

Indicators *of* Community Strength

**SELF-SUFFICIENCY
INDICATORS**

*Greater Richmond &
Petersburg Region*

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Self-Sufficiency Indicators



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The self-sufficiency indicators attempt to communicate people's ability to provide for themselves and their families without the help of others.

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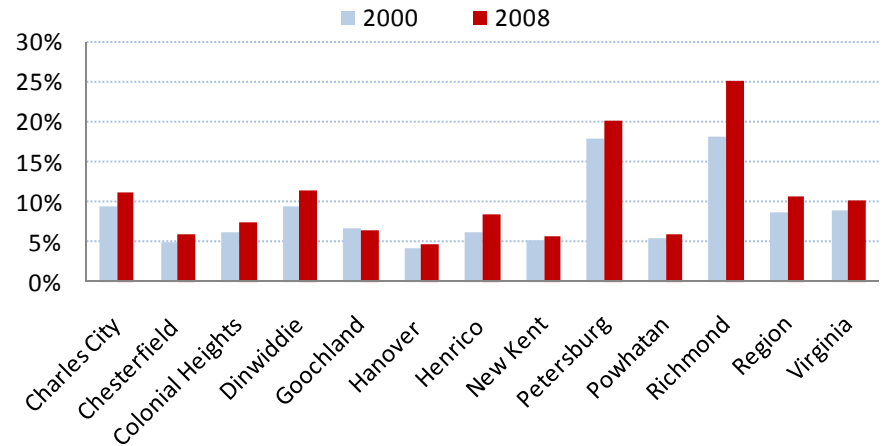
Total Population in Poverty

***Why is this important?** The challenges of living in poverty, combined with housing costs and other factors, create a living situation that becomes unmanageable for many struggling households. Those living at the poverty threshold have a household income that is only about half of what the Self-Sufficiency Standard identifies as the income needed to meet basic needs.*

Percent (and Number) of Total Population in Poverty			
	2000	2006	2008
Charles City	9.5% (672)	10.5% (753)	11.2% (809)
Chesterfield	4.8% (12,658)	5.5% (15,952)	5.8% (17,311)
Colonial Heights	6.2% (1,035)	7.3% (1,269)	7.4% (1,297)
Dinwiddie	9.4% (2,223)	11.1% (2,768)	11.3% (2,850)
Goochland	6.7% (1,071)	6.3% (1,176)	6.4% (1,240)
Hanover	4.1% (3,611)	4.1% (3,965)	4.6% (4,518)
Henrico	6.2% (16,209)	7.9% (22,038)	8.4% (24,078)
New Kent	5.1% (683)	5.5% (905)	5.6% (959)
Petersburg	17.8% (5,826)	19.3% (6,098)	20.1% (6,478)
Powhatan	5.4% (1,116)	5.8% (1,445)	5.8% (1,489)
Richmond	18.1% (34,154)	20.7% (37,513)	25.1% (47,850)
Region	8.5% (79,258)	9.5% (93,882)	10.7% (108,879)
Virginia	8.9% (620,938)	9.6% (713,181)	10.2% (766,852)

Source: U.S. Census, Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates (SAIPE)*

Percent of Total Population in Poverty



Poverty Thresholds

Year	1 Person	2 People	3 People	4 People
2000	\$8,749	\$11,239	\$13,738	\$17,603
2008	\$10,991	\$14,051	\$17,163	\$22,025

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Housing and Household Economic Statistics Division

