COUNTIES

Virginia has 95 counties and 39 independent cities. There are 3071 counties in the United States. Counties are the primary legal divisions of most states and generally are functioning governmental units. They are known as "parishes" in Louisiana. In Alaska, Census Areas are used for statistical purposes, while the principal governmental units are boroughs. Maryland, Missouri, Nevada, and Virginia also have independent cities, government units outside the jurisdiction of any county.

INDEPENDENT CITIES

Alexandria  Manassas
Bedford  Manassas Park
Bristol  Martinsville
Buena Vista  Newport News
Charlottesville  Norfolk
Chesapeake  Norton
Colonial Heights  Petersburg
Covington  Poquoson
Danville  Portsmouth
Emporia  Radford
Fairfax  Richmond
Falls Church  Roanoke
Franklin  Salem
Fredericksburg  Staunton
Galax  Suffolk
Hampton  Virginia Beach
Harrisonburg  Waynesboro
Hopewell  Williamsburg
Lexington  Winchester
Lynchburg

Albers equal area projection