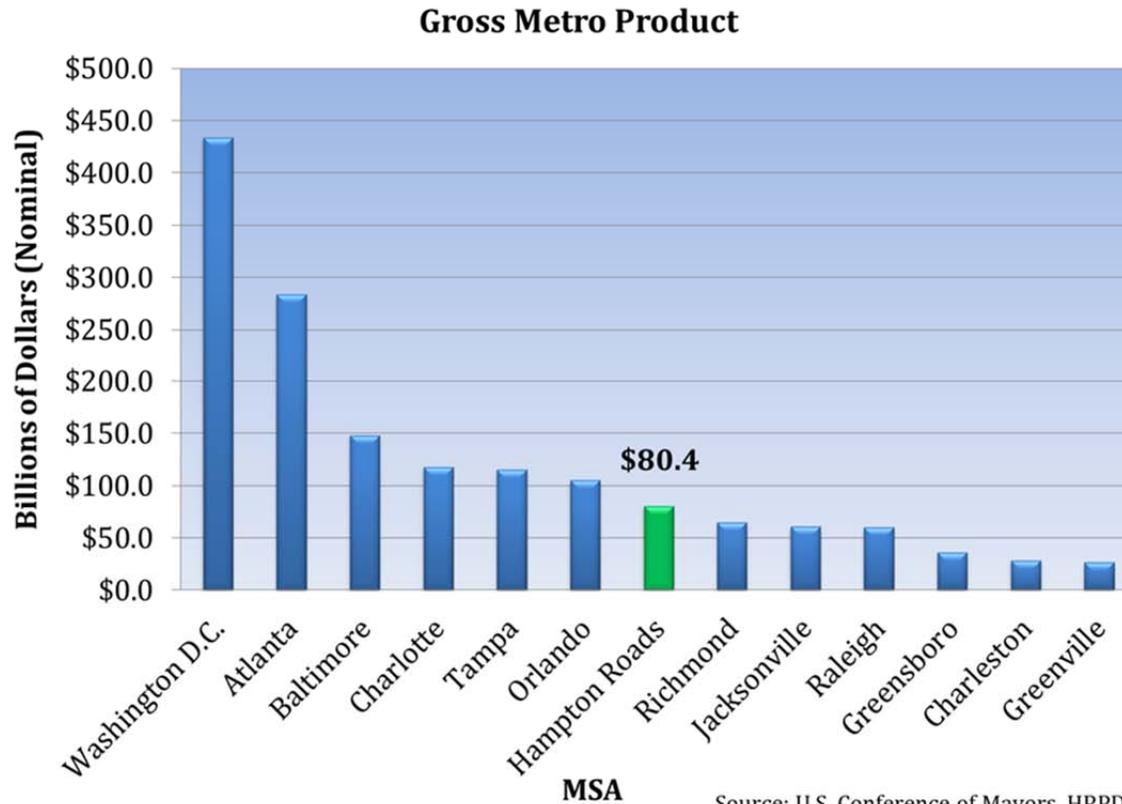


Figure 1.1 Gross Regional Product in Hampton Roads and Competing Metropolitan Areas



Source: U.S. Conference of Mayors, HRPDC

Why is it important?

It is important to understand the relative size of metro economies when making direct comparisons. This graphic illustrates the broad range in the size of Hampton Roads' competing metropolitan areas.

How are we doing?

Hampton Roads' gross regional product is comparable to other regional MSAs including Tampa, Orlando, Richmond, and Jacksonville. The region's GRP is the 40th largest in the country, just behind Bridgeport, Connecticut and ahead of New Orleans.

