



# THE CITY OF GREENBELT AND THE WASHINGTON REGION: A LOOK AT ECONOMIC AND DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS

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Welcome to the fourteenth 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 Greenbelt and Prince George's County, placed in the context of the Washington region.

## Population

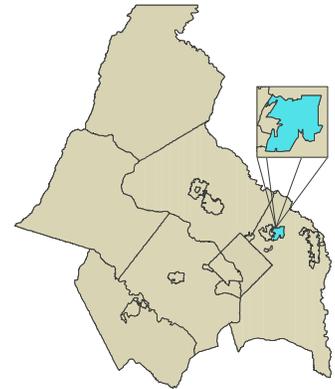
The population of the City of Greenbelt, according to the 2000 Census, is 21,456 people. Greenbelt residents constitute less than **one percent** of the Washington region's 4.5 million people.

The City of Greenbelt is located in Prince George's County. Between 2000 and 2030, Prince George's County's population is anticipated to grow by **185,000 people**, an increase of **23 percent**, while the region is expected to grow by more than 2 million people or 45 percent.

Nearly **22 percent** of the population in the City of Greenbelt is under 18 years old. This represents a slightly lower proportion of children compared to the regional average of 25 percent.

The City's more than 1,400 'seniors' age 65 and older account for **seven percent** of the population. This percentage is slightly less than the regional average of nine percent.

Forty-one percent of the City of Greenbelt population is black or African-American; 40 percent is white; and 12 percent is Asian. Nearly 1,400 people—three percent of the City of Greenbelt 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.

