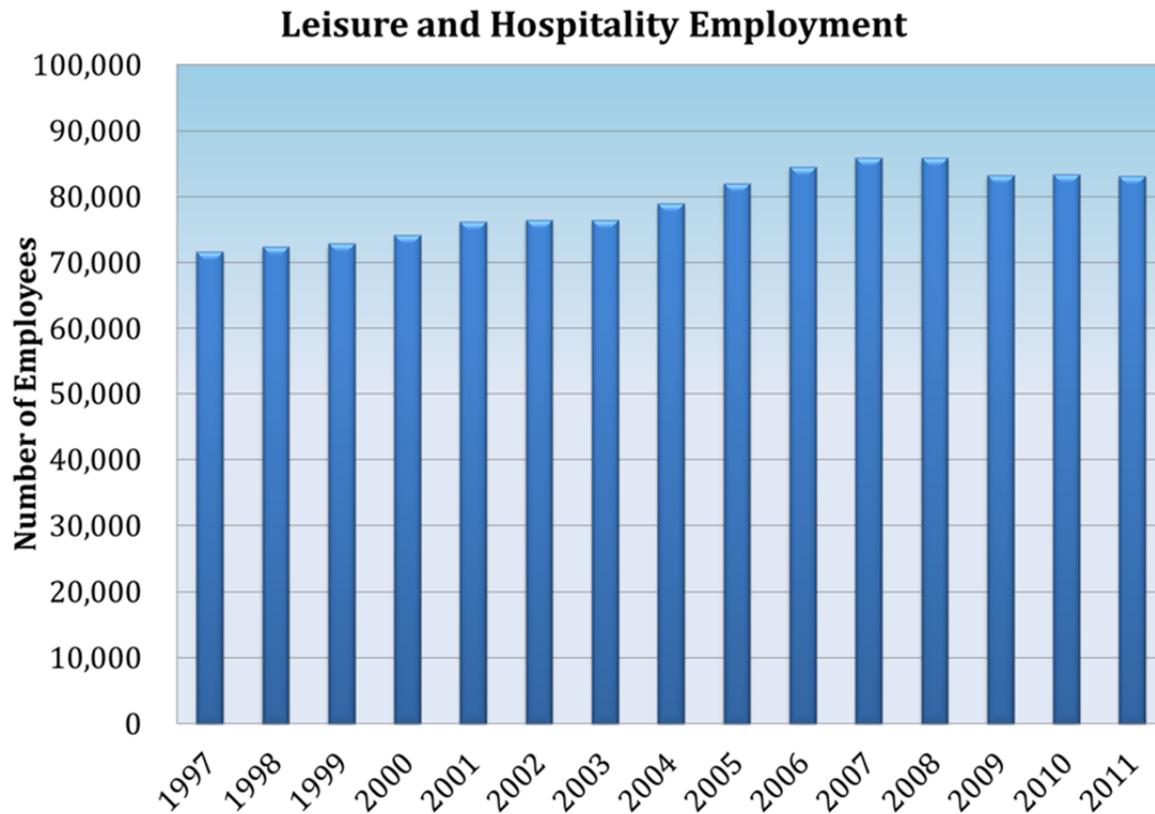


## Figure 2.15 Employment in Hampton Roads Leisure and Hospitality Industry



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, HRPDC

### Why is it important?

Increases in tourist activity are reflected in the level of employment in the leisure and hospitality industry.

### How are we doing?

Employment in the regional leisure and hospitality industry had been steadily increasing since 2001, but has declined off the previous high due to the prolonged weakness from the recession.