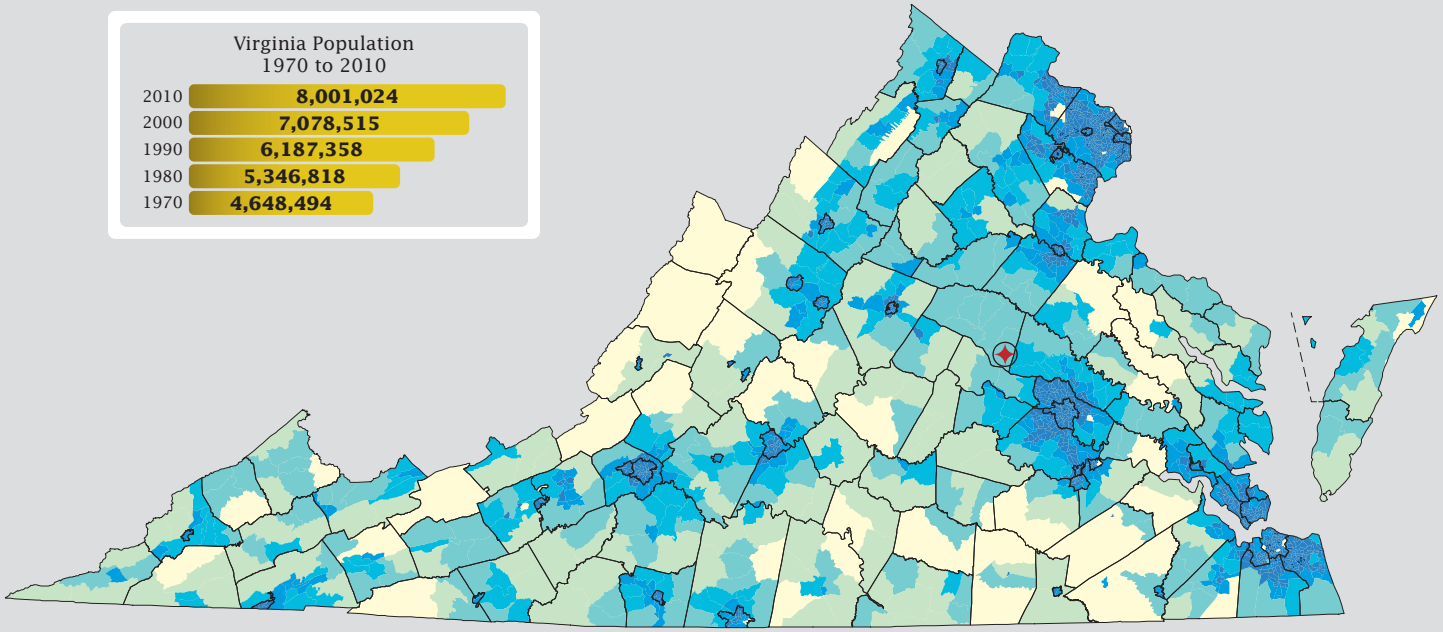
2010 Census: Virginia Profile

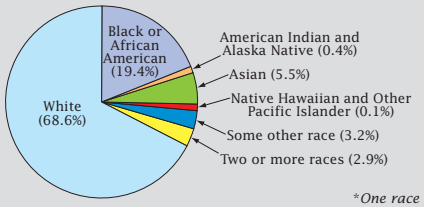
Population Density by Census Tract



Virginia Population 1970 to 2010

2010	8,001,024
2000	7,078,515
1990	6,187,358
1980	5,346,818
1970	4,648,494

State Race* Breakdown

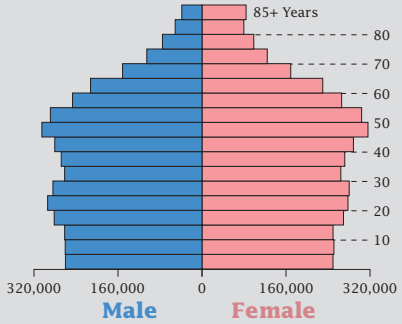


*One race

Hispanic or Latino (of any race) makes up **7.9%** of the state population.

