

Table 6. Population for the 15 Largest Counties and Incorporated Places in Virginia: 1990 and 2000

NOTE: Data not adjusted based on the Accuracy and Coverage Evaluation. For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see <http://factfinder.census.gov/home/en/datanotes/expplu.html>.

Population rank		Geographic area	Population		Population change, 1990 to 2000	
2000	1990		2000	1990 ¹	Number	Percent
		Virginia	7 078 515	6 187 358	891 157	14.4
		COUNTY²				
1	1	Fairfax County	969 749	818 584	151 165	18.5
2	3	Prince William County	280 813	215 686	65 127	30.2
3	2	Henrico County	262 300	217 881	44 419	20.4
4	4	Chesterfield County	259 903	209 274	50 629	24.2
5	5	Arlington County	189 453	170 936	18 517	10.8
6	6	Loudoun County	169 599	86 129	83 470	96.9
7	11	Stafford County	92 446	61 236	31 210	51.0
8	13	Spotsylvania County	90 395	57 403	32 992	57.5
9	10	Hanover County	86 320	63 306	23 014	36.4
10	7	Roanoke County	85 778	79 332	6 446	8.1
11	8	Montgomery County	83 629	73 913	9 716	13.1
12	9	Albemarle County	79 236	68 040	11 196	16.5
13	12	Rockingham County	67 725	57 482	10 243	17.8
14	16	Augusta County	65 615	54 677	10 938	20.0
15	15	Pittsylvania County	61 745	55 655	6 090	10.9
		INCORPORATED PLACE²				
1	1	Virginia Beach city	425 257	393 069	32 188	8.2
2	2	Norfolk city	234 403	261 229	- 26 826	-10.3
3	5	Chesapeake city	199 184	151 976	47 208	31.1
4	3	Richmond city	197 790	203 056	- 5 266	-2.6
5	4	Newport News city	180 150	170 045	10 105	5.9
6	6	Hampton city	146 437	133 793	12 644	9.5
7	7	Alexandria city	128 283	111 183	17 100	15.4
8	8	Portsmouth city	100 565	103 907	- 3 342	-3.2
9	9	Roanoke city	94 911	96 397	- 1 486	-1.5
10	10	Lynchburg city	65 269	66 049	- 780	-1.2
11	12	Suffolk city	63 677	52 141	11 536	22.1
12	11	Danville city	48 411	53 056	- 4 645	-8.8
13	13	Charlottesville city	45 049	40 341	4 708	11.7
14	16	Harrisonburg city	40 468	30 707	9 761	31.8
15	15	Blacksburg town	39 573	34 590	4 983	14.4

- Represents zero or rounds to 0.0.

¹ 1990 census counts are as published in 1990 census reports and thus do not include any changes published subsequently due to boundary changes or to the Count Question Resolution program.

² "Independent cities" (cities that are independent of any county organization) are not shown here with counties. In 2000, Virginia had 40 independent cities. All places incorporated as cities in Virginia are independent cities.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 Redistricting Data (P.L. 94-171) Summary File, Table PL1, and 1990 census.