

# Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Commission

Counties: Culpeper, Fauquier, Madison, Orange, Rappahannock  
Towns: Culpeper, Gordonsville, Madison, Orange, Remington, Warrenton

Rappahannock-Rapidan  
REGIONAL COMMISSION

## Facts and Figures 2004-05



The Rappahannock-Rapidan Region is located in the foothills of Virginia's Northern Piedmont Region. The region covers approximately 2,002 square miles of land and is home to 149,200 persons. The region is bounded on the west by the Blue Ridge Mountains and located approximately 75 miles southwest of Washington, D. C. and 90 miles northwest of Richmond. The region enjoys mild winters and warm summers with an average annual temperature of 55 degrees Fahrenheit and has an average annual precipitation of 38.29 inches.

### Demographics At a Glance

#### Population

1980 Census - 92,897  
1990 Census - 116,643  
2000 Census - 134,785  
2004 Provisional Estimate - 149,200

#### Average Household Size

1980 . . . . . 2.93 persons  
1990 . . . . . 2.76 persons  
2000 . . . . . 2.60 persons

#### Median Age

1980 - 29.7 years  
1990 - 32.4 years  
2000 - 39.5 years

#### Total Acreage

1,277,440

#### Acreage in Farm Land

1992 - 638,107  
2002 - 649,492

### Government & Infrastructure At a Glance

#### Government

Counties – Boards of Supervisors

Towns – Town Councils

#### Real Estate Tax Rates 2004

(per \$100 assessed value)

Counties: Culpeper \$0.89, Fauquier \$0.99,  
Madison \$0.76, Orange \$0.84, Rappahannock \$0.72

Towns: Culpeper \$0.09, Gordonsville \$0.17, Madison \$0.145,  
Orange \$0.18, Remington \$0.14, The Plains \$0.075,  
Warrenton \$0.03, Town of Washington n/a

#### Transportation

General Aviation Service: Warrenton – Fauquier Airport, Culpeper  
County Airport, Gordonsville Airport, Orange County Airport  
Air: Washington Dulles International, Ronald Reagan Washington  
National, Charlottesville-Albemarle  
Rail: Amtrak, CSX Transportation, Norfolk Southern  
Highway: Interstate 66, Routes 29, 17, 15 and 20

Sources: 2000 Census, VA Economic Development Partnership, Localities, Weldon Cooper Center and Virginia State Climatology Office

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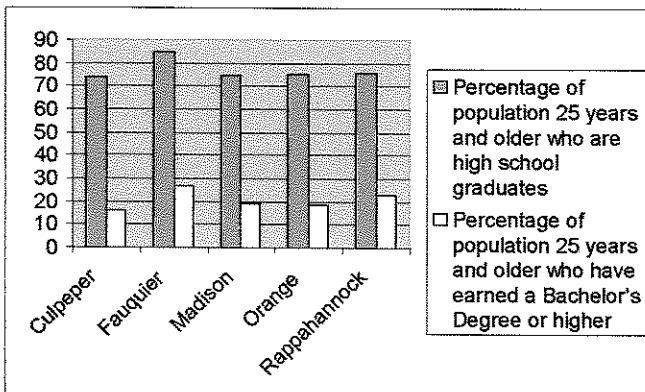
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## Community

### Educational Attainment

Source: 2000 Census



### Public School Enrollment

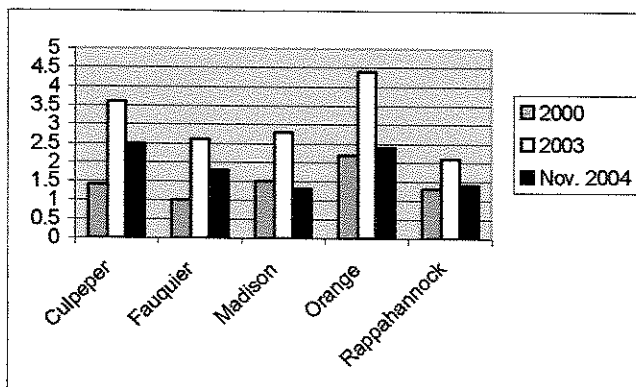
Source: Localities

(As of September 30)

County	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04
Culpeper	5,780	6,037	6,170
Fauquier	9,675	10,040	10,329
Madison	1,866	1,830	1,863
Orange	3,988	3,996	4,093
Rappahannock	1,046	1,046	1,043
Region	22,355	22,949	23,498

### Unemployment Rates

Source: VA Employment Commission



**Recreation:** Blue Ridge Parkway, Skyline Drive, Shenandoah National Park, Appalachian Trail, Sky Meadows State Park, Rapidan Wildlife Management Area, Lake Anna, Rappahannock River, Rapidan River, Orange Lake, C. M. Crockett Park, Marriott Ranch, Commonwealth Park, numerous golf courses.

**Healthcare:** Culpeper Regional Hospital and Fauquier Hospital are located within the region; the University of Virginia Hospital (Charlottesville), Martha Jefferson Hospital (Charlottesville), Mary Washington Hospital (Fredericksburg) and a number of hospitals in Northern Virginia and Washington, D. C. are easily accessible.

**Events:** Virginia Gold Cup, Montpelier Races, Historical and Civil War era sites and events, Flying Circus Airshow in Bealeton, Farmers' Markets, Tour de Madison Bike Tour, Garden Tours, Montpelier Wine Festival, Culpeper Fest, Old Dominion Hounds Point to Point Races, Somerset Steam and Gas Pasture Party, Farm Tours in Culpeper, Fauquier and Orange Counties, International Gold Cup Races, street fairs and other festivals are just a few of the region's many events.

