



**Peace and tranquility** abound in Gloucester County. Steeped in history and surrounded by natural beauty, Gloucester County is a wonderful place to call home.

Two of the strongest influences on the economy of Gloucester are commercial fishing and agriculture. With water on three sides, Gloucester provides plenty of fishing, boating, recreational opportunities and land for new country and waterfront homes. This 225-square-mile county is rustically charming with barns, farms, older homes and historic buildings such as Abingdon Church.

History surrounds you in Gloucester County. When English settlers arrived at Jamestown in 1607, the Indian stronghold of Chief Powhatan was located on the north side of the York River, in what is now Gloucester. It was here that Powhatan built his home. According to legend, his daughter, the Princess Pocahontas saved Captain John Smith from death at the hands of the Indians, and thus, entered the pages of Virginia's history.

Gloucester County also offers a wide variety of restaurants, ranging from local fare to exotic cuisine. In Gloucester you are close to great shopping as well.

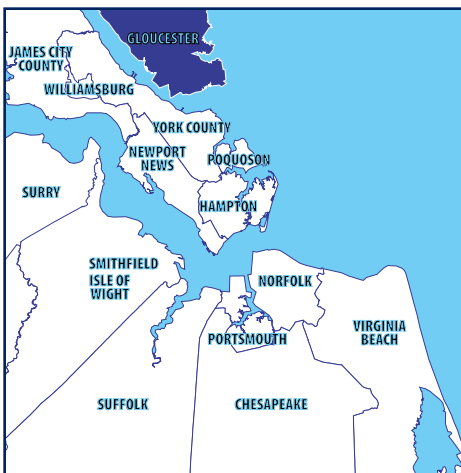
Gloucester County features eight parks for recreation. These parks offer a variety of activities including organized sports leagues, fishing tournaments, various classes and activities.

For families, retirees and those who want a weekend getaway home, Gloucester offers a beautiful, quiet atmosphere. The unique combination of rural charm, and natural beauty makes Gloucester County a special place to call home.



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### Gloucester at a glance...

Population:	38,293
Area Size:	225 square miles
Median Household Income:	\$45,421
Taxes & License:	(804) 693-2141
Sales tax:	5%
Property tax:	\$2.20 per \$100; 67¢ per \$100 real estate
State income tax:	5.75% over \$17,000
Automobile tax:	\$3.50 per \$100
Utilities -	phone numbers for hook ups: (800) 730-0773 One call does it all for: Electric, Cable, Water, Internet, Gas, Telephone, Trash, Newspaper, Satellite, Cellular Phone Service
Education	
School board:	(804) 693-5300
Website:	<a href="http://gets.gc.k12.va.us">http://gets.gc.k12.va.us</a>
Teacher/pupil ratio:	3 to 13
Number of schools:	high: 1, middle: 2, elementary: 6
Shopping:	Courthouse merchants group and various areas throughout the county
Public transport:	Bay Transit
Travel time:	Norfolk International Airport - 90 minutes Virginia Beach Oceanfront - 120 minutes
Hospitals:	Riverside Walter Reed Hospital



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