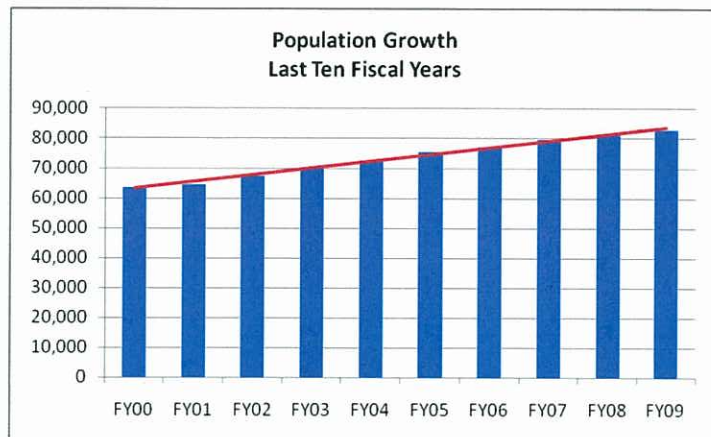


CITY DEMOGRAPHICS AND STATISTICS

This section of the FY 2010-2011 Operating & Capital Budget provides a snapshot of key demographic and statistical data about the City of Suffolk. This information is used to analyze trends that may have an impact on resource allocation decisions and to ensure the City remains competitive with other jurisdictions in the Hampton Roads region.

Population Growth

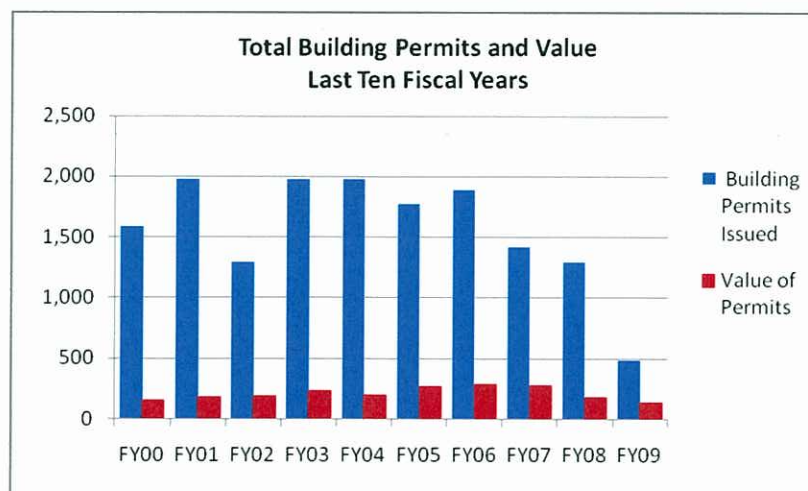
The City of Suffolk continues to be one of the fastest growing localities in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The City's population is currently estimated at 83,006 which represents a 30.4% increase over the last ten years. The City's population is projected to nearly double by the year 2030.



Source: Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service

Building Permits

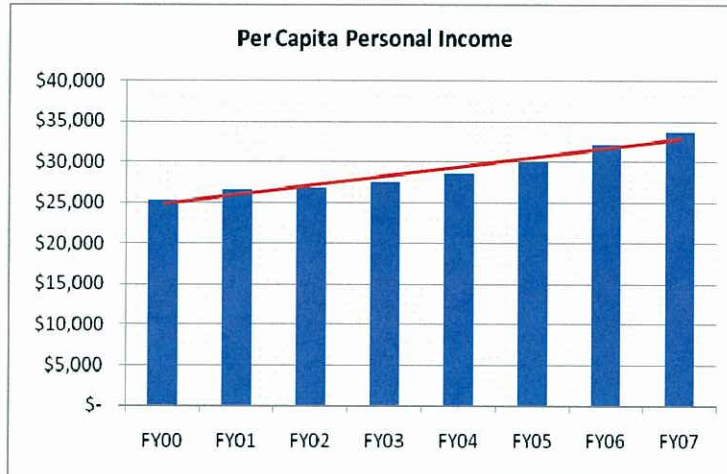
Since FY 2006, the number of building permits issued by the City has declined 74% from 1,886 permits in FY 2006 to 488 in FY 2009. Over the same time period, the value of building permits issued has also declined 54% from \$288.5M to \$134M. This clearly demonstrates the impact of the economic recession on commercial and residential construction. However, despite the decrease over the last three years, the City is well positioned to capture future growth. The City's abundance of land and close proximity to regional transportation routes and commercial and employment centers will continue to make Suffolk an attractive investment for new commercial and residential development in the Hampton Roads region.



