



Welcome to the eleventh issue in a series of in-depth analyses on member jurisdictions in the Washington region. This newsletter contains economic and demographic data on the City of Gaithersburg and Montgomery County, placed in the context of the Washington region.

### Population

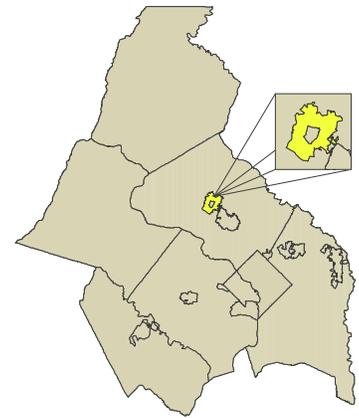
The population of the City of Gaithersburg, according to the 2000 Census, is 52,600 people. Gaithersburg's residents constitute **one percent** of the Washington region's 4.5 million people.

The City of Gaithersburg is located in Montgomery County. Between 2000 and 2030, Montgomery County's population is anticipated to grow by **282,500 people**, an increase of **32.3 percent**, while the region is expected to grow by more than 2 million people or 45.2 percent.

**One quarter** of the population in the City of Gaithersburg is under 18 years old. This represents the same proportion of children as in the Washington region as a whole.

The City's more than 4,300 'seniors' age 65 and older account for **eight percent** of the population. This percentage is slightly less than the regional average of nine percent.

Fifty-eight percent of the City of Gaithersburg's population is white; 15 percent is black or African-American; and 14 percent is Asian. Nearly 10,400 people—20 percent of Gaithersburg's population—also indicated that they are Hispanic or Latino. Regionally, 56 percent of the population is white; 28 percent is black or African-American; and eight percent is Asian. One out of ten people in the Washington region is Hispanic or Latino.

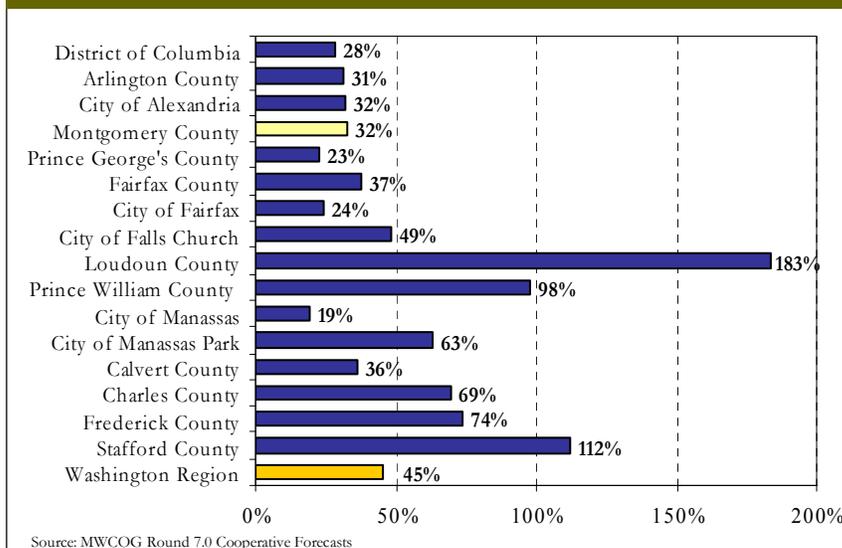


### Land Area

The City of Gaithersburg covers **10 square miles** and comprises less than one percent of the Washington region's land area. The City has a population density of nearly **5,260 people** per square mile. It is more densely populated than the regional average of 1,395 people per square mile.