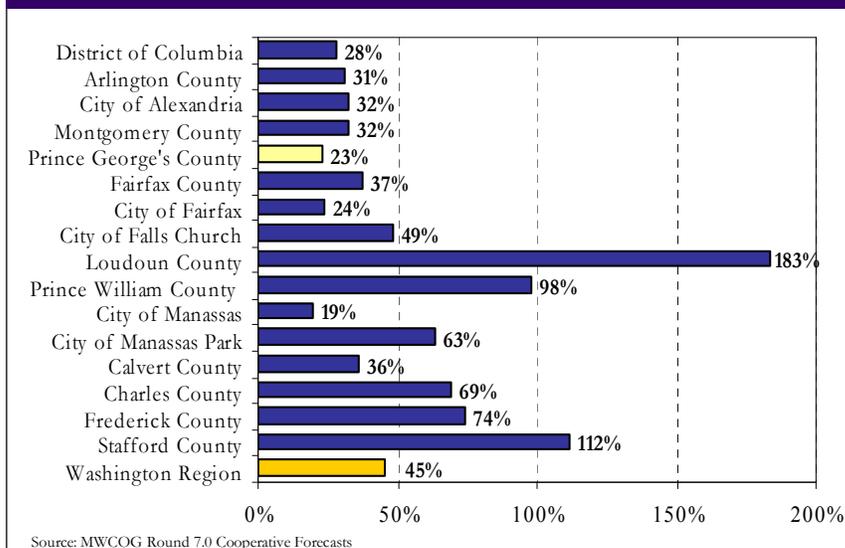


## Land Area

The City of Greenbelt covers more than **6.5 square miles** and comprises less than one percent of the Washington region's land area. The City has a population density of more than **3,301 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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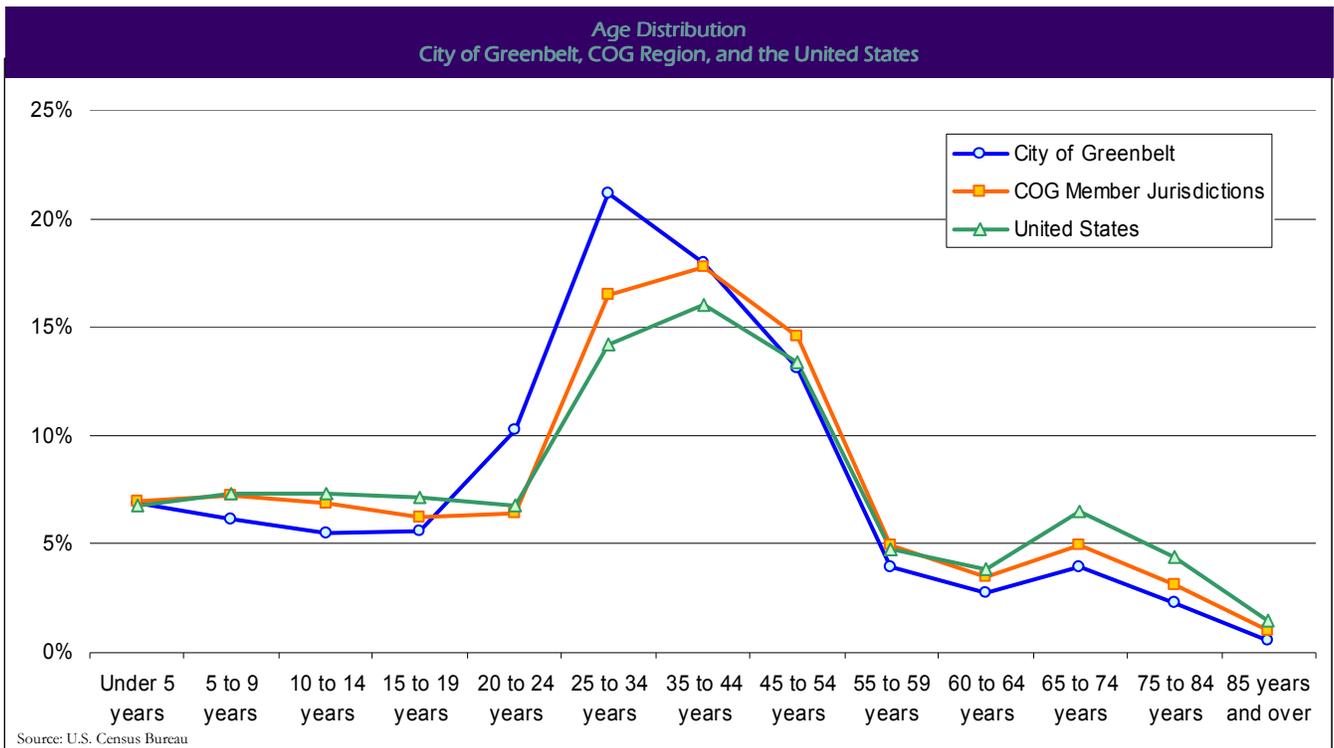
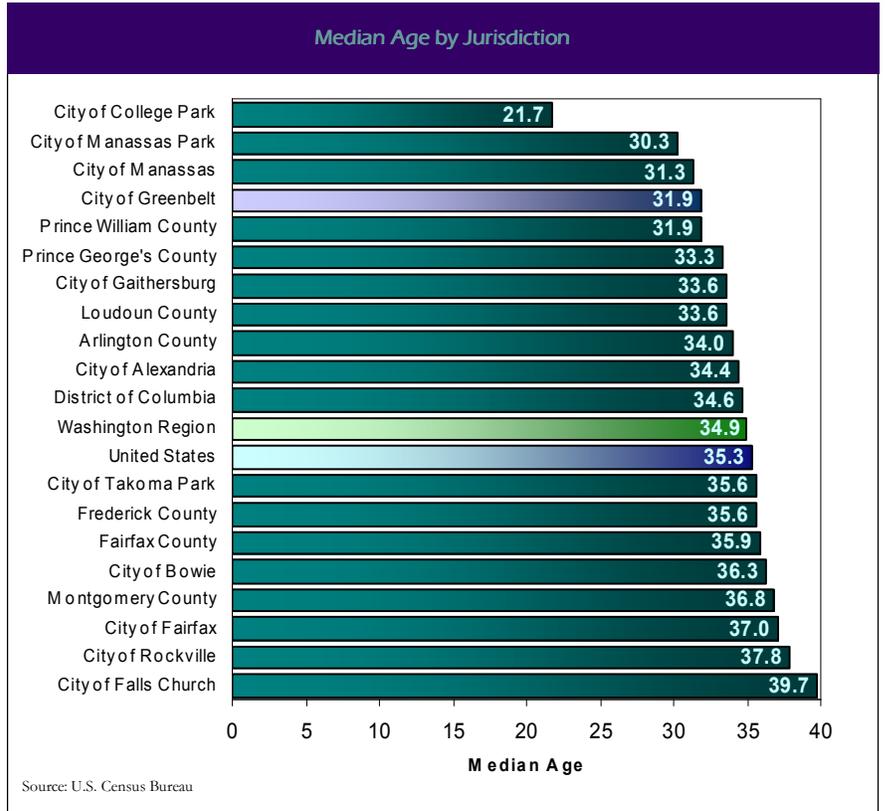
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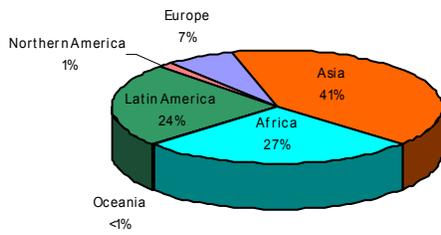
The median age of Greenbelt residents is 31.9 years, younger than the median age in the Washington region (34.9 years), and the United States (35.3 years.)

