



United Way
of South Hampton Roads

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Learn about Your Community

1. When was United Way of South Hampton Roads founded?
 - A. 1919
 - B. 1923
 - C. 1946
 - D. 1979

Answer: United Way of South Hampton Roads was founded in 1923 and began as the Community Chest – a community-led initiative to pool resources and share them with those in need.

2. As of May 2020, how many individuals are unemployed in South Hampton Roads?
 - A. 20,000
 - B. 30,000
 - C. 40,000
 - D. 50,000

Answer: Following the coronavirus crisis, there are over 50,000 individuals in South Hampton Roads that are unemployed. Additionally, there are 30,000 new families struggling to make ends meet.

3. What percent of youth (ages 3 to 17) in Norfolk are not enrolled in school?
 - A. 3%
 - B. 5%
 - C. 11%
 - D. 18%

Answer: 11% of youth in Norfolk are not enrolled in school and not learning foundational knowledge and skills for success later in life.

4. What is the federal poverty level (FPL) for a family of four?
 - A. \$20,300
 - B. \$25,100
 - C. \$35,400
 - D. \$40,500

Answer: The federal poverty level for a family of four is \$25,100. For a single adult, it's \$12,140. The FPL was developed in 1965 and hasn't been updated since 1974, so it is no longer a realistic measure of financial hardship.

5. What percentage of our local veterans live in poverty?
 - A. 2%
 - B. 5%
 - C. 10%
 - D. 20%

Answer: 10% of our local veterans live in poverty, which is double our state rate.



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6. In South Hampton Roads, what percent of adults have a bachelor's degree or higher?
- A. 20%
 - B. 33%
 - C. 50%
 - D. 67%

Answer: In our area, 1 in 3 (33%) adults have a bachelor's degree or higher.

7. In South Hampton Roads, what percent of children live in poverty?
- A. 5%
 - B. 10%
 - C. 15%
 - D. 20%

Answer: 1 in 5 children (20%) in South Hampton Roads live in a household with income below the federal poverty line.

8. In Portsmouth, what percent of families are single-parent households?
- A. 25%
 - B. 35%
 - C. 45%
 - D. 55%

Answer: 55% of families are single-parent households, meaning emotional and financial burdens fall on the shoulders of one parent.

9. In Virginia Beach, what is the average weekly cost for childcare?
- A. \$175
 - B. \$205
 - C. \$235
 - D. \$315

Answer: The average cost for childcare in Virginia Beach is \$235 a week or nearly \$1,000 a month. The average mom making minimum wage and working 40 hours, only makes \$290 a week or \$1,160 a month.

10. How many partners does United Way's United for Children initiative collaborate with?
- A. 100
 - B. 135
 - C. 150
 - D. 185

Answer: United Way's collective impact initiative convenes over 185 partners around the success of our most at-risk children. Since launching in 2012, we've helped over 25,000 kids.