Percent Population Growth by Jurisdiction  
Forecast 2000–2030



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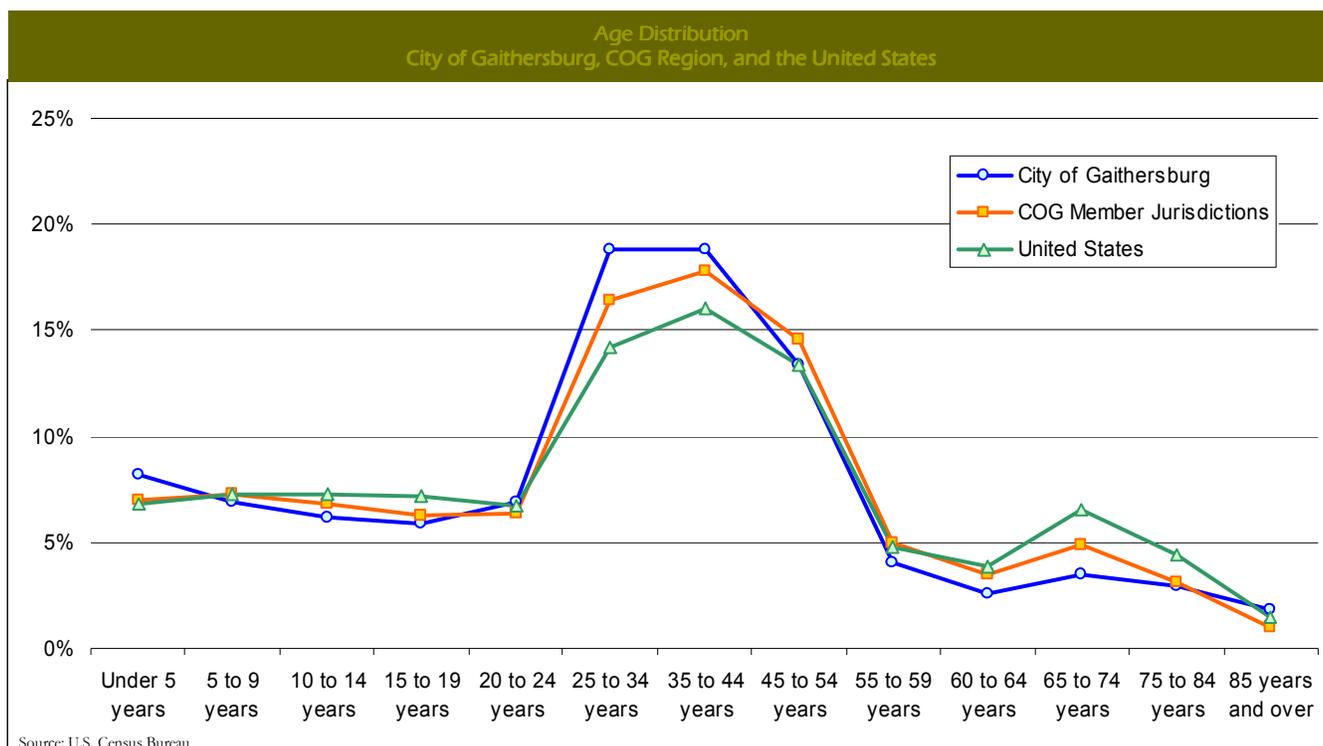
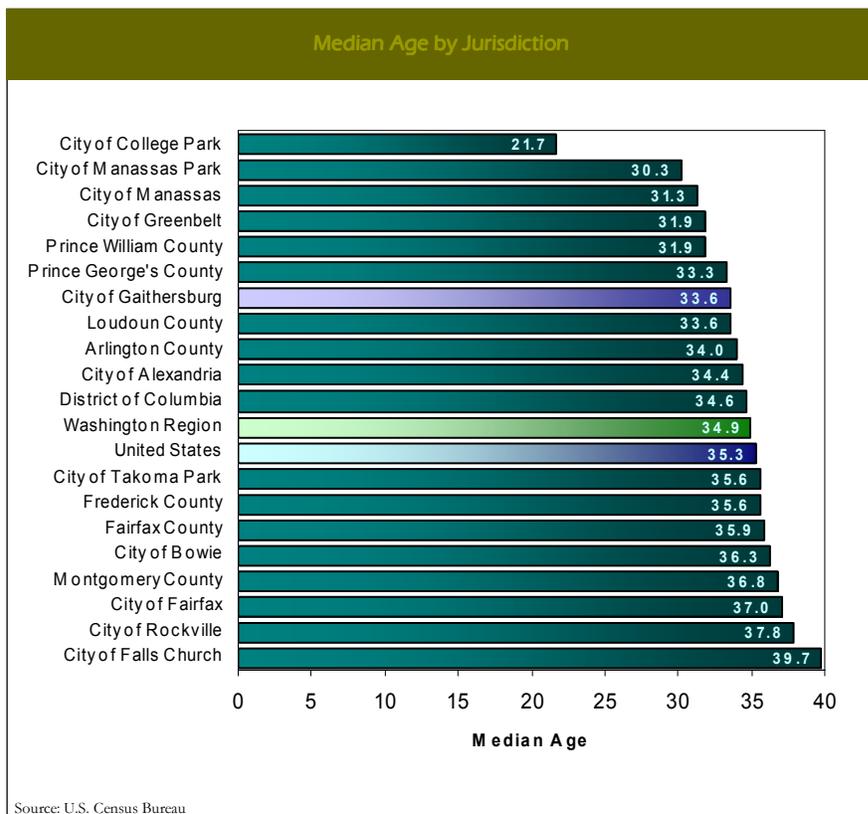
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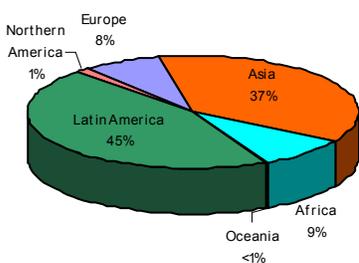
The median age of Gaithersburg residents is 33.6 years, slightly younger than the median age in the Washington region (34.9 years), and the United States (35.3 years.)

