

Transportation

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Commuting Patterns

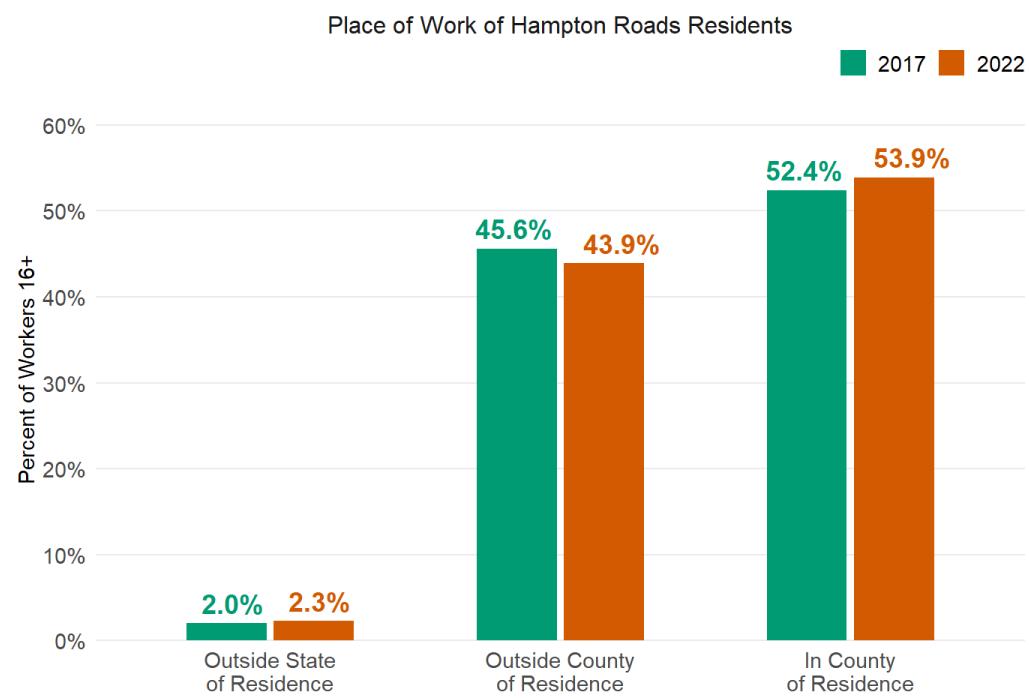
Place of Work, Hampton Roads

Why is it important?

Commuting patterns offer insight into the economic connectivity between localities. Regions with high levels of cross-jurisdictional commuting require more regional cooperation in planning and development strategies.

How are we doing?

The percent of residents working within their county of residence increased between the 2013-2017 and 2018-2022 Census 5-year average estimates, likely reflecting the growing prevalence of telework.



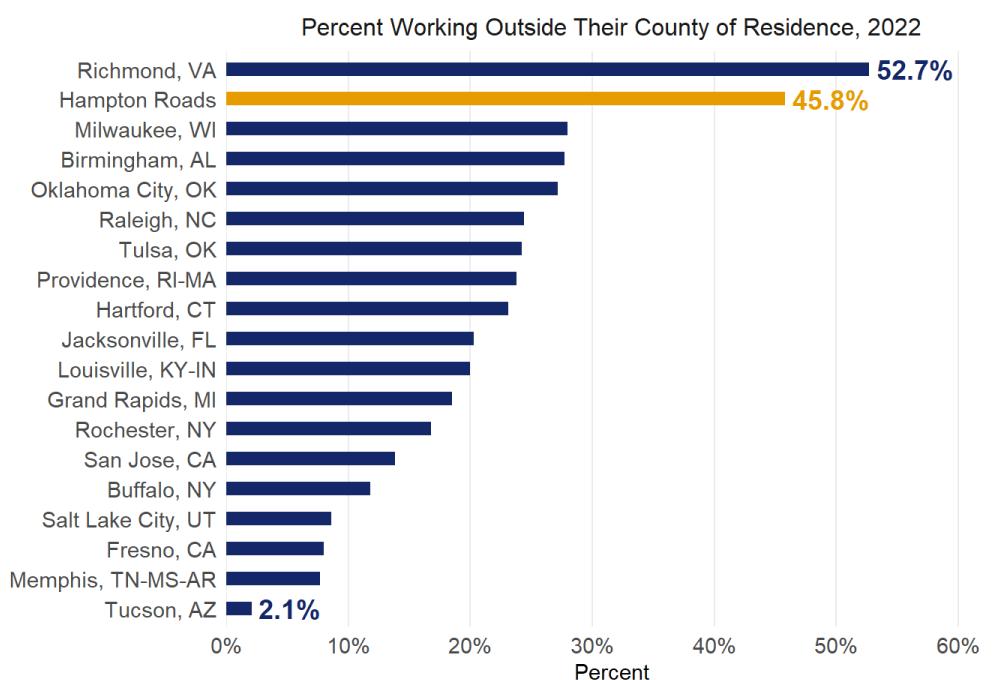
Commuting Outside County of Residence, Hampton Roads and Reference MSAs