Source: Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for FY 2009

Per Capita Personal Income

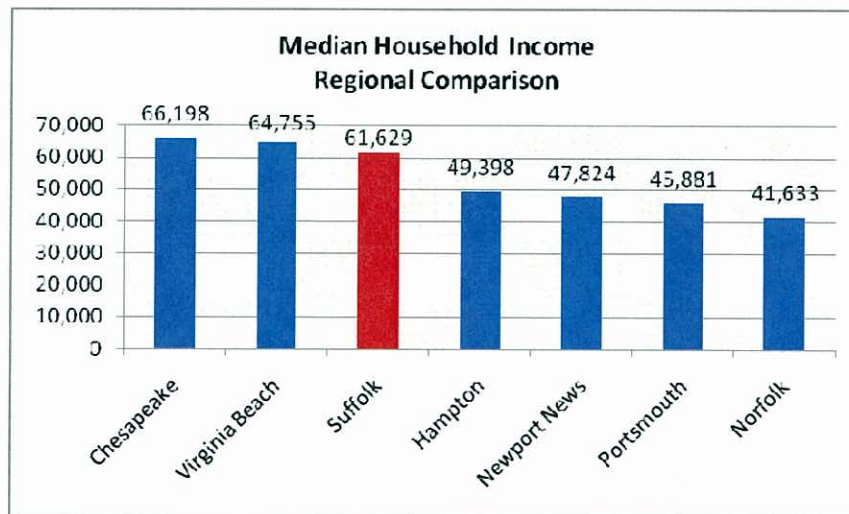
According to the most recent statistics available, Suffolk's per capita personal income is \$33,751. Per capita personal income is a measure of the total personal income of residents of an area divided by the population. Since 2000, the City's per capita personal income has increased 33.3%.



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

Median Household Income

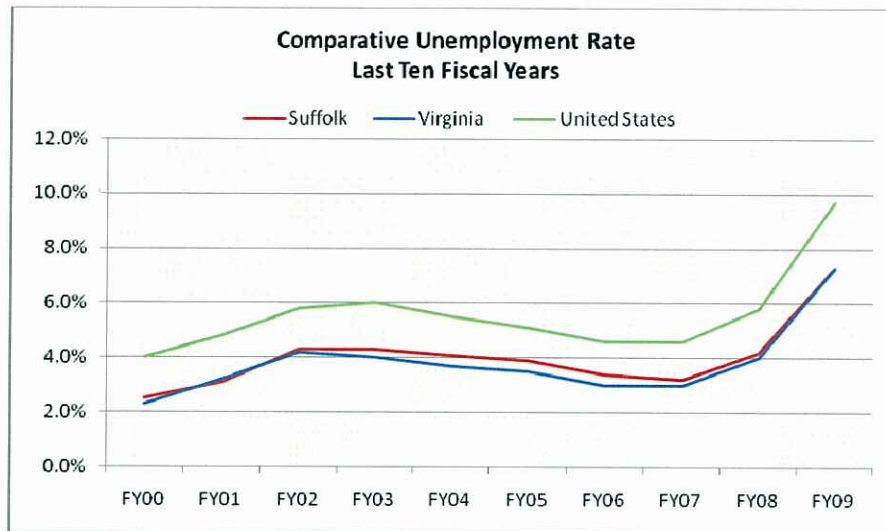
Median household income is another economic indicator that is commonly used to provide data about a geographic area. Median household income refers to the combination of two income earners within a household as opposed to per capita personal income. Suffolk's median household income is currently estimated at \$61,629. In comparison to other localities, Suffolk has the third highest median household income among the seven largest jurisdictions in the Hampton Roads region.