Compared to the United States and the Washington region, the City of Greenbelt has a higher proportion of young adults. **One-fifth** of Greenbelt residents are between 20 and 34 years old.

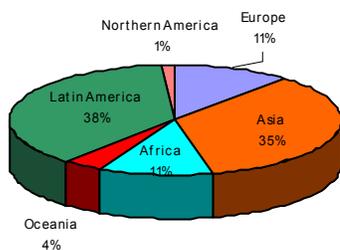




Region of Birth of Foreign Born in Greenbelt



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 Greenbelt has a higher percentage of foreign born residents compared to other jurisdictions in the Washington region. **Twenty-seven percent** of the City’s population was born in another country, compared to the regional average of 19 percent. Of the foreign born, 41 percent originate from Asia, 27 percent from Africa, and 24 percent from Latin America.

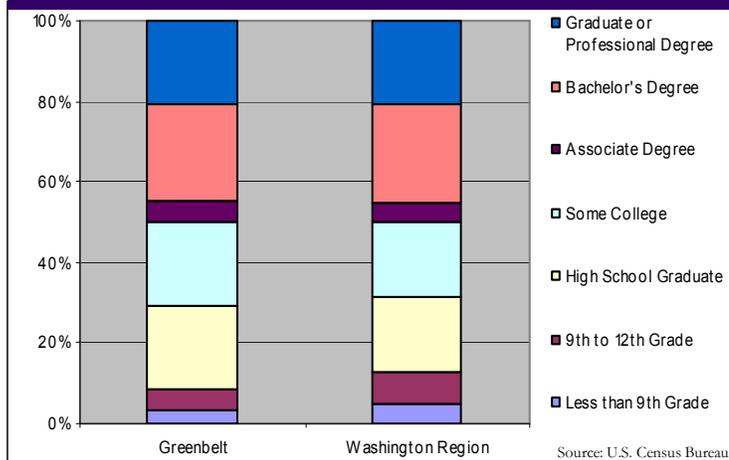
A variety of foreign languages are spoken by Greenbelt residents—**29 percent** of the population speaks a language other than English at home. Ten percent speak an Asian or Pacific Island language, eight percent speak another Indo-European language, and six percent speak Spanish.

## Education

Nearly **7,300 people** in the City of Greenbelt (**34 percent** of the population) are enrolled in school. Fifty-one percent of these enrollees are school age children, and 49 percent are college or graduate students.

**Forty-five percent** of Greenbelt residents over age 25 have a bachelor’s degree or higher, which is the same percentage as the Washington region as a whole. **Twenty-one percent** of Greenbelt residents have a graduate or professional degree, which is also the same proportion found in the region.

Educational Attainment



## Marital Status

The City of Greenbelt has a higher rate of ‘singles’ (those never married, as defined by the Census Bureau)— **42 percent** of the population 15 years and older— compared to 32 percent of the region’s population.

## Residence

Greenbelt residents move or relocate at a rate slightly more than the regional average. **Fifty-five percent** of Greenbelt residents moved between 1995 and 2000, compared with 44 percent of the region’s population.



