

# RAPPAHANNOCK-RAPIDAN REGIONAL COMMISSION

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The Rappahannock-Rapidan Region is located in Virginia's Northern Piedmont Region, in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains. The five counties that make up the region—Culpeper, Fauquier, Madison, Orange and Rappahannock—cover 1,965 square miles and are home to 166,054 persons.

The Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Commission serves as an affiliate State Data Center, in conjunction with the Virginia Employment Commission, and collects and maintains demographic, economic and other data for the region.

### DEMOGRAPHIC SUMMARY

#### POPULATION

1980 CENSUS: 92,987      2000 CENSUS: 134,785  
1990 CENSUS: 116,643      2010 CENSUS: 166,054

#### AGE DISTRIBUTION

Under 5: 10,182  
5 to 18: 30,445  
18 to 64: 101,639  
Over 65: 23,788

#### AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD SIZE

1990: 2.76 persons  
2000: 2.60 persons  
2010: 2.68 persons

Sources: US Census, Weldon Cooper Center, US Bureau for Economic Analysis

### LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUMMARY

#### GOVERNMENT

COUNTIES - BOARDS OF SUPERVISORS

TOWNS - TOWN COUNCILS

#### REAL ESTATE TAX RATES (FY 2012)

\*per \$100 assessed value

COUNTIES: Culpeper - \$ 0.74, Fauquier - \$ 0.97,  
Madison - \$ 0.50, Orange - \$ 0.49, Rappahannock - \$ 0.58

TOWNS: Culpeper - \$ 0.13, Gordonsville - \$ 0.095,  
Madison - \$ 0.07, Orange - \$ 0.114, Remington - \$ 0.125,  
The Plains - \$ 0.04 Warrenton - \$ 0.015, Washington - n/a

**BANK DEPOSITS: \$2.48 Billion**

Source: Localities, FDIC

### POPULATION CHANGE (County & Region): 2000 - 2010

	2000 POPULATION	2010 POPULATION	POPULATION CHANGE (+/-)	POPULATION CHANGE (%)
CULPEPER	34,262	46,689	12,427	36.3%
FAUQUIER	55,139	65,203	10,064	18.3%
MADISON	12,520	13,308	788	6.3%
ORANGE	25,881	33,481	7,600	29.4%
RAPPAHANNOCK	6,983	7,373	390	5.6%
<b>REGION</b>	<b>134,785</b>	<b>166,054</b>	<b>31,269</b>	<b>23.2%</b>

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

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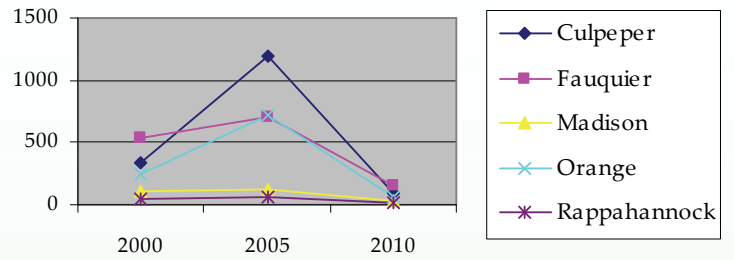
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### INCORPORATED TOWN POPULATIONS

Town	1990	2000	2010
Culpeper	8,581	9,664	16,379
Gordonsville	1,351	1,498	1,496
Madison	307	210	229
Orange	3,579	4,123	4,721
Remington	460	624	598
The Plains	219	266	217
Warrenton	4,882	6,670	9,611
Washington	198	183	135

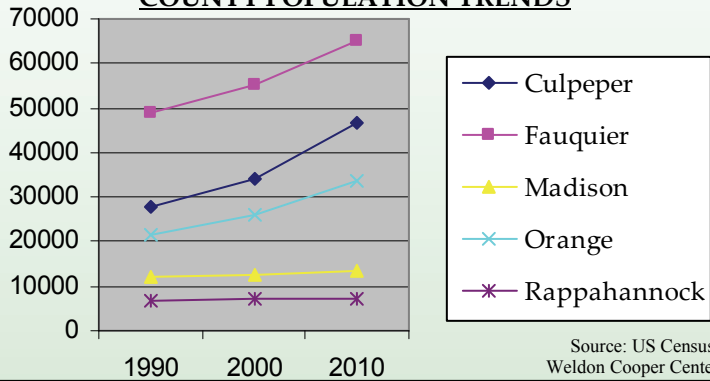
Source: US Census Bureau

### RESIDENTIAL BUILDING PERMITS



Source: Weldon Cooper Center

### COUNTY POPULATION TRENDS



Source: US Census, Weldon Cooper Center

County	2000	2005	2010
Culpeper	334	1,198	90
Fauquier	533	706	151
Madison	106	123	27
Orange	247	718	54
Rappahannock	44	60	21

