

Estimates of:

- 1) Local Option Sales and Use Tax
- 2) Recordation and Grantor's Tax

to be distributed to localities  
during Fiscal Year 2021

## **Preface**

Since the 1960's, the Department of Taxation has been providing the local governing body of every county, city, and town in the Commonwealth with an estimate of its distributive share of certain revenues for the following fiscal year. This report complies with the Code of Virginia §15.2-2502 requiring that such estimates be provided within fifteen days following adjournment of the Virginia General Assembly.

Enclosed are the Fiscal Year 2021 estimates for the local distributions of the Local Option Sales and Use Tax and the State Recordation and Grantor's taxes.

***The Code of Virginia § 22.1-93, requires the Department of Education to provide, within fifteen days following final adjournment, "...estimates to be used for budgetary purposes relative to the Basic School Aid Formula..." Estimates of the Fiscal Year 2021 local distributions of the State Sales and Use Tax for Public Education are transmitted to the localities by the Department of Education.***

The estimates contained herein should not be interpreted to be a State guarantee that each locality will receive the amounts indicated. Rather, they should be viewed only as estimates for each locality that are consistent with the latest economic assumptions utilized in forecasting State General Fund revenues.

Each local governing body is urged to verify the reasonableness of the estimates based on the expert knowledge of its officials and to track news releases pertaining to the developments with the Commonwealth's Budget and the Census data. If there are any questions concerning this publication, please feel free to contact the Department's Office of Revenue Forecasting at (804) 371-4372.

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## ***LOCAL OPTION SALES AND USE TAX***

The State collects and distributes the Local Option one percent Sales and Use Tax.<sup>1</sup> Actual distributions are made to every county and city based on the locality in which the tax was collected.

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<sup>1</sup>As provided under the Code of Virginia §58.1-605 and §58.1-606.

**Actual FY 2019 Local 1%  
Option Distribution Sales  
and Use Tax**      **Estimated FY  
2021 Local Option  
Sales and Use Tax**

<b>Locality</b>	<b>(\$)</b>		<b>% of State</b>
<b>Counties</b>			
Accomack County	4,721,028	0.3652%	5,066,099
Albemarle County	17,038,808	1.3180%	18,284,214
Alleghany County	958,820	0.0742%	1,028,902
Amelia County	821,928	0.0636%	882,005
Amherst County	2,895,601	0.2240%	3,107,247
Appomattox County	1,385,301	0.1072%	1,486,556
Arlington County	43,737,164	3.3831%	46,934,016
Augusta County	6,229,458	0.4819%	6,684,784
Bath County	822,596	0.0636%	882,721
Bedford County*	6,395,201	0.4947%	6,862,642
Bland County	378,149	0.0293%	405,788
Botetourt County	3,006,691	0.2326%	3,226,457
Brunswick County	629,576	0.0487%	675,593
Buchanan County	1,797,470	0.1390%	1,928,851
Buckingham County	939,146	0.0726%	1,007,790
Campbell County	5,696,248	0.4406%	6,112,600
Caroline County	2,239,107	0.1732%	2,402,768
Carroll County	2,043,840	0.1581%	2,193,230
Charles City County	894,389	0.0692%	959,761
Charlotte County	744,107	0.0576%	798,496
Chesterfield County	52,253,701	4.0419%	56,073,046
Clarke County	1,143,253	0.0884%	1,226,817
Craig County	177,908	0.0138%	190,912
Culpeper County	8,254,625	0.6385%	8,857,975
Cumberland County	535,600	0.0414%	574,748
Dickenson County	754,936	0.0584%	810,116
Dinwiddie County	1,937,984	0.1499%	2,079,636
Essex County	2,043,601	0.1581%	2,192,973
Fairfax County	189,416,588	14.6516%	203,261,492
Fauquier County	10,240,337	0.7921%	10,988,828
Floyd County	958,475	0.0741%	1,028,532
Fluvanna County	1,798,203	0.1391%	1,929,638
Franklin County	5,811,655	0.4495%	6,236,443
Frederick County	14,622,568	1.1311%	15,691,366
Giles County	2,058,996	0.1593%	2,209,493
Gloucester County	4,843,283	0.3746%	5,197,290
Goochland County	3,200,294	0.2475%	3,434,211
Grayson County	493,336	0.0382%	529,395
Greene County	2,104,027	0.1627%	2,257,815
Greensville County	1,326,476	0.1026%	1,423,431

