



COMMUNITY PROFILE

Surry County, Virginia

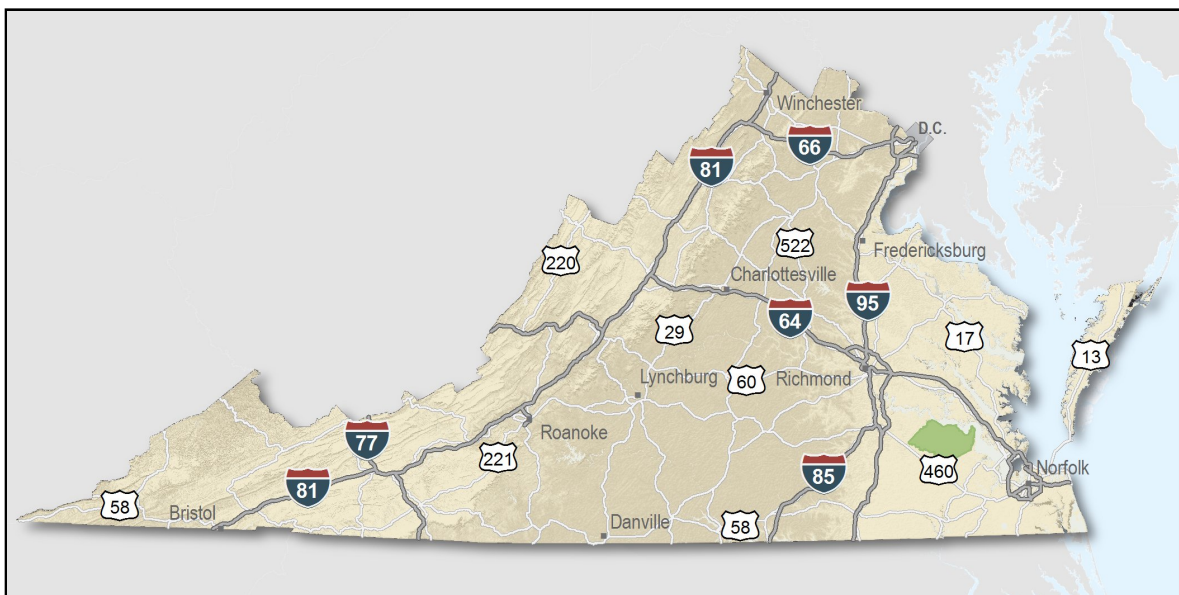


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Only a few locations can guarantee the right combination of resources that are crucial to your business's success. Virginia's premier location offers excellent domestic and international access. Centrally located on the U.S. East Coast, 40 percent of the U.S. population is within a day's drive, and our integrated transportation system of highways, railroads, airports and seaports ensures that you can reach every one of your markets efficiently. Close proximity to Washington, D.C. facilitates contact with policy makers and the federal government system.

Virginia continues to rank among America's leading states for business by CNBC and Forbes.com. Business-first values, easy access to markets, stable and competitive operating costs, and a talented workforce all drove Virginia to the top. This unique combination of assets has encouraged businesses to prosper here for more than 400 years. Like you, they searched the world over for that convergence of resources that would help ensure their prosperity. For them, their search ended here. Chances are yours will too.

- AAA bond rating- Virginia has maintained a AAA rating since 1938, longer than any other state.
- Right-to-work law allows individuals the right to work regardless of membership in a labor union or organization.
- Corporate income tax rate of 6% has not been increased since 1972.
- Headquarters to 35 Fortune 1000 firms.
- Headquarters to over 70 firms with annual revenue over \$1 billion.
- More than 17,300 high-tech establishments operate in Virginia.
- More than 700 internationally-owned businesses from 45 countries are located in Virginia.
- Ranks third among the 50 states as a recipient of federal R&D funds.
- Streamlined permitting process.
- Recruitment training programs to help new businesses become operational faster.
- Programs at little or no cost to help businesses increase international sales.



Surry County

Surry is Something Special . . . It's THE Best Development Secret!

Surry County is located between two major Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA), Richmond and Virginia Beach-Norfolk-Newport News.



