

DESERTCOM Committee
Agenda
March 11, 2026, at 8:30 a.m.
Perimeter Center, Training Room (A&B)
9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, VA 23233

1. Call to Order and Welcome
2. Roll Call
3. Review of Agenda
4. Public Comment Period
5. Review of Materials
 - a. Discussion
6. Wrap-Up and Next Steps
 - a. Schedule next meeting date
7. Meeting Adjournment

Materials

[Virginia-Rural-Health-Plan_Book_POST_1-24-22_LR.pdf](#)

[rhc-transformation-project-narrative.pdf](#)

Current statutes:

§ 32.1-102.2:1. State Health Services Plan; Task Force

A. The Board shall appoint and convene a State Health Services Plan Task Force for the purpose of advising the Board on the content of the State Health Services Plan. The Task Force shall provide recommendations related to (i) periodic revisions to the State Health Services Plan, (ii) specific objective standards of review for each type of medical care facility or project type for

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which a certificate of public need is required, (iii) project types that are generally noncontested

and present limited health planning impacts, (iv) whether certain projects should be subject to expedited review rather than the full review process, and (v) improvements in the certificate of public need process. All such recommendations shall be developed in accordance with an analytical framework established by the Commissioner that includes a specific evaluation of whether State Health Services Plan standards are consistent with the goals of (a) meeting the health care needs of the indigent and uninsured citizens of the Commonwealth, (b) protecting the public health and safety of the citizens of the Commonwealth, (c) promoting the teaching missions of academic medical centers and private teaching hospitals, and (d) ensuring the availability of essential health care services in the Commonwealth, and are aligned with the goals and metrics of the Commonwealth's State Health Improvement Plan.

B. The Task Force shall consist of no fewer than 19 individuals appointed by the Commissioner who are broadly representative of the interests of all residents of the Commonwealth and of the various geographic regions, including two representatives of the Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association, the Medical Society of Virginia, the Virginia Health Care Association, and physicians or administrators representing teaching hospitals affiliated with a public institution of higher education; one representative each of the Virginia Association of Health Plans, the Virginia Association of Free and Charitable Clinics, the Virginia Community Healthcare Association, LeadingAge Virginia, a company that is self-insured or full-insured for health coverage, a nonprofit organization located in the Commonwealth that engages in addressing access to health coverage for low-income individuals, and a rural locality recognized as a medically underserved area; one individual with experience in health facilities planning; and such other individuals as the Commissioner determines is appropriate.

C. The powers and duties of the Task Force shall be:

1. To develop, by November 1, 2022, recommendations for a comprehensive State Health Services Plan for adoption by the Board that includes (i) specific formulas for projecting need for medical care facilities and services subject to the requirement to obtain a certificate of public need, (ii) current statistical information on the availability of medical care facilities and services, (iii) objective criteria and standards for review of applications for projects for medical care facilities and services, and (iv) methodologies for integrating the goals and metrics of the State Health Improvement Plan established by the Commissioner into the criteria and standards for review. Criteria and standards for review included in the State Health Services Plan shall take into account current data on drive times, utilization, availability of competing services, and patient choice within and among localities included in the health planning district or region; changes and availability of new technology; and other relevant factors identified by the Task Force. The State Health Services Plan shall also include specific criteria for determining need in rural areas, giving due consideration to distinct and unique geographic, socioeconomic, cultural, transportation, and other barriers to access to care in such areas and providing for weighted calculations of need based on the barriers to health care access in such rural areas in lieu of the determinations of need used for the particular proposed project within the relevant health planning district or region as a whole;

2. To engage the services of private consultants or request the Department to contract with any

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private organization for professional and technical assistance and advice or other services to assist the Task Force in carrying out its duties and functions pursuant to this section. The Task Force may also solicit the input of experts with professional competence in the subject matter of the State Health Services Plan, including (i) representatives of licensed health care providers or health care provider organizations owning or operating licensed health facilities and (ii) representatives of organizations concerned with health care consumers and the purchasers and payers of health care services; and

3. To review annually and, if necessary, develop recommendations for revisions to each section of the State Health Services Plan on a rotating schedule defined by the Task Force at least every two years following the last date of adoption by the Board.

D. The Task Force shall exercise its powers and carry out its duties to ensure:

1. The availability and accessibility of quality health services at a reasonable cost and within a reasonable geographic proximity for all people in the Commonwealth, competitive markets, and patient choice;
2. Appropriate differential consideration of the health care needs of residents in rural localities in ways that do not compromise the quality and affordability of health care services for those residents;
3. Elimination of barriers to access to care and introduction and availability of new technologies and care delivery models that result in greater integration and coordination of care, reduction in costs, and improvements in quality; and
4. Compliance with the goals of the State Health Services Plan and improvement in population health.

E. The Department shall post on its website information regarding the process by which the State Health Services Plan is created and the process by which the Department determines whether a proposed project complies with the State Health Services Plan on its website.

2008, c. 501;2009, c. 175;2020, c. 1271.

The chapters of the acts of assembly referenced in the historical citation at the end of this section(s) may not constitute a comprehensive list of such chapters and may exclude chapters whose provisions have expired.

§ 32.1-102.3. Demonstration of public need required; criteria for determining need.

A. No certificate may be issued unless the Commissioner has determined that a public need for the project has been demonstrated. If it is determined that a public need exists for only a portion of a project, a certificate may be issued for that portion and any appeal may be limited to the part of the decision with which the appellant disagrees without affecting the remainder of the decision. Any decision to issue or approve the issuance of a certificate shall be consistent with the most recent applicable provisions of the State Health Services Plan; however, if the Commissioner finds, upon presentation of appropriate evidence, that the provisions of such plan are not relevant to a rural locality's needs, inaccurate, outdated, inadequate or otherwise inapplicable, the Commissioner, consistent with such finding, may issue or approve the issuance of a certificate and shall initiate procedures to make appropriate amendments to such plan. In cases in which a provision of the State Health Services Plan has been previously set aside by the Commissioner and relevant amendments to the Plan have not yet taken effect, the Commissioner's decision shall be consistent with the applicable portions of the State Health Services Plan that have not been set aside and the remaining considerations in subsection B.

