

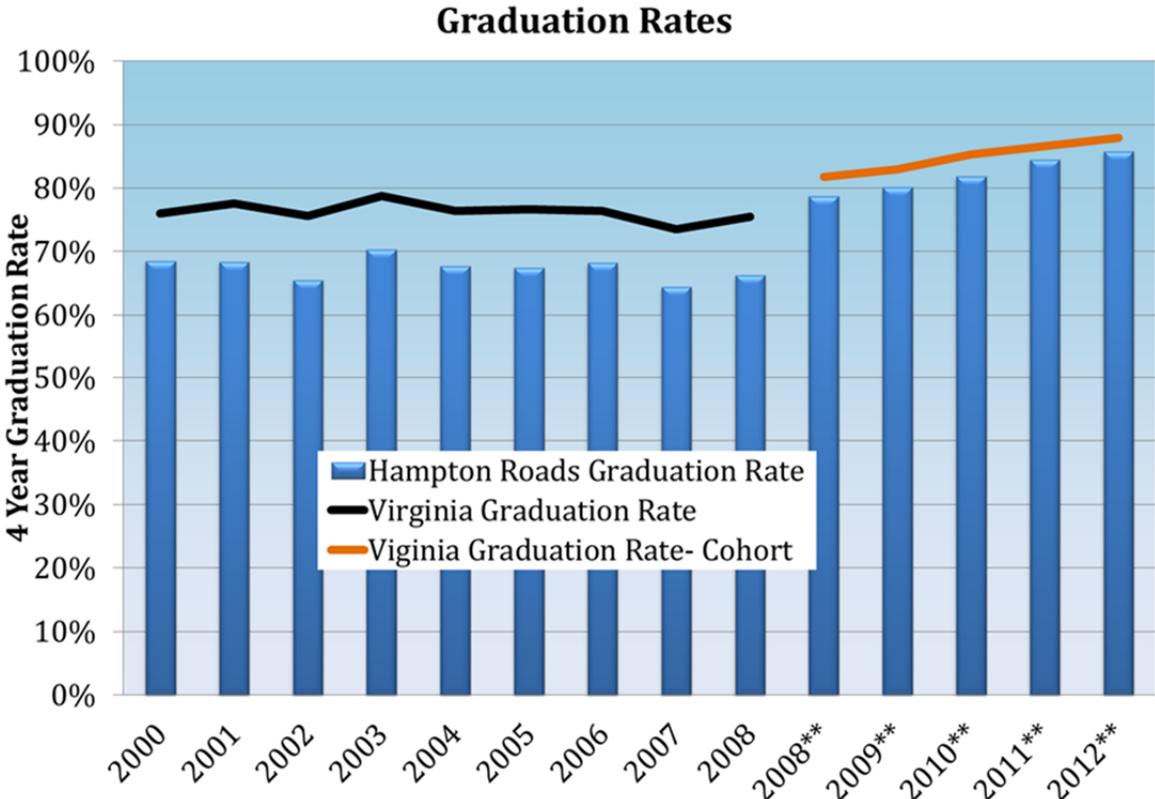
**Figure 6.8 Graduation Rates in Hampton Roads and Virginia**

**Why is it important?**

Graduation rates are a reflection of a school system’s ability to retain and educate students. High graduation rates contribute to a more educated workforce and an increased quality of life.

**How are we doing?**

Graduation rates in Hampton Roads have consistently lagged behind the state average; however, this gap closes with the use of the new longitudinal study that the Virginia Department of Education has adopted.



\*\* Dates are Graduation Rates using the new Cohort

Source: Virginia Department of Education, HRPDC