Surry County Government Center

Labor Market

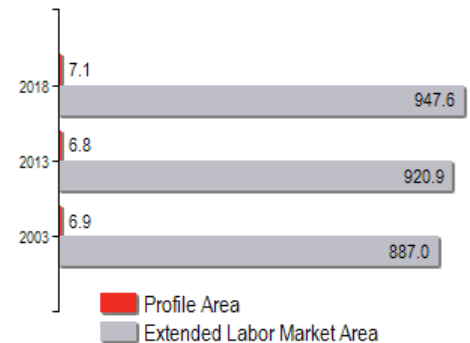
Population		
Gender Distribution (2013)		
Surry County	Male	Female
	49.6%	50.2%
Race/Ethnicity (2013)		
Classification	Profile Area	Extended Labor Area
White	3,561	529,031
Black	3,025	337,435
Two or More	119	26,889
American Indian or Alaska Native	31	5,143
Asian	27	21,060
Pacific Islander	15	12,582
Hispanic (may be of any race)	115	2,300
Median Age (2013)		47 years

Civilian Labor Force (2013)	
Surry County	3,634
Extended Labor Market Area	440,886
Total	444,520

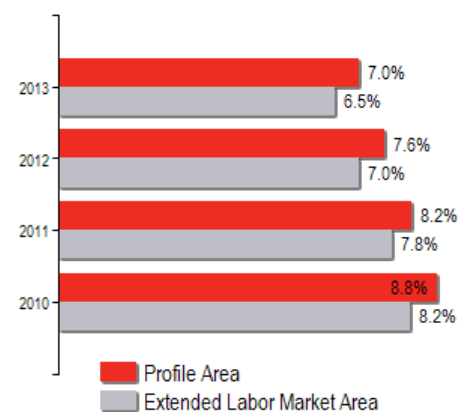
Labor Force Participation (2008-2012)	
Surry County	65.0%
Extended Labor Market Area	60.8%

Unemployment	
Unemployment Rate (November 2014)	
Surry County	5.1%
Extended Labor Market Area	5.4%
Statewide	4.5%
Unemployed (2013)	
Surry County	255
Extended Labor Market Area	28,506
Total	28,761
Underemployed (3rd Quarter 2014)	
Surry County	464
Extended Labor Market Area	55,752
Total	56,216

Population in Thousands



Unemployment Rates



Labor Market

Commute Time (2008-2012)

Worked from home	95	2.8%
Under 15 minutes	575	18.0%
15-24 minutes	700	21.3%
25-34 minutes	496	15.1%
35-44 minutes	417	12.7%
45-59 minutes	581	17.7%
Over 60 minutes	512	15.6%
Mean Travel Time to Work (minutes)	34	

Virginia is one of 24 states with a right-to-work law.

Additional Labor Resources

High School Graduates Not Continuing (2012-2013)	10
Two-Year College Graduates (Spring 2013)	3,296
Two-Year College Enrollees (Fall 2013)	22,496
Other College and University Graduates (Spring 2013)	4,317
Total	30,119

Labor Market

Career Readiness Certificate (11/01/2012-01/31/2014)

Virginia's Career Readiness Certificate (CRC) assists employers by certifying that a recipient possesses core skills in applied math, reading for information, and locating information. The CRC certification is based on established Workeys® assessment tests. Virginia uses a three-tiered approach (bronze, silver, gold) to credentialing certificate holders that is based on the recipient's level of development skills.

Surry County	10
Extended Labor Market Area	1,552
Total	1,562

An estimated labor force of over 150,000 persons resides within a 40-mile radius

Educational Attainment

On-Time Graduation Rate (Class of 2013)	96.1%
Percentage of Surry County population age 25+ who are high school graduates (2008-2012)	80.1%
Percentage of Surry County population age 25+ who have earned a Bachelor's Degree or higher (2008-2012)	15.7%

Labor Market

Employment by Sector* (2nd Qtr. 2014)		
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	N.D.	N.D.
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	N.D.	N.D.
Utilities	N.D.	N.D.
Construction	150	6.2%
Manufacturing	108	4.5%
Wholesale Trade	26	1.1%
Retail Trade	28	1.2%
Transportation and Warehousing	13	0.5%
Information	N.D.	N.D.
Finance and Insurance	N.D.	N.D.
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	17	0.7%
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	60	2.5%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	N.D.	N.D.
Administrative and Support and Waste Management	N.D.	N.D.
Educational Services	N.D.	N.D.
Health Care and Social Assistance	10	0.4%
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	N.D.	N.D.
Accommodation and Food Services	33	1.4%
Other Services	29	1.2%
Total Government	521	21.5%
Federal Government	10	0.4%
State Government	123	5.1%
Local Government	388	16.0%
Unclassified	0	0
Total	2,421	100.0%

N.D. - Not Disclosed

*By Business Establishment

Surry is an ideal location for contractor facilities due to its close proximity to major military, naval and research centers.