B. In determining whether a public need for a project has been demonstrated, the Commissioner shall consider:

1. The extent to which the proposed project will provide or increase access to health care services for people in the area to be served and the effects that the proposed project will have on access to health care services in areas having distinct and unique geographic, socioeconomic, cultural, transportation, and other barriers to access to health care;
2. The extent to which the proposed project will meet the needs of people in the area to be served, as demonstrated by each of the following: (i) the level of community support for the proposed project demonstrated by people, businesses, and governmental leaders representing the area to be served; (ii) the availability of reasonable alternatives to the proposed project that would meet the needs of people in the area to be served in a less costly, more efficient, or more effective manner; (iii) any recommendation or report of the regional health planning agency regarding an application for a certificate that is required to be submitted to the Commissioner pursuant to subsection B of § 32.1-102.6; (iv) any costs and benefits of the proposed project; (v) the financial accessibility of the proposed project to people in the area to be served, including indigent people; and (vi) at the discretion of the Commissioner, any other factors as may be relevant to the determination of public need for a proposed project;
3. The extent to which the proposed project is consistent with the State Health Services Plan;
4. The extent to which the proposed project fosters institutional competition that benefits the area to be served while improving access to essential health care services for all people in the area to be served;
5. The relationship of the proposed project to the existing health care system of the area to be served, including the utilization and efficiency of existing services or facilities;
6. The feasibility of the proposed project, including the financial benefits of the proposed project to the applicant, the cost of construction, the availability of financial and human resources, and the cost of capital;
7. The extent to which the proposed project provides improvements or innovations in the financing and delivery of health care services, as demonstrated by (i) the introduction of new technology that promotes quality, cost effectiveness, or both in the delivery of health care services; (ii) the potential for provision of health care services on an outpatient basis; (iii) any cooperative efforts to meet regional health care needs; and (iv) at the discretion of the Commissioner, any other factors as may be appropriate; and
8. In the case of a project proposed by or affecting a teaching hospital associated with a public institution of higher education or a medical school in the area to be served, (i) the unique research, training, and clinical mission of the teaching hospital or medical school and (ii) any contribution the teaching hospital or medical school may provide in the delivery, innovation, and improvement of health care services for citizens of the Commonwealth, including indigent or underserved populations. 1982, c. 388; 1984, c. 740; 1993, c. 704; 1999, c. 926; 2000, c. 931; 2004, cc. 71, 95; 2008, c. 292; 2009, c. 175; 2020, cc. 227, 558, 1271.

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HOUSE BILL NO. 1337

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
(Proposed by the House Committee for Health and Human Services
on February 12, 2026)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Clark)

A BILL to direct the State Health Services Plan Task Force to develop recommendations for designating areas of the state with identifiable need for certain projects and expedited review criteria for those projects and to direct the Board of Health to update regulations implementing expedited application and review.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. § 1. *That the State Health Commissioner (the Commissioner) shall direct the State Health Services Plan Task Force (the Task Force) to develop recommendations on options for designating areas of the state with an identifiable need for additional projects, taking into account the unique geographic, socioeconomic, cultural, transportation, and other barriers to access to health care. The Task Force shall also develop recommendations on specific criteria for determining when expedited review should apply to projects located in such areas. The Commissioner shall report such recommendations to the Chair and members of the Senate Committee on Education and Health by October 1, 2026.*

§ 2. *That the Board of Health shall promulgate updated regulations to implement the expedited application and review process for any certificate for projects reviewable pursuant to subdivision A 5 of § 32.1-102.2, including criteria and considerations that the State Health Commissioner shall apply when making a determination to approve or disapprove such expedited application, by January 1, 2027.*

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1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER
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3 *areas of the state with identifiable need for certain projects and expedited review criteria for those*
4 *projects and to direct the Board of Health to update regulations implementing expedited application and*
5 *review.*
6 [S 239]
7 Approved
8 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**
9 **1. § 1. That the State Health Commissioner (the Commissioner) shall direct the State Health Services Plan**
10 **Task Force (the Task Force) to develop recommendations on options for designating areas of the state with**
11 **an identifiable need for additional projects, taking into account the unique geographic, socioeconomic,**
12 **cultural, transportation, and other barriers to access to health care. The Task Force shall also develop**
13 **recommendations on specific criteria for determining when expedited review should apply to projects**
14 **located in such areas. The Commissioner shall report such recommendations to the Chair and members of**
15 **the Senate Committee on Education and Health by October 1, 2026.**
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17 **application and review process for any certificate for projects reviewable pursuant to subdivision A 5 of**
18 **§ 32.1-102.2, including criteria and considerations that the State Health Commissioner shall apply when**
19 **making a determination to approve or disapprove such expedited application, by January 1, 2027.**

Current regulations:

12VAC5-230-30. Guiding principles in the development of project review criteria and standards.

The following general principles serve as the basis for the development of the review criteria and standards for specific medical care facilities and services contained in this document:

1. The COPN program is based on the understanding that excess capacity or underutilization of medical facilities are detrimental to both cost effectiveness and quality of medical services in Virginia.
2. The COPN program seeks the geographical distribution of medical facilities and to promote the availability and accessibility of proven technologies.
3. The COPN program seeks to promote the development and maintenance of services and access to those services by every person who needs them without respect to their ability to pay.
4. The COPN program seeks to encourage the conversion of facilities to new and efficient uses and the reallocation of resources to meet evolving community needs.
5. The COPN program discourages the proliferation of services that would undermine the ability of essential community providers to maintain their financial viability.