Population by Sex and Age

Total Population: 8,001,024



Housing Tenure

Total Occupied Housing Units:
3,056,058

67.2% Owner Occupied	32.8% Renter Occupied

Average Household Size of Owner-Occupied Units:	Average Household Size of Renter-Occupied Units:
2.60 people	2.41 people

People per Square Mile by Census Tract

- 7,500.0 to 60,598.0
- 1,000.0 to 7,499.9
- 200.0 to 999.9
- 88.4 to 199.9 (U.S. density is 88.4)
- 50.0 to 88.3
- 25.0 to 49.9
- Less than 25.0
- County or City Boundary
- Virginia Mean Center of Population

0 20 40 60 80 Kilometers
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United States Census Bureau

Virginia

BASIC INFORMATION

2010 Census Population:	8,001,024 (12th)	Bordering States:	District of Columbia, Kentucky, Maryland, North Carolina, Tennessee, West Virginia
Land Area:	39,490.1 square miles (36th)		
Density:	202.6 persons per square mile (14th)	Abbreviation:	VA
Capital:	Richmond	ANSI/FIPS Code:	51
Became a State:	June 25, 1788 (10th)		

HISTORY

The area of Virginia was part of the original territory of the United States. Virginia was the first chartered colony, with the original 1606 charter including the entire Eastern Seaboard. Individual charters provided to other colonies reduced the size of Virginia. In 1784, Virginia ceded area to the United States that became the Northwest Territory in 1787. Virginia ratified the U.S. Constitution on June 26, 1788; it was the tenth of the original 13 states to join the Union. At the time of statehood, Virginia included all of present-day Kentucky and West Virginia. The area of the state was reduced in 1791 by the formation of the District of Columbia and in 1792 when Virginia ceded the area that became the state of Kentucky. Virginia added territory in 1846 when the portion of the District of Columbia taken from Virginia was retroceded to the state. The state of West Virginia, consisting of 48 counties, was established from Virginia on June 20, 1863; in 1866, Congress officially added two more counties (Berkeley and Jefferson) to West Virginia, leaving Virginia with generally the same boundary as the present state. Virginia is one of four states that are legally described as a commonwealth.

Census data for Virginia are available beginning with the 1790 census. The populations shown from 1790 to 1860 are for the present boundary of Virginia. These data include, from 1800 to 1840, the portion of the District of Columbia not formally part of Virginia until 1846, and do not include the area of Kentucky in 1790 or the counties taken to form West Virginia from 1790 to 1860.

AMERICAN INDIAN AREAS

Virginia has two state recognized American Indian reservations and two state designated tribal statistical areas (SDTSAs).

METROPOLITAN AND MICROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS AND RELATED STATISTICAL AREAS

Virginia has 11 metropolitan statistical areas, 4 micropolitan statistical areas, 1 metropolitan division, and 2 combined statistical areas.

COUNTIES

There are 134 counties and equivalents in Virginia. There are 95 functioning governmental counties and 39 independent cities that are independent of any county and are functioning governmental units at the place level.

COUNTY SUBDIVISIONS

There are 550 county subdivisions in Virginia known as minor civil divisions (MCDs). There are 510 districts that are used for the election of county supervisors and are known as either magisterial districts or election districts.

PLACES

Virginia has 591 places; 229 incorporated places and 362 census designated places (CDPs). The incorporated places consist of 39 cities and 190 towns. The 190 towns in Virginia are dependent with county subdivision. The 39 cities in Virginia are independent of any county and county subdivision.

Geographic Entities	2010 Census	Census 2000
American Indian / Alaska Native / Native Hawaiian Area	4	4
Block Groups	5,332	4,749
Census Blocks	285,762	145,399
Census Tracts	1,907	1,541
Congressional Districts (108th-112th)	11	11
Counties and Equivalents	134	135
County Subdivisions	550	544
Elementary School Districts	1	1
Places	591	371
State Legislative Districts (Lower)	100	100
State Legislative Districts (Upper)	40	40
Unified School Districts	137	137
Voting Districts	2,373	2,169

Features	2010 Census
Address Range-Feature Names	1,629,711
Address Ranges	1,235,824
Area Landmarks	2,516
Area Water	56,406
Edges	2,656,602
Feature Names	2,736,288
Linear Water	223,988
Point Landmarks	23,032
Primary and Secondary Roads	17,798
Roads	815,067
Topological Faces	649,934
Topological Faces-Area Hydrography	125,555
Topological Faces-Area Landmark	11,353