Labor Market

Major Employers

Manufacturing

<i>Company</i>	<i>Product/Service</i>	<i>Estimated Employment</i>
S. Wallace Edwards & Sons, Inc.	Meat processing	50 - 99
Seward Lumber Co., Inc.	Hardwood lumber	20 - 49
Windsor Mill	Millwork Producer	50 - 99

NonManufacturing

<i>Company</i>	<i>Product/Service</i>	<i>Estimated Employment</i>
Dominion Virginia Power	Electric utility	600 - 999
Fluor Daniel	Construction	20 - 49

The county's major enterprises are tied directly to natural resources including: agribusiness, forestry products and quarrying.

Labor Market

Union Activity (1/2009 - 1/2014)

Petitions filed for decertification	0
Petitions filed for representation	0
Petitions filed for raid	0
Elections won by union	0
Elections won by company	0

Estimated Earnings (May 2012)

<i>Occupation</i>	<i>Median Wage</i>	<i>Mean Wage</i>	<i>Median Salary</i>	<i>Mean Salary</i>
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	\$11.91	\$13.11	\$24,780.97	\$27,260.59
Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators	\$14.75	\$15.55	\$30,672.75	\$32,350.30
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	\$16.44	\$17.55	\$34,188.87	\$36,494.22
Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	\$23.16	\$21.79	\$48,175.20	\$45,310.60
Team Assemblers	\$13.50	\$14.29	\$28,084.31	\$29,717.59
First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers	\$30.54	\$31.65	\$63,510.75	\$65,832.96
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	\$17.69	\$18.15	\$36,809.08	\$37,765.09
Industrial Machinery Mechanics	\$25.90	\$25.66	\$53,877.84	\$53,365.73
Office Clerks, General	\$13.68	\$14.35	\$28,464.78	\$29,843.35
Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive	\$14.80	\$15.54	\$30,769.20	\$32,322.14
Receptionists and Information Clerks	\$12.82	\$13.07	\$26,670.18	\$27,184.09
Customer Service Representatives	\$15.83	\$15.99	\$32,909.47	\$33,247.99
Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks	\$18.01	\$18.49	\$37,450.00	\$38,444.17
First-Line Supervisors of Office and Administrative Support Workers	\$23.42	\$26.06	\$48,711.11	\$54,211.14
Mechanical Engineers	\$41.24	\$42.04	\$85,789.17	\$87,440.96
Software Developers, Applications	\$42.78	\$42.55	\$88,987.73	\$88,507.49
Computer Systems Analysts	\$36.36	\$37.05	\$75,622.50	\$77,072.40
Accountants and Auditors	\$31.36	\$32.98	\$65,239.82	\$68,585.74
Management Analysts	\$38.79	\$42.33	\$80,663.97	\$88,058.12
Purchasing Agents, Except Wholesale, Retail, and Farm Products	\$31.97	\$32.85	\$66,500.29	\$68,330.17

Per Capita Personal Income (2012)

\$37,201

Median Family Income (2008-2012)

\$68,617

Education

Public School Enrollment (Fall 2013)

<i>Level</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Enrollment</i>
Elementary	1	382
Middle	1	272
High School	1	280

Student Teacher Ratio (FY2013)

Elementary	9:1
Secondary	7:1

Per Pupil Expenditure (FY 2013)

\$16,939.00

On-Time Graduation Rate (Class of 2013)

96.1%

High School Graduates Continuing Education (2012-2013)

86.3%

Advanced Programs (2012-2013)

Governor's Schools

Appomattox Regional Governor's School for the Arts & Technology

Governor's School Enrollment	8
Students taking 1 or more Advanced Placement (AP) Courses	4
Students taking 1 or more AP Exams	4
Students taking 1 or more Dual Enrollment Courses	25

The Surry County School Board, administration and teachers are sensitive to the needs of business and industry, and are willing to modify curriculum to meet such needs.

Education

Workforce Development Facilities

<i>Facility</i>	<i>Type</i>
Emporia Workforce Center	VEC Workforce Center
Fort Lee Workforce Center	VEC Workforce Center
Reemploy Virginia - Tri Cities	Reemployment Center
Tri-Cities Workforce Center	VEC Workforce Center
Virginia Workforce Center - Petersburg	Satellite Center

The schools provide comprehensive academic, career and technical, extra-curricular and co-curricular programs.