Statutory Authority

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§ 32.1-102.2 of the Code of Virginia.

12VAC5-230-40. General application filing criteria.

A. In addition to meeting the applicable requirements of this chapter, applicants for a Certificate of Public Need shall include documentation in their application that their project addresses the applicable requirements listed in § 32.1-102.3 of the Code of Virginia.

B. The burden of proof shall be on the applicant to produce information and evidence that the project is consistent with the applicable requirements and review policies as required under Article 1.1 (§ 32.1-102.1 et seq.) of Chapter 4 of Title 32.1 of the Code of Virginia.

C. The commissioner may condition the approval of a COPN by requiring an applicant to: (i) provide a level of care at a reduced rate to indigents, (ii) accept patients requiring specialized care, or (iii) facilitate the development and operation of primary medical care services in designated medically underserved areas of the applicant's service area. The applicant must actively seek to comply with the conditions place on any granted COPN.

Statutory Authority

§ 32.1-102.2 of the Code of Virginia.

12VAC5-230-50. Project costs.

The capital development costs of a facility and the operating expenses of providing the authorized services should be comparable to the costs and expenses of similar facilities with the health planning region.

Statutory Authority

§ 32.1-102.2 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes

Derived from Virginia Register Volume 25, Issue 9, eff. February 15, 2009.

Enrolled bills from GA-26:

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY - 2025 SESSION

CHAPTER 397

An Act to direct the State Health Services Plan Task Force to develop recommendations for establishing an expedited application and review process for certain projects for which a certificate of public need is required.

[H 2119]

Approved March 24, 2025

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. § 1. *That the State Health Commissioner shall direct the State Health Services Plan Task Force (the Task Force) to develop recommendations, including project eligibility criteria, for establishing an expedited application and review process for projects for which a certificate of public need is required that are located in an area that meets at least two of the following criteria: (i) does not have a hospital or health care provider (a) within a 30-mile radius where the population density is estimated to be less than 1,500 residents per square mile or (b) within a 15-mile radius where the population density is estimated to be more than 1,500 residents per square mile; (ii) has less than one primary care physician per 3,500 residents; or (iii) has an annual poverty rate of at least 20 percent, according to the latest data provided by the U.S. Census Bureau.*

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY - 2025 SESSION

CHAPTER 410

An Act to direct the State Health Services Plan Task Force to develop recommendations for establishing an expedited application and review process for certain projects for which a certificate of public need is required.

[S 1203]

Approved March 24, 2025

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. § 1. *That the State Health Commissioner shall direct the State Health Services Plan Task Force (the Task Force) to develop recommendations, including project eligibility criteria, for establishing an expedited application and review process for projects for which a certificate of public need is required that are located in an area that meets at least two of the following criteria: (i) does not have a hospital or health care provider (a) within a 30-mile radius where the population density is estimated to be less than 1,500 residents per square mile or (b) within a 15-mile radius where the population density is estimated to be more than 1,500 residents per square mile; (ii) has less than one primary care physician per 3,500 residents; or (iii) has an annual poverty rate of at least 20 percent, according to the latest data provided by the U.S. Census Bureau.*

Draft regulation under review:

Project 8366 - Fast-Track

Department of Health

Fast Track Project - COPN Expedited Review Process

12VAC5-220-280. Applicability.

A. Capital expenditures as contained in subdivision 8 of "project" as defined in § 32.1-102.1 of the Code of Virginia or projects that involve relocation at the same site of 10 beds or 10% of the beds, whichever is less, from one existing physical facility to another, when the cost of such relocation is less than \$5 million, shall be subject to an expedited review process.

B. The following projects shall also be subject to an expedited review process:

1. The establishment of a new medical care facility described in subdivision A 2 of § 32.1-102.1:3 by an existing medical care facility described in subdivision A 1 or 2 of § 32.1-102.1:3 that has an existing certificate to provide psychiatric services pursuant to subdivision B 6 of § 32.1-102.1:3, provided such new medical care facility is located in the same planning district as the existing medical care facility;

2. The addition of psychiatric beds at an existing medical care facility described in subdivision A 1 or 2 of § 32.1-102.1:3 that has an existing certificate to provide psychiatric services pursuant to subdivision B 5 of § 32.1-102.1:3, not to exceed 10 beds or 10 percent of all beds at the medical care facility, whichever is greater, and provided that the applicant has not been awarded a certificate for the addition of psychiatric beds pursuant to this provision in the previous two-year period;

3. The relocation of psychiatric beds to an existing medical care facility described in subdivision A 1 or 2 of § 32.1-102.1:3 that has had an existing certificate to introduce a psychiatric service for at least the previous 12 months pursuant to subdivision B 5 of § 32.1-102.1:3 and that is within the same planning district; and

4. Any capital expenditure of \$15 million or more, not defined as reviewable in subdivisions 1 through 7 of § 32.1-102.1:3, by or on behalf of a medical care facility described in subsection A other than a general hospital.

12VAC5-220-285. Ninety-Day Review Cycle.

A. The department shall review completed applications which qualify for expedited review pursuant to 12VAC5-220-280 in accordance with the following 90-day scheduled expedited review cycles.

