

Democrats' growing advantage

Between 2010 and 2020, Virginia's most robust population growth was in Democratic strongholds, according to new census data. Last year, Democrat Joe Biden carried 18 of the state's 20 largest cities and counties, while President Donald Trump carried seven of the next 10 largest.

Locality	2020 population	10-year population change (by %)	2017 vote for governor	2020 vote for president
Fairfax	1,150,309	6.3	Northam	Biden
Prince William	482,204	20.0	Northam	Biden
Virginia Beach	459,470	4.9	Northam	Biden
Loudoun	420,959	34.8	Northam	Biden
Chesterfield	364,548	15.3	Northam	Biden
Henrico	334,389	8.9	Northam	Biden
Chesapeake	249,422	12.2	Northam	Biden
Arlington	238,643	14.9	Northam	Biden
Norfolk	238,005	-2.0	Northam	Biden
Richmond	226,610	11.0	Northam	Biden
Newport News	186,247	3.1	Northam	Biden
Alexandria	159,467	13.9	Northam	Biden
Stafford	156,927	21.7	Gillespie	Biden
Spotsylvania	140,032	14.4	Gillespie	Trump
Hampton	137,148	-0.2	Northam	Biden
Albemarle	112,395	13.6	Northam	Biden
Hanover	109,979	10.1	Gillespie	Trump
Roanoke city	100,011	3.1	Northam	Biden
Montgomery	99,721	5.6	Northam	Biden
Portsmouth	97,915	2.5	Northam	Biden
Roanoke Co.	96,929	4.9	Gillespie	Trump
Suffolk	94,324	11.5	Northam	Biden
Frederick	91,419	16.7	Gillespie	Trump
Rockingham	83,757	9.8	Gillespie	Trump
Bedford	79,462	6.1	Gillespie	Trump
Lynchburg	79,009	4.6	Gillespie	Biden
James City Co.	78,254	16.8	Gillespie	Biden
Augusta	77,487	5.1	Gillespie	Trump
Fauquier	72,972	11.9	Gillespie	Trump
York	70,045	7.0	Gillespie	Trump