

# Envision 2020 Hampton Roads Resident Survey

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## This Report is One of 10 SIR Envision 2020 Input Deliverables\*

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## **Resident Survey Report Goals**

- Assess local attitudes and perceptions about the Hampton Roads region, Hampton Roads as a regional name, and the relative appeal of alternative names.
- Assess how residents rate the Hampton Roads region as a place to live, work, and play.
- Assess the current level of equity in the Hampton Roads name and the imagery associated with the name.
- Test the relative appeal of alternative names and/or taglines.

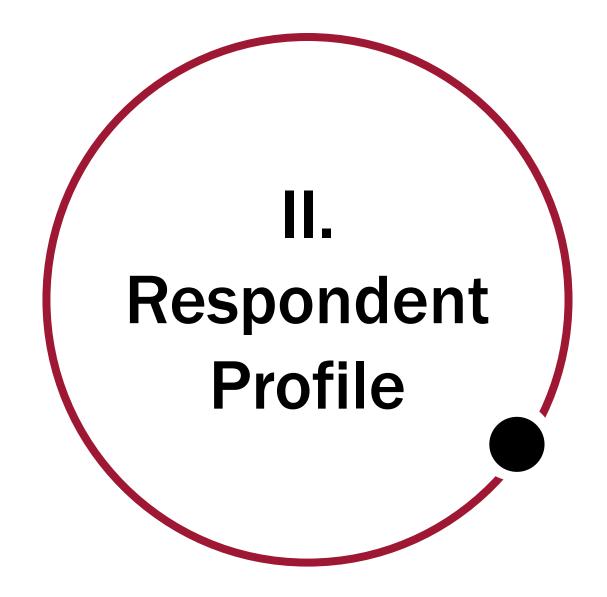


## Methodology

- The Envision 2020 Taskforce worked together with SIR to develop an online survey among residents who live in the Hampton Roads region.
- Survey respondents were gathered in two ways:
  - A Scientific Survey with a national panel partner (total sample n=615)
  - A Convenience Survey, currently in the field, being distributed through city social media and communications channels to gather additional input from Hampton Roads citizens (current sample n=1075). The convenience survey was split into two parts, each approximately 10 minutes in length.

This report contains additional analysis from the SCIENTIFIC survey, and CONVENIENCE data for a topline analysis.







# SCIENTIFIC STUDY DEMOGRAPHICS

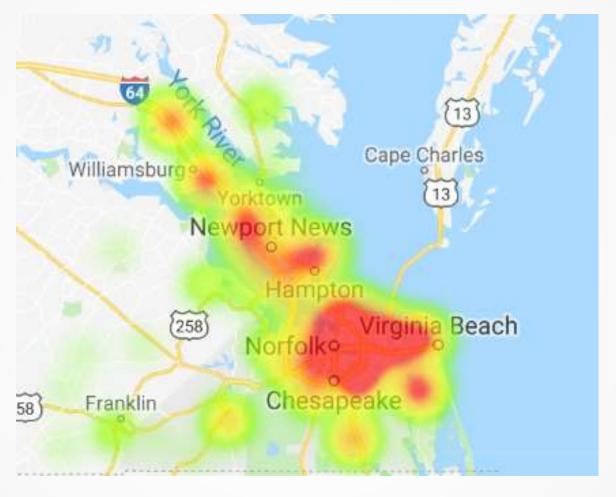


Scientific study respondent demographic data was compared to 2017 ACS Census estimates for gender, age, race, ethnicity, income, and location to ensure a dataset comparable to current Hampton Roads demographics

| DEMOGRAPHIC             | GROUP                          | SAMPLE % | CENSUS PROPORTION |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------|----------|-------------------|
| GENDER                  | Male                           | 50%      | 48%               |
|                         | Female                         | 50%      | 52%               |
| GENERATION              | Millennials (born 1983-1999)   | 33%      | 32%               |
|                         | Generation X (born 1965–1982)  | 27%      | 32%               |
|                         | Boomers (born prior to 1964)   | 40%      | 36%               |
| RACE                    | White                          | 59%      | 59%               |
|                         | Black / African American       | 32%      | 31%               |
|                         | Other                          | 9%       | 10%               |
| HISPANIC ETHNICITY      | Hispanic or Latino             | 8%       | 7%                |
|                         | Not Hispanic or Latino         | 92%      | 93%               |
| AREA OF HAMPTON ROADS   | Peninsula                      | 32%      | 31%               |
|                         | Southside                      | 68%      | 69%               |
| ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME | Average total household income | \$82,000 | \$82,000          |



# Scientific study respondents live across the Hampton Roads region





# Scientific study respondents come from all 17 Hampton Roads cities and counties

| PENINSULA    | SAMPLE % |
|--------------|----------|
| Newport News | 12%      |
| Hampton      | 7%       |
| James City   | 5%       |
| Williamsburg | 4%       |
| York         | 2%       |
| Gloucester   | 1%       |
| Poquoson     | 1%       |

| SOUTHSIDE                 | SAMPLE % |  |
|---------------------------|----------|--|
| Virginia Beach            | 27%      |  |
| Chesapeake                | 15%      |  |
| Norfolk                   | 13%      |  |
| Portsmouth                | 6%       |  |
| Suffolk                   | 4%       |  |
| Isle of Wight /Smithfield | 2%       |  |
| Franklin                  | 1%       |  |
| Southampton               | 1%       |  |
| Surry                     | 1%       |  |



## Other demographic information (cont'd)

| DEMOGRAPHIC                                | GROUP                                   | SAMPLE PROPORTION |
|--|---|-------------------|
| MILITARY SERVICE                           | Currently or have served                | 26%               |
|  | Have not served                         | 73%               |
| AVERAGE NUMBER OF YEARS<br>LIVED IN REGION | Average number of years lived in region | 23 years          |
| CHILDREN UNDER 18<br>IN HOUSEHOLD          | Children in household                   | 31%               |
|  | None                                    | 69%               |
| CURRENTLY ATTENDING COLLEGE                | Yes, in Hampton Roads                   | 11%               |
|  | Yes, outside Hampton Roads              | 3%                |
|  | No                                      | 86%               |

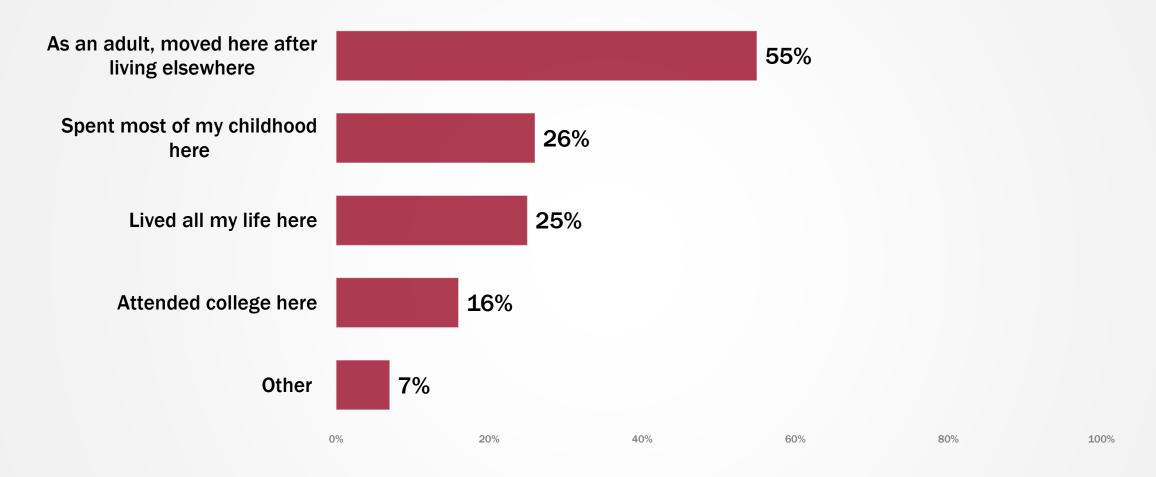


## Other demographic information (cont'd)

| DEMOGRAPHIC       | GROUP  | SAMPLE<br>PROPORTION<br>(Weighted) |
|-------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| EMPLOYMENT STATUS | Employed full time                                     | 45%                                |
|                   | Retired  | 22%                                |
|                   | Employed part time                                     | 11%                                |
|                   | Unemployed or temporarily laid off                     | 8%                                 |
|                   | Self-employed/freelancer/entrepreneur                  | 6%                                 |
|                   | Currently a student and not working                    | 2%                                 |
|                   | Currently a student and working part-time or full-time | 1%                                 |
|                   | Other  | 5%                                 |



# Most scientific study respondents moved to Hampton Roads from somewhere else, as an adult





# CONVENIENCE SURVEY DEMOGRAPHICS



## **Convenience Survey Demographics**

| DEMOGRAPHIC             | GROUP                          | SAMPLE %  |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------|
| CENDED                  | Male                           | 44%       |
| GENDER                  | Female                         | 56%       |
|                         | Millennials (born 1983-1999)   | 31%       |
| GENERATION              | Generation X (born 1965–1982)  | 36%       |
|                         | Boomers (born prior to 1964)   | 34%       |
|                         | White                          | 80%       |
| RACE                    | Black / African American       | 14%       |
|                         | Other                          | 6%        |
| LUCDANIO ETUNIOITY      | Hispanic or Latino             | 4%        |
| HISPANIC ETHNICITY      | Not Hispanic or Latino         | 96%       |
| ADEA OF HAMPTON DOADC   | Peninsula                      | 21%       |
| AREA OF HAMPTON ROADS   | Southside                      | 79%       |
| ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME | Average total household income | \$116,000 |