## Employment

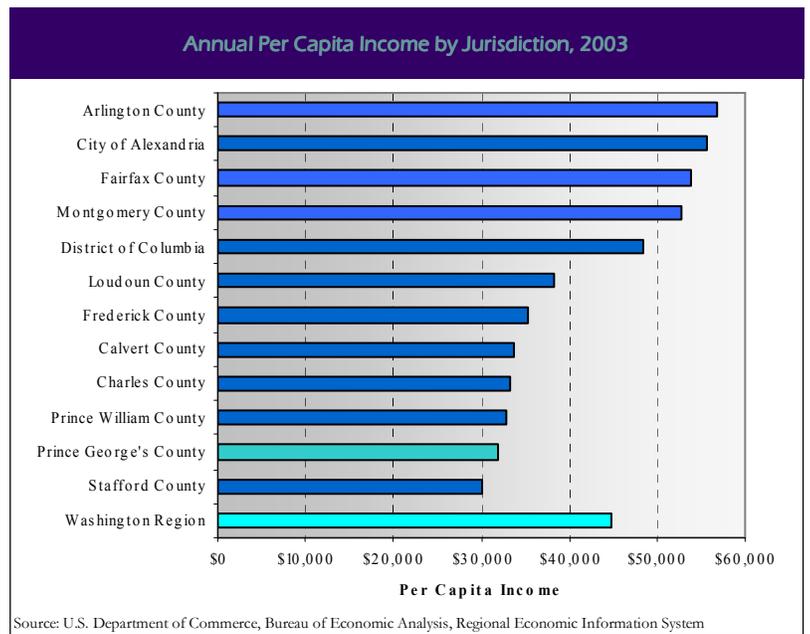
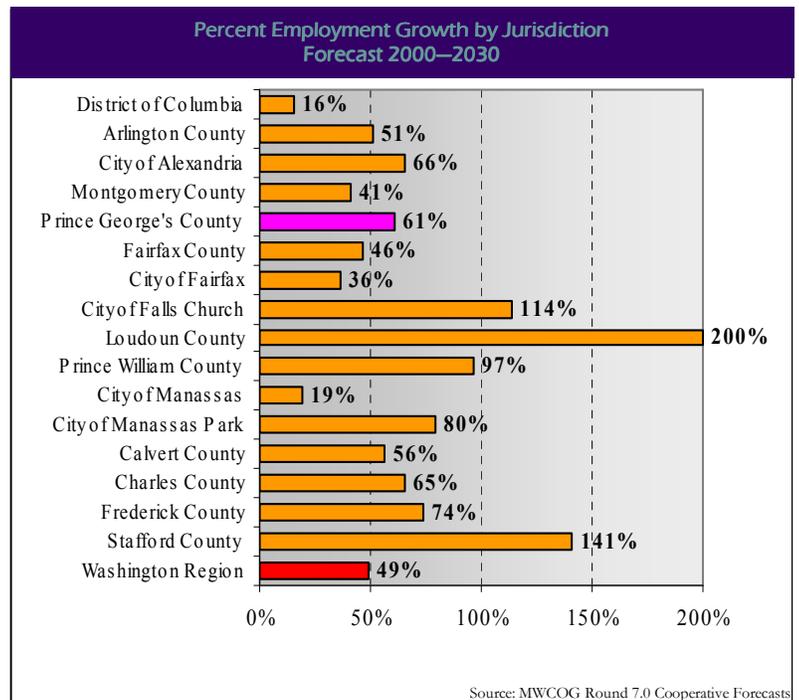
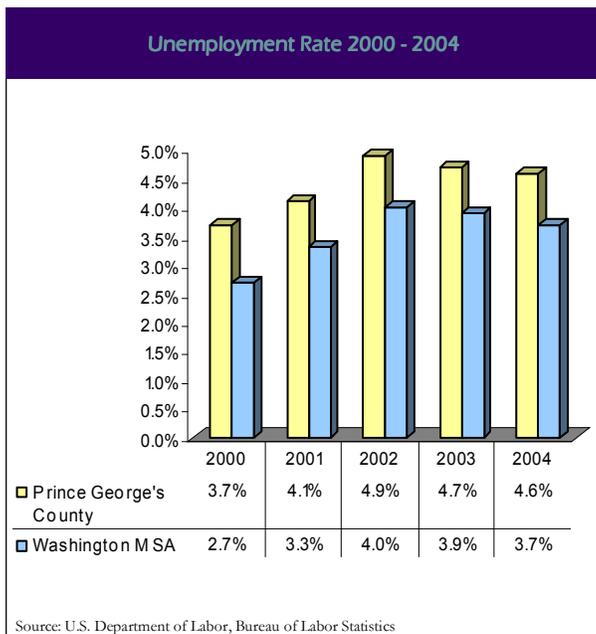
Between 2000 and 2030, Prince George's County is projected to add **206,400 jobs**, or an increase of **61 percent**. During the same period, the region is expected to add nearly 1.4 million jobs or an increase of approximately 49 percent.

