

# AMERICA'S MILITARY METRO

## Virginia Beach, VA

The Hampton Roads region is home to the largest concentration of active-duty military personnel in the U.S., making it a critical hub in the national security landscape. The defense sector drives more than one-third of the local economy.

With its strategic military assets, highly skilled workforce, business-friendly environment, and exceptional quality of life, Virginia Beach stands as a cornerstone of national defense and a key part of one of the most robust defense ecosystems in the country.



### Naval Air Station Oceana

The sole East Coast Master Jet Base of the U.S.



### NATO

North American Headquarters



### Naval Station Norfolk

The world's largest naval base



### NASA Langley Research Center

America's first civil aeronautics laboratory

**80,000+**

Service members in Hampton Roads

**19**

Military installations in Hampton Roads with presence of every major branch of the U.S. Military

**330,000+**

Jobs supported by the defense sector

**\$559.2 M**

Federal awards to 121 Virginia Beach businesses in Q2 of 2025 alone

**#1**

State for DOD spending per capita in the U.S

**10**

of the top U.S. defense contractors have a strong presence in the region

## VIRGINIA BEACH COMPANIES



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# Economic Advantages

## STRATEGIC LOCATION

Prime Mid-Atlantic location and close proximity to many major U.S. cities



Largest port on the East Coast and 5th in U.S. [Port of Virginia]



Days drive to reach 60% of U.S. population



International airports [Washington, D.C. and Norfolk]

## TALENTED WORKFORCE

Highly educated, skilled, and sustainable labor



12 regional colleges & universities and 21 trade and technical schools



Exiting military members annually, with half retained in local workforce

## POSITIVE BUSINESS CLIMATE

Virginia was ranked as the #1 State for Business in 2024.



No tax on machinery, tools, inventory, and sales tax on purchases of goods used directly in production.



State corporate income tax & local sales tax rate.



Incentives offered to eligible companies based on capital investment and the creation of high-wage new jobs.

## QUALITY OF LIFE

Virginia Beach was named #8 of "The Best Places to Live in the U.S. in 2024" (U.S. News & World Report)

## STRATEGIC PARTNERS & PROGRAMS

Virginia Beach International Incubator

Commonwealth Cyber Initiative Coastal Virginia

NavalX Mid-Atlantic Tech Bridge

Neptune Shield Mid-Atlantic Innovation & Tech Hub

NASA Langley Research Center

Compare other states against Virginia:



## HAMPTON ROADS KEY MILITARY ASSETS

- 1 Langley Air Force Base
- 2 Naval Station Norfolk
- 3 Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek-Fort Story
- 4 Naval Air Station Oceana
- 5 NATO Headquarters
- 6 Naval Weapons Station Yorktown
- 7 Dam Neck (SOCOM)

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