**Attractions:** Some include: James Madison's Montpelier, over twenty wineries, Civil War re-enactments, Wilderness Battlefield, James Madison Museum, Graves Mountain Lodge, pick your own farms and orchards, Four County Players, Museum of Culpeper History, Mosby Area Heritage Tour, John S. Mosby Museum.

**Colleges:** Germanna Community College, Lord Fairfax Community College, Regional universities include: The University of Virginia (Charlottesville) and The University of Mary Washington (Fredericksburg).

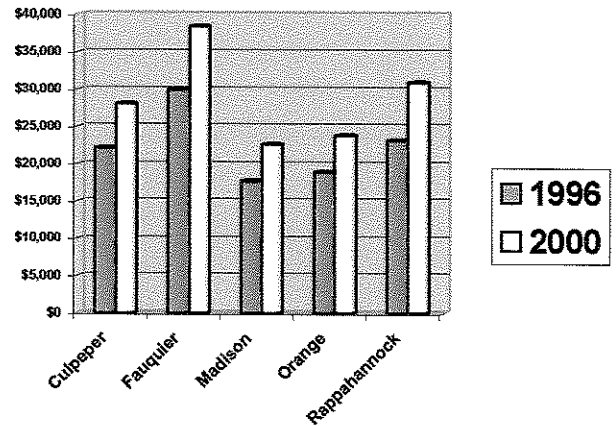
## Population

Source: 2000 Census

County	1980	1990	2000
Culpeper	22,620	27,791	34,262
Fauquier	35,889	48,860	55,139
Madison	10,232	11,949	12,520
Orange	18,063	21,421	25,881
Rappahannock	6,093	6,622	6,983
Rappahannock-Rapidan Region	92,897	116,643	134,785

## Per Capita Personal Income

Source: Weldon Cooper Center, UVA



## Average Residential Real Estate Selling Price

Source: MRIS - Metropolitan Regional Information Systems

County	1991	1998	2001	2003
Culpeper	\$118,727	\$185,000	\$187,364	\$246,698
Fauquier	183,000	204,650	265,753	356,877
Madison	88,899	101,000	182,245	167,841
Orange	103,658	122,670	169,916	201,681
Rappahannock	201,734	132,556	220,210	434,852

## Residential Building Permits

Source: Localities

County	1997	2000	2001	2003
Culpeper	302	301	422	901
Fauquier	259	409	514	573
Madison	86	104	106	120
Orange	266	217	283	380
Rappahannock	36	67	69	64

## Households

Source: Weldon Cooper Center, UVA

County	Avg. Size			
	1970	1980	1990	2000
Culpeper	3.36	2.93	2.79	2.68
Fauquier	3.41	3.05	2.89	2.75
Madison	3.35	2.98	2.83	2.60
Orange	3.20	2.86	2.67	2.50
Rappahannock	3.27	2.83	2.65	2.50

## Land in Farms

Source: 2002 VA Dept. of Agriculture Census of Agriculture

County	# of Farms	Acres in Farms	Avg. Acres
Culpeper	669	125,121	187
Fauquier	1,344	238,135	177
Madison	531	102,874	194
Orange	486	104,879	216
Rappahannock	443	78,483	177

## Employment by Place of Residence Basis

Source: 2000 Census

Industry	RRRC	Culpeper	Fauquier	Madison	Orange	Rapp.
Total employment	66,785	16,285	28,622	6,170	12,117	3,591
Agriculture, forestry, fishing & hunting, and mining	2,732	483	1,147	324	489	289
Construction	8,176	2,134	3,294	811	1,382	555
Manufacturing	6,098	1,601	1,791	1,006	1,515	185
Wholesale trade	2,089	506	965	137	430	51
Retail trade	7,500	1,929	3,173	684	1,433	281
Transportation & warehousing, and utilities	3,167	692	1,405	311	618	141
Information	2,737	528	1,546	151	371	141
Finance, insurance, real estate, & rental and leasing	3,865	878	1,981	258	603	145
Professional, scientific, management, administrative, & waste management services	7,087	1,761	3,591	413	894	428
Educational, health & social services	11,085	2,558	4,525	1,253	2,216	533
Arts, entertainment, recreation, accommodation & food services	3,644	751	1,563	195	825	310
Other services (except public administration)	3,953	1,185	1,453	365	697	253
Public administration	4,652	1,279	2,188	262	644	279

## Population by Age

Source: 1990 and 2000 Census

Age Group Years	Culpeper		Fauquier		Madison		Orange		Rappahannock	
	1990	2000	1990	2000	1990	2000	1990	2000	1990	2000
0 - 4	2,179	2,186	3,883	3,526	806	720	1,388	1,552	453	356
5-19	5,924	7,469	10,454	12,544	2,499	2,587	4,331	4,947	1,228	1,342
20-24	1,910	1,920	3,002	2,251	692	569	1,240	1,134	360	252
25-44	9,129	10,657	17,009	16,720	3,647	3,454	6,461	7,184	2,131	1,847
45-64	5,169	7,966	9,889	14,309	2,532	3,307	4,610	6,620	1,590	1,793
65-84	3,114	3,638	4,073	5,145	1,576	1,625	3,082	4,025	804	1,306
85+	366	426	431	644	197	258	309	419	56	87

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