Why is it important?

The flow of commuters across a region is an indicator of the dispersion of jobs and housing across jurisdictions.

How are we doing?

Virginia's unique structure, with independent cities operating separately from counties, plays a significant role in shaping commuting patterns. In 2022, Hampton Roads and other Virginia metro areas ranked among the top 10 in the U.S. for the percentage of residents commuting to another locality for work. Among reference MSAs, the region ranked 2nd behind Richmond.



Source: U.S. Census Bureau ACS 5-Year estimates and HRPDC. Estimates reflect residents working within their state.

Means of Transportation to Work

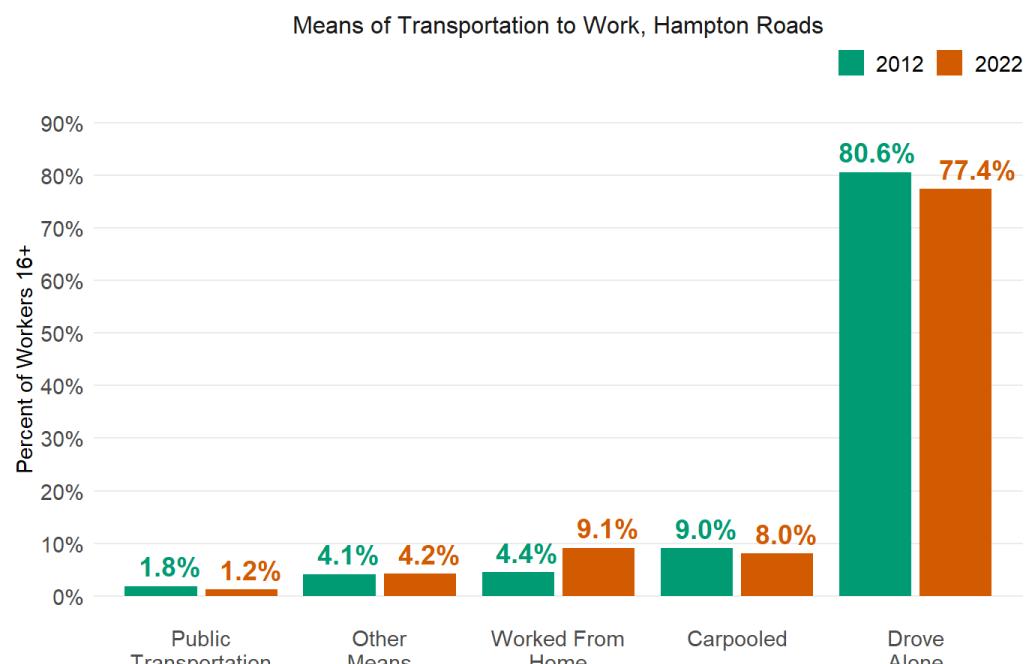
Means of Transportation to Work, Hampton Roads

Why is it important?

The means of transportation to work can influence both environmental and transportation planning. Changes in these patterns over time can reflect changes in the availability and quality of public transit, resident preferences, and workplace shifts.

How are we doing?

According to the 2018-2022 ACS 5-year estimates, more than 3 in 4 workers drove alone to their place of work, a decline of 3.2 percentage points compared to the 2012-2016 estimates. Over the same period, the percentage of workers who worked from home on a daily basis increased by 4.7 percentage points.



