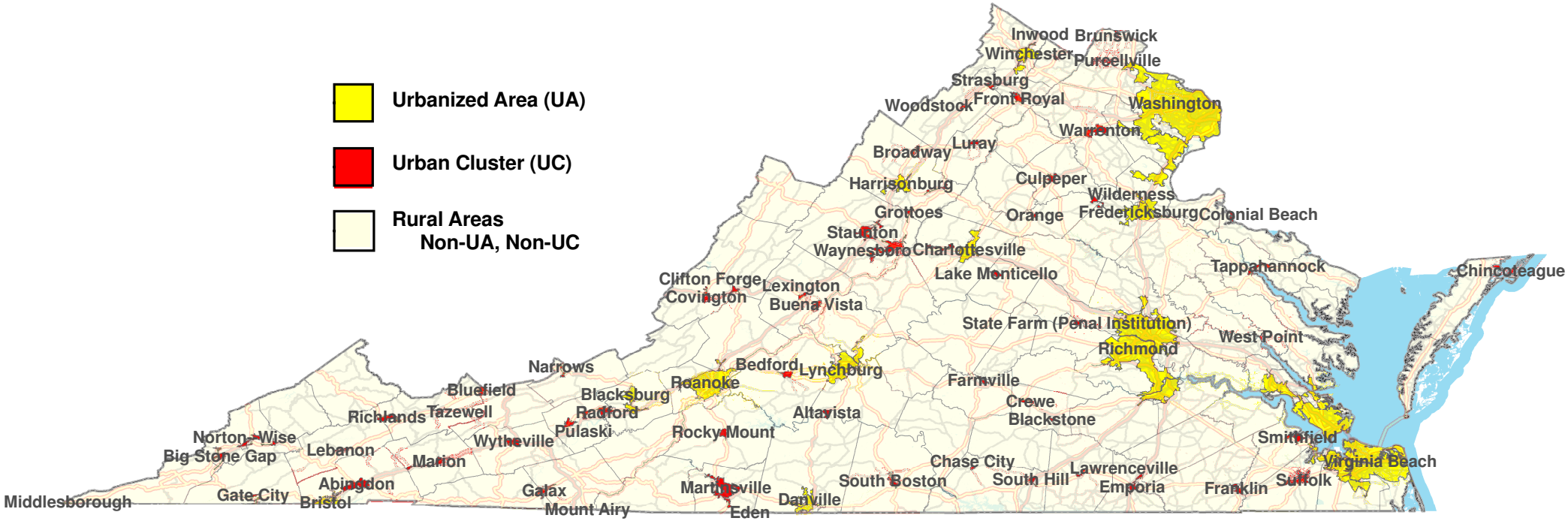
Virginia
Census 2000 Rural -- Urban Areas

Urbanized Area (UA) and Urban Cluster (UC)*



*Census 2000 classifies as "urban" all territory, population, and housing units located within an urbanized area (UA) or an urban cluster (UC). UAs consist of a central place(s) and adjacent territory with a general population density of at least 1,000 people per square mile of land area that together have a minimum residential population of at least 50,000 people. UCs are a new category for Census 2000. UCs are densely settled territory that has at least 2,500 people but fewer than 50,000. UAs and UCs use core census block group or block boundaries and therefore represent densely settled areas that often cut across the boundaries of census defined places, census tracts, counties, metropolitan areas and other jurisdictions. The Census classification of "rural" consists of all territory, population, and housing units located outside of UAs and UCs. For additional information see: http://www.census.gov/geo/www/ua/ua_2k.html

Note: Some programs targeting rural populations, such as the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Rural Health Clinic (RHC) Program, define rural as all non-urbanized areas (UAs), thus including urban clusters (UC) within their definition of rural. For additional information on RHC certification requirements see: http://www.raconline.org/info_guides/clinics/rhcfaq.php#location