Batch Group	Due Date for Complete Applications	Review Cycle	
		Begins	Ends
A	February 5	Feb. 10	May 10
B	May 7	May 12	Aug. 9
C	August 6	Aug. 11	Nov. 8

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July 1, 2025 Population Estimates for Virginia and its Counties and Cities

Published on February 24, 2026, by the Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service, Demographics Research Group,
<https://www.coopercenter.org/virginia-population-estimates>

FIPS Code	Locality	April 1, 2020 Census	July 1, 2025 Estimate	Change since 2020 Census	
				Numeric Change	Percent Change
51000	Virginia	8,631,393	8,880,107	248,714	2.9%
51001	Accomack County	33,413	33,657	244	0.7%
51003	Albemarle County	112,395	119,479	7,084	6.3%
51005	Alleghany County	15,223	15,087	-136	-0.9%
51007	Amelia County	13,265	13,494	229	1.7%
51009	Amherst County	31,307	31,872	565	1.8%
51011	Appomattox County	16,119	16,972	853	5.3%
51013	Arlington County	238,643	247,056	8,413	3.5%
51015	Augusta County	77,487	78,872	1,385	1.8%
51017	Bath County	4,209	4,212	3	0.1%
51019	Bedford County	79,462	81,648	2,186	2.8%
51021	Bland County	6,270	6,249	-21	-0.3%
51023	Botetourt County	33,596	33,824	228	0.7%
51025	Brunswick County	15,849	15,813	-36	-0.2%
51027	Buchanan County	20,355	19,002	-1,353	-6.6%
51029	Buckingham County	16,824	16,760	-64	-0.4%
51031	Campbell County	55,696	56,906	1,210	2.2%
51033	Caroline County	30,887	34,509	3,622	11.7%
51035	Carroll County	29,155	28,636	-519	-1.8%
51036	Charles City County	6,773	6,786	13	0.2%
51037	Charlotte County	11,529	11,531	2	0.0%
51041	Chesterfield County	364,548	401,301	36,753	10.1%
51043	Clarke County	14,783	15,543	760	5.1%
51045	Craig County	4,892	4,730	-162	-3.3%
51047	Culpeper County	52,552	56,831	4,279	8.1%
51049	Cumberland County	9,675	10,080	405	4.2%
51051	Dickenson County	14,124	13,357	-767	-5.4%
51053	Dinwiddie County	27,947	28,787	840	3.0%
51057	Essex County	10,599	10,494	-105	-1.0%
51059	Fairfax County	1,150,309	1,147,514	-2,795	-0.2%

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51000	Virginia	8,631,393	8,880,107	248,714	2.9%
51061	Fauquier County	72,972	75,664	2,692	3.7%
51063	Floyd County	15,476	15,459	-17	-0.1%
51065	Fluvanna County	27,249	28,738	1,489	5.5%
51067	Franklin County	54,477	54,048	-429	-0.8%
51069	Frederick County	91,419	100,830	9,411	10.3%
51071	Giles County	16,787	16,640	-147	-0.9%
51073	Gloucester County	38,711	38,933	222	0.6%
51075	Goochland County	24,727	28,432	3,705	15.0%
51077	Grayson County	15,333	15,106	-227	-1.5%
51079	Greene County	20,552	22,103	1,551	7.5%
51081	Greensville County	11,391	11,233	-158	-1.4%
51083	Halifax County	34,022	33,368	-654	-1.9%
51085	Hanover County	109,979	116,037	6,058	5.5%
51087	Henrico County	334,389	350,282	15,893	4.8%
51089	Henry County	50,948	47,902	-3,046	-6.0%
51091	Highland County	2,232	2,300	68	3.1%
51093	Isle of Wight County	38,606	41,534	2,928	7.6%
51095	James City County	78,254	80,777	2,523	3.2%
51097	King and Queen County	6,608	6,789	181	2.7%
51099	King George County	26,723	28,589	1,866	7.0%
51101	King William County	17,810	19,216	1,406	7.9%
51103	Lancaster County	10,919	11,212	293	2.7%
51105	Lee County	22,173	21,655	-518	-2.3%
51107	Loudoun County	420,959	446,679	25,720	6.1%
51109	Louisa County	37,596	42,418	4,822	12.8%
51111	Lunenburg County	11,936	12,070	134	1.1%
51113	Madison County	13,837	14,012	175	1.3%
51115	Mathews County	8,533	8,322	-211	-2.5%
51117	Mecklenburg County	30,319	30,376	57	0.2%
51119	Middlesex County	10,625	10,978	353	3.3%

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67	51121	Montgomery County	99,721	101,268	1,547	1.6%
68	51125	Nelson County	14,775	14,677	-98	-0.7%
69	51127	New Kent County	22,945	27,872	4,927	21.5%
70	51131	Northampton County	12,282	12,313	31	0.3%
71	51133	Northumberland County	11,839	11,887	48	0.4%
72	51135	Nottoway County	15,642	15,833	191	1.2%
73	51137	Orange County	36,254	39,382	3,128	8.6%
74	51139	Page County	23,709	23,986	277	1.2%
75	51141	Patrick County	17,608	16,933	-675	-3.8%
76	51143	Pittsylvania County	60,501	58,825	-1,676	-2.8%
77	51145	Powhatan County	30,333	31,946	1,613	5.3%
78	51147	Prince Edward County	21,849	22,323	474	2.2%
79	51149	Prince George County	43,010	43,592	582	1.4%
80	51153	Prince William County	482,204	501,856	19,652	4.1%
81	51155	Pulaski County	33,800	33,429	-371	-1.1%
82	51157	Rappahannock County	7,348	7,515	167	2.3%
83	51159	Richmond County	8,923	9,349	426	4.8%
84	51161	Roanoke County	96,929	97,260	331	0.3%
85	51163	Rockbridge County	22,650	22,542	-108	-0.5%
86	51165	Rockingham County	83,757	89,391	5,634	6.7%
87	51167	Russell County	25,781	25,139	-642	-2.5%
88	51169	Scott County	21,576	21,320	-256	-1.2%
89	51171	Shenandoah County	44,186	45,243	1,057	2.4%
90	51173	Smyth County	29,800	28,891	-909	-3.1%
91	51175	Southampton County	17,996	17,669	-327	-1.8%
92	51177	Spotsylvania County	140,032	150,946	10,914	7.8%
93	51179	Stafford County	156,927	168,519	11,592	7.4%
94	51181	Surry County	6,561	6,671	110	1.7%
95	51183	Sussex County	10,829	10,913	84	0.8%
96	51185	Tazewell County	40,429	39,023	-1,406	-3.5%

