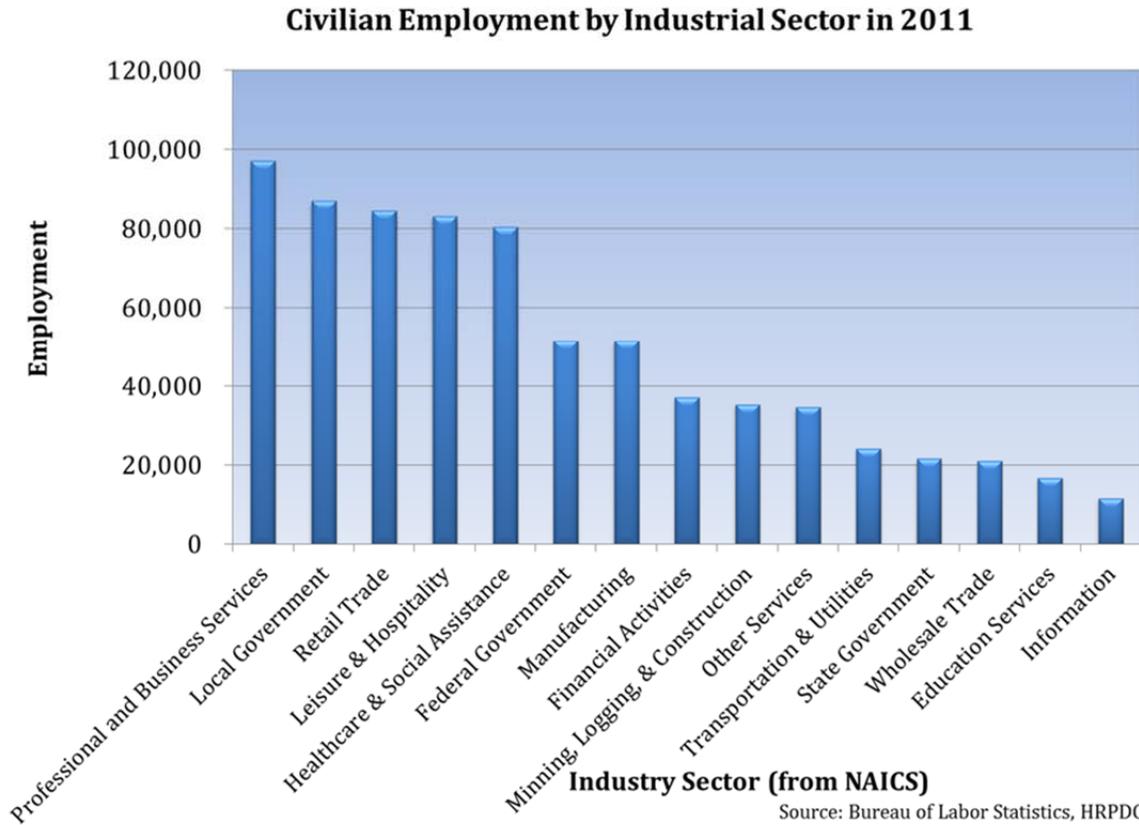


Figure 1.13 Distribution of Employment in Hampton Roads by Industry Sector



Why is it important?

Regional economic behavior is heavily influenced by its sector composition. The current industrial make-up of a region will influence future economic growth.

How are we doing?

Professional and business services, retail trade, and local government employment are the three largest employment sectors in Hampton Roads. Health Services have been growing in importance over the past decade, and was one of the few industries that kept expanding through the recession.