	<b>Actual FY 2019 Local 1% Option Distribution Sales and Use Tax</b>		<b>Estimated FY 2021 Local Option Sales and Use Tax</b>
<b>Locality</b>	<b>(\$) % of State</b>		
Halifax County	3,653,305	0.2826%	3,920,334
Hanover County	23,219,651	1.7961%	24,916,830
Henrico County	68,322,852	5.2849%	73,316,730
Henry County	4,453,254	0.3445%	4,778,753
Highland County	129,610	0.0100%	139,083
Isle of Wight County	3,001,635	0.2322%	3,221,031
James City County	11,164,276	0.8636%	11,980,299
King and Queen County	224,598	0.0174%	241,015
King George County	2,588,925	0.2003%	2,778,155
King William County	1,384,961	0.1071%	1,486,191
Lancaster County	1,831,938	0.1417%	1,965,839
Lee County	1,365,780	0.1056%	1,465,608
Loudoun County	84,955,148	6.5714%	91,164,719
Louisa County	3,900,439	0.3017%	4,185,531
Lunenburg County	517,951	0.0401%	555,809
Madison County	1,069,473	0.0827%	1,147,644
Mathews County	512,224	0.0396%	549,664
Mecklenburg County	5,663,852	0.4381%	6,077,836
Middlesex County	1,189,385	0.0920%	1,276,320
Montgomery County	13,351,507	1.0328%	14,327,400
Nelson County	1,282,909	0.0992%	1,376,680
New Kent County	1,913,712	0.1480%	2,053,589
Northampton County	1,524,230	0.1179%	1,635,640
Northumberland County	741,989	0.0574%	796,223
Nottoway County	1,740,734	0.1346%	1,867,969
Orange County	3,694,833	0.2858%	3,964,897
Page County	2,129,352	0.1647%	2,284,991
Patrick County	1,214,620	0.0940%	1,303,399
Pittsylvania County	2,716,954	0.2102%	2,915,543
Powhatan County	3,281,803	0.2539%	3,521,678
Prince Edward County	3,434,849	0.2657%	3,685,910
Prince George County	2,693,920	0.2084%	2,890,824
Prince William County	69,044,465	5.3407%	74,091,087
Pulaski County	4,423,149	0.3421%	4,746,448
Rappahannock County	591,761	0.0458%	635,014
Richmond County	1,604,183	0.1241%	1,721,436
Roanoke County	12,537,448	0.9698%	13,453,840
Rockbridge County	2,904,718	0.2247%	3,117,030
Rockingham County	7,473,006	0.5780%	8,019,226
Russell County	1,997,255	0.1545%	2,143,239

	Actual FY 2019 Local 1% Option Distribution Sales and Use Tax		Estimated FY 2021 Local Option Sales and Use Tax
Locality	(\$)	% of State	
Scott County	1,725,296	0.1335%	1,851,402
Shenandoah County	4,679,170	0.3619%	5,021,182
Smyth County	2,512,345	0.1943%	2,695,978
Southampton County	705,745	0.0546%	757,329
Spotsylvania County	18,800,534	1.4542%	20,174,709
Stafford County	14,794,109	1.1443%	15,875,445
Surry County	526,822	0.0408%	565,329
Sussex County	1,096,031	0.0848%	1,176,143
Tazewell County	5,902,657	0.4566%	6,334,096
Warren County	4,814,765	0.3724%	5,166,688
Washington County	7,517,803	0.5815%	8,067,297
Westmoreland County	1,062,303	0.0822%	1,139,949
Wise County	3,291,784	0.2546%	3,532,389
Wythe County	4,687,790	0.3626%	5,030,431
York County	10,762,951	0.8325%	11,549,641
<b>Cities</b>			
Alexandria City	28,550,480	2.2084%	30,637,302
Bristol City	4,429,197	0.3426%	4,752,937
Buena Vista City	386,637	0.0299%	414,897
Charlottesville City	11,800,880	0.9128%	12,663,434
Chesapeake City	41,999,454	3.2487%	45,069,293
Colonial Heights City	8,207,347	0.6348%	8,807,241
Covington City	1,427,893	0.1104%	1,532,261
Danville City	8,979,737	0.6946%	9,636,087
Emporia City	1,744,982	0.1350%	1,872,526
Fairfax City	11,826,813	0.9148%	12,691,263
Falls Church City	5,186,922	0.4012%	5,566,046
Franklin City	1,894,914	0.1466%	2,033,418
Fredericksburg City	12,038,059	0.9312%	12,917,949
Galax City	2,302,131	0.1781%	2,470,400
Hampton City	15,825,035	1.2241%	16,981,724
Harrisonburg City	14,179,556	1.0968%	15,215,973
Hopewell City	2,065,465	0.1598%	2,216,434
Lexington City	1,144,316	0.0885%	1,227,956
Lynchburg City	15,922,001	1.2316%	17,085,777
Manassas City	7,545,198	0.5836%	8,096,695
Manassas Park City	2,205,329	0.1706%	2,366,522
Martinsville City	2,043,703	0.1581%	2,193,082
Newport News City	25,899,935	2.0034%	27,793,022