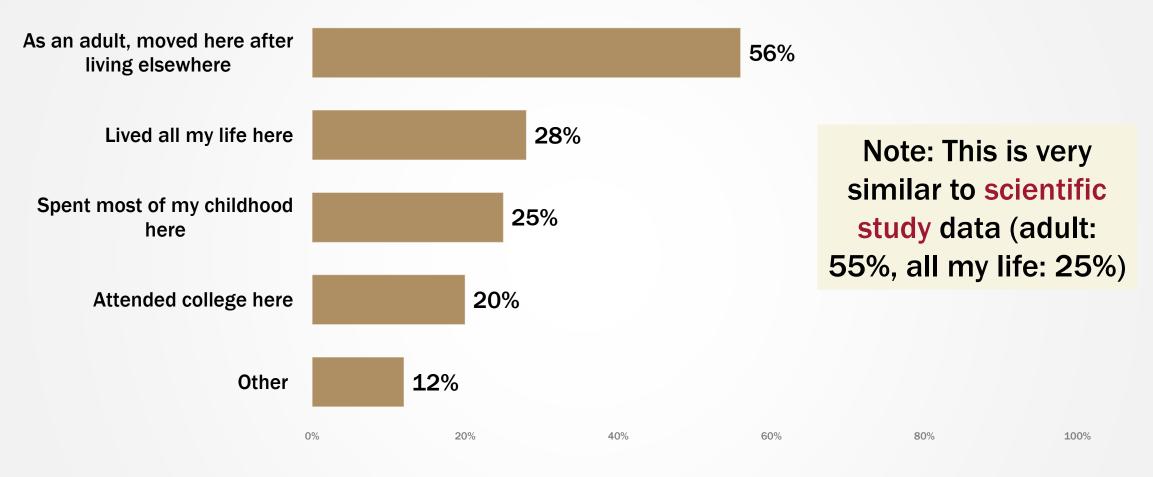
## Convenience respondents mostly come from Virginia Beach and Norfolk

| PENINSULA    | SAMPLE % |
|--------------|----------|
| Hampton      | 8%       |
| Newport News | 5%       |
| York         | 3%       |
| Williamsburg | 2%       |
| James City   | 2%       |
| Gloucester   | <1%      |
| Poquoson     | <1%      |

| SOUTHSIDE                 | SAMPLE % |
|---------------------------|----------|
| Virginia Beach            | 35%      |
| Norfolk                   | 24%      |
| Chesapeake                | 11%      |
| Portsmouth                | 3%       |
| Suffolk                   | 3%       |
| Isle of Wight /Smithfield | 1%       |
| Franklin                  | <1%      |
| Southampton               | <1%      |
| Surry                     | <1%      |



## Most convenience study respondents moved to Hampton Roads from somewhere else, as an adult





# The Convenience sample is more white, higher income, and more likely to live on the Southside of the region

| DEMOGRAPHIC             | GROUP                          | SCIENTIFIC | CONVENIENCE |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------|------------|-------------|
| GENDER                  | Male                           | 50%        | 44%         |
|                         | Female                         | 50%        | 56%         |
| GENERATION              | Millennials (born 1983-1999)   | 33%        | 31%         |
|                         | Generation X (born 1965–1982)  | 27%        | 36%         |
|                         | Boomers (born prior to 1964)   | 40%        | 34%         |
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## **REGIONAL ATTRIBUTES**

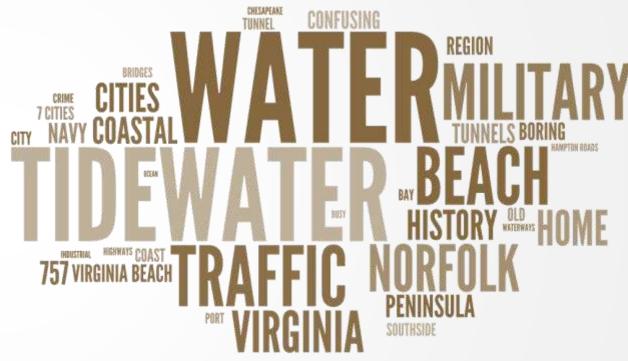


# When you think about the Hampton Roads region, what three words come to mind?

#### **SCIENTIFIC**



#### CONVENIENCE





#### **MILITARY**

# When you think about the Hampton Roads region, what three words come to mind?

**MILITARY** 

**NON-MILITARY** 

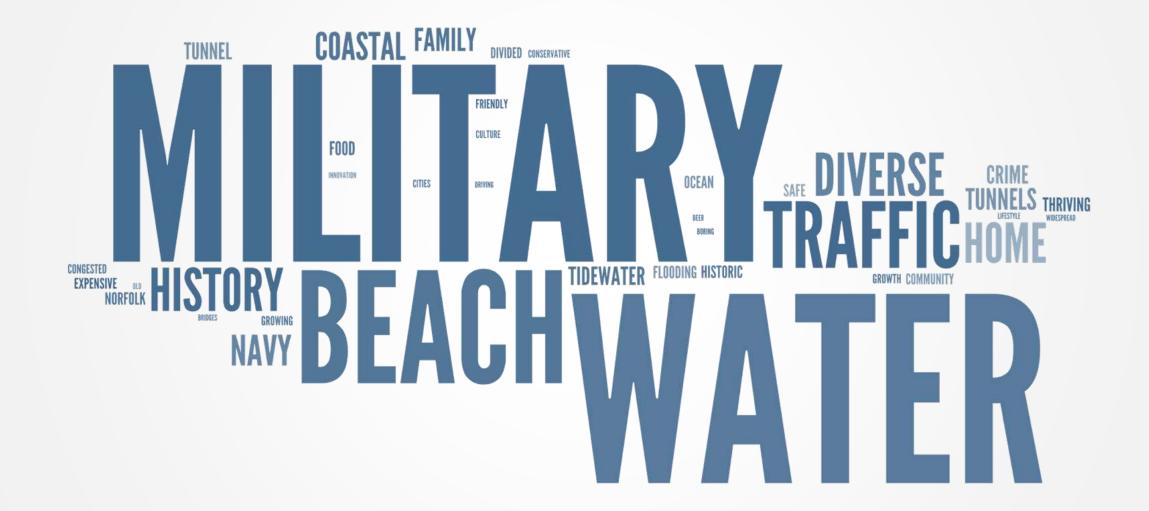






#### YOUNG PROFESSIONALS / NEXT GEN

# When you think about the Hampton Roads region, what three words come to mind?





What is one thing that makes the Hampton Roads region a unique place compared to other places you could live in the United States?

#### **SCIENTIFIC**

# VIRGINIA PLACE SMALL WEATHER PEOPLE LARGE CLIMATE VARIETY

#### CONVENIENCE





## **GAP ANALYSIS**



Regional attributes (both rational and emotional) were presented to scientific study respondents.

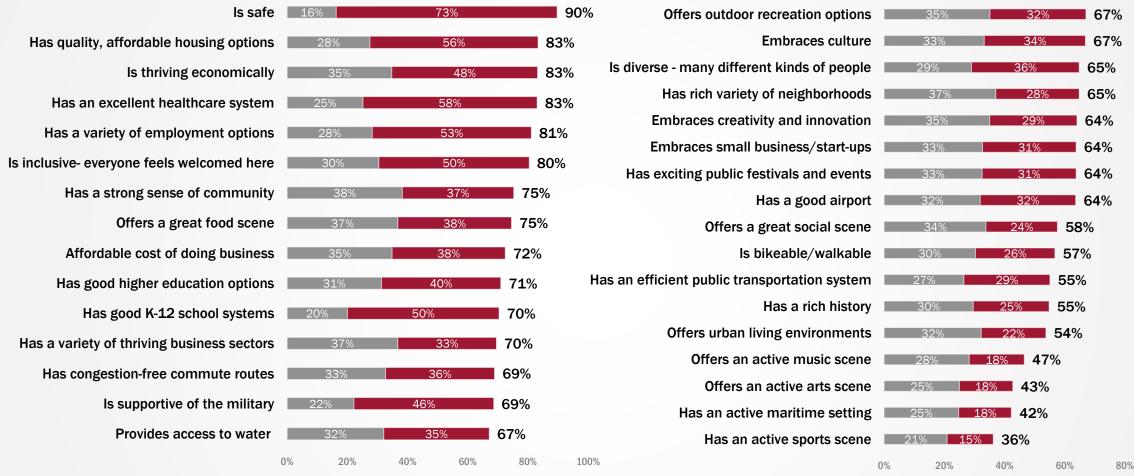
Respondents rated these attributes in importance and in how well Hampton Roads performed on these attributes. Gap Analysis was preformed to discover which city/regional traits were over- or underperforming in the Hampton Roads region.



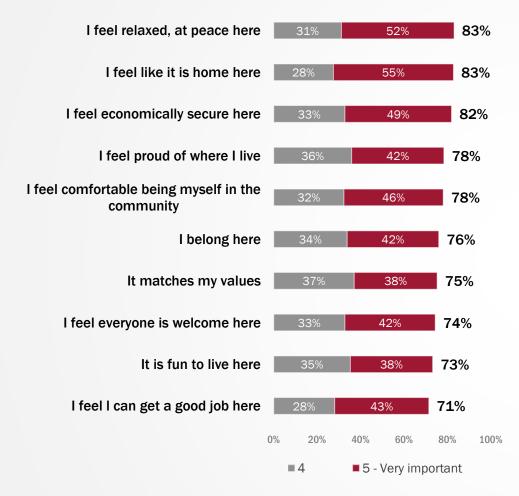
# **IDEAL PLACE**

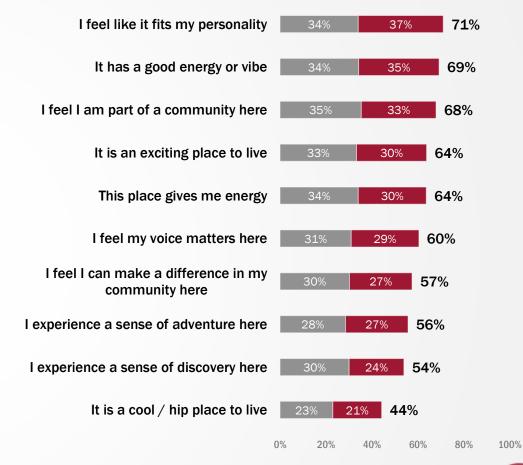


# Respondents place IMPORTANCE on many RATIONAL attributes, especially safety, housing, economics, and healthcare



## Respondents also place IMPORTANCE on many EMOTIONAL city attributes, especially feeling at peace, at home, and economically secure