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Fact Finder, 2008 Estimate

Unemployment Rate

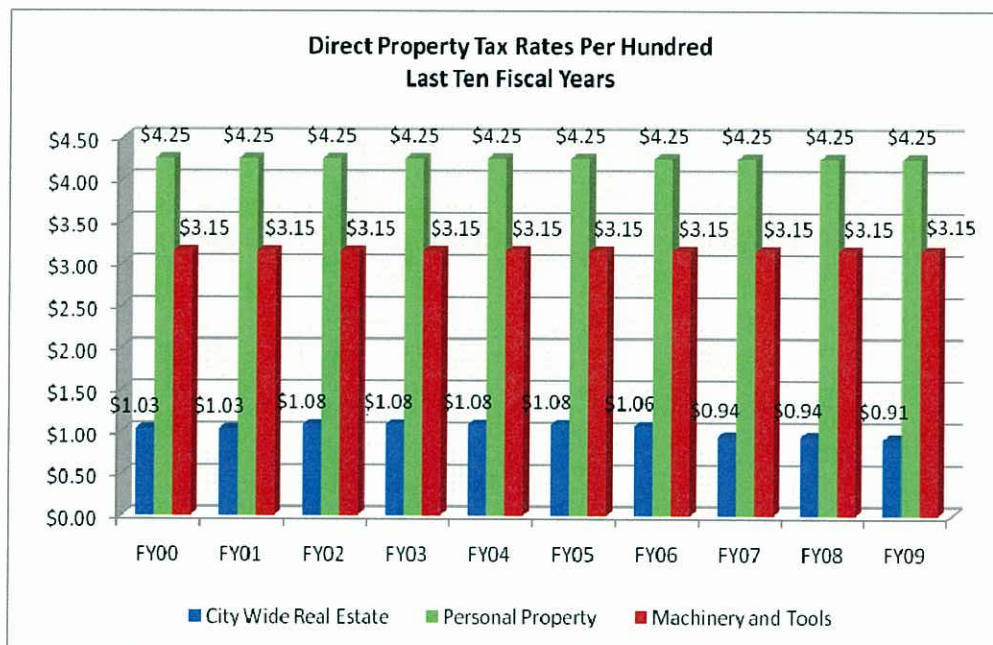
The City of Suffolk’s average annual unemployment rate has ranged from a low of 2.5% to a high of 7.3% over the last 10 years. The average annual unemployment rate in Suffolk has remained below the national average and consistent with the state average. The increase in the unemployment rate beginning in FY 2008 demonstrates the impact of the economic recession on employment in Suffolk, the Commonwealth, and the Nation.



Source: Virginia Employment Commission

Direct Property Tax Rates

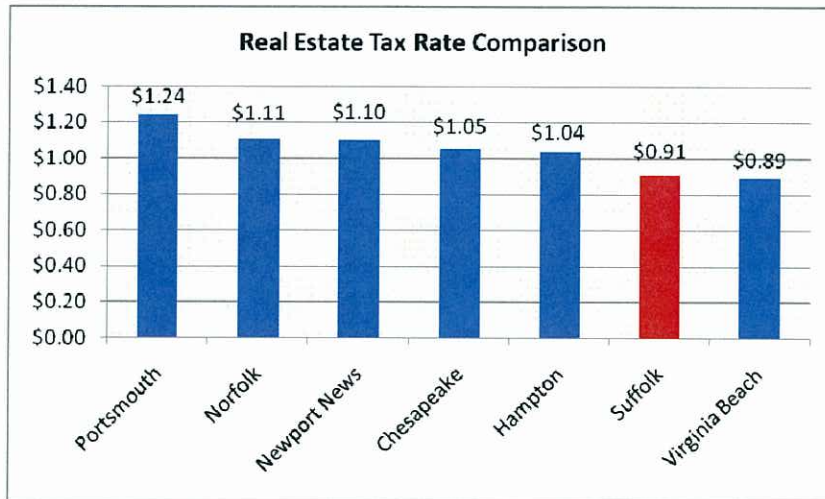
The graph below provides an overview of direct property tax rates in the City of Suffolk including citywide real estate, personal property, and machinery and tools taxes.