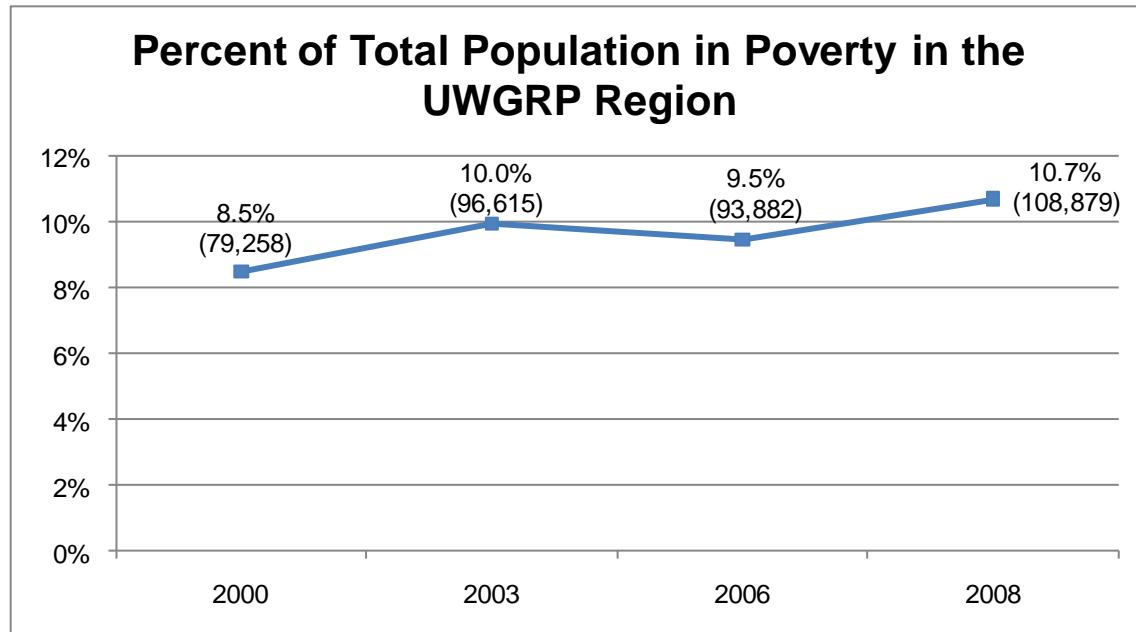
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Total Population in Poverty

How Is the Region Doing?

The % of Total Population in Poverty Increased

The percent of the total population in poverty for the region has increased since 2000. The number of individuals in poverty has also increased.

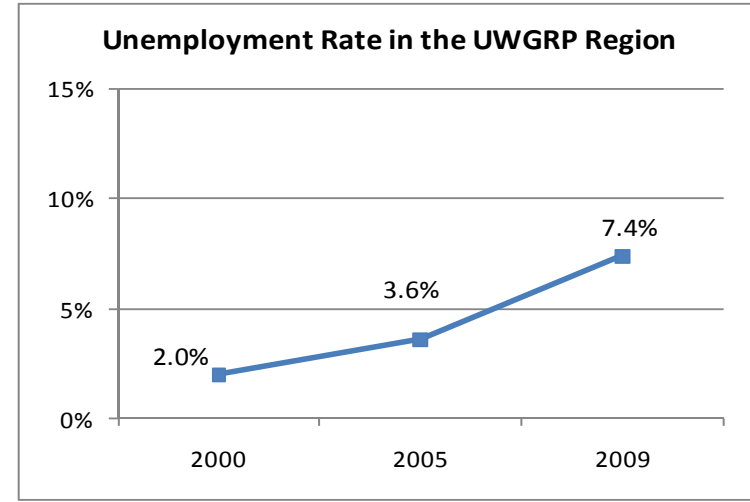
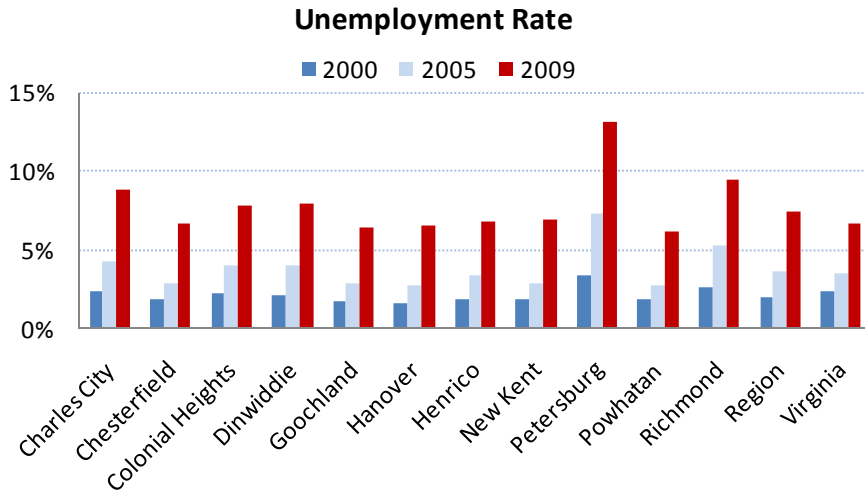


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Unemployment

***Why is this important?** International, national and local economic trends influence lay offs, plant closings and shifts in industries that impact many households on a local level. The percent of individuals experiencing unemployment can tell us about the general economic stability of our community and has implications for both the demand on social services and the relative stability of vulnerable populations.*