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97	51187	Warren County	40,727	42,153	1,426	3.5%
98	51191	Washington County	53,935	53,357	-578	-1.1%
99	51193	Westmoreland County	18,477	19,857	1,380	7.5%
100	51195	Wise County	36,130	34,711	-1,419	-3.9%
101	51197	Wythe County	28,290	28,152	-138	-0.5%
102	51199	York County	70,045	73,053	3,008	4.3%
103	51510	Alexandria City	159,467	163,393	3,926	2.5%
104	51520	Bristol City	17,219	16,942	-277	-1.6%
105	51530	Buena Vista City	6,641	6,751	110	1.7%
106	51540	Charlottesville City	46,553	46,923	370	0.8%
107	51550	Chesapeake City	249,422	256,222	6,800	2.7%
108	51570	Colonial Heights City	18,170	18,245	75	0.4%
109	51580	Covington City	5,737	5,605	-132	-2.3%
110	51590	Danville City	42,590	43,204	614	1.4%
111	51595	Emporia City	5,766	5,721	-45	-0.8%
112	51600	Fairfax City	24,146	25,764	1,618	6.7%
113	51610	Falls Church City	14,658	17,056	2,398	16.4%
114	51620	Franklin City	8,180	8,366	186	2.3%
115	51630	Fredericksburg City	27,982	29,866	1,884	6.7%
116	51640	Galax City	6,720	7,080	360	5.4%
117	51650	Hampton City	137,148	136,591	-557	-0.4%
118	51660	Harrisonburg City	51,814	53,715	1,901	3.7%
119	51670	Hopewell City	23,033	22,575	-458	-2.0%
120	51678	Lexington City	7,320	7,519	199	2.7%
121	51680	Lynchburg City	79,009	81,417	2,408	3.0%
122	51683	Manassas City	42,772	44,735	1,963	4.6%
123	51685	Manassas Park City	17,219	17,567	348	2.0%
124	51690	Martinsville City	13,485	13,711	226	1.7%
125	51700	Newport News City	186,247	182,835	-3,412	-1.8%
126	51710	Norfolk City	238,005	240,183	2,178	0.9%

5	FIPS Code	Locality	April 1, 2020 Census	July 1, 2025 Estimate	Numeric Change	Percent Change
6	51000	Virginia	8,631,393	8,880,107	248,714	2.9%
127	51720	Norton City	3,687	3,875	188	5.1%
128	51730	Petersburg City	33,458	34,628	1,170	3.5%
129	51735	Poquoson City	12,460	13,308	848	6.8%
130	51740	Portsmouth City	97,915	97,117	-798	-0.8%
131	51750	Radford City	16,070	16,541	471	2.9%
132	51760	Richmond City	226,610	241,478	14,868	6.6%
133	51770	Roanoke City	100,011	100,086	75	0.1%
134	51775	Salem City	25,346	25,868	522	2.1%
135	51790	Staunton City	25,750	26,834	1,084	4.2%
136	51800	Suffolk City	94,324	104,251	9,927	10.5%
137	51810	Virginia Beach City	459,470	453,788	-5,682	-1.2%
138	51820	Waynesboro City	22,196	23,953	1,757	7.9%
139	51830	Williamsburg City	15,425	15,820	395	2.6%
140	51840	Winchester City	28,120	30,075	1,955	7.0%
141		Total Counties	6,041,248	6,240,502	199,254	3.3%
142		Total Cities	2,590,145	2,639,605	49,460	1.9%
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6	51000	Virginia	8,631,393	8,880,107	248,714	2.9%
145		Metropolitan Areas				
146					Change since 2020 Census	
147		Geographic Area	April 1, 2020 Census	July 1, 2025 Estimate	Numeric Change	Percent Change
148		Blacksburg	166,378	167,878	1,500	0.9%
149		Bristol Combined	92,730	91,619	-1,111	-1.2%
150		Charlottesville	221,524	231,920	10,396	4.7%
151		Harrisonburg	135,571	143,106	7,535	5.6%
152		Lynchburg	261,593	268,815	7,222	2.8%
153		Northern Virginia	3,077,537	3,172,667	95,130	3.1%
154		Richmond	1,314,434	1,402,374	87,940	6.7%
155		Roanoke	315,251	315,816	565	0.2%
156		Staunton	125,433	129,659	4,226	3.4%
157		Virginia Beach	1,750,741	1,768,769	18,028	1.0%
158		Winchester	119,539	130,906	11,367	9.5%
159		Total Metropolitan	7,580,731	7,823,527	242,796	3.2%
160						
161		Micropolitan Areas				
162					Change since 2020 Census	
163		Geographic Area	April 1, 2020 Census	July 1, 2025 Estimate	Numeric Change	Percent Change
164		Big Stone Gap	39,817	38,586	-1,231	-3.1%
165		Bluefield	46,699	45,272	-1,427	-3.1%
166		Danville	103,091	102,029	-1,062	-1.0%
167		Martinsville	64,433	61,613	-2,820	-4.4%
168		Total Micropolitan	254,040	247,499	-6,541	-2.6%
169						
170					Change since 2020 Census	
171		Geographic Area	April 1, 2020 Census	July 1, 2025 Estimate	Numeric Change	Percent Change
172		Neither metropolitan nor micropolitan	796,622	809,080	12,458	1.6%