Source: Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for FY 2009

Real Estate Tax Rate

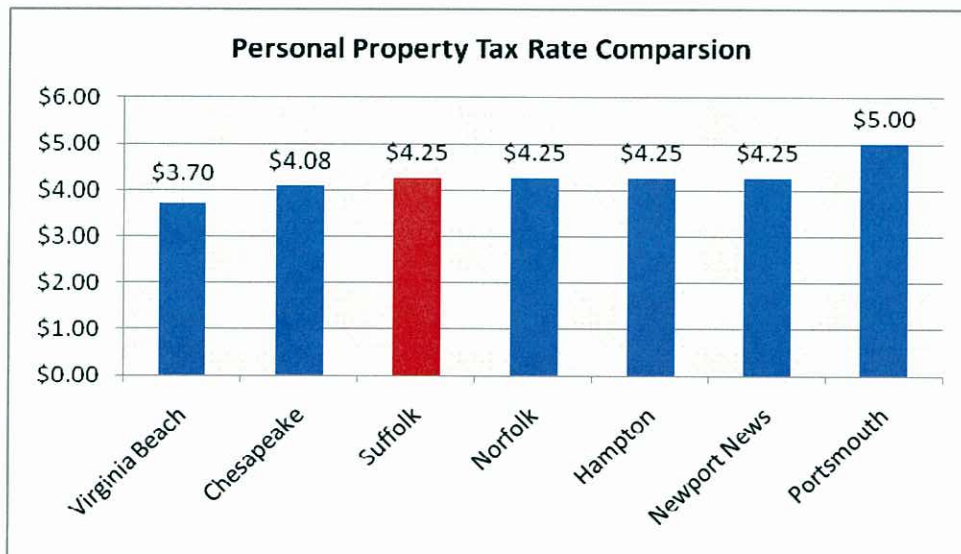
The citywide real estate tax rate is currently \$0.91 per \$100 of assessed value. Suffolk has the second lowest real estate tax rate among the major cities in Hampton Roads.



Source: City of Suffolk, Department of Budget and Strategic Planning

Personal Property Tax Rate

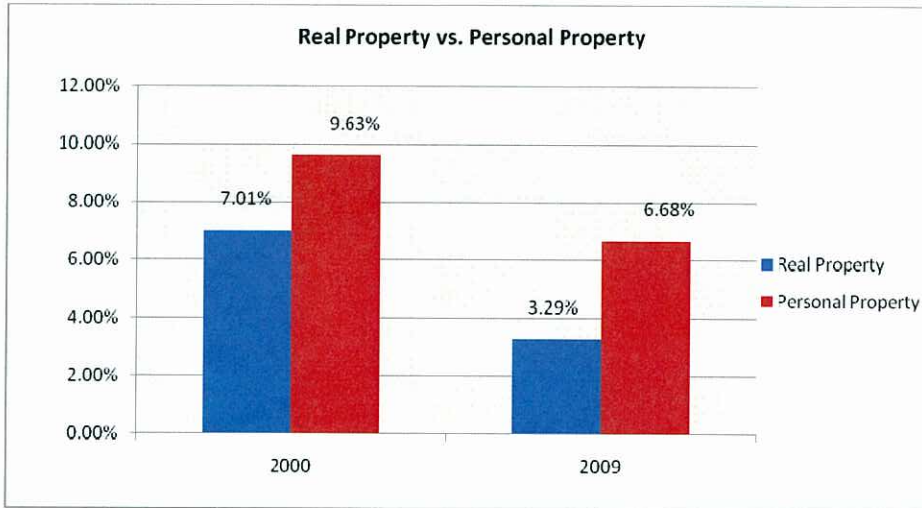
The personal property tax rate is currently \$4.25 per \$100 of assessed value. The City’s personal property tax rate is consistent with other localities in the Hampton Roads region.



