

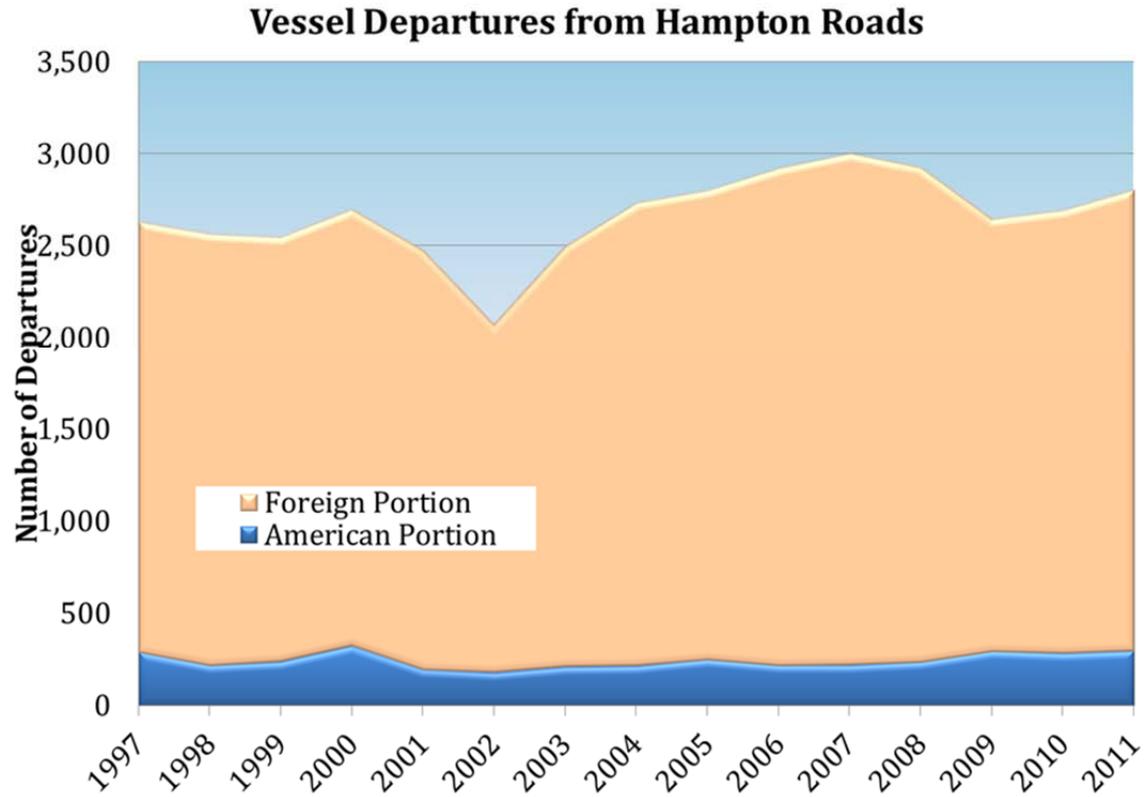
**Figure 2.10 Foreign and Domestic Vessel Calls in Hampton Roads**

**Why is it important?**

In order to better understand trends in the demand for port services it is important to recognize the source and destination of port traffic.

**How are we doing?**

The number of vessels moving through Hampton Roads is largely tied to the global demand for goods which rests on the overall economic health of the world. There have been large declines in port calls during the past two recessions. The number of ships should stay flat even as cargo volumes increase as ships continue to get larger, as shippers take advantage of economies of scale.



Source: Virginia Port Authority, HRPDC