The age distribution of the City of Gaithersburg closely mirrors that of the Washington region. Compared to the United States, Gaithersburg has a higher proportion of residents who are between 25 and 44 years old. The City has a lower percentage of 'seniors,' people who are between 65 and 84 years old, when compared to the United States.

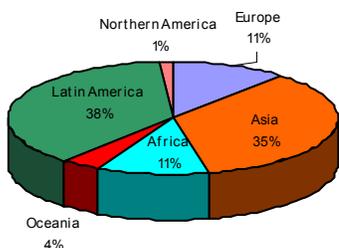




**Region of Birth of Foreign Born in Gaithersburg**



**Region of Birth of Foreign Born in the Washington Region**



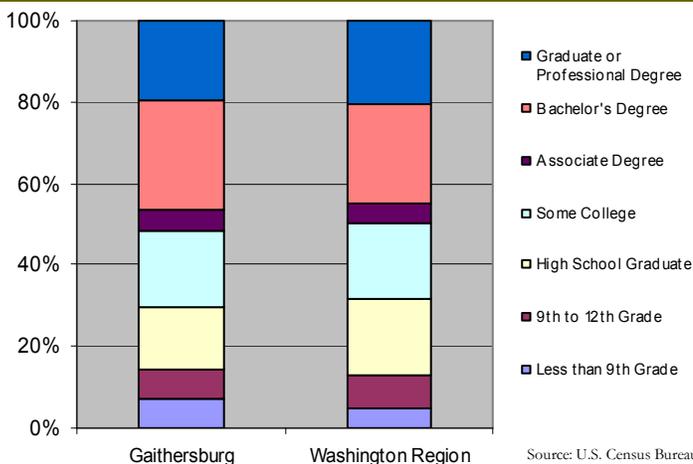
Note: Oceania refers to Australia, New Zealand, and the islands of the Pacific Ocean  
Source: U.S. Census Bureau

## Foreign Born

The City of Gaithersburg has the highest percentage of foreign born residents compared to other jurisdictions in the Washington region. **Thirty-four percent** of the City's population was born in another country, compared to the regional average of 19 percent. Of the foreign born, **45 percent** originate from Latin America, 37 percent from Asia, nine percent from Africa, and eight percent from Europe.

Several foreign languages are spoken by Gaithersburg residents—**41 percent** of the population speaks a language other than English at home. Nineteen percent of Gaithersburg residents speak Spanish, 10 percent speak another Indo-European language, and 10 percent speak an Asian or Pacific Island language.

## Educational Attainment



## Education

Nearly **13,400 people** in Gaithersburg (**25 percent** of the population) are enrolled in school. Seventy-five percent of these enrollees are school age children, and 25 percent are college or graduate students.

**Forty-seven percent** of Gaithersburg residents over age 25 have a bachelor's degree or higher, compared to 45 percent in the Washington region. **Twenty percent** of the City's residents have a graduate or professional degree, compared with 21 percent of the region's population.

## Marital Status

Gaithersburg residents have a slightly higher rate of marriage— **54 percent** of the population 15 years and older— compared to 52 percent of the region's population.

## Residence

Gaithersburg residents move or relocate at a rate slightly more than the regional average. **Forty-eight percent** of Gaithersburg residents moved between 1995 and 2000, compared with 44 percent of the region's population.



## Employment

Between 2000 and 2030, Montgomery County is projected to add nearly **196,000 jobs**, or an increase of more than **41 percent**. During the same period, the region is expected to add nearly 1.4 million jobs or an increase of approximately 49 percent.

