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