## Income

Prince George's County had a per capita income of **\$31,936** in 2003. The per capita income for the Washington region was \$44,757.

## Unemployment Rate

Over the last five years, Prince George's County experienced an unemployment rate higher than the regional average. In 2004, Prince George's County had an unemployment rate of **4.6 percent**, while the regional unemployment rate was 3.7 percent.



## Construction

More than **505,000 square feet** of commercial development was constructed in the City of Greenbelt over the last five years—this represents less than one percent of all commercial development in the Washington region.

## Federal Spending

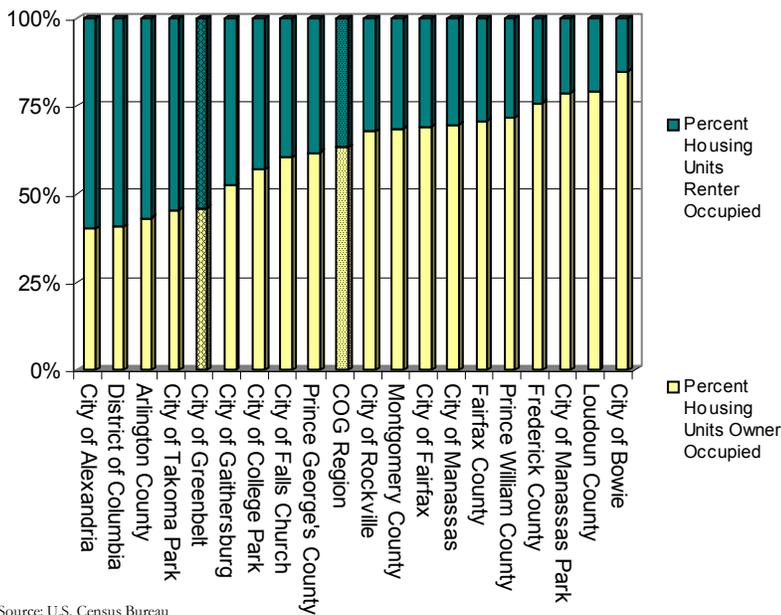
In Fiscal Year 2003, Prince George's County received more than **\$2.2 billion** in salaries and wages from the federal government. This figure represents approximately eight percent of the region's federal salaries and wages. Prince George's County was home to more than **\$3.3 billion** in federal procurement, capturing eight percent of the region's federal contract awards.



## Home Sales

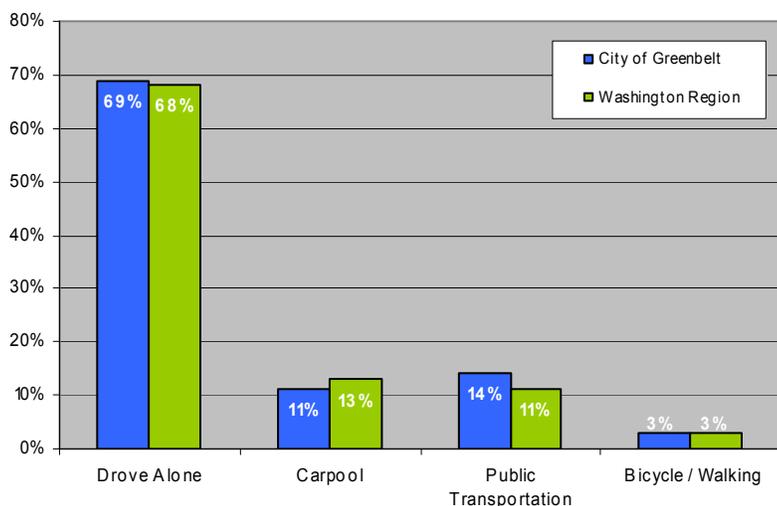
The number of homes sold in Prince George's County increased **59 percent** between 2000 and 2004, compared with the regional average of 42 percent. A total of **61,721 homes** were sold in Prince George's County during that time period, which is approximately 13 percent of the total home sales in the region.