Source: U.S. Census Bureau ACS 5-Year estimates and HRPDC. Other Means includes taxi, motorcycle, bicycle, walked, and all other means

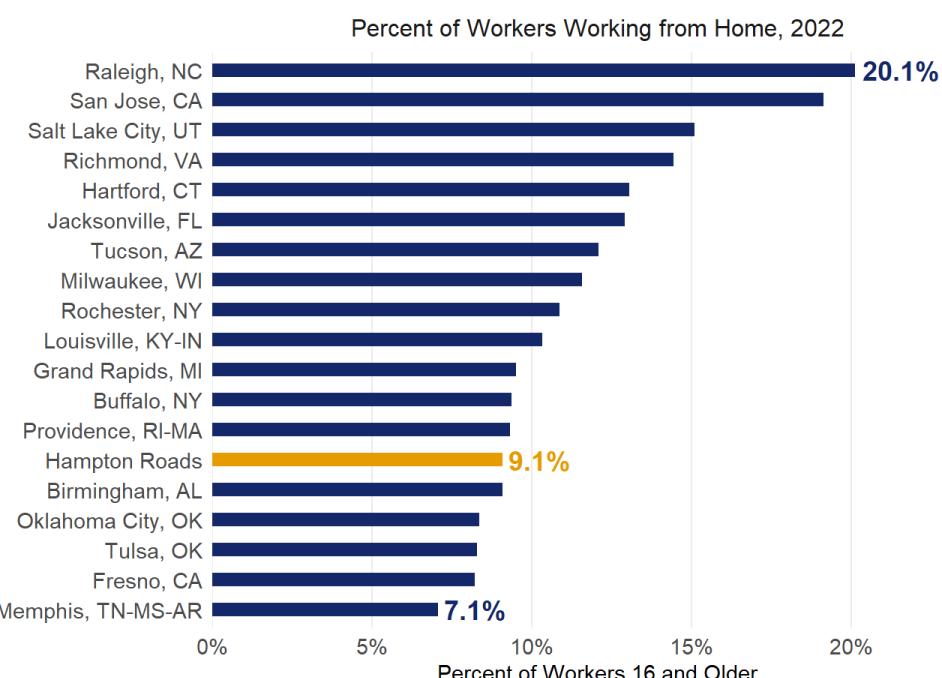
Percent of Workers Working from Home, Hampton Roads and Reference MSAs

Why is it important?

Remote work has accelerated since the pandemic, impacting where people work, live, and how they commute. Regional differences are influenced by factors such as industry and occupation mix, as well as housing costs.

How are we doing?

Compared to reference MSAs, Hampton Roads had one of the lowest share of workers working from home, indicating a relatively higher share of workers commuting to work.



Source: U.S. Census Bureau ACS 5-Year estimates and HRPDC.

