

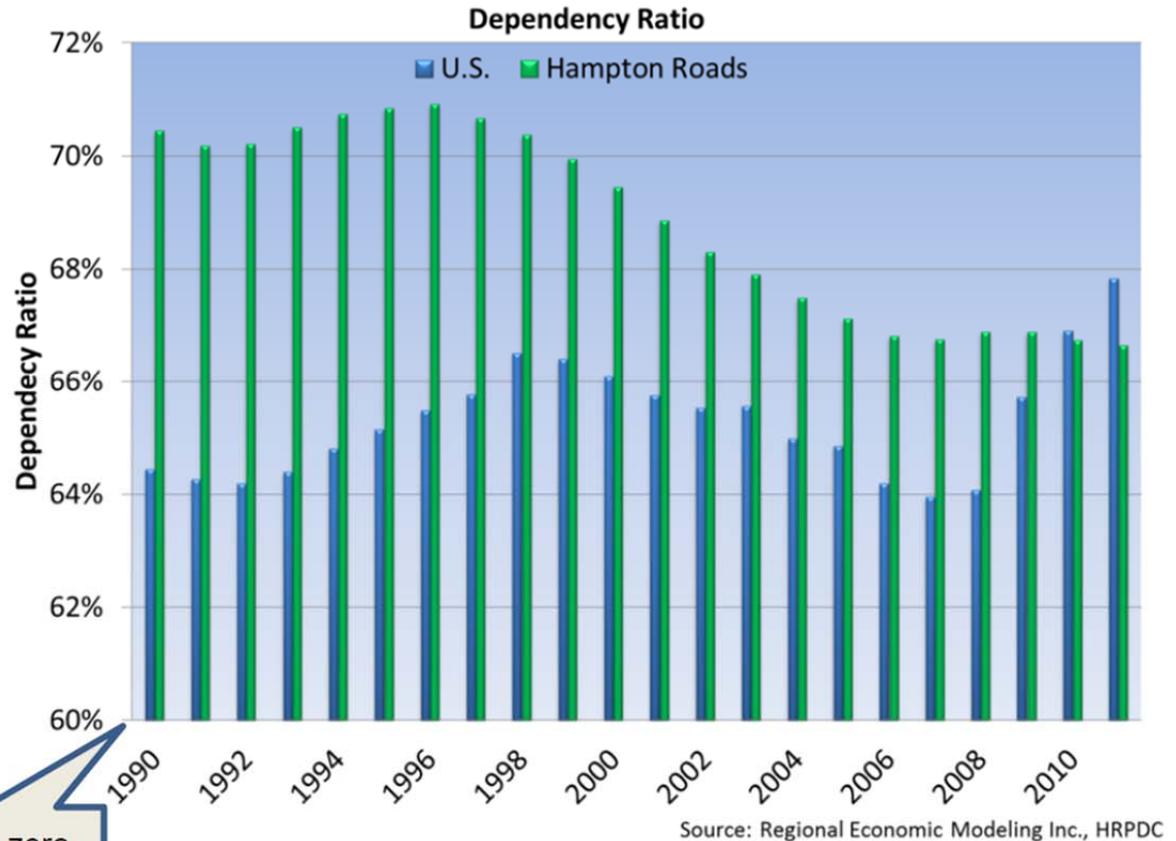
Figure 3.6 Dependency Ratio in the U.S. and Hampton Roads

Why is it important?

This shows the extent to which the working age population supports dependents (both children and adults). The size of the dependency ratio has a causal link to GDP growth.

How are we doing?

Hampton Road's dependency ratio has shrunk since its peak in 1996, which is in stark contrast to the nation's dependency ratio that has slowly increased over the past two decades as the nation has aged (this ratio hit a local maximum in 1998 and declined slightly before increasing again rapidly in 2008).



Note: Non-zero axis