region as efforts to improve the quality of life are showing success. When reviewing the figures showing the region as a percent of the State, it is important to remember that this region has 15% of the State's population. In 18 of the 22 indicators where we compare the region to the State, the region lags behind the State.

Indicators*

jobs		(years in parentheses)	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	Regional Trend		Year 2 Better or Worse than State	
					BETTER	WORSE		
1	Per capita income	(01/02)	REGION	\$27,896	\$28,721			W
			as a % of STATE	86.3%	87.6%			
2	Net job growth	(01/02)	REGION	8,772	10,447	✓		B
			as a % of STATE	25.1%	83.9%			
3	Unemployment rate-annual average	(02/03)	REGION	4.2%	4.5%		✓	W
			STATE	4.1%	4.1%			
4	Percent of public school students eligible for lunch program	(02/03)	REGION	37.9%	37.5%	✓		W
			STATE	31.8%	32.6%			
5	Percent of persons below poverty	(90/00)	REGION	11.7%	10.8%	✓		W
			STATE	10.2%	9.6%			
6	Percent of total traffic lane miles operating at unacceptable levels of service	(94/00)	REGION	12.0%	14.0%		✓ ¹	NA

education		(years in parentheses)	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	Regional Trend		Year 2 Better or Worse than State	
					BETTER	WORSE		
7	Percent of public school kindergartners retained	(01/02)	REGION	7.5%	7.5%	no change		W
			STATE	4.7%	4.1%			
8	Public school reading comprehension scores-(Stanford 9-4th grade)	(01/02)	REGION	45	46	✓		W
			STATE	54	54			
9	Percent of public school dropouts	(02/03)	REGION	1.8%	2.3%		✓	W
			STATE	2.0%	2.2%			
10	Average public school SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test) scores	(02/03)	REGION	972	977	²		W
			STATE	1,020	1,026			
11	Percent of public school students graduating high school	(02/03)	REGION	60.8%	64.6%	✓		W
			STATE	77.0%	79.1%			
12	Number of higher education degrees conferred	(02/03)	REGION	6,826	7,612	✓		W
			as a % of STATE	12.4%	13.1%			
13	Percent of persons aged 25 and older without a high school diploma	(90/00)	REGION	22.0%	15.6%	✓		B
			STATE	25.0%	18.5%			

<i>neighborhoods</i> (years in parentheses)				Regional Trend		Year 2 Better or Worse than State	
		YEAR 1	YEAR 2	BETTER	WORSE		
14	Rate of violent crime offenses (per 100,000 population) (02/03)	REGION	491	455	✓		W
		STATE	284	269			
15	Number of substandard housing units (lacking complete plumbing) (90/00)	REGION	2,352	2,193	✓		B
		as a % of STATE	5.1%	6.6%			
16	Number of families (<\$10,000 income) paying =>35% of income for housing (90/00)	REGION	20,443	15,087	✓		W
		as a % of STATE	21.0%	19.0%			

<i>wellness</i> (years in parentheses)				Regional Trend		Year 2 Better or Worse than State	
		YEAR 1	YEAR 2	BETTER	WORSE		
17	Percent of total births with first trimester care (02/03)	REGION	84.2%	85.8%	✓		B
		STATE	84.7%	84.8%			
18	Low weight births as percent of all births (02/03)	REGION	8.7%	9.1%		✓	W
		STATE	8.0%	8.2%			
19	Founded cases of child abuse (02/03)	REGION	1,211	1,152	✓		W
		as a % of STATE	21.2%	26.9%			
20	Number of teen pregnancies (02/03)	REGION	2,938	2,977		✓	W
		as a % of STATE	21.6%	21.8%			
21	Number of new HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) infections reported (02/03)	REGION	210	174	✓		W
		as a % of STATE	21.2%	21.8%			
22	Number of public school children with serious emotional disturbance (02/03)	REGION	2,505	2,444	✓		W
		as a % of STATE	19.1%	18.7%			

<i>inclusion</i> (years in parentheses)				Regional Trend		Year 2 Better or Worse than State	
		YEAR 1	YEAR 2	BETTER	WORSE		
23	Percent of non-whites on city councils and major boards in region (02/04) Compared to percent of region's non-whites in total population (--/00)		30.0%	31.0%	✓		NA
				38.0%			

<i>belonging</i> (years in parentheses)				Regional Trend		Year 2 Better or Worse than State	
		YEAR 1	YEAR 2	BETTER	WORSE		
24	Voter turnout-Presidential elections (00/04)	REGION	47%	53%	✓		W
		STATE	52%	58%			
25	United Way annual average gift (02/03)	REGION	\$154.02	\$163.63	✓		NA

*Indicators reflect those tracked in the 2003 Investment in Priorities report.

¹1994 data includes 2,690 lane miles of interstates, principal arterials and some minor arterials. 2000 data includes 4,169 lane miles of interstates, principal arterials, and all minor arterials. Source: Congestion Management System for Hampton Roads, Virginia, October 1995 and June 2001, Hampton Roads Planning District Commission.

²Isle of Wight County data not available at time of publication.

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See the complete *2003 Investment in Priorities* data book on line at www.theplanningcouncil.org.

Population Growth – South Hampton Roads

	1992 Population	2002 Population	Change 1992-2002	Percent Change 1992-2002
Chesapeake	165,413	206,665	41,252	24.9%
Isle of Wight	26,106	31,085	4,979	19.1%
Norfolk	255,899	239,036	-16,863	-6.6%
Portsmouth	104,105	99,790	-4,315	-4.1%
Suffolk	52,998	69,966	16,968	32.0%
Virginia Beach	415,491	433,934	18,443	4.4%
Region	1,020,012	1,080,476	60,464	5.9%
Virginia	6,377,000	7,293,542	916,542	14.4%

Source: Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service at the University of Virginia

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