Travel Time to Work

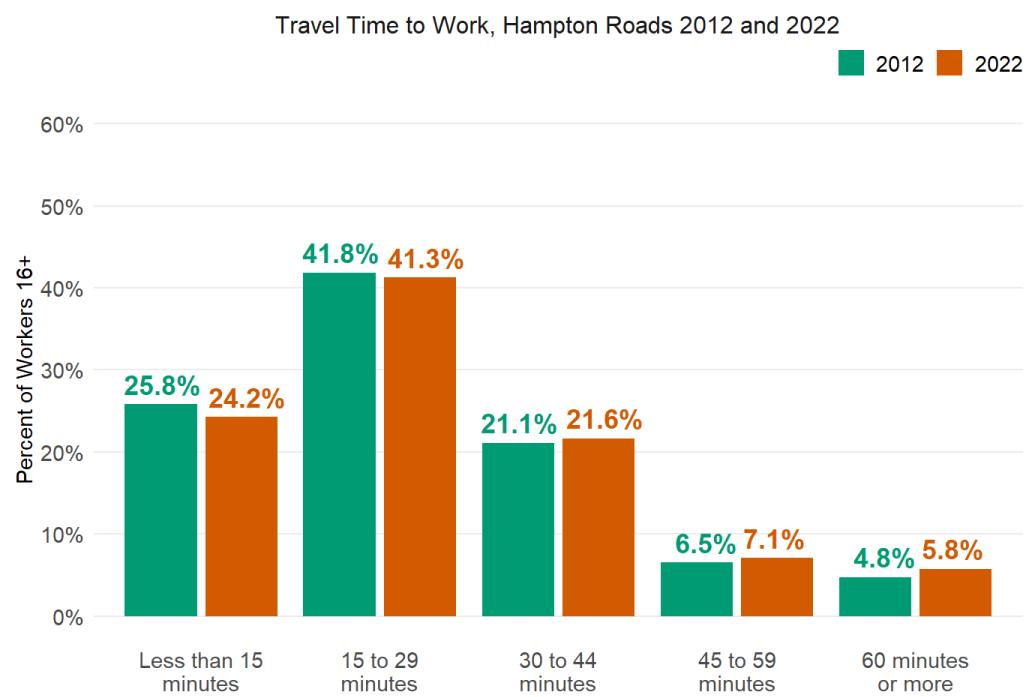
Travel Time to Work, Hampton Roads

Why is it important?

Travel time to work refers to the total number of minutes it takes a person to get from home to work each day, and can be seen as a measure of a region's quality of life.

How are we doing?

According to the 2018-2022 ACS 5-year estimates, nearly two-thirds of the region's workers travel to work in 30 minutes or less. Compared to the 2012-2016 estimates, workers commuting 45 minutes or more rose slightly while the share traveling less than 15 minutes decreased.



Source: U.S. Census Bureau ACS 5-Year estimates and HRPDC.

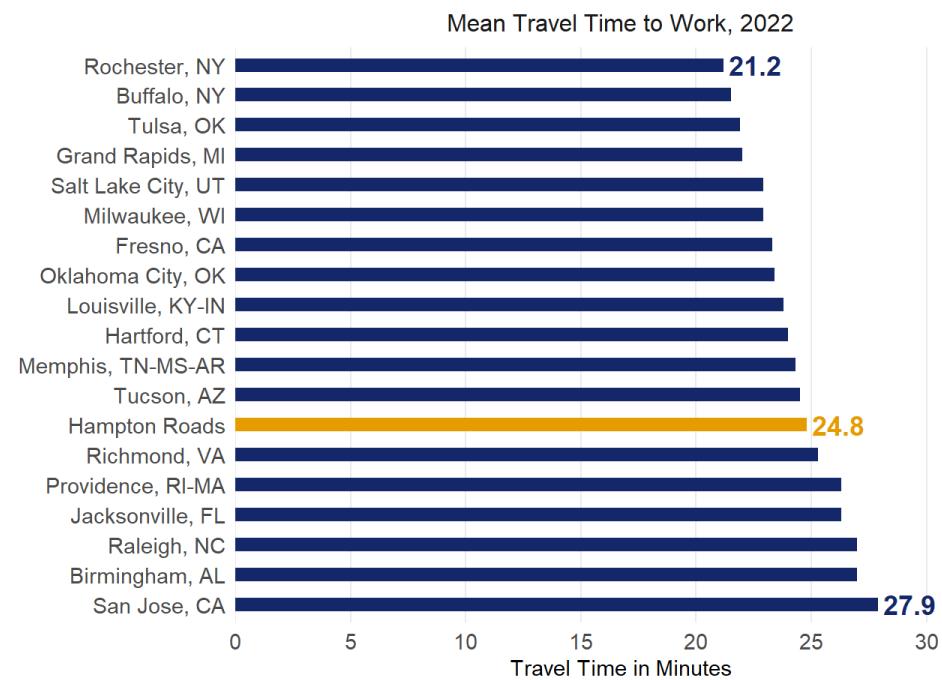
Mean Travel Time to Work, Hampton Roads and Reference MSAs

Why is it important?

Commuting times can influence where individuals choose to live, impacting a region's ability to attract and retain talent.

How are we doing?

In the 2018-2022 Census ACS estimates, the region ranked slightly below average in mean travel time to work among the reference MSAs. The region's ranking remained relatively unchanged from the 2012 five-year average.



Source: U.S. Census Bureau ACS 5-Year estimates and HRPDC.