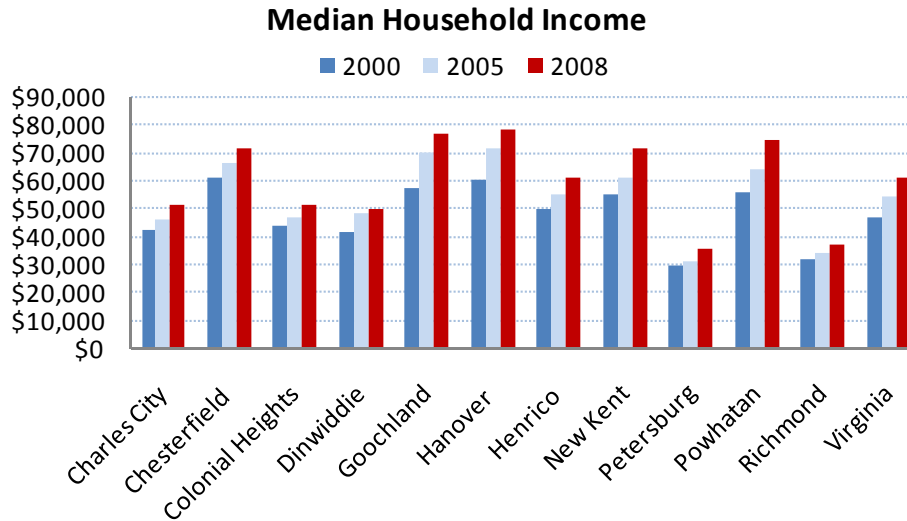
Unemployment Rate			
	2000	2005	2009
Charles City	2.4%	4.2%	8.8%
Chesterfield	1.8%	2.9%	6.6%
Colonial Heights	2.2%	4.0%	7.8%
Dinwiddie	2.1%	4.0%	7.9%
Goochland	1.7%	2.9%	6.4%
Hanover	1.6%	2.7%	6.5%
Henrico	1.8%	3.3%	6.8%
New Kent	1.8%	2.9%	6.9%
Petersburg	3.4%	7.3%	13.2%
Powhatan	1.8%	2.7%	6.1%
Richmond	2.6%	5.3%	9.5%
Region	2.0%	3.6%	7.4%
Virginia	2.3%	3.5%	6.7%

Number of Unemployed			
	2000	2005	2009
Charles City	88	164	346
Chesterfield	2,521	4,693	11,246
Colonial Heights	192	369	732
Dinwiddie	249	513	1,046
Goochland	154	294	737
Hanover	776	1,446	3,610
Henrico	2,613	5,154	11,346
New Kent	132	256	685
Petersburg	470	1,050	1,948
Powhatan	202	365	895
Richmond	2,498	5,195	9,782
Region	9,895	19,499	42,373
Virginia	81,513	136,219	277,562

Note: These are conservative estimates of unemployment because they may not capture those who have stopped searching for work, settled for part-time work or are underemployed.
 Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) Program and Bureau of Labor Statistics

Median Household Income

***Why is this important?** Median household income is one of the best income measures available. It is a gauge of overall economic health of the region and the financial resources of households. The median household income divides income distribution into two equal groups, one having incomes below the median and the other having incomes above the median.*



Median Household Income			
	2000	2005	2008
Charles City	\$ 42,355	\$ 46,167	\$ 50,958
Chesterfield	\$ 61,408	\$ 66,625	\$ 71,327
Colonial Heights	\$ 44,061	\$ 46,745	\$ 51,575
Dinwiddie	\$ 41,796	\$ 48,160	\$ 50,186
Goochland	\$ 57,534	\$ 69,975	\$ 76,688
Hanover	\$ 60,486	\$ 71,455	\$ 77,935
Henrico	\$ 50,088	\$ 55,284	\$ 61,300
New Kent	\$ 55,130	\$ 61,107	\$ 71,549
Petersburg	\$ 29,504	\$ 30,942	\$ 35,359
Powhatan	\$ 55,520	\$ 63,833	\$ 74,825
Richmond	\$ 32,029	\$ 34,352	\$ 36,968
Virginia	\$ 46,789	\$ 54,207	\$ 61,210