### POPULATION PROJECTIONS

County	2010 Census	2020	2030
Culpeper	46,689	61,255	75,221
Fauquier	65,203	89,318	107,168
Madison	13,308	15,624	17,222
Orange	33,481	42,021	50,732
Rappahannock	7,373	8,242	9,066
<b>R-R Region</b>	<b>166,054</b>	<b>216,460</b>	<b>259,409</b>

Sources: U.S. Census, Virginia Employment Commission

### AVERAGE RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE SELLING PRICE

County	2000	2005	2010
Culpeper	\$166,542	\$343,961	\$200,106
Fauquier	\$236,932	\$500,727	\$326,294
Madison	\$147,763	\$296,475	\$197,533
Orange	\$143,075	\$307,170	\$198,436
Rappahannock	\$242,034	\$494,941	\$428,014
<b>REGION</b>	<b>\$197,092</b>	<b>\$397,490</b>	<b>\$260,812</b>

Source: MRIS

### PUBLIC SCHOOL ENROLLMENT FIGURES & PROJECTIONS

	2010-11 ENROLLMENT	2014-15 PROJECTED ENROLLMENT	ENROLLMENT CHANGE (+/-)	ENROLLMENT CHANGE (%)
CULPEPER	7,721	8,699	978	12.7%
FAUQUIER	11,292	12,112	820	7.3%
MADISON	1,850	1,905	55	3.0%
ORANGE	5,238	5,607	369	7.0%
RAPPAHANNOCK	928	895	-33	-3.6%
<b>REGION</b>	<b>27,029</b>	<b>29,218</b>	<b>2,189</b>	<b>8.1%</b>

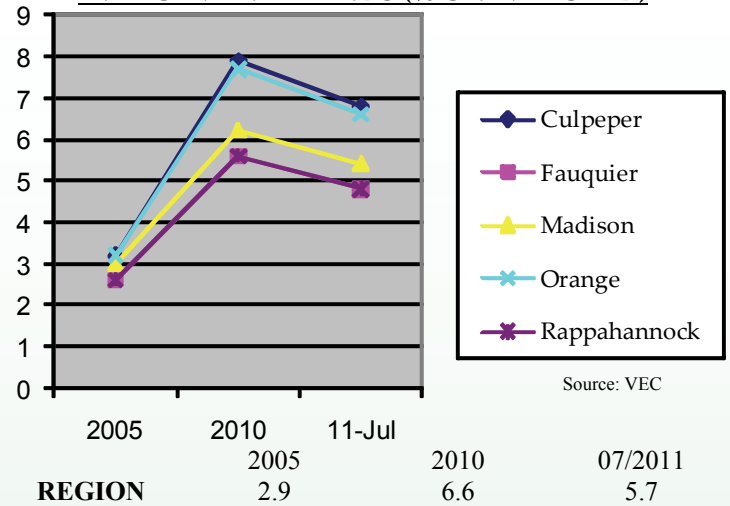
Enrollments based on September 30th membership figures; Sources: Virginia Dept. of Education, Weldon Cooper Center

### EMPLOYMENT GROWTH (%)

County	2007	2008	2009	2010
Culpeper	0.6	1.6	0.1	-0.2
Fauquier	1.1	0.8	-1.6	1.0
Madison	1.2	-1.1	-0.4	-1.5
Orange	2.3	-0.3	-0.6	0.0
Rappahannock	1.1	-2.5	-1.9	-0.2

Source: FDIC

### EMPLOYMENT TRENDS (% UNEMPLOYED)



Source: VEC

### JOBS TO HOUSING RATIO

COUNTY	JOBS	HOUSING	RATIO
Culpeper	14,583	17,657	.83:1
Fauquier	20,360	25,600	.80:1
Madison	3,137	5,932	.53:1
Orange	8,796	14,616	.60:1
Rappahannock	1,343	3,839	.35:1
<b>REGION</b>	<b>48,219</b>	<b>67,644</b>	<b>.71:1</b>

Source: VEDP, U.S. Census

### MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME (FY2010)

Culpeper	\$71,230
Fauquier	\$103,492
Madison	\$61,349
Orange	\$65,941
Rappahannock	\$70,963

Source: Virginia Economic Development Partnership

### FOREST LAND AREA BY COUNTY & CONDITION, *thousands of acres*

	Accessible Forest	Nonforest	Other	Total
Culpeper	109.7	120.7	6.4	236.7
Fauquier	203.2	218.1	5.5	426.9
Madison	93.7	101.1	-	194.9
Orange	136.2	82.9	7.9	227.0
Rappahannock	134.5	62.9	-	197.4
<b>REGION</b>	<b>677.3</b>	<b>585.7</b>	<b>19.8</b>	<b>1,282.9</b>