Planning Districts				Change since 2020 Census	
Planning Districts*	April 1, 2020 Census	July 1, 2025 Estimate	Numeric Change	Percent Change	
1. LENOWISCO PDC	83,566	81,561	-2,005	-2.4%	
2. Cumberland Plateau PDC	100,689	96,521	-4,168	-4.1%	
3. Mount Rogers PDC	186,722	184,413	-2,309	-1.2%	
4. New River Valley RC	181,854	183,337	1,483	0.8%	
5. Roanoke Valley-Alleghany RC	336,211	336,508	297	0.1%	
6. Central Shenandoah PDC	304,056	316,088	12,032	4.0%	
7. Northern Shenandoah Valley RC	242,944	257,830	14,886	6.1%	
8. Northern Virginia RC	2,550,377	2,611,619	61,242	2.4%	
9. Rappahannock-Rapidan RC	182,963	193,404	10,441	5.7%	
10. Thomas Jefferson PDC	259,120	274,339	15,219	5.9%	
11. Central Virginia PDC	261,593	268,815	7,222	2.8%	
12. West Piedmont PDC	239,609	234,623	-4,986	-2.1%	
13. Southside PDC	80,190	79,558	-632	-0.8%	
14. Commonwealth RC	100,720	102,091	1,371	1.4%	
15. PlanRVA	1,120,304	1,204,134	83,830	7.5%	
16. George Washington RC	382,551	412,429	29,878	7.8%	
17. Northern Neck PDC	50,158	52,305	2,147	4.3%	
18. Middle Peninsula PDC	92,886	94,732	1,846	2.0%	
19. Crater PDC	551,486	590,453	38,967	7.1%	
22. Accomack-Northampton PDC	45,695	45,970	275	0.6%	
23. Hampton Roads PDC	1,748,769	1,767,118	18,349	1.0%	

*Note. Some counties are members of multiple PDCs

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2024		0 United States	332143258	40354267	105,706 to 40,602,828	12.1	12.0 to 12.2	
2024	51000	Virginia	8570490	839669	818,630 to 860,708	9.8	9.6 to 10.0	

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2	2024	51105	Lee County	20252	5275	4,382 to 6,168	26	21.6 to 30.4	1
3	2024	51169	Scott County	20587	4129	3,402 to 4,856	20.1	16.6 to 23.6	1
4	2024	51195	Wise County	32358	6309	5,057 to 7,561	19.5	15.6 to 23.4	1
5	2024	51720	Norton city	3435	601	441 to 761	17.5	12.8 to 22.2	1
6	2024	51027	Buchanan County	17333	4079	3,200 to 4,958	23.5	18.4 to 28.6	2
7	2024	51051	Dickenson County	12990	2590	1,965 to 3,215	19.9	15.1 to 24.7	2
8	2024	51167	Russell County	25263	4015	3,152 to 4,878	15.9	12.5 to 19.3	2
9	2024	51185	Tazewell County	37071	6465	5,141 to 7,789	17.4	13.8 to 21.0	2
10	2024	51021	Bland County	5495	801	609 to 993	14.6	11.1 to 18.1	3
11	2024	51035	Carroll County	29071	4173	3,324 to 5,022	14.4	11.5 to 17.3	3
12	2024	51077	Grayson County	14202	2493	1,961 to 3,025	17.6	13.9 to 21.3	3
13	2024	51173	Smyth County	28544	4981	4,117 to 5,845	17.5	14.5 to 20.5	3
14	2024	51191	Washington County	52232	6132	4,865 to 7,399	11.7	9.3 to 14.1	3
15	2024	51197	Wythe County	27899	3296	2,592 to 4,000	11.8	9.3 to 14.3	3
16	2024	51640	Galax city	6498	1401	1,114 to 1,688	21.6	17.2 to 26.0	3
17	2024	51063	Floyd County	15526	1773	1,361 to 2,185	11.4	8.7 to 14.1	4
18	2024	51071	Giles County	16374	1883	1,445 to 2,321	11.5	8.8 to 14.2	4
19	2024	51121	Montgomery County	88050	18110	16,452 to 19,768	20.6	18.7 to 22.5	4
20	2024	51155	Pulaski County	32455	4330	3,366 to 5,294	13.3	10.3 to 16.3	4
21	2024	51750	Radford city	13788	3755	3,067 to 4,443	27.2	22.2 to 32.2	4
22	2024	51005	Allegheny County	14335	1646	1,234 to 2,058	11.5	8.6 to 14.4	5
23	2024	51023	Botetourt County	33707	1761	1,252 to 2,270	5.2	3.7 to 6.7	5
24	2024	51045	Craig County	4818	504	374 to 634	10.5	7.8 to 13.2	5
25	2024	51161	Roanoke County	95168	6741	5,283 to 8,199	7.1	5.6 to 8.6	5
26	2024	51580	Covington city	5576	828	623 to 1,033	14.8	11.1 to 18.5	5
27	2024	51770	Roanoke city	95960	15533	12,355 to 18,711	16.2	12.9 to 19.5	5
28	2024	51775	Salem city	23848	2280	1,730 to 2,830	9.6	7.3 to 11.9	5