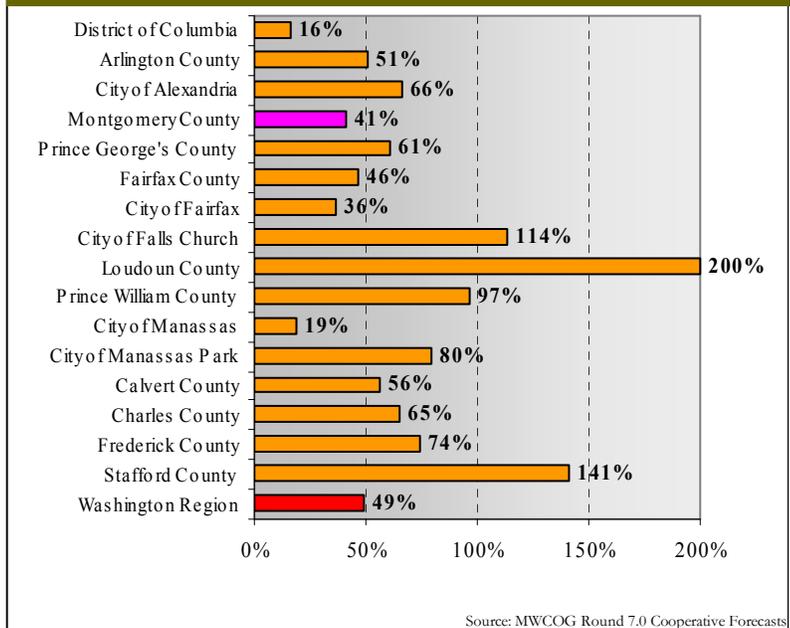
## Income

Montgomery County had the fourth-highest per capita income in the region at **\$52,854** in 2003. The per capita income for the Washington region was \$44,757.

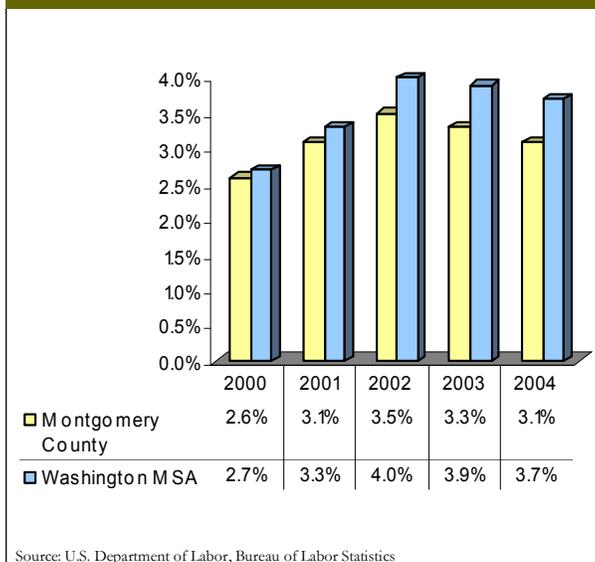
## Unemployment Rate

Over the last five years, Montgomery County has enjoyed an unemployment rate lower than the regional average. In 2004, Montgomery County had an unemployment rate of **3.1 percent**, while the regional unemployment rate was 3.7 percent.

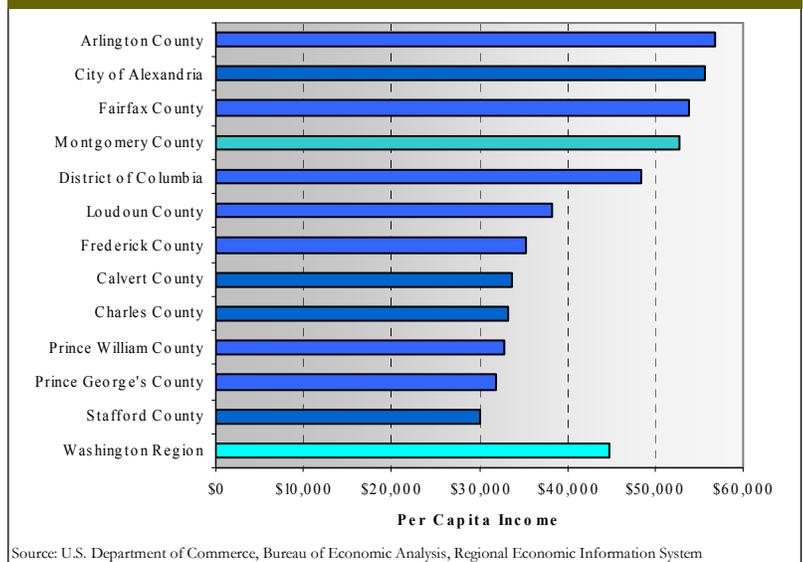
Percent Employment Growth by Jurisdiction  
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Unemployment Rate 2000 - 2004



Annual Per Capita Income by Jurisdiction, 2003

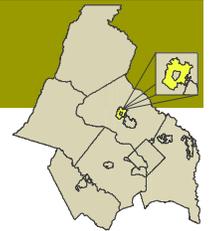


## Construction

Nearly **2.2 million square feet** of commercial development was constructed in the City of Gaithersburg over the last five years—this represents one percent of all commercial development in the Washington region.

