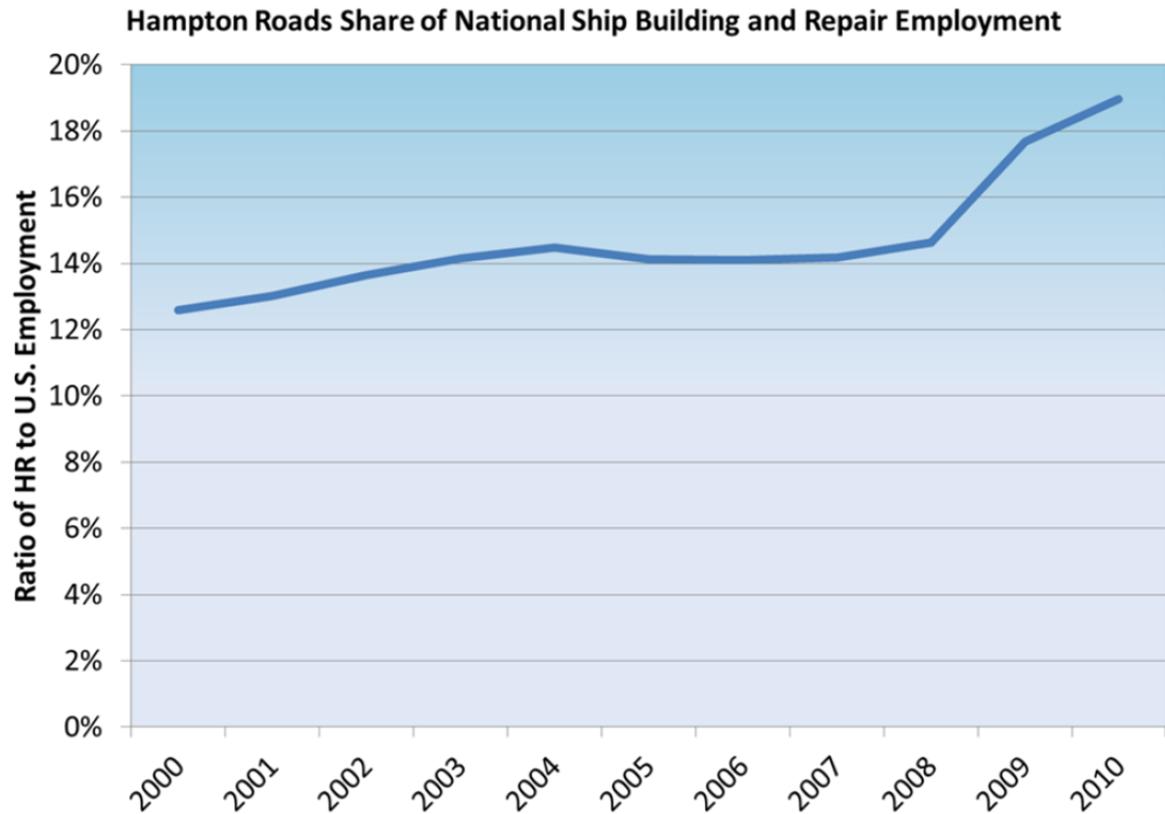


## Figure 2.7 Concentration of Ship Building and Repair Employment in Hampton Roads



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, HRPDC

### Why is it important?

The shipbuilding and repair industry in Hampton Roads was a direct result of the region's disposition as a natural harbor. Over the years there has been a decline in the national shipbuilding and repair industry, as foreign markets have become more competitive. Today Hampton Roads remains one of the few areas in the U.S. specialized in ship repair.

### How are we doing?

Shipbuilding and repair in Hampton Roads is closely tied to DoD contracts, and future demand by the Navy will determine the level of employment in the shipbuilding field.