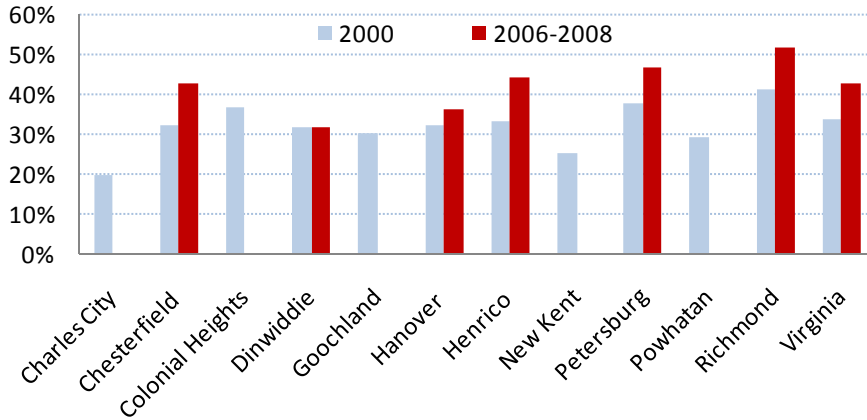
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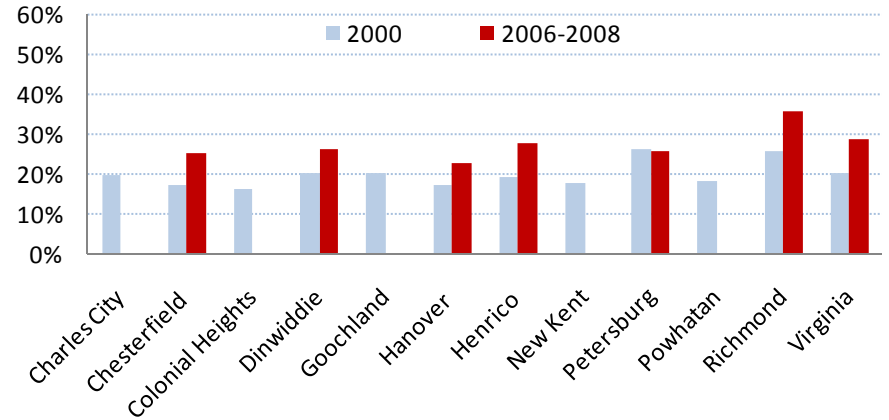
Housing Costs

Why is this important? If housing costs exceed 30% of the household income, then these costs are likely to negatively impact the household's ability to meet other basic needs such as food, healthcare and childcare.

Percent of Renters Paying 30% or More of Income for Housing



Percent of Owners Paying 30% or More of Income on Housing



Percent of Renters Paying 30% or More of Income for Housing

	2000	2006-2008
Charles City	19.8%	N/A
Chesterfield	32.3%	42.5%
Colonial Heights	36.5%	N/A
Dinwiddie	31.9%	31.9%
Goochland	30.0%	N/A
Hanover	32.3%	36.0%
Henrico	33.0%	44.0%
New Kent	25.3%	N/A
Petersburg	37.9%	46.7%
Powhatan	29.3%	N/A
Richmond	41.4%	51.7%
Virginia	33.9%	42.6%

Percent of Owners Paying 30% or More of Income on Housing

	2000	2006-2008
Charles City	19.8%	N/A
Chesterfield	17.1%	25.3%
Colonial Heights	16.5%	N/A
Dinwiddie	20.2%	26.1%
Goochland	20.2%	N/A
Hanover	17.3%	22.7%
Henrico	19.1%	27.5%
New Kent	18.0%	N/A
Petersburg	26.1%	25.5%
Powhatan	18.0%	N/A
Richmond	25.7%	35.8%
Virginia	20.3%	28.9%

Source: U.S. Census 2000 and the American Community Survey (ACS)

Note: The ACS universe is limited to the household population and excludes the population living in institutions, college dorms and other group quarters. The ACS is only available for localities with a population over 20,000.

Owner-Occupied Housing Units

Why is this important? Research has demonstrated that homeownership can help stabilize and maintain the vitality of an area by stimulating positive social and economic growth. High rates of homeownership in an area promote community involvement, increase resident satisfaction and raise the image of the area. Data shows that homeowners typically live in a community four times longer than renters. When residents are more invested in their community, it creates a setting where social and political networks are more easily established and provides a more stable environment for children's development.

Percent of Owner-Occupied Housing Units		
	2000	2006-2008
Charles City	84.9%	N/A
Chesterfield	80.9%	78.6%
Colonial Heights	69.3%	N/A
Dinwiddie	79.2%	76.3%
Goochland	86.6%	90.3%
Hanover	84.3%	82.5%
Henrico	65.7%	67.1%
New Kent	88.7%	N/A
Petersburg	51.5%	51.6%
Powhatan	88.8%	91.1%
Richmond	46.1%	49.2%
Virginia	68.1%	69.3%

Source: U.S. Census 2000 and the American Community Survey (ACS)

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