## Federal Spending

In Fiscal Year 2003, Montgomery County received more than **\$3.6 billion** in salaries and wages from the federal government. This figure represents approximately 13 percent of the region's federal salaries and wages. Montgomery County was home to more than **\$5.7 billion** in federal procurement, capturing 13 percent of the region's federal contract awards.



## Home Sales

The number of homes sold in Montgomery County increased **20 percent** between 2000 and 2004, compared with the regional average of 42 percent. A total of **80,585 homes** were sold in Montgomery County during that time period, which is approximately 17 percent of the total home sales in the region.

## Housing

The City of Gaithersburg has the sixth highest percentage of renter-occupied housing in the Washington region. Nearly 9,300, or **47 percent**, of the City's housing units are renter-occupied, compared with 38 percent of the Washington region's housing units.

Gaithersburg residents pay a higher median gross rent than the regional median. In 2000, the median gross rent in Gaithersburg was **\$904 a month**, \$83 higher than the regional median gross rent of \$821 per month.

The average household size in Gaithersburg is larger than the regional average of 2.59 people per household. At **2.65 people per household**, Gaithersburg has the tenth highest household size in the Washington region.

## Commuting

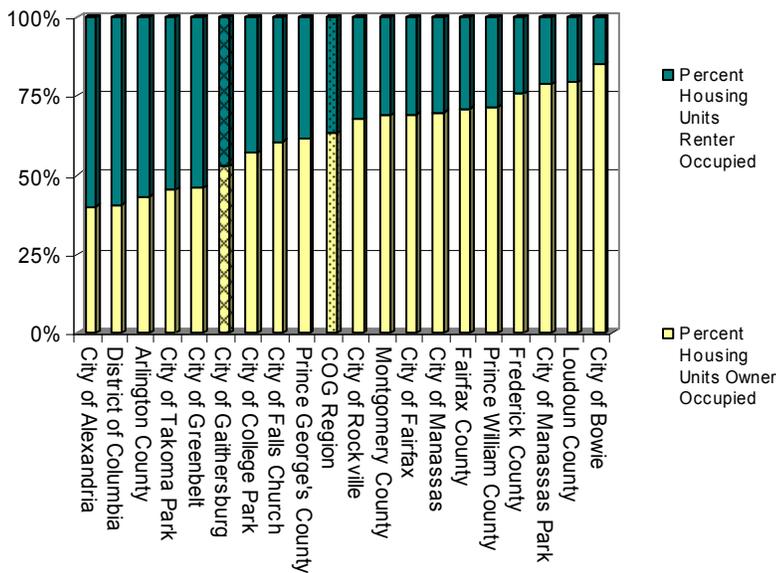
**Sixty-eight percent** of Gaithersburg resident workers commute to work by driving alone. This is the same percentage as in the Washington region. **Twelve percent** of the City's resident workers use public transportation, compared with 11 percent of the Washington region's workers. **Thirteen percent** of resident workers of Gaithersburg use carpooling as a means of transportation to their jobs. The region's workers also carpool at the same rate.

**Seventy percent** of Gaithersburg residents commute to work in less than 45 minutes. In comparison, 72 percent of the region's workers have a travel time of less than 45 minutes.