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29	2024	51015	Augusta County	75580	5496	4,354 to 6,638	7.3	5.8 to 8.8	6
30	2024	51017	Bath County	4003	451	350 to 552	11.3	8.8 to 13.8	6
31	2024	51091	Highland County	2340	296	222 to 370	12.6	9.4 to 15.8	6
32	2024	51163	Rockbridge County	21849	2166	1,629 to 2,703	9.9	7.4 to 12.4	6
33	2024	51165	Rockingham County	85303	7004	5,512 to 8,496	8.2	6.5 to 9.9	6
34	2024	51530	Buena Vista city	5999	938	724 to 1,152	15.6	12.0 to 19.2	6
35	2024	51660	Harrisonburg city	43772	11572	10,124 to 13,020	26.4	23.1 to 29.7	6
36	2024	51678	Lexington city	5114	1160	865 to 1,455	22.7	16.9 to 28.5	6
37	2024	51790	Staunton city	24989	3280	2,628 to 3,932	13.1	10.5 to 15.7	6
38	2024	51820	Waynesboro city	23175	2737	2,097 to 3,377	11.8	9.0 to 14.6	6
39	2024	51043	Clarke County	15347	1145	883 to 1,407	7.5	5.8 to 9.2	7
40	2024	51069	Frederick County	96869	6145	4,658 to 7,632	6.3	4.8 to 7.8	7
41	2024	51139	Page County	23441	2851	2,192 to 3,510	12.2	9.4 to 15.0	7
42	2024	51171	Shenandoah County	44921	4626	3,759 to 5,493	10.3	8.4 to 12.2	7
43	2024	51187	Warren County	41275	4026	3,264 to 4,788	9.8	8.0 to 11.6	7
44	2024	51840	Winchester city	26645	4187	3,459 to 4,915	15.7	13.0 to 18.4	7
45	2024	51013	Arlington County	237192	19024	16,158 to 21,890	8	6.8 to 9.2	8
46	2024	51059	Fairfax County	1148828	69264	60,137 to 78,391	6	5.2 to 6.8	8
47	2024	51107	Loudoun County	441558	19078	16,020 to 22,136	4.3	3.6 to 5.0	8
48	2024	51153	Prince William County	492740	32448	27,615 to 37,281	6.6	5.6 to 7.6	8
49	2024	51510	Alexandria city	157812	11831	9,120 to 14,542	7.5	5.8 to 9.2	8
50	2024	51600	Fairfax city	25976	2020	1,572 to 2,468	7.8	6.1 to 9.5	8
51	2024	51610	Falls Church city	14867	690	517 to 863	4.6	3.4 to 5.8	8
52	2024	51683	Manassas city	43364	3928	2,996 to 4,860	9.1	7.0 to 11.2	8
53	2024	51685	Manassas Park city	16560	1205	889 to 1,521	7.3	5.4 to 9.2	8
54	2024	51047	Culpeper County	54497	5210	4,024 to 6,396	9.6	7.4 to 11.8	9
55	2024	51061	Fauquier County	75387	4966	3,888 to 6,044	6.6	5.2 to 8.0	9
56	2024	51113	Madison County	14030	1449	1,122 to 1,776	10.3	8.0 to 12.6	9
57	2024	51137	Orange County	38648	3274	2,506 to 4,042	8.5	6.5 to 10.5	9
58	2024	51157	Rappahannock County	7459	682	515 to 849	9.1	6.9 to 11.3	9
59	2024	51003	Albemarle County	109823	9142	7,672 to 10,612	8.3	7.0 to 9.6	10
60	2024	51065	Fluvanna County	27515	1951	1,471 to 2,431	7.1	5.4 to 8.8	10
61	2024	51079	Greene County	21545	1805	1,397 to 2,213	8.4	6.5 to 10.3	10
62	2024	51109	Louisa County	41888	3486	2,629 to 4,343	8.3	6.3 to 10.3	10
63	2024	51125	Nelson County	14690	1686	1,281 to 2,091	11.5	8.7 to 14.3	10
64	2024	51540	Charlottesville city	42414	7019	5,919 to 8,119	16.5	13.9 to 19.1	10

