

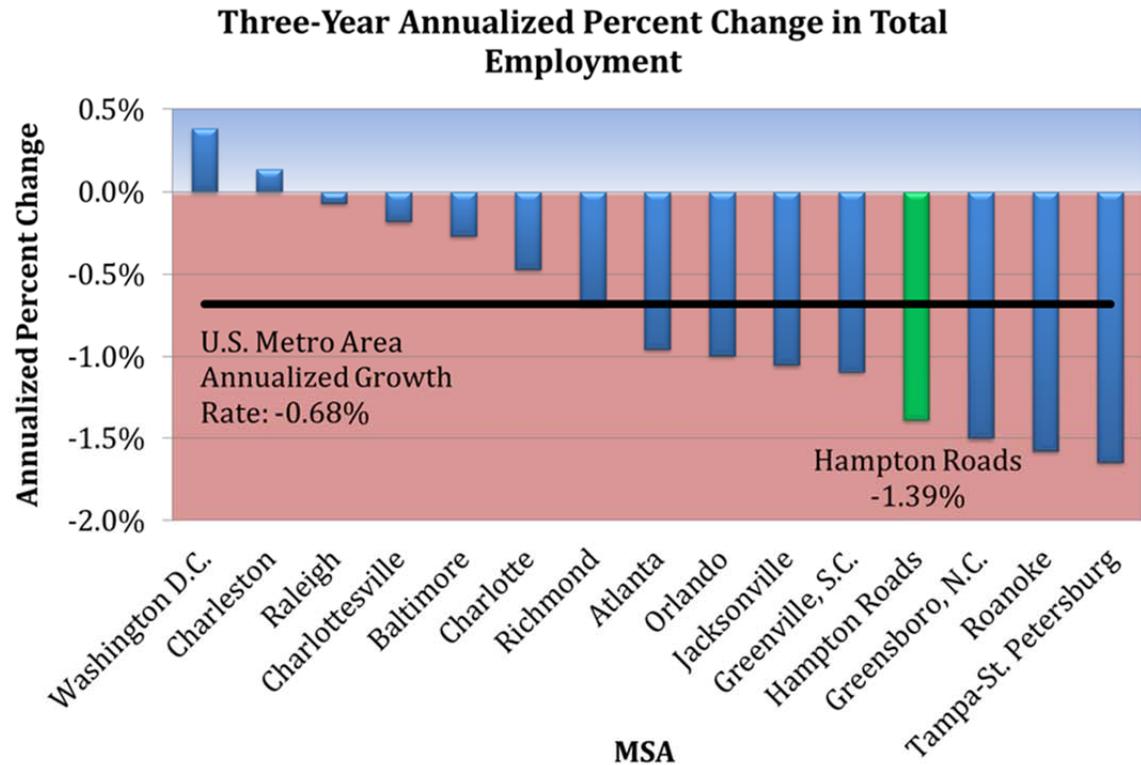
Figure 1.10 Recent Employment Growth in Hampton Roads and Competing Metropolitan Areas

Why is it important?

A change in the level of regional employment often coincides with growth or declines in regional output. Comparing Hampton Roads to other southeastern metropolitan areas creates an opportunity to assess the competitive strength and growth prospects for the regional economy.

How are we doing?

Hampton Roads has experienced a level of growth below the US average during this three year period (2009-2011). While it is not uncommon for an area to have year to year fluctuations in employment, this sustained decline in employment indicates how weak the recession left the U.S. economy.



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis, HRPDC