## Vehicle Ownership

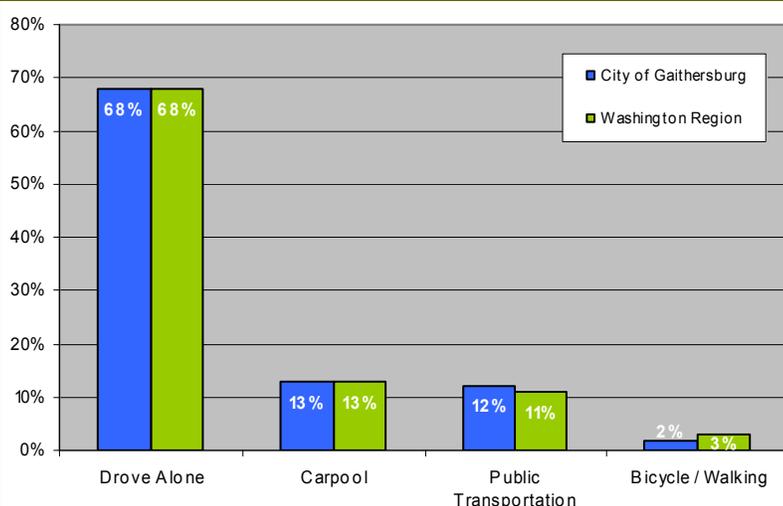
Of the 19,501 occupied housing units in Gaithersburg, **10 percent** (1,888 housing units) do not have vehicles. For renter-occupied housing units, approximately **18 percent** do not have vehicles. Eleven percent of the region's occupied housing units and 23 percent of the renter-occupied units do not have vehicles.

Owner-Occupied and Renter-Occupied Housing Units



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Means of Transportation



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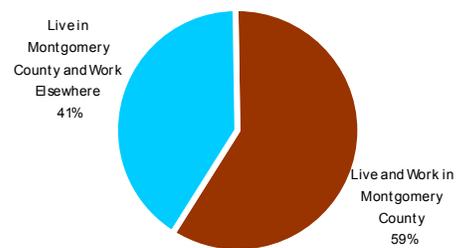
### Commuting Patterns

Of the **420,875** workers employed in Montgomery County, 63 percent (267,128 workers) live in Montgomery County. There are **455,331** resident workers in Montgomery County. The majority of Montgomery County's resident workers (59 percent) work in the County. The largest percentage of residents who commute to jobs located outside the County, work in the District of Columbia (22 percent) and Prince George's County (six percent).

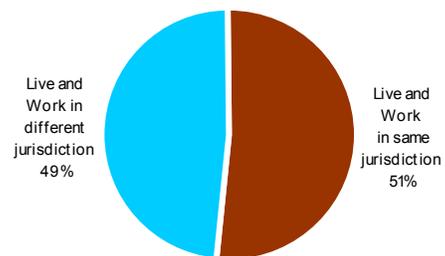
Place of Residence for Montgomery County's Workforce			Place of Work for Montgomery County's Residents		
COG Region	Montgomery County	267,128	Montgomery County	267,128	COG Region
	Prince George's County	40,240	District of Columbia	99,672	
	Frederick County	22,867	Prince George's County	26,825	
	District of Columbia	19,509	Fairfax County	22,148	
	Fairfax County	16,943	Arlington County	10,063	
	Arlington County	4,618	Frederick County	4,104	
	Loudoun County	2,770	City of Alexandria	2,685	
	City of Alexandria	2,484	Loudoun County	1,732	
	Prince William	1,867	City of Fairfax	1,034	
	City of Fairfax	338	Prince William County	671	
	City of Manassas	194	City of Falls Church	380	
	City of Falls Church	186	City of Manassas	147	
	City of Manassas Park	94	City of Manassas Park	20	
	Outside COG Region	Stafford County	357	Stafford County	
Fauquier County		273	Spotsylvania/Fredericksburg	154	
Spotsylvania/Fredericksburg		225	Warren County	75	
Warren County		134	Fauquier County	74	
Culpeper County		69	King George County	16	
King George County		54	Culpeper County	13	
Clarke County		39	Clarke County	0	
Other Virginia Jurisdictions		922	Other Virginia Jurisdictions	300	
Baltimore PMSA		28,595	Baltimore PMSA	13,590	
Charles County		1,351	Charles County	472	
Calvert County		876	Calvert County	183	
Other Maryland Jurisdictions		3,007	Other Maryland Jurisdictions	531	
Pennsylvania		1,293	Pennsylvania	336	
West Virginia		2,095	West Virginia	71	
Elsewhere	2,347	Elsewhere	2,701		
<b>Total Jobs</b>	<b>420,875</b>	<b>Total Resident Workers</b>	<b>455,331</b>		
Live and Work in Montgomery County	267,128	Live and Work in Montgomery County	267,128		
Work in Montgomery County and Live Elsewhere	153,747	Live in Montgomery County and Work Elsewhere	188,203		
<b>Total Jobs</b>	<b>420,875</b>	<b>Total Resident Workers</b>	<b>455,331</b>		

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Place of Work for Montgomery County's Residents



Location of Workers in the COG Region



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

