



THE TOWN OF BLADENSBURG AND THE WASHINGTON REGION: A LOOK AT ECONOMIC AND DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS

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Welcome to the twenty-first issue in a series of in-depth analyses on member jurisdictions in the Washington region. This newsletter contains economic and demographic data on the Town of Bladensburg and Prince George's County, placed in the context of the Washington region.

Population

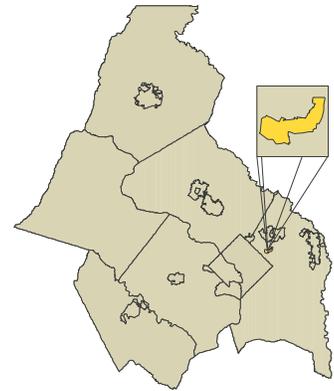
The population of the Town of Bladensburg, according to the 2000 Census, is 7,661 people. Bladensburg residents constitute less than **one percent** of the Washington region's 4.5 million people.

The Town of Bladensburg 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 **28 percent** of the population in Bladensburg is under 18 years old. This represents a slightly higher proportion of children compared to the regional average of 25 percent.

Bladensburg's 670 'seniors' age 65 and older account for **nine percent** of the population. This percentage is the same as the Washington region as a whole.

Seventy-three percent of Bladensburg's population is black or African-American; 18 percent is white; and three percent is Asian. More than 1,000 people—13 percent of Bladensburg'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.



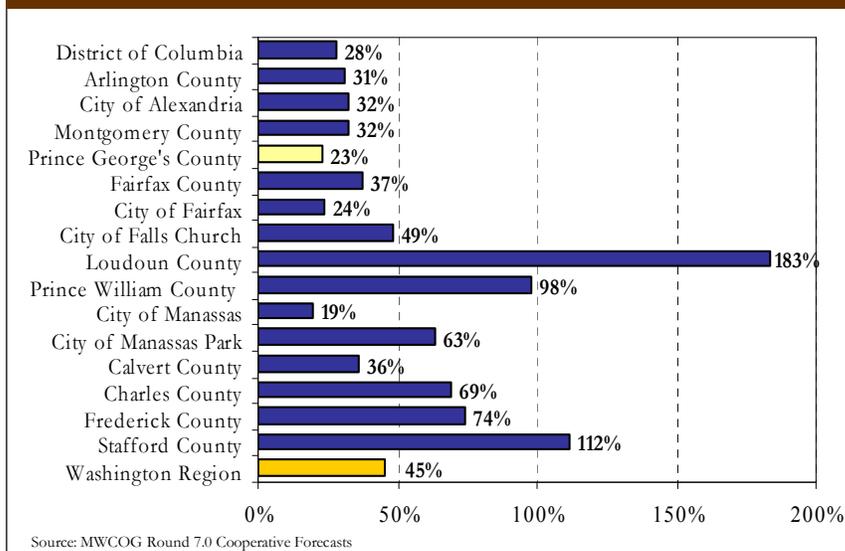
Land Area

The Town of Bladensburg covers **one square mile** and comprises less than one percent of the Washington region's land area. The Town has a population density of **7,661 people** per square mile. It is more densely populated than the regional average of 1,395 people per square mile.



