

# Regional Overview

#### **BUSINESS CLUSTERS**

The Richmond Region is home to more than 70,000 businesses, with everything from *Fortune* 1000 companies to two-person startups. Our strongest business clusters include:



Corporate Services



Information Technology



Finance & Insurance



BioScience



Advanced Manufacturing



Supply Chain



Food & Beverage

#### LIVING IN RICHMOND

- Housing choices in award-winning neighborhoods range from downtown apartments in renovated warehouses to golf course and waterfront communities to farms
- A vibrant arts and cultural community, including over 20 museums and galleries, Richmond Symphony, Richmond Ballet, Virginia Opera, concerts, music festivals, amusement parks and over 130 historic sites
- Nearly 30 golf courses and more than 100 local parks
- One of the nation's seven top cities for trail runners and Ukrop's Monument Avenue 10K ranking one of the best in the country
- Home to one of the best urban mountain bike trail systems in the U.S.

Among the top "Best Places to Live" in the U.S. - U.S. News, July 2021





Population



Workforce 665.000



Median Age



Time Zone



**Area** 5,717 sq.mi



**July Hi Temp.** 87.5°F (25.6°C)



Jan. Low Temp 27.6°F (2.1°C)

#### WORLD CLASS WORKFORCE AND EDUCATION SYSTEM

- The Richmond Region is highly educated, with 67% of the population 25 and over having some college, bachelor's degree or higher
- The region is a magnet for labor, drawing a workforce from more than 40 localities statewide
- Award-winning public schools are supplemented by a variety of private and parochial schools
- The regional Governor's School for Government and International Studies is available for gifted students
- Twenty-eight of Virginia Commonwealth University's graduate and professional programs are among the best of their kind
- University of Richmond ranked #16 among liberal arts colleges on the Most Innovative Schools List
- Workforce development courses and services are offered through the Community College Workforce
  Alliance
- Special weekend and evening schools offering classes in language and culture have been created by local international communities



University of Richmond

#### **HOME TO 12 FORTUNE 1000 HEADQUARTERS**

























#### PLUS MAJOR EMPLOYERS' OPERATIONS

















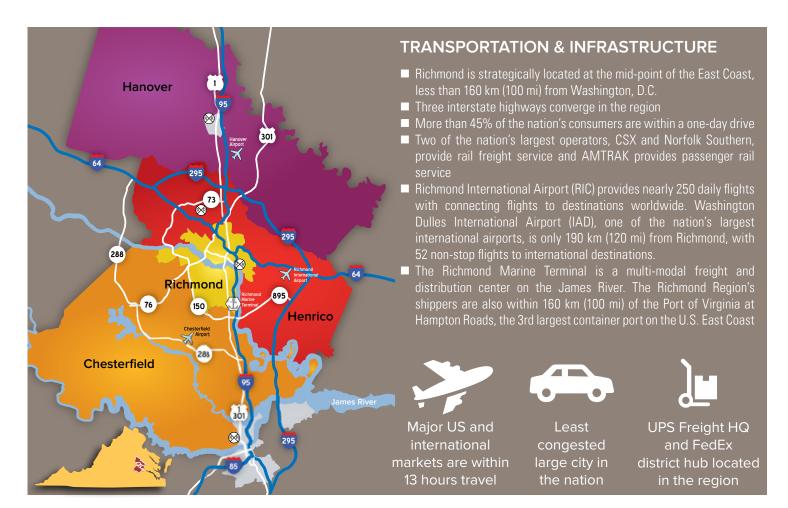














#### **VIRGINIA**

- More than 25,000 new jobs and \$5.4 billion invested by international firms since 2012
- More than 850 internationally owned firms from 47 countries
- The state's 6% corporate income tax rate has not changed since 1972. It is the 13th lowest in the country
- Right-to-work state with moderate wages, low levels of unionization, and Unemployment and Workers' Compensation costs among the lowest in the U.S.
- Ranks 1st for Cybersecurity in the Tech Talent Pipeline

## THE RICHMOND REGION: CENTER OF COMMERCE

Richmond is the capital of Virginia, the center of commerce, government and academic endeavors:

- All business support services are available with multilingual staff capabilities, including accounting, financial, and legal service providers with international experience
- Home to 7 *Fortune* 500 and 5 *Fortune* 1000 headquarters
- Nearly 30 colleges and universities with nearly 78,000 students and more than 14,600 degrees conferred annually
- The cost of living is 2.8 percent below the U.S. national average and significantly lower than in larger metro areas such as New York and Los Angeles
- Richmond metro area is the nation's 45th largest economy, among 384 metro areas

### Services

The Greater Richmond Partnership, Inc. is the lead regional economic development organization representing the City of Richmond and the Counties of Chesterfield, Hanover and Henrico in Virginia. We offer site location assistance services to domestic and foreign companies planning new or expanded facilities.

Our free and totally confidential services (without obligation) include:

- Custom research based on the company's parameters and data requirements (workforce, business costs, transportation, suppliers, taxes, incentives)
- Site location assistance and real estate tours
- Structured itinerary that includes a community overview
- Meetings with suppliers and professional service providers
- Relocation services for company employees
- Introductions to government officials and community leaders
- Public relations services
- Start-up services such as employee recruitment