Owner-Occupied and Renter-Occupied Housing Units



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Means of Transportation



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

## Housing

The City of Greenbelt has the fifth highest percentage of renter-occupied housing in the Washington region. More than 5,000, or **54 percent**, of the City of Greenbelt housing units are renter-occupied, compared with 38 percent of the Washington region's housing units.

Greenbelt residents pay a lower median gross rent than the regional median. In 2000, the median gross rent in the City of Greenbelt was **\$801 a month**, \$20 lower than the regional median gross rent of \$821 per month.

The average household size in the City of Greenbelt is smaller than the regional average of 2.59 people per household. At **2.29 people per household**, Greenbelt has the fourth smallest household size in the Washington region.

## Commuting

**Sixty-nine percent** of Greenbelt resident workers commute to work by driving alone, compared with 68 percent of the Washington region's workers. **Fourteen percent** of Greenbelt's resident workers use public transportation, compared with 11 percent of the Washington region's workers. **Eleven percent** of resident workers in the City of Greenbelt use carpooling as a means of transportation to their jobs, compared with 13 percent of the region's workers.

**Seventy percent** of Greenbelt 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.

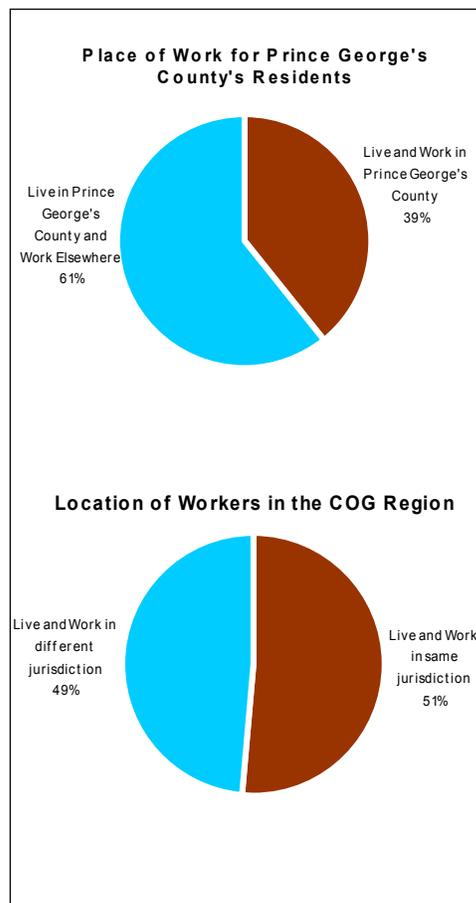
## Vehicle Ownership

Of the 9,342 occupied housing units in the City of Greenbelt, **10 percent** (938 housing units) do not have vehicles. For renter-occupied housing units, approximately **15 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.