Source: City of Suffolk, Department of Budget and Strategic Planning

Real Property vs. Personal Property

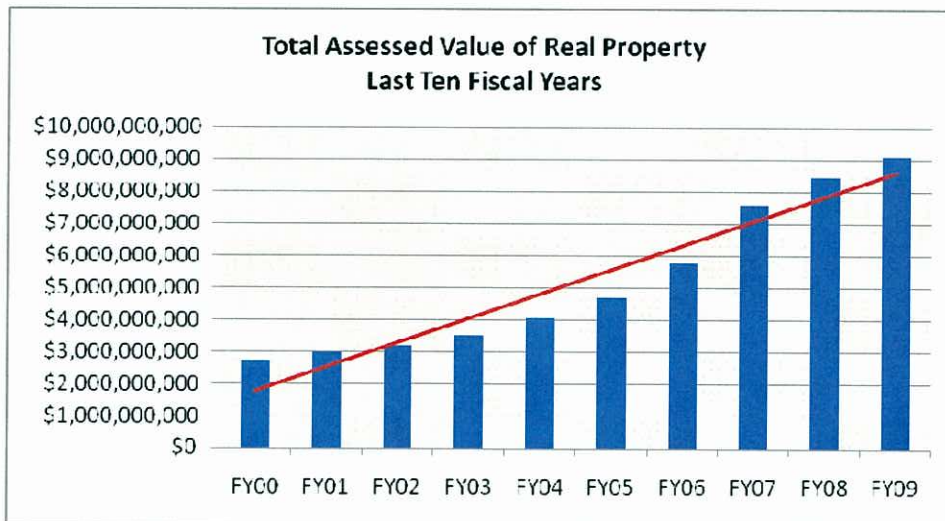
An examination of real property versus personal property as a percentage of total city taxable assessed value reveals that principal property taxpayers accounted for 7.01% (real property) and 9.63% (personal property) in 2000 compared to 3.29% (real property) and 6.68% (personal property) in 2009.



Source: Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for FY 2009

Real Property – Total Assessed Value

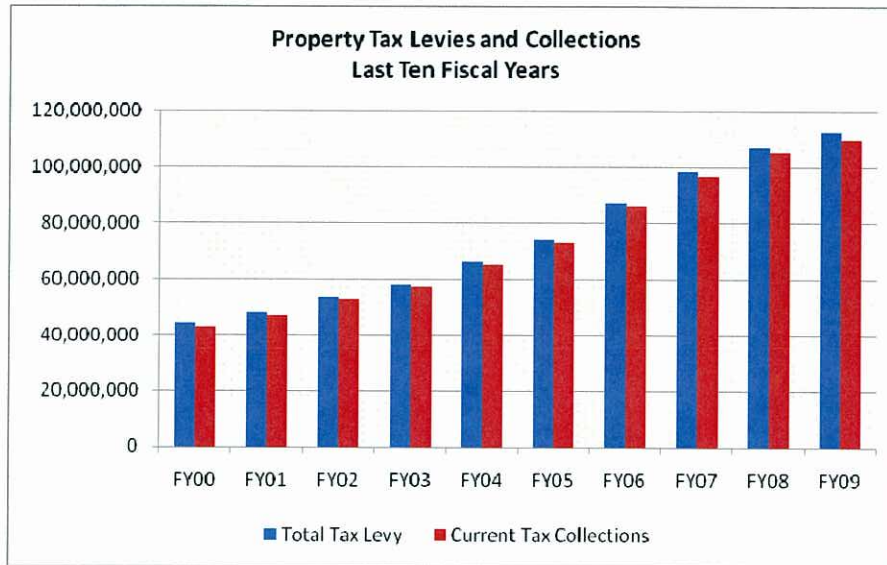
As commercial and residential growth have occurred throughout the City of Suffolk, the total assessed value of real property has increased from \$2.7B (FY 2000) to \$9.1B (FY 2009).



Source: City Assessor's Office

Property Tax Levies and Collections

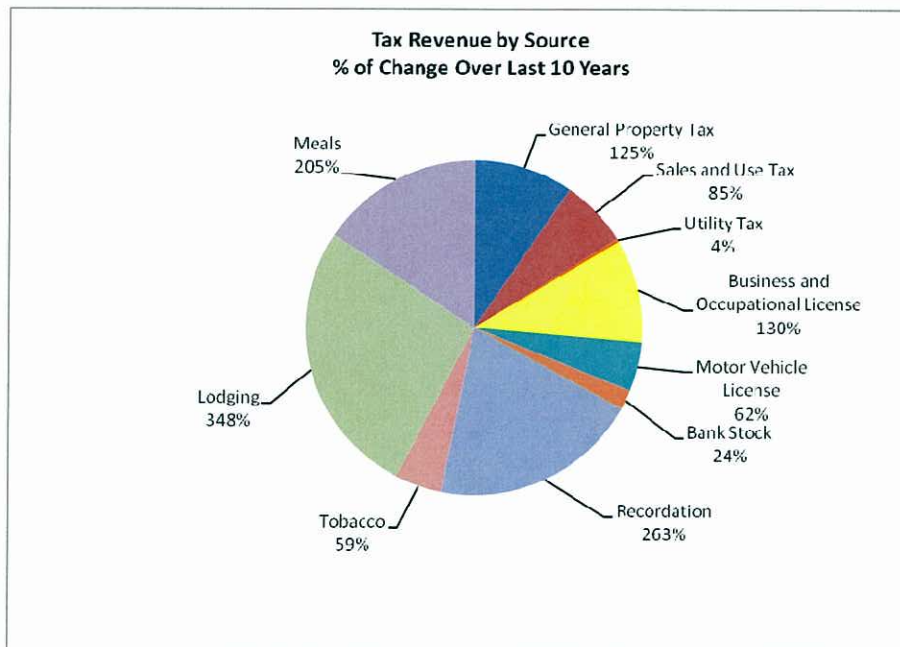
Over the last ten years, property tax collections as a percentage of taxes levied have remained consistently strong at approximately 98% each year.