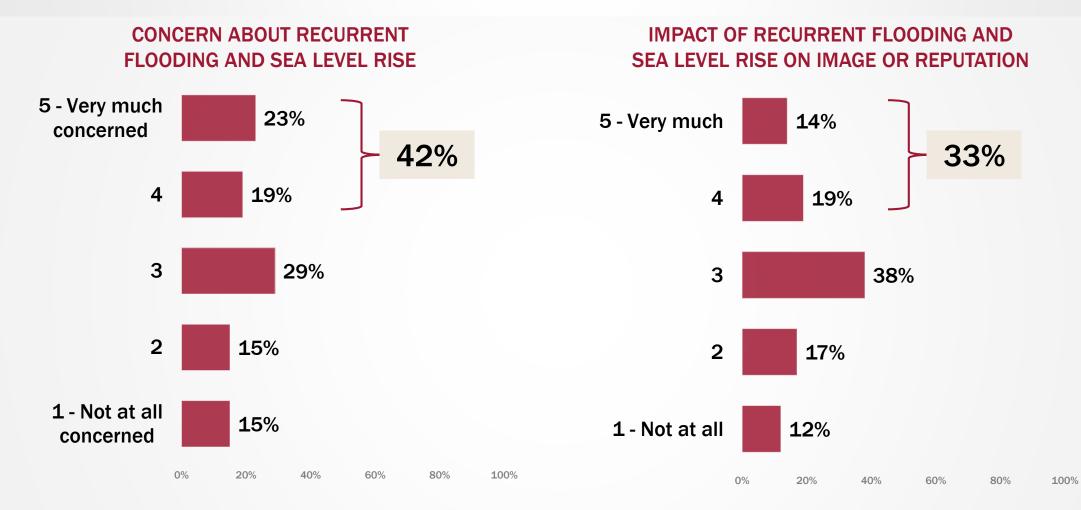




# **PERFORMANCE**

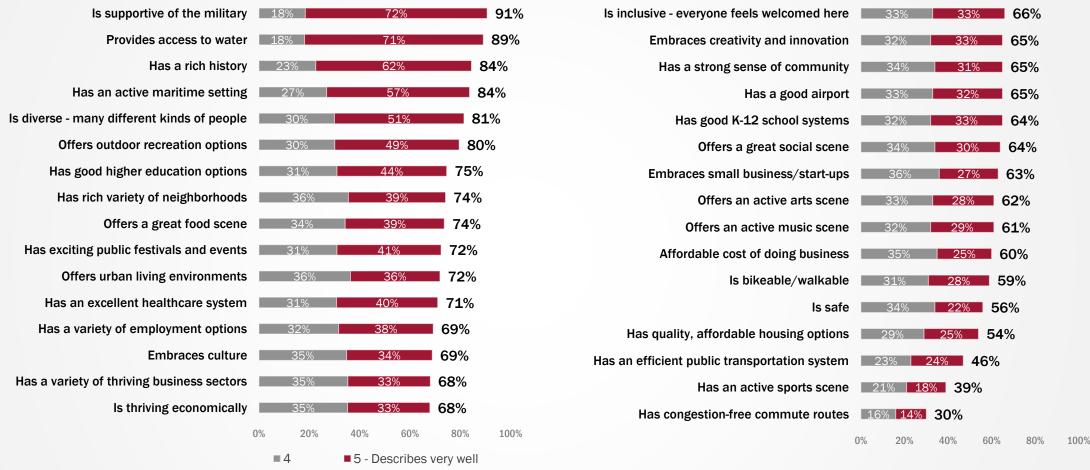


# Two in five respondents have concerns about recurrent flooding and sea level rise, but only one third feel it impacts Hampton Roads today



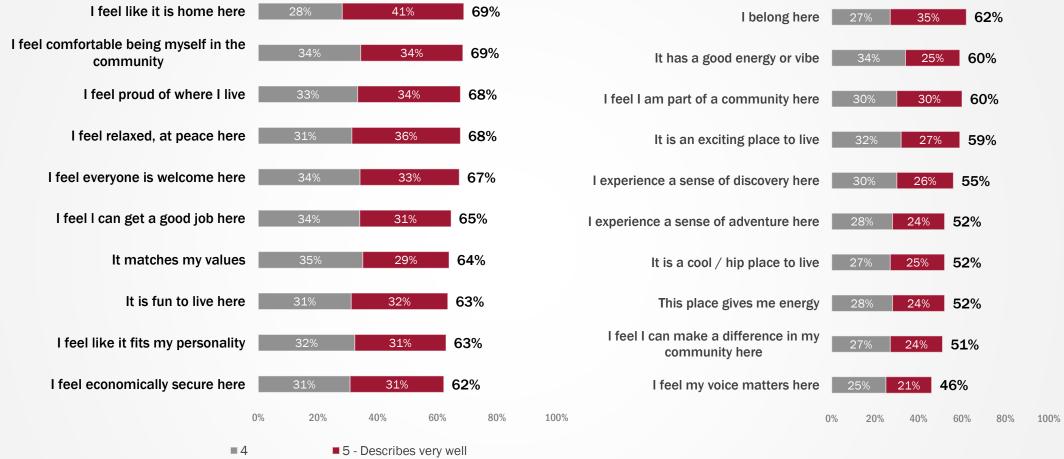


# Respondents believe the RATIONAL attributes where HR PERFORMS best are military support, access to water, its rich history, and maritime setting





# Respondents feel the **EMOTIONAL** attributes where HR **PERFORMS** best are feeling like it is home and being comfortable in the community





## **GAP ANALYSIS**



## **Understanding gap analysis**

### **Expectation vs. performance**

The first step in identifying areas of opportunity is to look at **gap analysis**. This gathers ratings of what respondents find important when it comes to the ideal place they'd want to live — their expectation.

The process then follows up by asking respondents how well those various attributes actually describe Hampton Roads — its performance.

AVERAGE PERFORMANCE



AVERAGE IMPORTANCE

of attribute



GAP SCORE

of attribute



### GAP ANALYSIS: RATIONAL ATTRIBUTES (slide 1 of 3)

Among the most important areas, those performing <u>below</u> expectations are safety and affordable housing options

| ATTRIBUTE   | IMPORTANCE<br>AVERAGE | PERFORMANCE<br>AVERAGE | GAP SCORE |
|---|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------|
| Is safe   | 4.60                  | 3.58                   | 78%       |
| Has an excellent healthcare system/medical facilities | 4.37                  | 3.99                   | 91%       |
| Has quality, affordable housing options               | 4.33                  | 3.54                   | 82%       |
| Is thriving economically                              | 4.27                  | 3.87                   | 91%       |
| Has a variety of employment options                   | 4.27                  | 3.93                   | 92%       |
| Is inclusive - everyone feels welcomed here           | 4.23                  | 3.83                   | 91%       |
| Offers a great food scene                             | 4.05                  | 4.03                   | 100%      |
| Has a strong sense of community                       | 4.05                  | 3.82                   | 94%       |
| Affordable cost of doing business                     | 4.02                  | 3.69                   | 92%       |
| Is supportive of the military                         | 4.01                  | 4.58                   | 114%      |

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### GAP ANALYSIS: RATIONAL ATTRIBUTES (slide 2 of 3)

Attributes performing **below** expectations are congestion-free commute routes

| ATTRIBUTE   | IMPORTANCE<br>AVERAGE | PERFORMANCE<br>AVERAGE | GAP SCORE |
|---|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------|
| Has good K-12 school systems                                  | 3.95                  | 3.83                   | 97%       |
| Has good higher education options (colleges and universities) | 3.95                  | 4.08                   | 103%      |
| Has congestion-free commute routes                            | 3.94                  | 2.74                   | 70%       |
| Has a variety of thriving business sectors                    | 3.93                  | 3.90                   | 99%       |
| Provides access to water (e.g., river, lakes, bay, ocean)     | 3.88                  | 4.55                   | 117%      |
| Offers outdoor recreation options                             | 3.87                  | 4.22                   | 109%      |
| Embraces culture  | 3.86                  | 3.89                   | 101%      |
| Is diverse - many different kinds of people live here         | 3.85                  | 4.26                   | 111%      |
| Embraces small business/start-ups/entrepreneurship            | 3.82                  | 3.78                   | 99%       |
| Has exciting public festivals and events                      | 3.81                  | 4.03                   | 106%      |

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### GAP ANALYSIS: RATIONAL ATTRIBUTES (slide 3 of 3)

Active maritime setting and rich history are very above expectations

| ATTRIBUTE                                     | IMPORTANCE<br>AVERAGE | PERFORMANCE<br>AVERAGE | GAP SCORE |
|---|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------|
| Has rich variety of neighborhoods             | 3.80                  | 4.02                   | 106%      |
| Embraces creativity and innovation            | 3.80                  | 3.87                   | 102%      |
| Has a good airport                            | 3.75                  | 3.80                   | 101%      |
| Offers a great social scene                   | 3.63                  | 3.81                   | 105%      |
| Is bikeable/walkable                          | 3.63                  | 3.67                   | 101%      |
| Has an efficient public transportation system | 3.57                  | 3.31                   | 93%       |
| Has a rich history                            | 3.57                  | 4.39                   | 123%      |
| Offers urban living environments              | 3.54                  | 3.97                   | 112%      |
| Offers an active music scene                  | 3.36                  | 3.74                   | 111%      |
| Has an active maritime setting                | 3.29                  | 4.35                   | 132%      |
| Offers an active arts scene                   | 3.24                  | 3.76                   | 116%      |

