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The city of Chesapeake, Virginia is located right on the border of North Carolina and

Virginia and has a population of 222,209 (U.S. Census," Chesapeake City"). Being located in

what is known as Hampton Roads Virginia, Chesapeake is an extremely flat region only roughly

30 minutes to the coast. With a ton of recent growth in new businesses, Chesapeake is home to

16,220 companies (U.S. Census," Chesapeake City"). This City, while still holding tradition, is

on the recent upswing of the latest new companies and tends. Educationally, Chesapeake

competes pretty well with 91.4% of people attain a high School degree or higher (U.S. Census

"Chesapeake City"). Throughout Chesapeake Virginia there is chance for employment,

education, as well as career development.

Employment in Chesapeake is slightly above national average, however has been on a

rise as of late. Chesapeake is only 20 minutes for the city of Norfolk so there is a heavy military

sense in the community making it a very hot reality spot. Holding a 3.4% employment rate

Chesapeake is right on average with the rest of Virginia, but has been on a steadily decline of

recent dropping lower then neighboring cities Norfolk (4.0%) and Portsmouth (4.6%).

Chesapeake's average family income is $69,978 (U.S. Census, "Chesapeake City"),

A very competitive part of Chesapeake to the rest of the nation is its education having a

91.4% high school graduation rate it is above the national average of 87.0% (U.S. Census,

" Chesapeake City"). Home to a nationally recognized blue ribbon winning high school, Hickory High School, Chesapeake strives to compete with the larger town and cities throughout the state. The Military is the biggest sense of culture in Chesapeake, resident to 26,708 (U.S. Census, "Chesapeake City") veterans whom many are people who have decide to stay after some extent in the military, as a result of this it is very common throughout the different schools in Chesapeake for students to move in and out in the middle of the school year due to parents being deployed. A problem worth noting in Chesapeake is because of the high school ratings, parents from neighboring communities will try to obtain false housing address so they can get their child to be allowed to enroll in the school.

Local high school Hickory High has over the past couple years built a very strong reputation as one of the best public high schools around. Through 2106-2018 Hickory High tested out at level one, according to the Virginia Department of Education in every castigatory. This past year Hickory High school was recognized in Washington D.C., as a blue ribbon winning school by the US Board of Education. Hickory High School holds a 70.7% advanced diploma rate much higher than the rest of their division (57.4%) and the state (52.2%), as well as holding a very low dropout rate of 1.2% beating their division 4.1% and state 5.8% (U.S. Census, "Chesapeake City").

Politically Chesapeake is in the 4th congressional district, represented by democratic congressmen A. Donald McEachin. Following the trend of Virginia usually voting democratically, continually held up in the last presidential election. However religiously speaking, Chesapeake is not as religiously involved with 136,331 saying they are unclaimed religion, 43,920 saying they are Protestant (Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, etc.) and 13,212 saying they are Catholic (ARDA, Chesapeake City, "County Membership Report"). A problem

also in Chesapeake is not that the city is not diverse enough, but that races are stuck together in neighborhood and communities instead of being more intergraded. Racially speaking Chesapeake is divided into white citizens being 62.2% of the population and African Americans citizens making up 29.7% of well over the majority. (U.S. Census "Chesapeake City") Throughout Chesapeake Virginia, there is chance for employment, education, as well as career development. Many different types of people come to Chesapeake, Virginia each year, there seems to represent a group for everyone. The holds its roots in being very educationally sound, Chesapeake stands out as a very growing and modern town, constantly looking for new ways to advance. On top of the steadily decreasing unemployment rate, Chesapeake is also prime restate for upcoming businesses and companies. The steady income in Chesapeake is what creates such a good environment for good educationally opportunities. Certain problems still standout for the community however such as, that races are stuck together in neighborhood and communities instead of being more intergraded and also, parents will try to obtain false housing address so they can get their child to be allowed to enroll in the school. Through different ways of analysis these concerns will need to be addressed in the near future.

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