Higher Education Facilities — Fall 2013

<i>Facility</i>	<i>Enrollment</i>
Thomas Nelson Community College - Hampton Campus	9,735
College of William and Mary	8,376
Tidewater Community College - Portsmouth Campus	7,176
Virginia State University	5,763
Christopher Newport University	5,232
Thomas Nelson Community College - Historic Triangle Campus	2,143
Richard Bland College	1,411
Paul D. Camp Community College - Hobbs Suffolk Campus	952
Paul D. Camp Community College - Franklin Campus	818
Centura College - Newport News Campus	261
Old Dominion University - Peninsula Higher Education Center	*
Old Dominion University - Tri Cities Higher Education Center	*
Virginia Tech - Hampton Roads Center, Newport News	*
Paul D. Camp Community College - Smithfield Campus	†
National Institute of Aerospace	†
George Washington University - Hampton Roads Center	†
University of Virginia - Eastern Regional Center at Newport News	†
Bryant & Stratton College - Hampton Campus	†
ECPI University - Newport News Campus	†
Everest College - Newport News Campus	†
Stratford University - Newport News Campus	†
Strayer University - Newport News Campus	†

* Enrollment figures are included in participating colleges and universities.

† Enrollment figures are not available.

Transportation

Interstates

Name	Distance
I-64	2.8 miles (4.4 km.)
I-295	10.4 miles (16.7 km.)
I-95	11.1 miles (17.9 km.)
I-85	14.8 miles (23.8 km.)
I-664	15.8 miles (25.4 km.)
I-564	23.0 miles (37.0 km.)
I-264	25.0 miles (40.2 km.)
I-464	27.4 miles (44.2 km.)

Note: Measured from border of locality/region.

U.S. Highway 460 crosses the southern border of the county, providing four-lane access to Richmond.

Highways

Highway 10	Highway 31	Highway 40	Highway 460	
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Commercial Air Service

Newport News-Williamsburg International Airport, Newport News -- 44.9 miles (72.2 km.)

Delta Air Lines	Delta Connection	Frontier Airlines
US Airways	PEOPLExpress Airlines	

Richmond International Airport, Sandston -- 47.5 miles (76.4 km.)

American Airlines	Delta Air Lines	Southwest Airlines
United Airlines	US Airways	JetBlue Airways

Norfolk International Airport, Norfolk -- 57.3 miles (92.2 km.)

American Airlines	American Eagle	Delta Air Lines
Southwest Airlines	United Express	US Airways
US Airways Express		

Note: Within a 75-mile drive of the center of the locality.

Transportation

General Aviation Service

<i>Name</i>	<i>Runway Length</i>
Wakefield Municipal Airport, Wakefield	4,337 ft (1,322 m)

Freight Rail Service

Norfolk Southern Railway Company

Seaports

<i>Name</i>	<i>Distance</i>
Port of Virginia (Newport News Marine Terminals)	49.0 miles (78.9 km)
Port of Virginia (Virginia International Gateway)	50.0 miles (80.5 km)
Port of Richmond	54.0 miles (86.9 km)
Port of Virginia (Norfolk International Terminals)	63.0 miles (101.4 km)
Port of Virginia (Portsmouth Marine Terminal)	64.0 miles (103.0 km)

Note: Driving distance from the center of the locality to Port of Virginia and any other seaports within 100 miles.

Other Ports of Entry

<i>Name</i>	<i>Distance</i>
Newport News	44.9 miles (72.2 km)
Richmond-Petersburg	47.5 miles (76.4 km)
Norfolk	57.3 miles (92.2 km)
Port of Washington - Dulles	163.0 miles (262.4 km)

Note: Driving distance from the center of the locality to Port of Washington - Dulles and any other port of entry within 100 miles.

Located on the James River, Surry's 25 miles of navigable waterfront links businesses directly to the Ports of Hampton Roads and Richmond.

Utilities

Utilities

Electric	Dominion Virginia Power
Electric	Prince George Electric Cooperative
Natural Gas	Columbia Gas of Virginia
Telecommunications	Verizon South
Telecommunications	Verizon-Virginia
Water	Surry County
Waste Water Treatment	Surry County
Solid Waste Disposal	Atlantic Waste Disposal
Solid Waste Disposal	Surry County

A strong utility infrastructure serves several industrial sites.

Financial Institutions

Financial Institutions — 4th Qtr 2013 Assets	
<i>Bank</i>	<i>Assets (millions)</i>
Branch Banking and Trust Company	\$179,126.3
EVB	\$1,027.0

The region has several local, regional and national banking institutions that service the area.