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### GAP ANALYSIS: EMOTIONAL ATTRIBUTES (slide 1 of 2)

Among the most important emotional areas, none fall **below** the expectation threshold

| ATTRIBUTE  | IMPORTANCE<br>AVERAGE | PERFORMANCE<br>AVERAGE | GAP SCORE |
|--|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------|
| I feel like it is home here                      | 4.32                  | 3.87                   | 90%       |
| I feel relaxed, at peace here                    | 4.28                  | 3.85                   | 90%       |
| I feel economically secure here                  | 4.22                  | 3.69                   | 87%       |
| I feel comfortable being myself in the community | 4.16                  | 3.84                   | 92%       |
| I feel proud of where I live                     | 4.11                  | 3.82                   | 93%       |
| I belong here                                    | 4.08                  | 3.73                   | 91%       |
| I feel everyone is welcome here                  | 4.07                  | 3.84                   | 94%       |
| It matches my values                             | 4.03                  | 3.71                   | 92%       |
| It is fun to live here                           | 4.01                  | 3.75                   | 94%       |
| I feel like it fits my personality               | 3.99                  | 3.70                   | 93%       |

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### GAP ANALYSIS: EMOTIONAL ATTRIBUTES (slide 2 of 2)

Among the most important emotional areas, none fall below the expectation threshold

| ATTRIBUTE   | IMPORTANCE<br>AVERAGE | PERFORMANCE<br>AVERAGE | GAP SCORE |
|---|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------|
| I feel I can get a good job here                    | 3.96                  | 3.70                   | 93%       |
| It has a good energy or vibe                        | 3.92                  | 3.63                   | 93%       |
| I feel I am part of a community here                | 3.90                  | 3.65                   | 94%       |
| This place gives me energy                          | 3.80                  | 3.46                   | 91%       |
| It is an exciting place to live                     | 3.79                  | 3.63                   | 96%       |
| I feel my voice matters here                        | 3.72                  | 3.33                   | 90%       |
| I feel I can make a difference in my community here | 3.66                  | 3.47                   | 95%       |
| I experience a sense of adventure here              | 3.65                  | 3.47                   | 95%       |
| I experience a sense of discovery here              | 3.62                  | 3.55                   | 98%       |
| It is a cool / hip place to live                    | 3.37                  | 3.49                   | 104%      |

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### **MILLENNIAL MAP**



### YOUNG PROFESSIONALS / NEXT GEN

- **Under 40**
- Working
- Convenience Study data (n=157)



### MILLENNIAL MAP: RATIONAL ATTRIBUTES (slide 1 of 3)

Among the most important areas, those performing especially <u>below</u> expectations are affordable housing, safety, economics, and inclusiveness

| ATTRIBUTE   | IMPORTANCE<br>AVERAGE | PERFORMANCE<br>AVERAGE | GAP SCORE |
|---|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------|
| Is safe   | 4.68                  | 3.24                   | 69%       |
| Is inclusive - everyone feels welcomed here           | 4.64                  | 3.39                   | 73%       |
| Is thriving economically                              | 4.60                  | 3.32                   | 72%       |
| Has a variety of employment options                   | 4.59                  | 3.42                   | 75%       |
| Has quality, affordable housing options               | 4.47                  | 2.96                   | 66%       |
| Has an excellent healthcare system/medical facilities | 4.44                  | 3.69                   | 83%       |
| Offers a great food scene                             | 4.44                  | 3.69                   | 83%       |
| Has a variety of thriving business sectors            | 4.37                  | 3.25                   | 74%       |
| Embraces culture                                      | 4.37                  | 3.42                   | 78%       |
| Has good K-12 school systems                          | 4.33                  | 3.24                   | 75%       |

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### MILLENNIAL MAP: RATIONAL ATTRIBUTES (slide 2 of 3)

Attributes performing <u>below</u> expectations are congestion-free commute routes, good airport, embracing creativity, and sense of community

| ATTRIBUTE   | IMPORTANCE<br>AVERAGE | PERFORMANCE<br>AVERAGE | GAP SCORE |
|---|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------|
| Offers outdoor recreation options                         | 4.32                  | 3.99                   | 92%       |
| Embraces creativity and innovation                        | 4.30                  | 3.26                   | 76%       |
| Has a strong sense of community                           | 4.27                  | 3.27                   | 77%       |
| Embraces small business/start-ups/entrepreneurship        | 4.23                  | 3.47                   | 82%       |
| Provides access to water (e.g., river, lakes, bay, ocean) | 4.20                  | 4.65                   | 111%      |
| Affordable cost of doing business                         | 4.20                  | 3.38                   | 80%       |
| Is diverse - many different kinds of people live here     | 4.19                  | 4.03                   | 96%       |
| Has exciting public festivals and events                  | 4.18                  | 3.92                   | 94%       |
| Has a good airport  | 4.17                  | 3.07                   | 74%       |
| Has congestion-free commute routes                        | 4.14                  | 1.89                   | 46%       |

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### MILLENNIAL MAP: RATIONAL ATTRIBUTES (slide 3 of 3)

Young professionals also find public transportation, walkability and sports to be under expectations in Hampton Roads

| ATTRIBUTE   | IMPORTANCE<br>AVERAGE | PERFORMANCE<br>AVERAGE | GAP SCORE |
|---|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------|
| Offers a great social scene                                   | 4.09                  | 3.43                   | 84%       |
| Is bikeable/walkable  | 4.06                  | 2.46                   | 61%       |
| Has rich variety of neighborhoods                             | 4.03                  | 3.75                   | 93%       |
| Has good higher education options (colleges and universities) | 3.94                  | 3.71                   | 94%       |
| Has an efficient public transportation system                 | 3.88                  | 1.91                   | 49%       |
| Offers urban living environments                              | 3.70                  | 3.54                   | 96%       |
| Offers an active music scene                                  | 3.61                  | 3.36                   | 93%       |
| Offers an active arts scene                                   | 3.59                  | 3.47                   | 97%       |
| Has a rich history  | 3.59                  | 4.37                   | 122%      |
| Is supportive of the military                                 | 3.36                  | 4.73                   | 141%      |
| Has an active maritime setting                                | 3.17                  | 4.53                   | 143%      |
| Has an active sports scene/professional sports teams          | 2.88                  | 2.05                   | 71%       |

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### MILLENNIAL MAP: EMOTIONAL ATTRIBUTES (slide 1 of 2)

Among the most important areas, emotional attributes that fall **below** the expectation threshold are regarding jobs, economics, inclusion, and good energy/vibe

| ATTRIBUTE  | IMPORTANCE<br>AVERAGE | PERFORMANCE<br>AVERAGE | GAP SCORE |
|--|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------|
| I feel I can get a good job here                 | 4.68                  | 3.50                   | 75%       |
| I feel like it is home here                      | 4.61                  | 3.92                   | 85%       |
| I feel economically secure here                  | 4.61                  | 3.44                   | 75%       |
| I feel comfortable being myself in the community | 4.46                  | 3.84                   | 86%       |
| I feel relaxed, at peace here                    | 4.46                  | 3.61                   | 81%       |
| I feel everyone is welcome here                  | 4.42                  | 3.44                   | 78%       |
| I feel proud of where I live                     | 4.41                  | 3.57                   | 81%       |
| It is fun to live here                           | 4.37                  | 3.60                   | 82%       |
| It has a good energy or vibe                     | 4.34                  | 3.38                   | 78%       |
| I belong here                                    | 4.33                  | 3.61                   | 83%       |

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### MILLENNIAL MAP: EMOTIONAL ATTRIBUTES (slide 2 of 2)

Other emotional attributes that fall **below** the expectation threshold are regarding values, energy, and feeling heard

| ATTRIBUTE   | IMPORTANCE<br>AVERAGE | PERFORMANCE<br>AVERAGE | GAP SCORE |
|---|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------|
| I feel like it fits my personality                  | 4.27                  | 3.54                   | 83%       |
| It matches my values                                | 4.18                  | 3.28                   | 78%       |
| I feel I am part of a community here                | 4.16                  | 3.43                   | 82%       |
| This place gives me energy                          | 4.06                  | 3.13                   | 77%       |
| I feel I can make a difference in my community here | 4.03                  | 3.41                   | 85%       |
| I feel my voice matters here                        | 4.01                  | 2.96                   | 74%       |
| It is an exciting place to live                     | 3.94                  | 3.19                   | 81%       |
| I experience a sense of adventure here              | 3.81                  | 3.05                   | 80%       |
| I experience a sense of discovery here              | 3.75                  | 3.13                   | 83%       |
| It is a cool / hip place to live                    | 3.68                  | 3.00                   | 82%       |

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# OPPORTUNITY MAPPING



### **Understanding Opportunity Mapping**

- Similar to Gap Analysis,
   OPPORTUNITY MAPPING
   is another way to look at importance and performance attributes.
- Using a four-quadrant map, average Top 2 Box ratings for importance and performance for each attribute are mapped based off their relationship to overall question averages.



### Attributes with:

- Higher than average importance
- 2. Lower than average performance

your best

GROWTH

OPPORTUNITIES



# RATIONAL OPPORTUNITY MAP

Safety, affordable housing, inclusivity, sense of community, affordable business costs, good K-12 schools, and congestion-free commutes are rational city attributes that are highly important to residents but are under-performing by the Hampton Roads region.

### BEST GROWTH OPPORTUNITY

- ls safe
- Has quality, affordable housing options
- Is inclusive everyone feels welcomed here
- Has a strong sense of community
- Affordable cost of doing business
- Has good K-12 school systems
- Has congestion-free commute routes

#### REINFORCE

- Is thriving economically
- Has an excellent healthcare system/medical facilities
- Has a variety of employment options
- Offers a great food scene
- Has good higher education options
- Has a variety of thriving business sectors
- Is supportive of the military
- Provides access to water (e.g., river, lakes, bay, ocean)
- Offers outdoor recreation options
- Embraces culture

#### **VALUE-ADD SATISFIERS**

- Is diverse many different kinds of people live here
- Has rich variety of neighborhoods
- Has exciting public festivals and events
- Has a rich history
- Offers urban living environments
- Has an active maritime setting

#### **ALREADY WORKING**

- Embraces creativity and innovation
- Embraces small business/startups/entrepreneurship
- Has a good airport
- Offers a great social scene
- Is bikeable/walkable
- Has efficient public transportation
   Offers an active music scene
- Offers an active arts scene
- Has an active sports
   scene/professional sports teams



# **EMOTIONAL**OPPORTUNITY MAP

Having a good energy/vibe is an emotional city attribute that is highly important to residents but is under-performing by the Hampton Roads region.