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Norfolk City	32,878,088	2.5432%	35,281,224
Norton City	1,512,233	0.1170%	1,622,766
Petersburg City	4,053,112	0.3135%	4,349,364
Poquoson City	670,012	0.0518%	718,985
Portsmouth City	7,465,932	0.5775%	8,011,634
Radford City	1,031,650	0.0798%	1,107,055
Richmond City	36,645,609	2.8346%	39,324,122
Roanoke City	22,283,941	1.7237%	23,912,727
Salem City	7,337,594	0.5676%	7,873,916
Staunton City	4,493,895	0.3476%	4,822,364
Suffolk City	11,331,802	0.8765%	12,160,070
Virginia Beach City	65,602,064	5.0744%	70,397,073
Waynesboro City	5,546,073	0.4290%	5,951,448
Williamsburg City	4,717,477	0.3649%	5,062,289
Winchester City	9,951,036	0.7697%	10,678,380
<b><i>*Includes Bedford City.</i></b>			

## **RECORDATION AND GRANTOR TAX DISTRIBUTION**

During the 2020 session of the General Assembly, legislation was enacted that will alter the manner in which recordation and grantor tax distributions are made to the localities.

Senate Bill 890 revised Section 58.1-816 of the Code of Virginia as follows:

### **§ 58.1-816. Distribution of recordation tax to cities and counties.**

- A. Effective October 1, 1993, ~~twenty~~ \$20 million dollars of the taxes imposed under §§ 58.1-801 through 58.1-809 ~~which that~~ are actually paid into the state treasury, shall be distributed among the counties and cities of ~~this~~ *the* Commonwealth, *except for counties and cities located in Planning District 8*, in the manner provided in subsection B ~~of this section~~. Effective July 1, 1994, such annual distribution shall increase to ~~forty~~ \$40 million dollars. **Effective July 1, 2021, such annual distribution shall be \$20 million.**

In addition, also during the 2020 session of the General Assembly, House Bill 1726, beginning in fiscal year 2021, would dedicate the first \$20 million of the annual distribution under Section 58.1-816 to the Hampton Roads Regional Transit Fund (HRTTF). Any remaining amounts would be apportioned and distributed quarterly to the localities outside the Hampton Roads Transportation District.

Given that, effective July 1, 2021, Senate Bill 890 would reduce the \$40 million annual distribution under Section 58.1-816 to \$20 million and House Bill 1726 would dedicate the first \$20 million of such amount to the HRRTF, **there would be no remaining amounts to distribute to the other localities effective July 1, 2021.**



Locality	2015-19 Average Percent of Various Localities Recordation/Grantor's Tax Collections (1)	Estimate of State Annual Distribution Fiscal Year 2021 (\$)
<b>Counties</b>		
Accomack County	0.59401%	118,802
Albemarle County	4.35332%	870,665
Alleghany County	0.13235%	26,470
Amelia County	0.22170%	44,339
Amherst County	0.38268%	76,537
Appomattox County	0.20134%	40,268
Arlington County (2)	0.00000%	-
Augusta County	1.35037%	270,073
Bath County	0.22642%	45,283
Bedford County	1.88385%	376,770
Bland County	0.04992%	9,984
Botetourt County	0.73804%	147,608
Brunswick County	0.19357%	38,714
Buchanan County	0.12108%	24,216
Buckingham County	0.15842%	31,683
Campbell County	0.76836%	153,672
Caroline County	0.65197%	130,395
Carroll County	0.30872%	61,745
Charles City County	0.09898%	19,796
Charlotte County	0.11368%	22,736
Chesterfield County	10.72318%	2,144,635
Clarke County	0.49759%	99,518
Craig County	0.06880%	13,760
Culpeper County	1.39580%	279,161
Cumberland County	0.12529%	25,058
Dickenson County	0.15586%	31,171
Dinwiddie County	0.41213%	82,427
Essex County	0.20371%	40,743
Fairfax County (2)	0.00000%	-
Fauquier County	3.01632%	603,264
Floyd County	0.20788%	41,576
Fluvanna County	0.58093%	116,187
Franklin County	1.15227%	230,453
Frederick County	2.86289%	572,579
Giles County	0.15685%	31,370

