

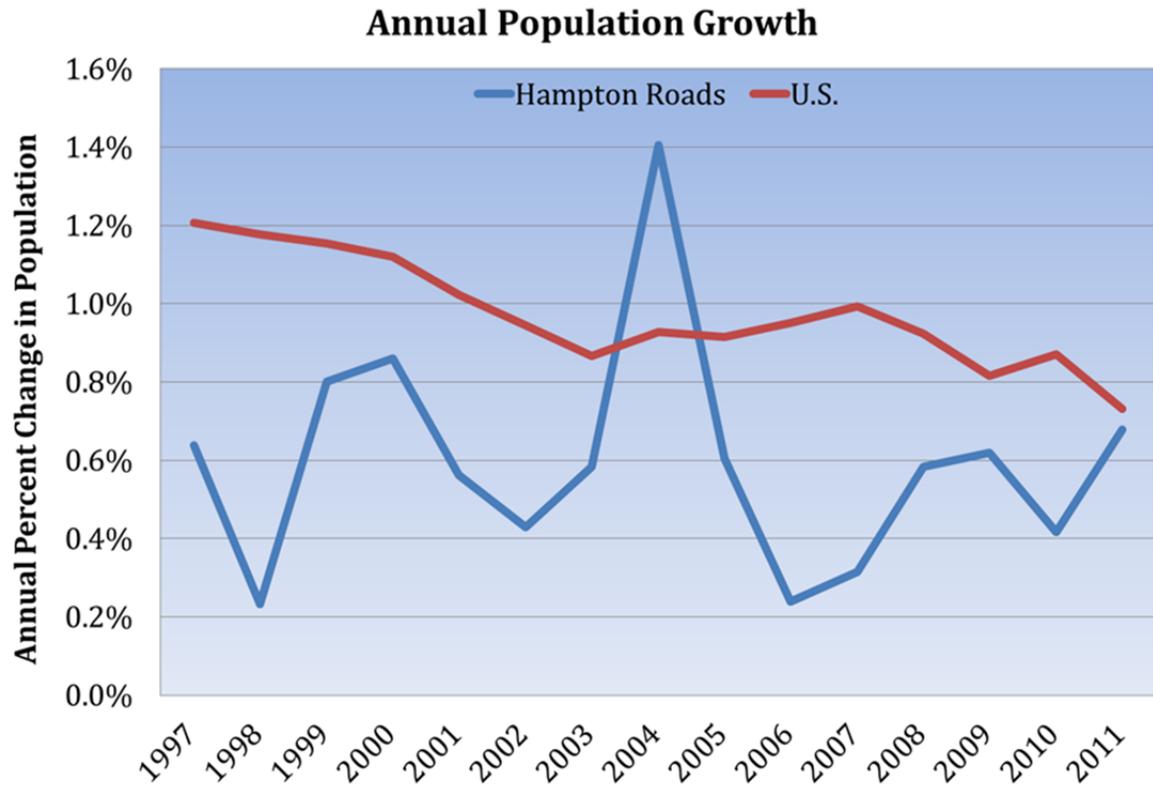
## Figure 3.2 Population Growth Rates in Hampton Roads and the United States

### Why is it important?

Population growth tracks closely with other expressions of economic growth. Changes in population can have very significant impacts on employment and income statistics.

### How are we doing?

By its nature, regional population growth has a significantly higher level of volatility than the nation. Hampton Roads' population has grown at a slower rate than the nation for 14 out of the last 15 years.



Source: Weldon Cooper Center, U.S. Census Bureau, HRPDC