### BEST GROWTH OPPORTUNITY

It has a good energy or vibe

#### REINFORCE

- I feel relaxed, at peace here
- I feel like it is home here
- I feel economically secure here
- I feel proud of where I live
- I feel comfortable being myself
- I belong here
- It matches my values
- I feel everyone is welcome here
- It is fun to live here
- I feel I can get a good job here
- I feel like it fits my personality

#### **VALUE-ADD SATISFIERS**

- I feel I am part of a community here
- It is an exciting place to live

PORTANC

- This place gives me energy
- I feel my voice matters here
- I feel I can make a difference in my community here
- I experience a sense of adventure here
- I experience a sense of discovery here
- It is a cool / hip place to live

#### **ALREADY WORKING**

None



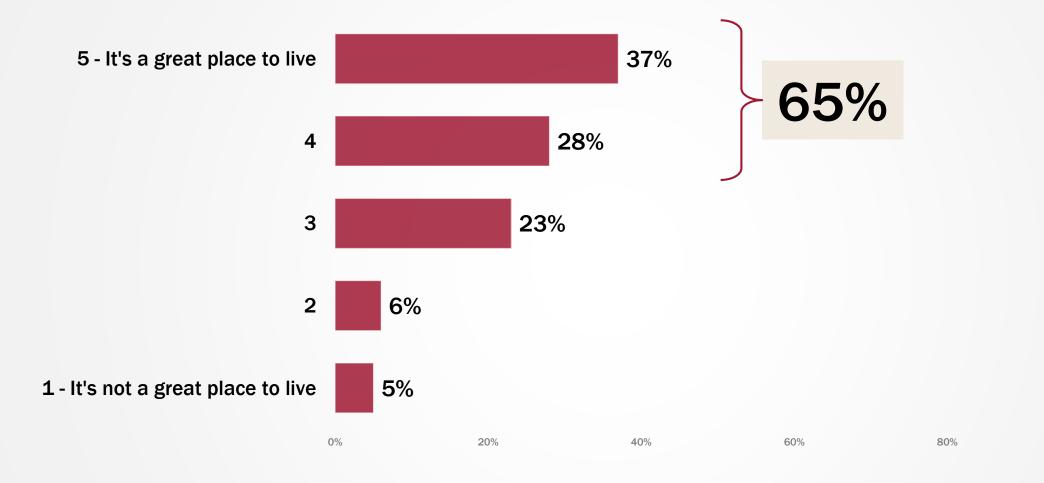
# HAMPTON ROADS' PLACE SCORE



SIR's proprietary PLACE score represents the five elements of a quality place — what it's like to live, play, visit, work, and learn in a region. Scientific study respondents' data was analyzed to determine Hampton Roads' PLACE score.



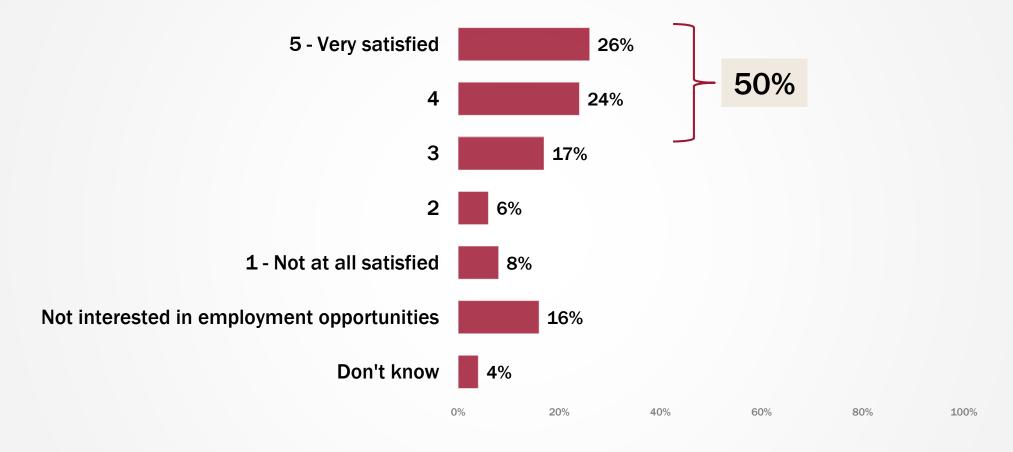
# About two thirds of respondents feel Hampton Roads is a good/great place to live





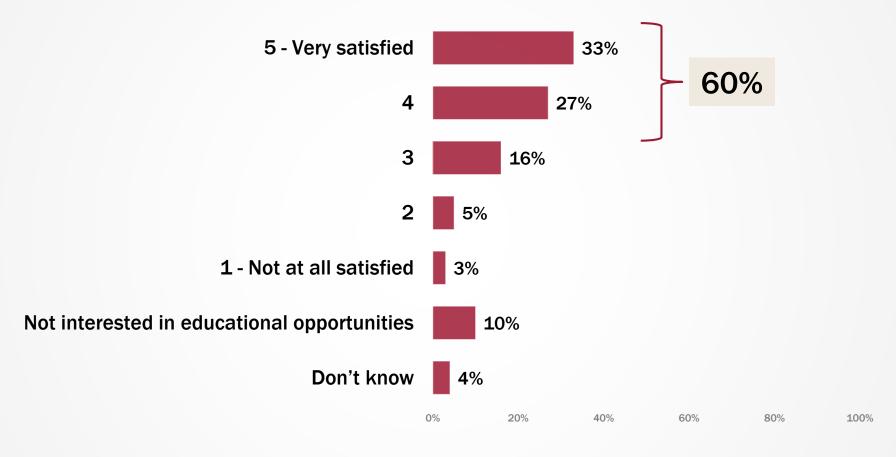
100%

# Half of respondents are satisfied with Hampton Roads as a place for employment opportunities



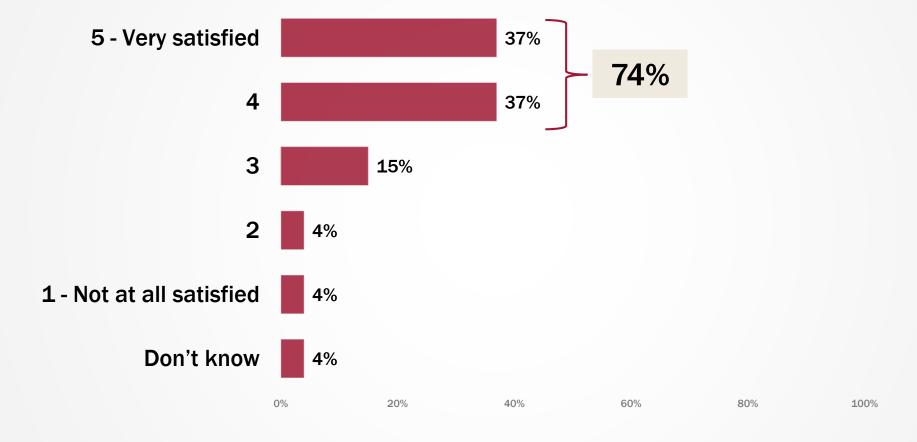


# Three in five respondents are satisfied with Hampton Roads as a place for educational opportunities



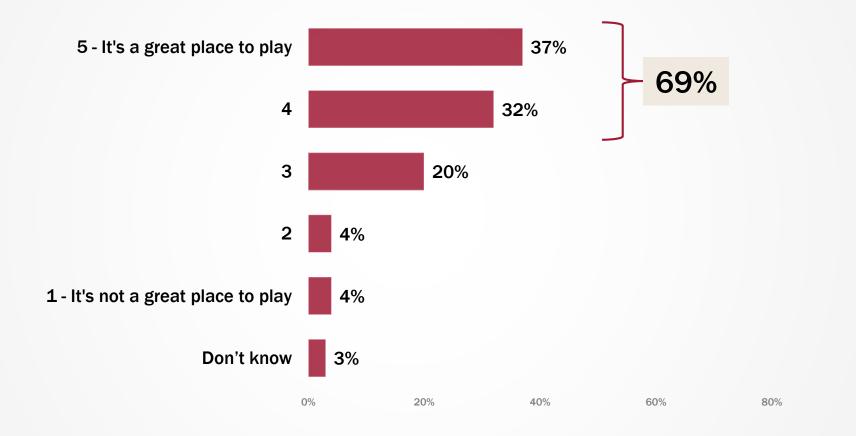


### Three quarters of respondents are satisfied with Hampton Roads as a destination for tourists and visitors





# Seven in ten respondents feel Hampton Roads is a good or great place to play





100%

### Comparison to SIR's Placemaking "PLACE" Scores:

A new measure of a "quality place"

PLACE score, which incorporates ratings of five elements of a quality place — what it's like to live, play, visit, work, and learn there — into one measure.

### "PLACE" is an acronym that stands for:





### **PLACE** score input questions

All questions are on a 1 to 5 scale, with 5 being the highest



#### **PLAY**

Q27. Overall, how would you rate Hampton Roads as a place to play and enjoy recreation, pastimes, hobbies, etc.?\*



#### LIVE

Q24. Overall, how do you feel about living in Hampton Roads?



