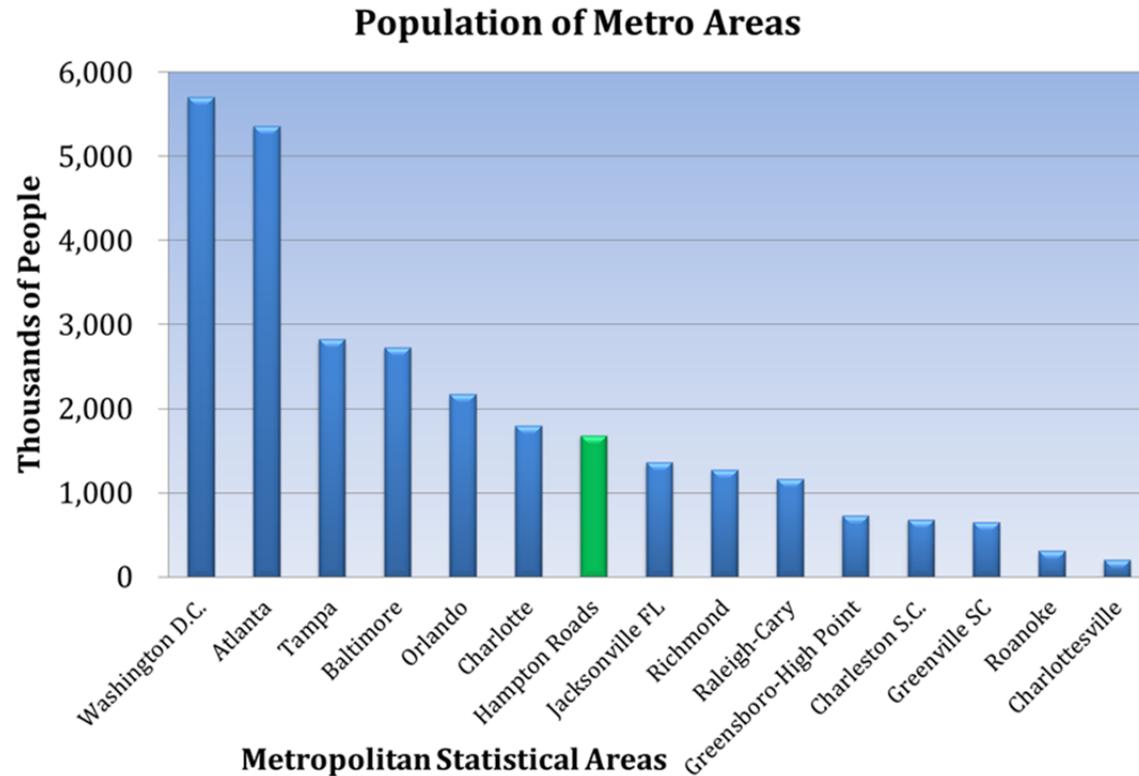


**Figure 3.1 Population of Hampton Roads and Competing Metro Areas in 2011**



**Why is it important?**

Population provides a context for understanding many economic and social indicators.

**How are we doing?**

With a population of 1.679 million in 2011, Hampton Roads was the 36th most populated metropolitan statistical area in the United States. While Washington and Atlanta are much bigger, Hampton Roads population level is average for Southeastern metro areas.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, HRPDC