Numbers shown are in thousand acres | Source: VA Dept. of Forestry, *Virginia's Forests, 2007*

### # OF FARMS & LAND IN FARMS, 2002 TO 2007 COMPARISON

	NUMBER OF FARMS, 2002	NUMBER OF FARMS, 2007	ACREAGE OF LAND IN FARMS, 2002	ACREAGE OF LAND IN FARMS, 2007	% CHANGE OF LAND IN FARMS, 2002-07
CULPEPER	669	667	125,121	111,370	-11.0%
FAUQUIER	1,344	1,222	238,135	222,486	-6.7%
MADISON	531	564	102,874	102,757	-0.1%
ORANGE	486	518	104,879	104,606	-0.3%
RAPPAHANNOCK	443	416	78,483	65,084	-17.1%
<b>REGION</b>	<b>3,473</b>	<b>3,387</b>	<b>649,492</b>	<b>606,303</b>	<b>-6.6%</b>

Source: 2007 U.S. Census of Agriculture

## AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY and 2010 CENSUS

The American Community Survey (ACS) is replacing the U.S. Census decennial long form. Whereas long form data was collected once per decade, ACS data is collected yearly and released by the Census Bureau as one-year, three-year or five-year estimates, depending upon the population of the area in question. ACS will continue to provide estimates of demographic, housing, social, and economic characteristics that have been part of the decennial long form. Additional information is available at <http://www.census.gov/acs/www/>.

### **What data is available for the Rappahannock-Rapidan region?**

ACS data is available for all five counties and eight towns in the Rappahannock-Rapidan region. Fauquier County data is based on one-year sample estimates, while data for Culpeper and Orange counties are based on three-year sample estimates. Data for Madison and Rappahannock counties and the towns in the region are based on five-year sample estimates.

In addition, 2010 Census data is also available for all jurisdictions. This includes 100% counts for population, households and housing data.

## TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE SUMMARY

The Rappahannock-Rapidan region has a strong multi-modal transportation infrastructure in place. U.S. Routes 15 & 29 run north to south through the region, providing a connection for points south with the Northeast Corridor cities of Washington, New York and Boston. Several east-west routes also serve the region, including Interstate 66 and U.S. Routes 17 and 522. Interstates 81 and 95 are both less than 30 miles away from the heart of the Rappahannock-Rapidan region.

Major rail corporations Norfolk Southern and CSX Railroad both own and operate freight transportation on existing rail lines that connect Washington, D.C. with central Virginia and the Southeast United States. Amtrak also runs two of its existing lines through the region and a daily train from Lynchburg to Washington now stops in Culpeper.

Four publicly-owned airports also serve the region, with general aviation services the primary function at each airport. Culpeper Regional Airport (KCJR) and Warrenton-Fauquier Airport (KHWY) both average over 100 aircraft operations per day, while Orange County Airport (KOMH) and Gordonsville Municipal Airport (KGVE) average less than 30 aircraft operations per day. (Source: [www.airnav.com](http://www.airnav.com))

## TOURISM STATISTICS

2009 Expenditures (Estimated): \$243M  
2008 Employment (Estimated): 2,977  
2008 Payroll (Estimated): \$50.4M  
2008 Local Taxes Collected (Estimated): \$4.40M  
Source: Virginia Tourism Corporation

## SHENANDOAH NATIONAL PARK VISITATION

Year	Thornton Gap Entrance	Big Meadows Campground	Total Park Visitors
2007	282,050	71,370	1,118,188
2008	270,953	68,844	1,086,839
2009	285,138	75,570	1,131,941
2010	353,996	81,339	1,264,347

## FREDERICKSBURG/SPOTSYLVANIA NATIONAL MILITARY PARK VISITATION

Year	Wilderness BF Exhibit	Wilderness Battlefield	Total Park Visitors
2007	18,972	213,342	1,356,173
2008	19,837	203,489	1,359,662
2009	17,971	274,108	2,130,516
2010	18,987	272,063	2,105,246

Source: National Park Service



## AMTRAK RIDERSHIP

\*Ridership totals include passengers boarding Amtrak's Crescent Corridor (NY to New Orleans) and Northeast Corridor (Lynchburg to Washington, D.C.) at the Culpeper station

MONTH	RIDERS	% Change, 10-11
May 2011	978	30%
June 2011	1,067	24%
July 2011	1,134	6%

Source: Virginia Department of Rail & Public Transportation

## ECONOMIC IMPACT OF REGIONAL AIRPORTS

	Jobs	Economic Activity
Culpeper Regional	108	\$9.7M
Gordonsville Municipal	11	\$1.1M
Orange County	104	\$5.7M
Warrenton-Fauquier	131	\$14.4M

Source: VA Air Transportation Economic Impact Study