#### **ADVENTURE**

Q26. Overall, how well do you think Hampton Roads is doing as a destination for tourists and visitors?\*



#### **CAREERS**

Q25. Overall, how satisfied are you with the employment opportunities available to you in Hampton Roads?\*



#### **EDUCATION**

Q28. Overall, how satisfied are with the educational opportunities available to you in Hampton Roads?\*



### How to calculate a PLACE score

1. Remove "don't know" responses from the input questions.



2. Add up the percentages of the "4" and "5" ratings for each input question.



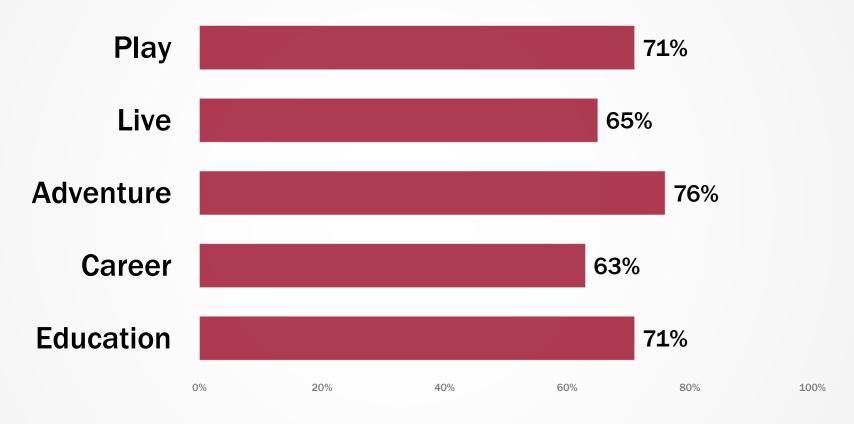
3. Find the average (arithmetic mean) of these topline percentages.

Using this method, each input question receives equal weight in the overall score calculation.



# The input question results below were used to calculate Hampton Roads' PLACE score

#### Percentages giving "4" or "5" ratings





# Hampton Roads' PLACE score

69%

Out of a potential score of 100%

SIR tracks PLACE scores for different cities





### **PLACE Score by Location, Generation, and Race**

| MEASURE     | AREA OF HAMPTON ROADS |           | GENERATION  |       |          | RACE        |       |       |
|-------------|-----------------------|-----------|-------------|-------|----------|-------------|-------|-------|
|             | Peninsula             | Southside | Millennials | Gen X | Boomers+ | White       | Black | Other |
| PLAY        | 70%                   | 71%       | 64%         | 74%   | 75%      | 72%         | 71%   | 68%   |
| LIVE        | 63%                   | 66%       | 66%         | 65%   | 74%      | 69%         | 62%   | 61%   |
| ADVENTURE   | 79%                   | 75%       | 69%         | 79%   | 81%      | 78%         | 75%   | 74%   |
| CAREERS     | 61%                   | 64%       | 61%         | 59%   | 69%      | 67%         | 61%   | 66%   |
| EDUCATION   | 75%                   | 69%       | 60%         | 70%   | 82%      | <b>72</b> % | 70%   | 71%   |
| PLACE SCORE | 70%                   | 69%       | 64%         | 69%   | 76%      | 72%         | 68%   | 68%   |



### **PLACE Score by Length of Residency**

|             | LENGTH OF RESIDENCY                 |                                      |                                       |  |  |  |
|-------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| MEASURE     | New resident<br>(5 years and under) | Established resident<br>(6-10 years) | Long-term resident<br>(Over 10 years) |  |  |  |
| PLAY        | 65%                                 | 67%                                  | 67%                                   |  |  |  |
| LIVE        | 55%                                 | 58%                                  | 70%                                   |  |  |  |
| ADVENTURE   | 66%                                 | 76%                                  | 79%                                   |  |  |  |
| CAREERS     | 53%                                 | 64%                                  | 65%                                   |  |  |  |
| EDUCATION   | 65%                                 | 67%                                  | 73%                                   |  |  |  |
| PLACE SCORE | 61%                                 | 66%                                  | 71%                                   |  |  |  |



Military, Employment, and Young Professional / Next Gen segmentation for PLACE score was determined using the Convenience Study data, to obtain a large enough sample size.



### **PLACE Score by Military Status and Employment**

|             | MILITARY                 | SERVICE         | EMPLOYMENT STATUS |                           |  |  |
|-------------|--------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------------------|--|--|
| MEASURE     | Currently or have served | Have not served | Employed          | Not Employed<br>/ Retired |  |  |
| PLAY        | 69%                      | 69%             | 69%               | 64%                       |  |  |
| LIVE        | 77%                      | 71%             | 72%               | 64%                       |  |  |
| ADVENTURE   | 53%                      | 57%             | 57%               | 48%                       |  |  |
| CAREERS     | 56%                      | 53%             | 54%               | 43%                       |  |  |
| EDUCATION   | 67%                      | 67%             | 65%               | 74%                       |  |  |
| PLACE SCORE | 64%                      | 63%             | 63%               | 59%                       |  |  |



# PLACE Score for Young Professionals / Next Gen (Under 40, working)

| MEASURE     | YOUNG<br>PROFESSIONAL |  |  |  |
|-------------|-----------------------|--|--|--|
| PLAY        | 58%                   |  |  |  |
| LIVE        | 65%                   |  |  |  |
| ADVENTURE   | 47%                   |  |  |  |
| CAREERS     | 44%                   |  |  |  |
| EDUCATION   | 54%                   |  |  |  |
| PLACE SCORE | 54%                   |  |  |  |



### **SIR's PLACE Comparative Database**

| MEASURE   | HAMPTON<br>ROADS<br>(region) | CHARLOTTE<br>(city) | MINNEAPOLIS<br>(region) | <b>NASHVILLE</b> (region) | COLUMBUS<br>(region) | FT. WORTH<br>(city) | RICHMOND<br>(region) |
|---|------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| PLAY  | 71%                          | 73%                 | 86%                     | 80%                       | 71%                  | 76%                 | 70%                  |
| LIVE  | 65%                          | 72%                 | 82%                     | 73%                       | 77%                  | 85%                 | 72%                  |
| ADVENTURE (destination for tourists and visitors) | 76%                          | 64%                 | 74%                     | 80%                       | 58%                  | 71%                 | 70%                  |
| CAREERS   | 63%                          | 69%                 | 78%                     | 75%                       | 81%                  | 75%                 | 64%                  |
| EDUCATION   | 71%                          | 72%                 | 81%                     | 73%                       | 77%                  | 79%                 | 57%                  |
| PLACE SCORE                                       | 69%                          | 70%                 | 80%                     | 76%                       | 73%                  | 77%                 | 68%                  |



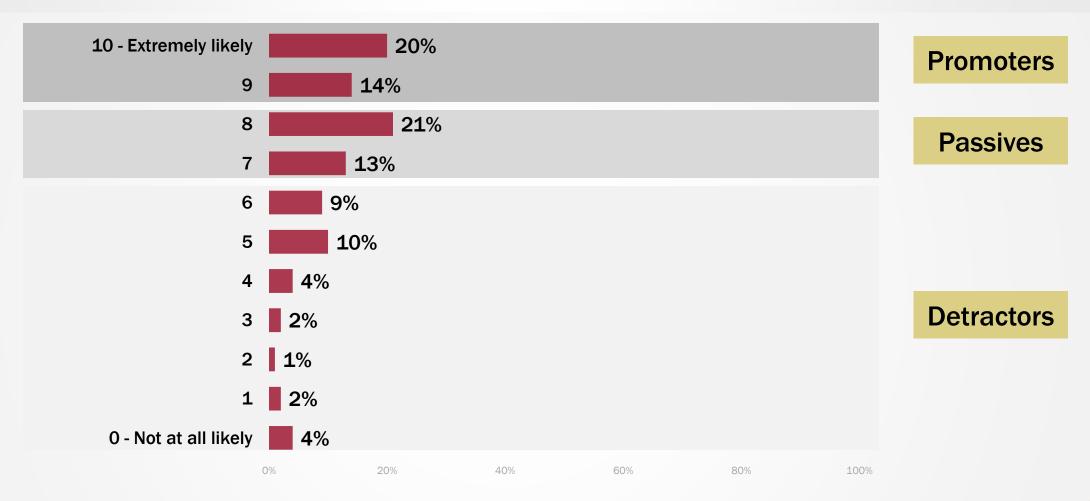
# HAMPTON ROADS' NET PROMOTER SCORE



Scientific study respondents' data was analyzed to determine Hampton Roads' Net Promoter Score™, the likelihood of recommending the region as a place to live to friends or family members.

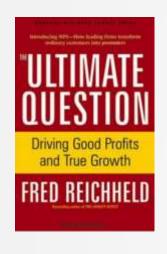


### The NET PROMOTER SCORE™ subtracts detractors from promoters





### **NET PROMOTER SCORE™ calculation**



The percentage of visitors, customers, respondents who are "promoters" (highly likely to recommend you)

minus the percentage who are "detractors" (less likely to recommend you) % of Promoters (Rating 9 or 10)

% of Detractors (Rating 0 to 6)

NET PROMOTER SCORE™



## Residents give the likelihood of recommending the Hampton Roads region as a place to live to friends or family members an overall NET PROMOTER SCORE™ of 2

Percentage of Promoters (Rating 9 or 10)

34%

Percentage of Detractors (Rating 0 to 6)

32%

NET PROMOTER SCORE™

2

- Average NPS<sup>™</sup> across all industries is only 10 to 15.
- Anything above 50 is considered to be world-class.