Source: City Treasurer

Tax Revenue By Source

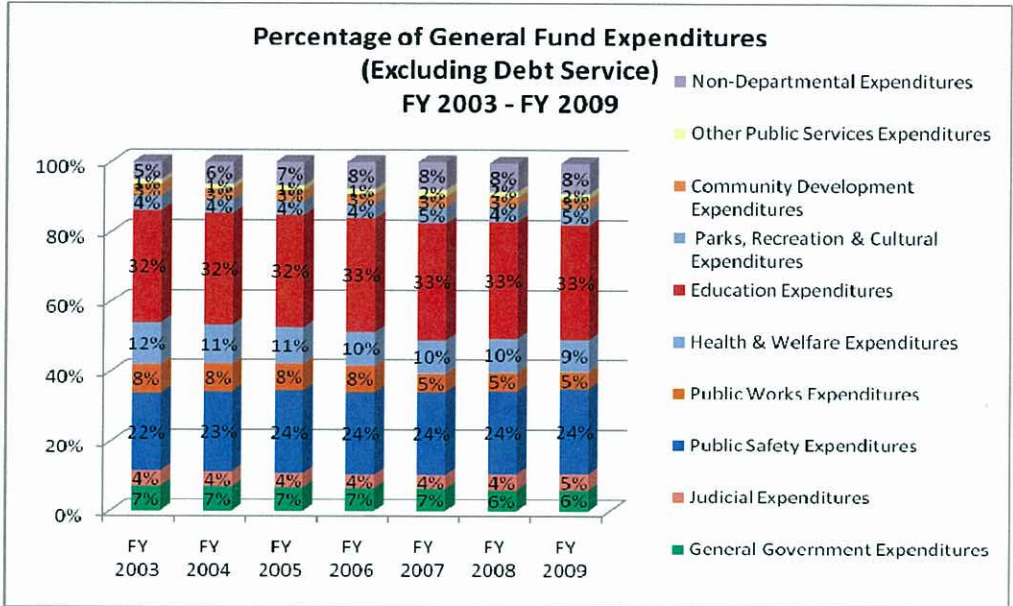
The chart below provides an overview of tax revenue by source and the percentage change over the last 10 years. The greatest percentage increase in tax revenue over the last 10 years has occurred in the following areas: Lodging (348%), Recordation (263%), Meals (205%), Business and Occupational License (130%), General Property (125%), and Sales and Use (85%).