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65	2024	51009	Amherst County	31013	3883	3,130 to 4,636	12.5	10.1 to 14.9		11
66	2024	51011	Appomattox County	16855	2054	1,616 to 2,492	12.2	9.6 to 14.8		11
67	2024	51019	Bedford County	81550	7252	5,776 to 8,728	8.9	7.1 to 10.7		11
68	2024	51031	Campbell County	54550	6124	4,888 to 7,360	11.2	8.9 to 13.5		11
69	2024	51680	Lynchburg city	70026	12487	10,473 to 14,501	17.8	14.9 to 20.7		11
70	2024	51067	Franklin County	54491	6686	5,608 to 7,764	12.3	10.3 to 14.3		12
71	2024	51089	Henry County	48693	7794	6,459 to 9,129	16	13.3 to 18.7		12
72	2024	51141	Patrick County	16931	2803	2,241 to 3,365	16.6	13.3 to 19.9		12
73	2024	51143	Pittsylvania County	58029	7862	6,426 to 9,298	13.5	11.0 to 16.0		12
74	2024	51590	Danville city	40503	9270	7,458 to 11,082	22.9	18.4 to 27.4		12
75	2024	51690	Martinsville city	13408	2521	1,844 to 3,198	18.8	13.8 to 23.8		12
76	2024	51025	Brunswick County	13704	2762	2,080 to 3,444	20.2	15.2 to 25.2		13
77	2024	51083	Halifax County	32761	4913	3,816 to 6,010	15	11.7 to 18.3		13
78	2024	51117	Mecklenburg County	29933	4347	3,429 to 5,265	14.5	11.4 to 17.6		13
79	2024	51007	Amelia County	13594	1305	989 to 1,621	9.6	7.3 to 11.9		14
80	2024	51029	Buckingham County	14963	2757	2,083 to 3,431	18.4	13.9 to 22.9		14
81	2024	51037	Charlotte County	11101	1763	1,318 to 2,208	15.9	11.9 to 19.9		14
82	2024	51049	Cumberland County	10039	1278	956 to 1,600	12.7	9.5 to 15.9		14
83	2024	51111	Lunenburg County	11064	2201	1,705 to 2,697	19.9	15.4 to 24.4		14
84	2024	51135	Nottoway County	13702	2598	2,053 to 3,143	19	15.0 to 23.0		14
85	2024	51147	Prince Edward Count	17880	3147	2,265 to 4,029	17.6	12.7 to 22.5		14
86	2024	51036	Charles City County	6554	746	582 to 910	11.4	8.9 to 13.9		15
87	2024	51041	Chesterfield County	384062	27250	22,403 to 32,097	7.1	5.8 to 8.4		15
88	2024	51075	Goochland County	27307	1897	1,502 to 2,292	6.9	5.5 to 8.3		15
89	2024	51085	Hanover County	113161	6949	5,615 to 8,283	6.1	4.9 to 7.3		15
90	2024	51087	Henrico County	334359	34434	30,624 to 38,244	10.3	9.2 to 11.4		15
91	2024	51127	New Kent County	26601	1179	861 to 1,497	4.4	3.2 to 5.6		15
92	2024	51145	Powhatan County	31296	2107	1,652 to 2,562	6.7	5.2 to 8.2		15
93	2024	51760	Richmond city	222922	40639	34,707 to 46,571	18.2	15.5 to 20.9		15
94	2024	51033	Caroline County	32865	3403	2,717 to 4,089	10.4	8.3 to 12.5		16
95	2024	51099	King George County	28539	1870	1,453 to 2,287	6.6	5.1 to 8.1		16
96	2024	51177	Spotsylvania County	151295	10604	8,334 to 12,874	7	5.5 to 8.5		16
97	2024	51179	Stafford County	165347	8873	6,923 to 10,823	5.4	4.2 to 6.6		16
98	2024	51630	Fredericksburg city	27724	3377	2,562 to 4,192	12.2	9.3 to 15.1		16
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99	2024	51103	Lancaster County	10825	1186	865 to 1,507	11	8.0 to 14.0		17
100	2024	51133	Northumberland Cou	12375	1510	1,147 to 1,873	12.2	9.3 to 15.1		17
101	2024	51159	Richmond County	7657	1277	956 to 1,598	16.7	12.5 to 20.9		17
102	2024	51193	Westmoreland Coun	19134	2645	2,085 to 3,205	13.8	10.9 to 16.7		17
103	2024	51057	Essex County	10572	1237	932 to 1,542	11.7	8.8 to 14.6		18
104	2024	51073	Gloucester County	39831	2975	2,172 to 3,778	7.5	5.5 to 9.5		18
105	2024	51097	King and Queen Cou	6734	845	649 to 1,041	12.5	9.6 to 15.4		18
106	2024	51101	King William County	19126	1256	940 to 1,572	6.6	4.9 to 8.3		18
107	2024	51115	Mathews County	8532	822	645 to 999	9.6	7.5 to 11.7		18
108	2024	51119	Middlesex County	10618	1186	871 to 1,501	11.2	8.2 to 14.2		18
109	2024	51053	Dinwiddie County	28136	2854	2,154 to 3,554	10.1	7.6 to 12.6		18
110	2024	51081	Greensville County	7824	2048	1,506 to 2,590	26.2	19.3 to 33.1		19
111	2024	51149	Prince George Count	34295	3887	2,986 to 4,788	11.3	8.7 to 13.9		19
112	2024	51181	Surry County	6568	771	580 to 962	11.7	8.8 to 14.6		19
113	2024	51183	Sussex County	8622	1892	1,437 to 2,347	21.9	16.6 to 27.2		19
114	2024	51570	Colonial Heights city	18401	1770	1,345 to 2,195	9.6	7.3 to 11.9		19
115	2024	51595	Emporia city	5202	1073	813 to 1,333	20.6	15.6 to 25.6		19
116	2024	51670	Hopewell city	22662	3886	3,006 to 4,766	17.1	13.2 to 21.0		19
117	2024	51730	Petersburg city	33564	7809	6,301 to 9,317	23.3	18.8 to 27.8		19
118	2024	51001	Accomack County	33012	4335	3,230 to 5,440	13.1	9.8 to 16.4		22
119	2024	51131	Northampton County	11798	1983	1,513 to 2,453	16.8	12.8 to 20.8		22
120	2024	51093	Isle of Wight County	40690	3319	2,588 to 4,050	8.2	6.4 to 10.0		23
121	2024	51095	James City County	81390	5215	4,100 to 6,330	6.4	5.0 to 7.8		23
122	2024	51175	Southampton County	16463	2097	1,546 to 2,648	12.7	9.4 to 16.0		23
123	2024	51199	York County	70322	3740	2,932 to 4,548	5.3	4.2 to 6.4		23
124	2024	51520	Bristol city	16030	2988	2,395 to 3,581	18.6	14.9 to 22.3		23
125	2024	51550	Chesapeake city	250574	26196	22,891 to 29,501	10.5	9.2 to 11.8		23
126	2024	51620	Franklin city	8250	1626	1,243 to 2,009	19.7	15.1 to 24.3		23
127	2024	51650	Hampton city	133934	18600	15,367 to 21,833	13.9	11.5 to 16.3		23
128	2024	51700	Newport News city	174538	22022	17,325 to 26,719	12.6	9.9 to 15.3		23
129	2024	51710	Norfolk city	209427	32115	26,956 to 37,274	15.3	12.8 to 17.8		23
130	2024	51735	Poquoson city	12739	740	567 to 913	5.8	4.4 to 7.2		23
131	2024	51740	Portsmouth city	93602	14210	11,357 to 17,063	15.2	12.2 to 18.2		23
132	2024	51800	Suffolk city	101583	8398	6,365 to 10,431	8.3	6.3 to 10.3		23
133	2024	51810	Virginia Beach city	447251	35302	29,845 to 40,759	7.9	6.7 to 9.1		23
134	2024	51830	Williamsburg city	11135	2596	2,085 to 3,107	23.3	18.7 to 27.9		23

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