Convenience
Survey NPS
-4



### NPS by segment

| DEMOGRAPHIC            | GROUP                              | NPS |
|------------------------|------------------------------------|-----|
| AREA OF HAMPTON ROADS  | Peninsula                          | 4   |
| AREA OF HAMIFTON ROADS | Southside                          | 0   |
|                        | Millennials                        | -15 |
| GENERATION             | Generation X                       | 1   |
|                        | Boomers and older                  | 17  |
|                        | White                              | 5   |
| RACE                   | Black / African American           | 0   |
|                        | Other                              | -15 |
| MILITARY SERVICE       | Currently or have served           | -16 |
| WILLIARY SERVICE       | Have not served                    | -5  |
| EMPLOYMENT STATUS      | Employed                           | -4  |
| EMPLOTMENT STATUS      | Not Employed or Retired            | -18 |
| LENGTH OF RESIDENCY    | New resident (5 years and under)   | -13 |
|                        | Established resident (6-10 years)  | -3  |
|                        | Long-term resident (Over 10 years) | 6   |
| YOUNG PROFESSIONALS    | Under 40, working                  | -24 |



### SIR's BELONG Score



SIR's BELONG score, a measure of diverse, equitable, and inclusive communities and organizations, was determined using Convenience Study data.



#### SIR's "BELONG" Score:

A new measure of diverse, equitable, and inclusive communities and organizations

SIR has developed a proprietary **BELONG score**, which
incorporates ratings of six elements
of a diverse, equitable, and
inclusive community into one
measure.

#### "BELONG" is an acronym that stands for:





### **BELONG Score input questions**

All questions are on a 1 to 5 scale, with 5 being the highest



# (E)







# G)

#### **BACKGROUND**

\_\_\_\_\_ is a place
made up of people
from many different
BACKGROUNDS –
ages, races, genders,
faiths, ethnicities,
abilities, and
cultures.\*

#### **ENGAGEMENT**

where people,
regardless of
background or
economic status, feel
they can **ENGAGE** –
they are recognized,
valued, and changes
are made based on
their input.\*

#### LIFESTYLES

where people respect different LIFESTYLES – cultures, religions, and sexual orientations.\*

#### **OPPORTUNITIES**

that offers

OPPORTUNITIES for people, regardless of background or economic status, to find employment, advance in their careers, or start a business.\*

#### **NECESSITIES**

is a place where people, regardless of background or economic status, have access to basic **NECESSITIES** – convenient childcare, affordable housing, quality healthcare, and quality education.\*

#### GROWTH

where people,
regardless of
background or
economic status,
can personally

GROW and thrive.\*\*



#### How to calculate a BELONG score

1. Remove "don't know" responses from the input questions.



2. Add up the percentages of the "4" and "5" ratings for each input question.

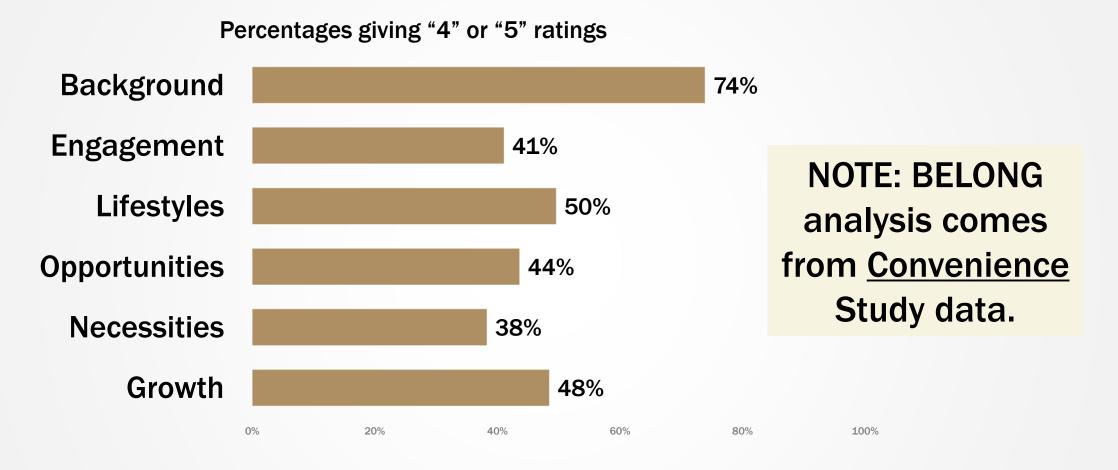


3. Find the average (arithmetic mean) of these topline percentages.

Using this method, each input question receives equal weight in the overall score calculation.



# The input question results below are used to calculate Hampton Road's BELONG score





## BELONG Score

49%

BELONG Scores for different cities, regions, and organizations.

SIR is tracking

Out of a potential score of 100%





### **BELONG** score by segment

| DEMOGRAPHIC           | GROUP                    | BELONG |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------|
| AREA OF HAMPTON ROADS | Peninsula                | 43%    |
|                       | Southside                | 50%    |
|                       | Millennials              | 43%    |
| GENERATION            | Generation X             | 47%    |
|                       | Boomers and older        | 56%    |
| RACE                  | White                    | 51%    |
|                       | Black / African American | 36%    |
|                       | Other                    | 48%    |
| MILITARY SERVICE      | Currently or have served | 53%    |
|                       | Have not served          | 49%    |
| YOUNG PROFESSIONAL    | Under 40, working        | 44%    |



## Convenience survey comments regarding Hampton Roads' diversity, equity, and inclusion

- "There's a diversity of people, opinions, living areas, interests and activities here. That's a good thing."
- "There is pride within each culture and they have many festivals, events and such to display that."
- "[Hampton Roads has a] celebration and exposure to many different cultures via festivals and other events."
- "I appreciate the acceptance of all people regardless of race or preference."
- "[Hampton Roads is] friendly, welcoming to all people."

- "This is no NYC, but compared to NYC, I feel like there's more inclusivity in this area. I think a lot of people being in the military which promote and force inclusiveness helps this area, which influences the whole area"
- "[Diversity] is what makes us interesting."
- "I love being enmeshed in a variety of cultures through entertainment, food, and other events."
- "The region seems to embrace people of various ethnicities, sexual orientations and religious beliefs."
- "The combination of flavors makes for an amazing stew."



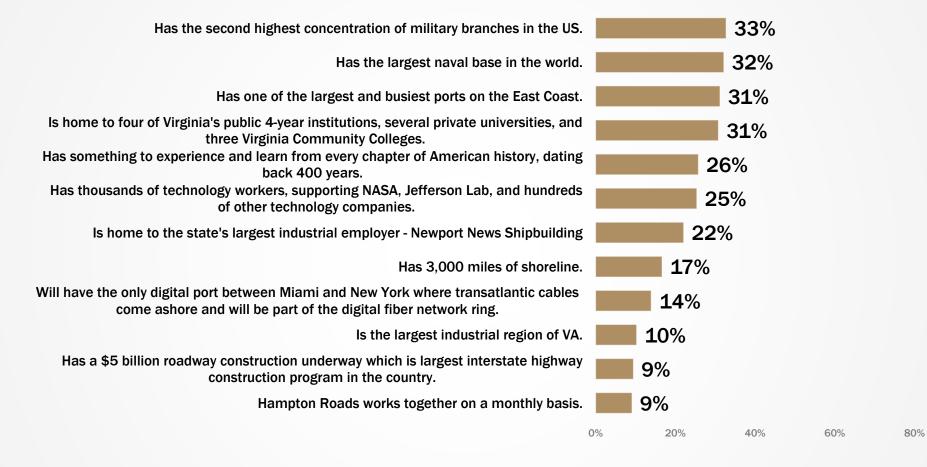
### **KNOWLEDGE SCORE**



## 12 facts about the Hampton Roads region were shown to <u>convenience survey</u> respondents, and knowledge about the region was assessed

- 1. Has the second highest concentration of military branches in the US. All five branches are represented.
- 2. Has 3,000 miles of shoreline.
- 3. Has one of the largest and busiest ports on the East Coast.
- 4. Has thousands of technology workers, supporting NASA, Jefferson Lab, and hundreds of other technology companies.
- 5. Will have the only digital port between Miami and New York where transatlantic cables come ashore and will be part of the digital fiber network ring connecting the region's cities.
- 6. Is the largest industrial region of VA.
- 7. Has something to experience and learn from every chapter of American history, dating back 400 years.
- 8. Has a \$5 billion roadway construction underway which is largest interstate highway construction program in the country.
- 9. Has the largest naval base in the world.
- 10. Is home to four of Virginia's public 4-year institutions (CNU, ODU, NSU, and W&M), several private universities, and three Virginia Community Colleges.
- 11. Is home to the state's largest industrial employer Newport News Shipbuilding, the only designer, builder and refueler of Nuclear Carriers in the world.
- 12. The mayors, city managers, and planning departments of all of the jurisdictions that make up Hampton Roads work together on a monthly basis.

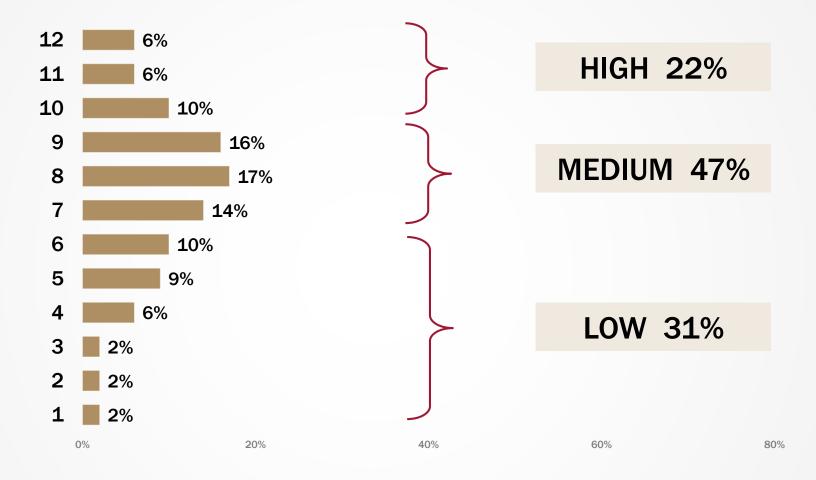
## The top known facts about the region revolve around the military, the port, and educational opportunities in Hampton Roads





