Percent of the Labor Force in the Armed Forces

The military is such an important part of our community. Many active duty and retired military and their families call Virginia Beach home.

5.9%
Why It’s Important
The Hampton Roads area is home to one of the nation’s largest concentrations of military personnel, with approximately 110,000 active duty military personnel. The total Department of Defense population, including active duty, reserve, retirees and family members totals approximately 300,000 in an area with a total population of 1.8 million. The major military installations in the City are, the Naval Air Station (NAS) Oceana (including Dam Neck Annex), and the Joint Expeditionary Base (JEB) Little Creek-Fort Story. There are also several large military installations located in neighboring cities.
Description
This indicator measures the percentage of the total labor force that is employed in one of the branches of the military.