

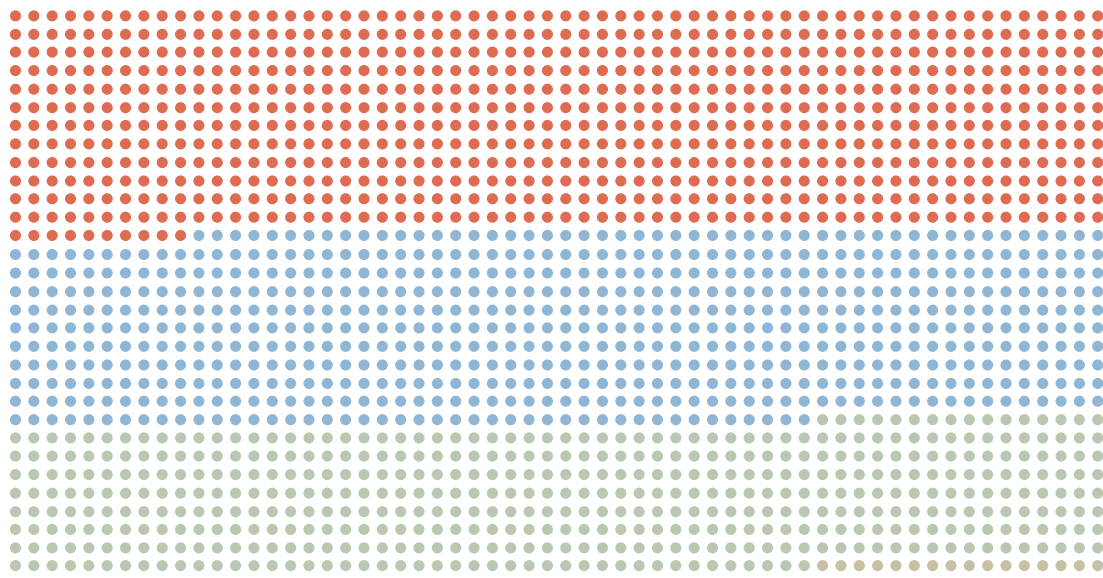
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**Deaths in the Richmond area in 2020** The top causes of death according to the CDC:

- COVID-19
- Dementia
- Alzheimer's disease
- Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
- Heart attack
- Heart disease
- Lung cancer
- Drug overdose
- Congestive heart failure
- Stroke



## WHAT'S KILLING RICHMOND?

A look at the area's top causes of death

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**ABOUT THIS STORY:** The Times-Dispatch analyzed Centers for Disease Control and Prevention data to determine top causes of death in the region. Aim your smartphone camera at the QR code and tap the link to read more about what the data found.

Tobacco has been ingrained into Virginia's fabric since English settlers planted the first seeds along the banks of the James River in 1612.

While states like North Carolina and Kentucky produce more tobacco than Virginia, Richmond arguably remains the capital of America's tobacco industry, with the headquarters of the nation's largest tobacco conglomerate, Altria Group, located on West Broad Street in Henrico County. About half of all the cigarettes produced in the U.S. are manufactured at Altria subsid-

ary Philip Morris USA's cigarette plant in South Richmond off Interstate 95.

Given that history, it is unsurprising that many of the top causes of death in the Richmond area are often linked to tobacco use, according to data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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## Local governments struggle to recruit and retain workers

Public sector employers having difficulty in job market transformed by pandemic

BY MICHAEL MARTZ  
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"We're stable, but we have vacancies that are hurting us badly," said Gloucester County Administrator **Carol Steele**.

Gloucester County has grant funding in hand to rebuild a public boat landing, but no engineer to design the project or put it out to bid, so now the county is likely to hire an outside contractor.

The county, east of Richmond on the Middle Peninsula, also is planning a half-million-dollar project to make a public sidewalk more accessible to people with disabilities. Without an engineer, the deputy county administrator is working on it under his previous credentials as an engineer, and a county planner is taking a state course to bolster her background in landscape architecture to help with the design.

The situation is particularly vexing because Gloucester had two public engineers to handle capital projects, but

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## General contractor selling digital art of Confederate monuments he took down

BY C. SUAREZ ROJAS  
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**WATCH:** Devon Henry is aiming to raise \$13 million for charity through NFTs. Point your smartphone camera at the QR code, then tap the link.

After removing the Robert E. Lee monument in Richmond and nearly two dozen other statues across the city and state, Devon Henry is seeking to raise money for charity by selling digital artwork inspired by their removal in the cryptocurrency market.

CryptoFederacy, Henry's newest venture, launched its first series of

artwork last month with the goal of raising a total of \$13 million for various nonprofit groups and social justice causes, including affordable housing

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