100%

# Respondents' KNOWLEDGE SCORES were sorted into Low, Medium, and High for analysis

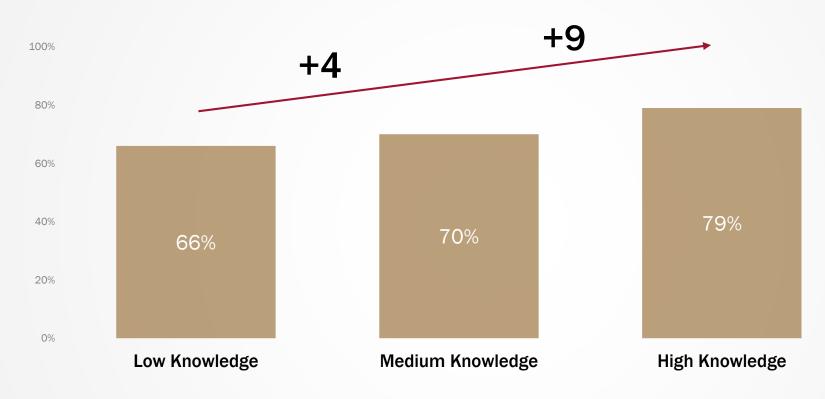




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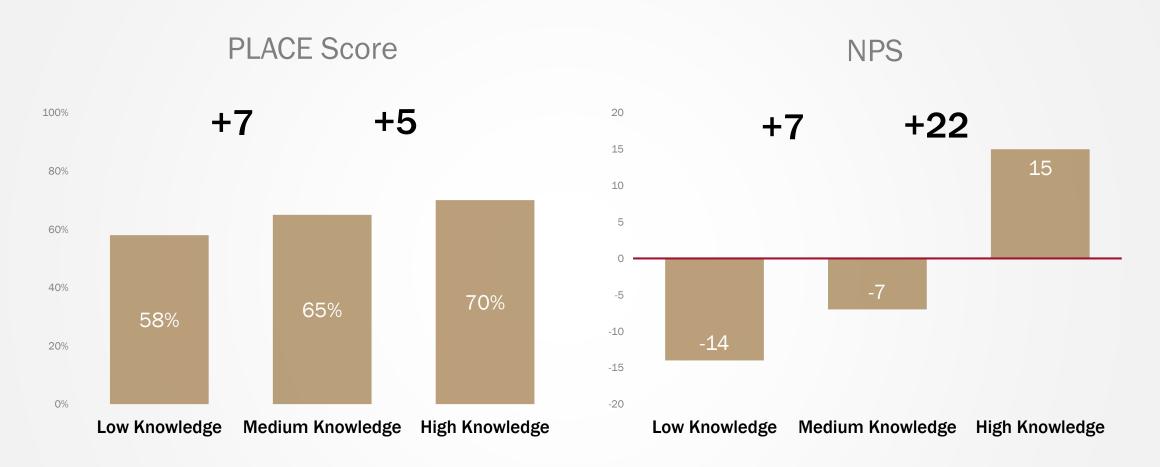
# Knowledge score is correlated with overall satisfaction with living in Hampton Roads







### Knowledge score is also correlated with higher PLACE and NPS scores





# Coastal Virginia was the most chosen favorite name for Low, Medium, and High Knowledge Score respondents

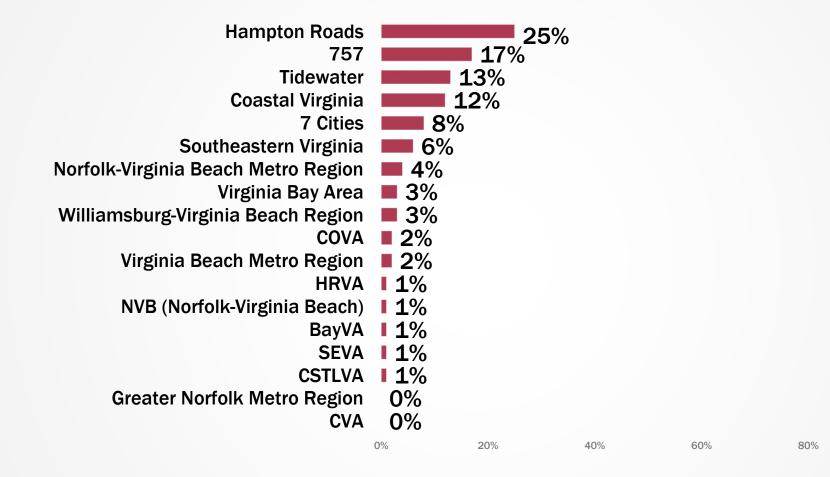
| TOP 6 NAMES | KNOWLEDGE SCORE            |                            |   |
|-------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|---|
| TOP O NAMES | Low                        | Medium                     | High  |
| 1           | Coastal Virginia (27%)     | Coastal Virginia (26%)     | Coastal Virginia (19%)                      |
| 2           | Hampton Roads (17%)        | Tidewater (17%)            | Hampton Roads (17%)                         |
| 3           | 757 (12%)                  | Hampton Roads (14%)        | Tidewater (12%)                             |
| 4           | Tidewater (9%)             | 757 (9%)                   | 757 (8%)                                    |
| 5           | COVA (7%)                  | Southeastern Virginia (8%) | Norfolk-Virginia Beach Metro<br>Region (8%) |
| 6           | Southeastern Virginia (6%) | COVA (5%)                  | NVB (Norfolk/Virginia Beach) (8%)           |



# NAMING EXPLORATION: FAVORITE OVERALL NAME



## When considering both formal and informal names for the region, Hampton Roads is the favorite





100%

While the top name for Scientific respondents is Hampton Roads and the top name for Convenience study respondents is Coastal Virginia, both groups have the same top four favorite name choices – Hampton Roads, 757, Tidewater, and Coastal Virginia

|                                     | ALL RESPONDENTS | ALL RESPONDENTS |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|                                     | (Scientific)    | (Convenience)   |
|                                     | n=6 <b>1</b> 5  | n=1018          |
| Hampton Roads                       | 25%*            | 17%             |
| 757                                 | 17%*            | 8%              |
| Tidewater                           | 13%             | 13%             |
| Coastal Virginia                    | 12%             | 25%*            |
| 7 Cities                            | 8%*             | 3%              |
| Southeastern Virginia               | 6%              | 8%              |
| Norfolk-Virginia Beach Metro Region | 4%              | 4%              |
| Virginia Bay Area                   | 3%              | 2%              |
| Williamsburg-Virginia Beach Region  | 3%              | 1%              |
| COVA                                | 2%              | 6%*             |
| Virginia Beach Metro Region         | 2%              | 1%              |
| NVB (Norfolk/Virginia Beach)        | 1%              | 3%              |
| Other (combined)                    | 4%              | 8%              |



## 757 has appeal for those who lived in Hampton Roads pre-adulthood, while Coastal Virginia ranks higher with those who moved to Hampton Roads as an adult

| Overall Favorite                       | Spent most of my childhood here | Attended college here | As an adult, moved<br>here after living<br>elsewhere | Lived all of my life here |
|--|---------------------------------|-----------------------|--|---------------------------|
| <b>Hampton Roads</b>                   | 26%                             | 22%                   | 25%  | 24%                       |
| 757                                    | 25%                             | 26%                   | 10%  | 22%                       |
| Tidewater                              | 13%                             | 13%                   | 15%  | 13%                       |
| Southeastern Virginia                  | 7%                              | 5%                    | 8%   | 5%                        |
| <b>Coastal Virginia</b>                | 7%                              | 6%                    | 14%  | 8%                        |
| 7 Cities                               | 6%                              | 5%                    | 8%   | 11%                       |
| Norfolk-Virginia<br>Beach Metro Region | 4%                              | 3%                    | 4%   | 2%                        |
| Virginia Bay Area                      | 3%                              | 6%                    | 2%   | 3%                        |
| COVA                                   | 3%                              | 4%                    | 2%   | 1%                        |
| Other (combined)                       | 6%                              | 10%                   | 12%  | 9%                        |



# Military respondents are more likely to prefer Hampton Roads as their preferred name for the region than non-military

| Overall Favorite                    | MILITARY RESPONDENTS | NON-MILITARY RESPONDENTS |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| Hampton Roads                       | 31%                  | 22%                      |
| Tidewater                           | 15%                  | 13%                      |
| 757                                 | 13%                  | 18%                      |
| Coastal Virginia                    | 10%                  | 12%                      |
| Southeastern Virginia               | 7%                   | 6%                       |
| Norfolk-Virginia Beach Metro Region | 4%                   | 4%                       |
| Williamsburg-Virginia Beach Region  | 4%                   | 2%                       |
| Virginia Bay Area                   | 3%                   | 3%                       |
| Virginia Beach Metro Region         | 3%                   | 1%                       |
| 7 Cities                            | 2%                   | 10%                      |
| Other (combined)                    | 6%                   | 8%                       |



The four uppermost locales are <u>not</u> significantly different than other locations for choosing the names Hampton Roads or Coastal Virginia, but did have significantly higher rates of choosing Williamsburg-Virginia Beach Region as their favorite name

|                                     | All Respondents<br>(Scientific + Convenience) | Williamsburg, Isle of Wight,<br>James City, & Suffolk ONLY<br>(Scientific + Convenience) |
|-------------------------------------|---|--|
|                                     | n=1650  | n=161  |
| Hampton Roads                       | 20%   | 19%  |
| Coastal Virginia                    | 20%   | 20%  |
| Tidewater                           | 13%   | 16%  |
| 757                                 | 11%   | 9%   |
| Southeastern Virginia               | 7%  | 9%   |
| 7 Cities                            | 5%  | 7%   |
| COVA                                | 5%  | 3%   |
| Norfolk-Virginia Beach Metro Region | 4%  | 2%   |
| Virginia Bay Area                   | 2%  | 0%   |
| Williamsburg-Virginia Beach Region  | 2%  | 9%*  |
| NVB (Norfolk/Virginia Beach)        | 2%  | 1%   |
| Other (combined)                    | 9%  | 5%   |





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