



Community Profile

Population

Table 1: Population in Essex County – 2023¹

Total Population	10,598
Population 25 and Over	7,729

Educational Attainment

Table 2: Educational Attainment of the Population 25 and Over in Essex County - 2023²

	Estimate	Percent of Population
High School Graduate (includes equivalency) or Higher	6,627	85.7%
Bachelor’s Degree or Higher	1,354	17.5%
High School Diploma or Some College with No Degree	4,865	63.0%
Associate’s Degree	408	5.3%
Bachelor’s Degree	861	11.1%
Postgraduate Degree	493	6.4%

Households

Table 3: Households Data in Essex County - 2023³

Total Households	4,396
Average Household Size	2.38
Median Home Value	\$254,300

¹ Data Source: U.S. Census Bureau.

² Data Source: U.S. Census Bureau.

³ Data Source: U.S. Census Bureau.

Income

Table 4: Income Data in Essex County - 2023⁴

Median Household Income	\$56,481
Per Capita Income	\$32,839

Employment

Table 5: Unemployment Statistics in Essex County - 2023

Unemployment Rate ⁵	3.7%
Labor Force Participation Rate ⁶	50.4%

Table 6: Private Employment by Supersector in Essex County - 2023⁷

	Employment	Percent of Total
Total, all industries	3,068	
Trade, transportation, and utilities	1,049	34%
Education and health services	544	18%
Leisure and hospitality	378	12%
Professional and business services	338	11%
Manufacturing	329	11%
Other services	125	4%
Financial activities	115	4%
Construction	84	3%
Natural resources and mining	75	2%
Information	-	-

⁴ Data Source: U.S. Census Bureau.

⁵ Data Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

⁶ Data Source: U.S. Census Bureau.

⁷ Data Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. *Data on the Information sector has been suppressed due to data confidentiality.*

Table 7: Top 10 Major Private Employers in Essex County – 2nd Quarter of 2024⁸

Employer	Industry	Employee Size
MCV Hospital	Hospitals	250 to 499
Wal Mart	General Merchandise Retailers	100 to 249
Lowe's Home Centers, Inc.	Building Material and Garden Equipment and Supplies Dealers	100 to 249
James River Group	Building Material and Garden Equipment and Supplies Dealers	100 to 249
FDP Virginia	Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	50 to 99
O'malley Timber Products LLC	Wood Product Manufacturing	50 to 99
Ball Lumber Company	Wood Product Manufacturing	50 to 99
Food Lion	Food and Beverage Stores	50 to 99
Service Master	Administrative and Support Services	50 to 99
Essex Rehabilitation & Ca	Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	50 to 99

Table 8: Commuting Patterns in Essex County - 2022⁹

Labor Force	Count	Share
Living in Essex County	4,283	100.0%
Living in Essex County but Employed Outside	3,650	85.2%
Employed in Essex County	2,397	100.0%
Employed in Essex County but Living Outside	1,764	73.6%
Median Travel Time to Work (minutes)		35.5

⁸ Data Source: Virginia Employment Commission.

⁹ Data Source: U.S. Census Bureau.