**Greater Richmond, Virginia Labor Shed**

Businesses in the Richmond, Virginia metro area draw labor from 38 counties in central Virginia – an area with 2.2 million population and a workforce of 1.1 million.

The primary labor shed is the 17 counties in the Richmond MSA, which has 1.3 million population and a workforce of 654,000. The secondary labor shed includes 21 counties with 917,000 population and a workforce of 473,000; at least 500 residents of each of these county’s work in the Richmond MSA.

The region’s population has increased by 9 percent since 2011, adding over 18,500 additional residents annually.

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| **Area** | **Population 2020** | **Civilian Labor Force 2020 Q4** |
| Primary Labor Shed (17 counties) | 1,303,469 | 654,156 |
| Secondary Labor Shed (21 counties) | 916,728 | 472,862 |
| **Total Labor Shed (38 counties)** | **2,220,197** | **1,124,564** |



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