## Commuting Patterns

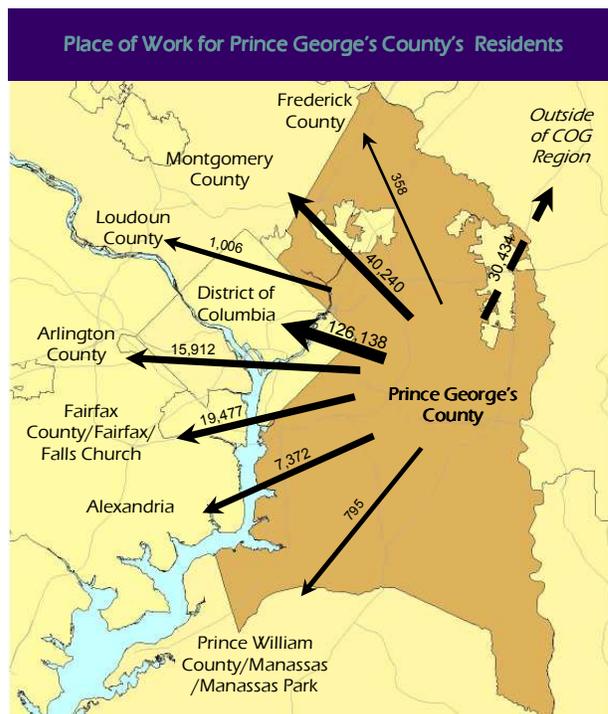
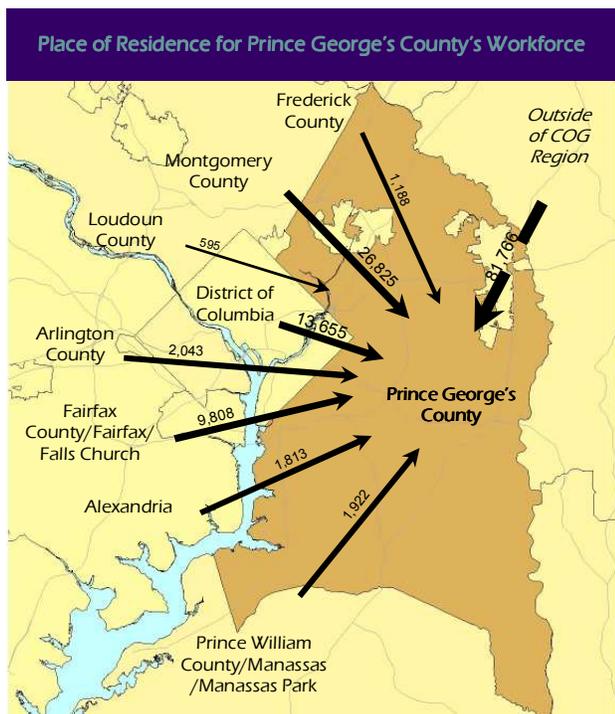
Of the 295,286 workers employed in Prince George's County, 53 percent (155,671 workers) live in Prince George's County. There are 397,403 resident workers in Prince George's County. Thirty-nine percent of the County's resident workers are employed in Prince George's County. The largest percentage of residents who commute to jobs located outside the County, work in the District of Columbia (32 percent), followed by Montgomery County (ten percent).



Place of Residence for Prince George's County's Workforce			Place of Work for Prince George's County's Residents		
COG Region	Prince George's County	155,671	Prince George's County	155,671	
	Montgomery County	26,825	District of Columbia	126,138	
	District of Columbia	13,655	Montgomery County	40,240	
	Fairfax County	9,594	Fairfax County	18,258	
	Arlington County	2,043	Arlington County	15,912	
	City of Alexandria	1,813	City of Alexandria	7,372	
	Prince William County	1,709	Loudoun County	1,006	
	Frederick County	1,188	City of Fairfax	926	
	Loudoun County	595	Prince William County	614	
	City of Fairfax	145	Frederick County	358	
	City of Manassas	135	City of Falls Church	293	
	City of Manassas Park	78	City of Manassas	164	
	City of Falls Church	69	City of Manassas Park	17	
	Outside COG Region	Stafford County	415	Spotsylvania/Fredericksburg	192
Spotsylvania/Fredericksburg		375	Stafford County	167	
King George County		226	Fauquier County	110	
Fauquier County		135	Warren County	81	
Warren County		85	King George County	60	
Culpeper County		49	Culpeper County	6	
Clarke County		28	Clarke County	0	
Other Virginia Jurisdictions		723	Other Virginia Jurisdictions	376	
Baltimore PMSA		51,833	Baltimore PMSA	21,970	
Charles County		13,834	Charles County	3,646	
Other Maryland	Calvert County	8,243	Calvert County	641	
	Other Maryland Jurisdictions	2,973	Other Maryland Jurisdictions	668	
	Pennsylvania	677	Pennsylvania	358	
	West Virginia	407	West Virginia	8	
	Elsewhere	1,763	Elsewhere	2,151	
<b>Total Jobs</b>		<b>295,286</b>	<b>Total Resident Workers</b>		<b>397,403</b>
Live and Work in Prince George's County		155,671	Live and Work in Prince George's County		155,671
Work in Prince George's County and Live Elsewhere		139,615	Live in Prince George's County and Work Elsewhere		241,732
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