Source: Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for FY 2009

General Fund Expenditure History

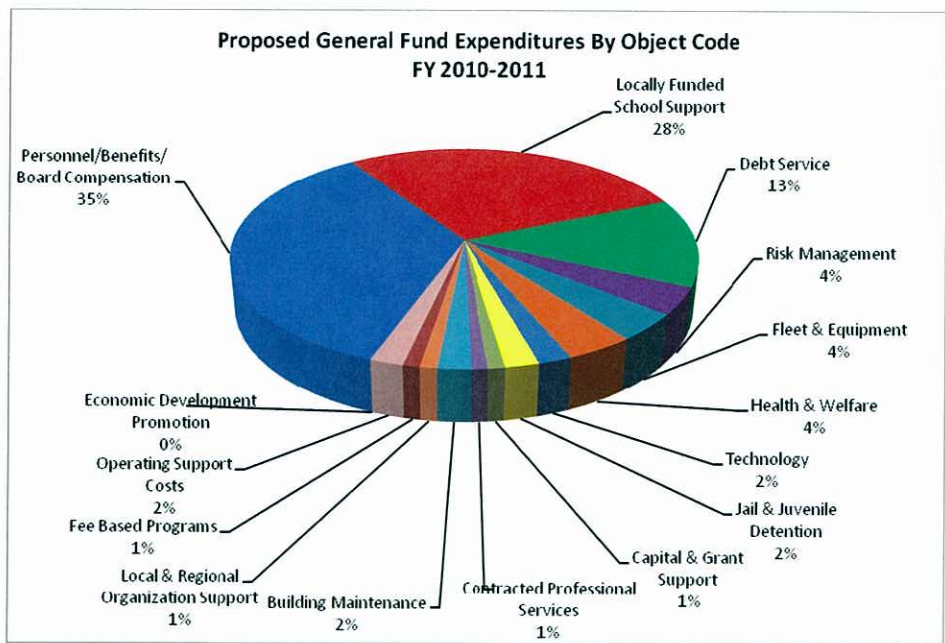
The chart below highlights expenditure areas expressed as a percentage of the overall General Fund from FY 2003 to FY 2009. As illustrated in the chart, the percentage of General Fund expenditures has not significantly changed in any one category over the last seven years.



Source: City of Suffolk, Department of Budget and Strategic Planning

Proposed General Fund Expenditures (FY 2010-2011)

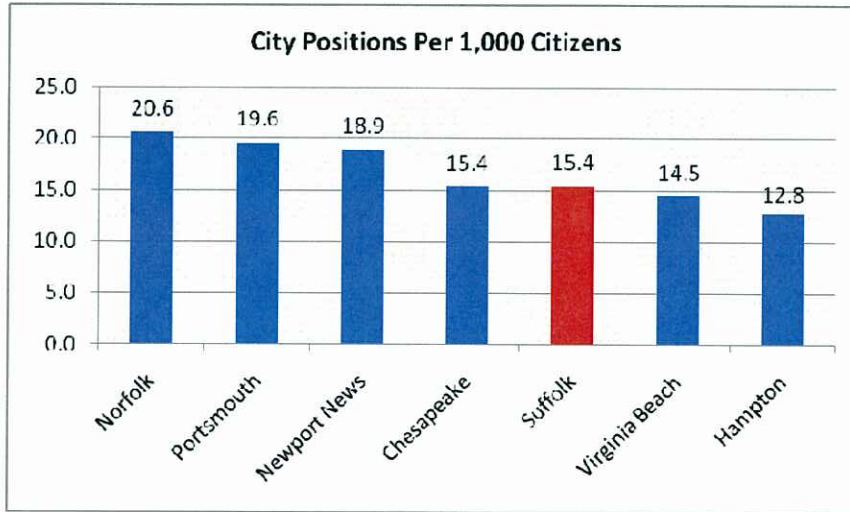
The pie chart below provides an overview of the proposed General Fund expenditures by object code for FY 2010-2011. Personnel, benefits, and board compensation (35%); locally funded school support (28%); and debt service (13%) represent over three quarters of the City’s proposed General Fund expenditures in FY 2010-2011.