Locality	2015-19 Average Percent of Various Localities Recordation/Grantor's Tax Collections (1)	Estimate of State Annual Distribution Fiscal Year 2021 (\$)
Gloucester County (3)	0.00000%	-
Goochland County	0.99562%	199,124
Grayson County	0.19456%	38,913
Greene County	0.44398%	88,796
Greensville County	0.07627%	15,254
Halifax County	0.31107%	62,213
Hanover County	3.40944%	681,887
Henrico County	10.02020%	2,004,040
Henry County	0.34911%	69,823
Highland County	0.04789%	9,578
Isle of Wight County (3)	0.00000%	-
James City County (3)	0.00000%	-
King and Queen County	0.09998%	19,995
King George County	0.67548%	135,096
King William County	0.37348%	74,696
Lancaster County	0.38547%	77,095
Lee County	0.14295%	28,590
Loudoun County (2)	0.00000%	-
Louisa County	1.05269%	210,538
Lunenburg County	0.11047%	22,094
Madison County	0.25663%	51,325
Mathews County	0.23161%	46,323
Mecklenburg County	0.47130%	94,260
Middlesex County	0.33964%	67,928
Montgomery County	1.94402%	388,803
Nelson County	0.40820%	81,640
New Kent County	0.74618%	149,235
Northampton County	0.31019%	62,039
Northumberland County	0.37566%	75,132
Nottoway County	0.15129%	30,257
Orange County	0.87216%	174,431
Page County	0.29425%	58,850
Patrick County	0.15512%	31,024
Pittsylvania County	0.53029%	106,057
Powhatan County	0.87635%	175,270

Locality	2015-19 Average Percent of Various Localities Recordation/Grantor's Tax Collections (1)	Estimate of State Annual Distribution Fiscal Year 2021 (\$)
Prince Edward County	0.33805%	67,610
Prince George County	0.63665%	127,329
Prince William County (2)	0.00000%	-
Pulaski County	0.46596%	93,192
Rappahannock County	0.25110%	50,220
Richmond County	0.11591%	23,182
Roanoke County	2.09237%	418,474
Rockbridge County	0.36619%	73,238
Rockingham County	1.85091%	370,181
Russell County	0.18798%	37,595
Scott County	0.15954%	31,908
Shenandoah County	0.84375%	168,750
Smyth County	0.24814%	49,627
Southampton County (3)	0.00000%	-
Spotsylvania County	4.53012%	906,025
Stafford County	6.01609%	1,203,219
Surry County	0.12614%	25,227
Sussex County	0.11787%	23,574
Tazewell County	0.34987%	69,975
Warren County	1.02766%	205,531
Washington County	0.80812%	161,625
Westmoreland County	0.43145%	86,290
Wise County	0.24907%	49,813
Wythe County	0.37416%	74,832
York County (3)	0.00000%	-
<b>Cities</b>		
Alexandria City (2)	0.00000%	-
Bristol City	0.33166%	66,331
Buena Vista City	0.05295%	10,590
Charlottesville City	1.53493%	306,986
Chesapeake City (3)	0.00000%	-
Colonial Heights City	0.31180%	62,361
Covington City	0.04456%	8,912
Danville City	0.43625%	87,249

Locality	2015-19 Average Percent of Various Localities Recordation/Grantor's Tax Collections (1)	Estimate of State Annual Distribution Fiscal Year 2021 (\$)
Emporia City	0.04974%	9,949
Fairfax City (2)	0.00000%	-
Falls Church City (2)	0.00000%	-
Franklin City (3)	0.00000%	-
Fredericksburg City	1.01918%	203,836
Galax City	0.06939%	13,879
Hampton City (3)	0.00000%	-
Harrisonburg City	0.89344%	178,687
Hopewell City	0.33732%	67,465
Lexington City	0.08997%	17,993
Lynchburg City	1.32557%	265,113
Manassas City (2)	0.00000%	-
Manassas Park City (2)	0.00000%	-
Martinsville City	0.11826%	23,651
Newport News City (3)	0.00000%	-
Norfolk City (3)	0.00000%	-
Norton City	0.03906%	7,812
Petersburg City	0.41629%	83,258
Poquoson City (3)	0.00000%	-
Portsmouth City (3)	0.00000%	-
Radford City	0.18040%	36,081
Richmond City	6.60944%	1,321,889
Roanoke City	1.73619%	347,239
Salem City	0.48506%	97,013
Staunton City	0.44546%	89,092
Suffolk City (3)	0.00000%	-
Virginia Beach City (3)	0.00000%	-
Waynesboro City	0.40173%	80,346
Williamsburg City (3)	0.00000%	-
Winchester City	0.72442%	144,885

**(1) Excludes those localities in the Northern Virginia Transportation District and those that comprise the Hampton Roads Regional Transportation Fund.**

**(2) Effective July 1, 2020, localities in the Northern Virginia Transportation District will not receive the recordation/grantors tax distribution.**

**(3) HB 1726 would dedicate the first \$20 million of the annual distribution under 58.1-516 to the Hampton Roads Regional Transit Fund. The remaining \$20 million would be apportioned and distributed to the localities outside the Hampton Roads Transportation District.**