Government and Taxes

Government

Surry County has a County Administrator and a five-member Board of Supervisors.

The county has a comprehensive plan and zoning and subdivision ordinances.

Surry is the county seat. Claremont and Dendron are other incorporated towns within the county.

The 1,680-acre Chippokes Plantation State Park and 19-acre Charles Steirly Heron Rookery provide fishing, swimming, boating, camping and picnic facilities.

Taxes

Localities in Virginia collect a 1% sales tax. They do not tax other items taxed at the State level.

Counties and cities in Virginia are separate taxing entities. Therefore, a company pays taxes to either a county or to a city.

If a company is located in a town, it pays town and county taxes except for utility taxes which are paid only to the town and the license tax which is paid only to the town unless town law permits the additional collection of a county tax.

Manufacturers pay real estate, machinery and tools, truck and automobile, utility, and sales taxes.

Nonmanufacturers pay real estate, tangible personal property, truck and automobile, utility, and sales taxes. They also may pay either a merchants' capital or a license tax.

Manufacturer's Tax Profile (Surry) [pdf](#)

Non-Manufacturer's Tax Profile (Surry) [pdf](#)

Community Facilities

Surry County is served by the Surry Medical Center which provides full-time primary care to the area. Surry County residents generally utilize the hospital facilities in Williamsburg, Petersburg, Hopewell, Suffolk, and Newport News. Williamsburg Community Hospital, a 139-bed facility, offers a full range of medical services that include surgery and 24-hour emergency care. Southside Regional Medical Center in Petersburg with 468 beds and John Randolph Hospital in Hopewell with 150 beds are acute care medical centers providing emergency care, surgery, intensive and coronary care and physical rehabilitation. In addition to these facilities, the Norfolk-Virginia Beach-Newport News metropolitan area has 15 acute care medical centers with over 4,000 beds which offer the latest technology, services and facilities.

The public health department, located near the town of Surry, offers countywide medical services.

Surry County is a member of the Walter C. Rawls Regional Library System. This regional library circulates 120,754 volumes. Branches of this library system are located in the towns of Surry and Claremont and house 6,000 volumes. Area colleges and universities also open their library facilities to the public. These facilities include libraries at William and Mary College with a 1,598,035 volume collection; Virginia State University with a 768,818 collection; and Old Dominion University with a 1,400,246 volume collection.

The annual Pork, Peanut and Pine Festival held in July attracts over 75,000 visitors. This two-day event offers musical entertainment, exhibits, arts and crafts and a variety of specialty foods.

Community Facilities

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There are 35 churches representing the leading Protestant denominations and the Catholic faith located in Surry County. A Jewish synagogue can be found in Petersburg.

Over 50 retail and service-related establishments provide for the immediate shopping needs of county residents. These businesses offer a broad mix of grocery, hardware and specialty stores. The county's close proximity to Williamsburg, Petersburg, Richmond, and the Norfolk-Virginia Beach-Newport News metropolitan area enables residents to utilize the numerous shopping centers and malls found in these urban centers.

A new state-of-the-art regional family practice medical facility was opened in 2008.

Lifestyle

Surry County is conveniently located to offer numerous recreational, historical and cultural opportunities. The 1,680-acre Chippokes Plantation State Park and the 19-acre Charles Steirly Heron Rookery provide fishing, swimming, boating, camping and picnic facilities. Additional fishing, boating, sunbathing and swimming can be found all along the James River. There are several beaches in Surry County with boat launching ramps. Creeks, rivers and ponds throughout the county have been stocked with a variety of fish that include large mouth bass, crappie, bream and pickerel.

Public recreation facilities include a community center, four tennis courts, one swimming pool, three boat ramps and four ball fields. Numerous championship golf courses can be found in Williamsburg and the Norfolk-Virginia Beach-Newport News and Richmond-Petersburg metropolitan areas.

For the history enthusiast, Surry County was settled in 1607 and has a wealth of stately old homes and plantations. Historical attractions include Smith's Fort Plantation built between 1751 and 1765; Bacon's Castle built in 1665; the Chippokes Plantation State Park, which is home to one of the oldest continuously working farms in the United States. Attractions there include the Jones-Steward Mansion and outbuildings dating to the early 1800's, the Chippokes Farm and Forestry Museum, a visitor center, swimming complex, camping area, picnic areas, formal English gardens, as well as biking and hiking trails.

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