Source: City of Suffolk, Department of Budget and Strategic Planning

Size of City Government

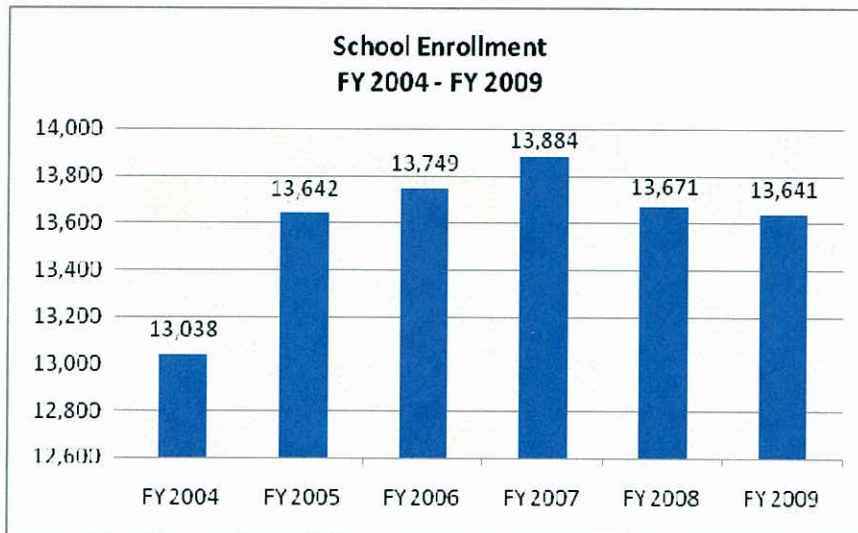
A widely recognized measure that is used to assess the size of local government is the number of positions per 1,000 population. As demonstrated in the chart below, the City of Suffolk has roughly 15.4 FTEs (Full Time Equivalent) per 1,000 citizens. Suffolk is tied with Chesapeake for the third lowest positions per 1,000 citizens among the seven largest cities in the Hampton Roads region.



Source: City of Suffolk, Department of Budget and Strategic Planning

School Enrollment

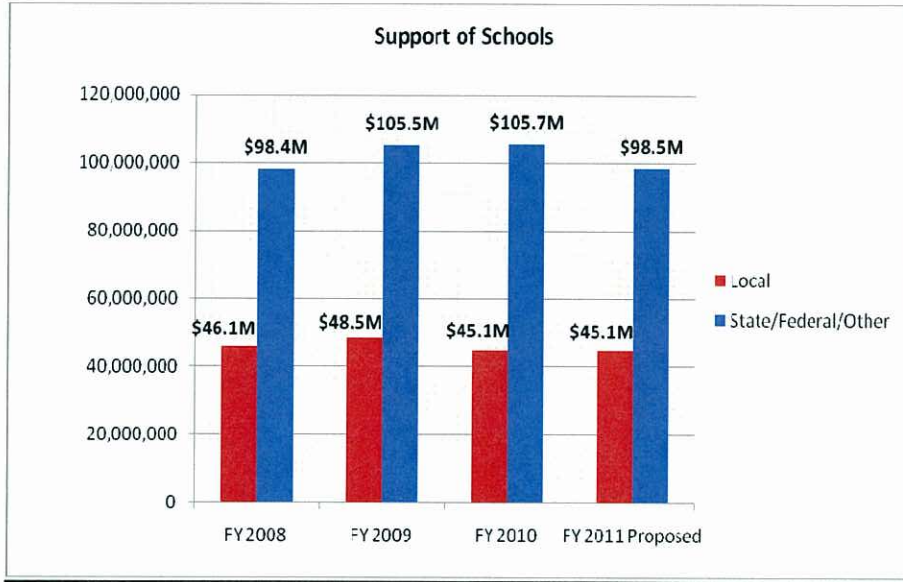
Since 2004, school enrollment in Suffolk Public Schools has increased 4.6%. The average daily membership has ranged from a low of 13,038 in FY 2004 to a high of 13,884 in FY 2007. In September 2008, the average daily membership was 13,641.



Source: Virginia Department of Education, Average Daily Membership, September 30 Membership

Support of Schools

Funding to support the operation of the school division is provided from local, State, Federal, and other sources. Local funding for schools represents approximately 30% of total schools funding.



Source: City of Suffolk, Department of Budget and Strategic Planning

School Accreditation

Suffolk Public Schools has achieved 100% accreditation in all 21 of its public schools including 3 high schools, 4 middle schools, and 14 elementary schools.

School	Fully Accredited
Booker T. Washington Elementary	✓
Creekside Elementary	✓
Driver Elementary	✓
Elephant's Fork Elementary	✓
Florence Bowser Elementary	✓
Hillpoint Elementary	✓
Kilby Shores Elementary	✓
Mack Benn Jr. Elementary	✓
Mount Zion Elementary	✓
Nansemond Parkway Elementary	✓
Northern Shores Elementary	✓
Oakland Elementary	✓
Robertson Elementary	✓
Southwestern Elementary	✓
Forest Glen Middle	✓
John F. Kennedy Middle	✓
John Yeates Middle	✓
King's Fork Middle	✓
King's Fork High	✓
Lakeland High	✓
Nansemond River High	✓

Source: Virginia Department of Education