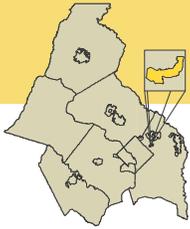
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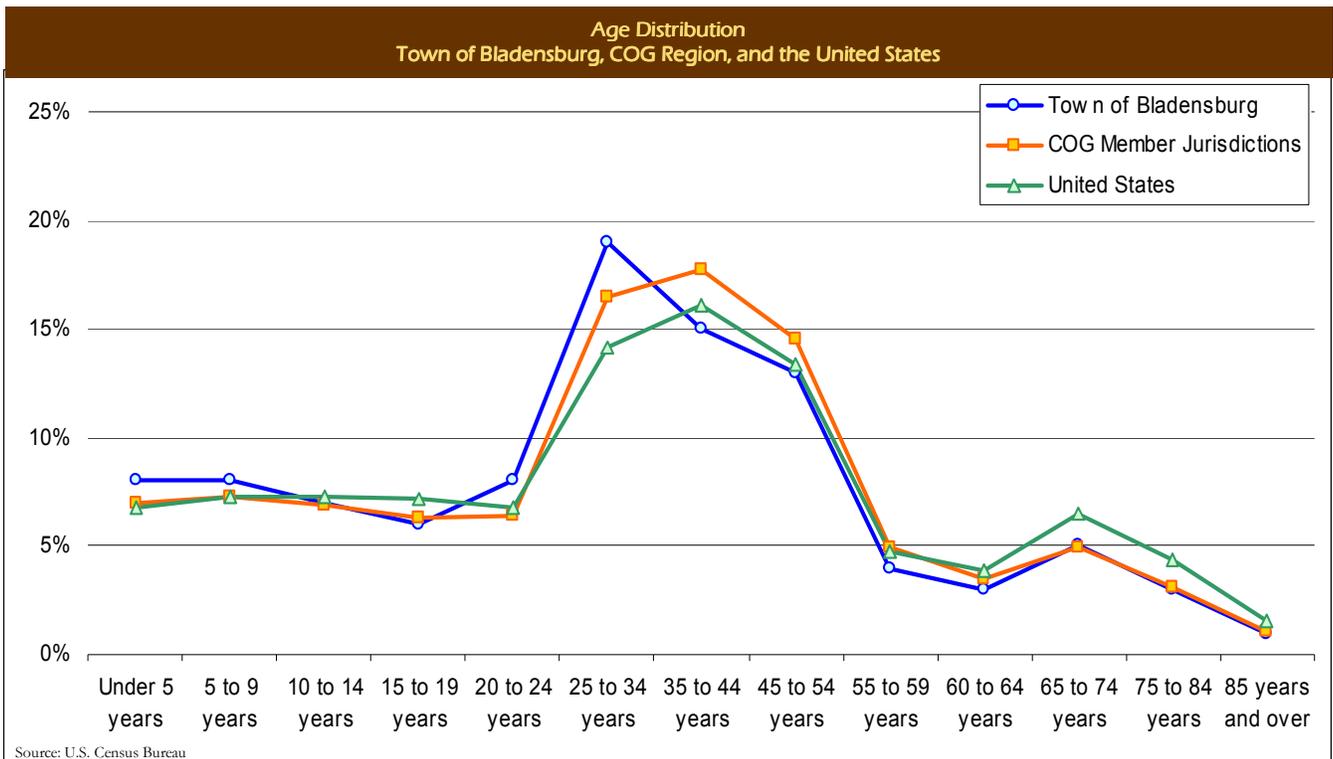
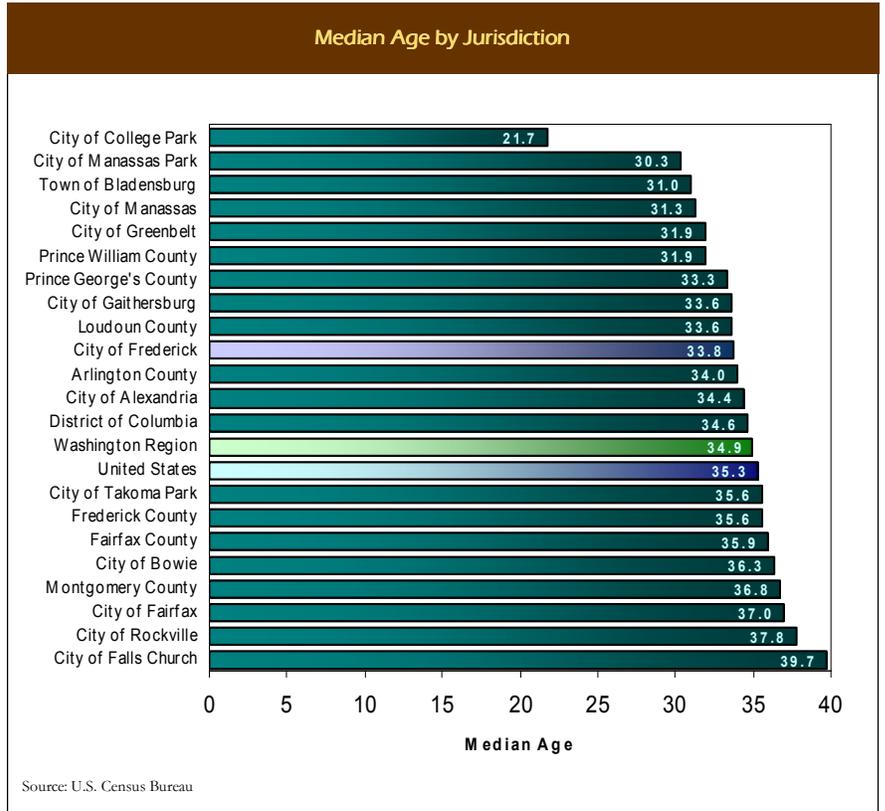
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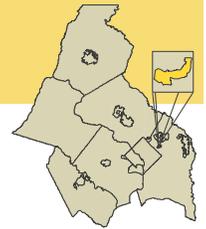


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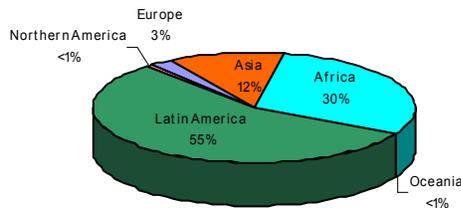
The median age of Bladensburg residents is 31.0 years, younger than the median age in the Washington region (34.9 years), and the United States (35.3 years.)

Compared to the United States and the Washington region, the Town of Bladensburg has a higher proportion of young adults. Nearly **one-fifth** of Bladensburg residents are between 25 and 34 years old.

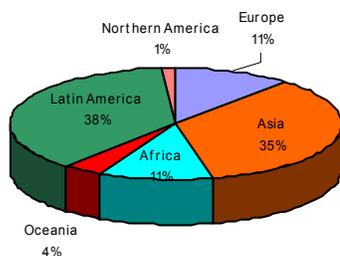




Region of Birth of Foreign Born in Bladensburg



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 Town of Bladensburg has a higher percentage of foreign born residents compared to other jurisdictions in the Washington region. **Twenty-two percent** of the Town’s population was born in another country, compared to the regional average of 19 percent. Of the foreign born, 55 percent originate from Latin America, 30 percent from Africa, and 12 percent from Asia.

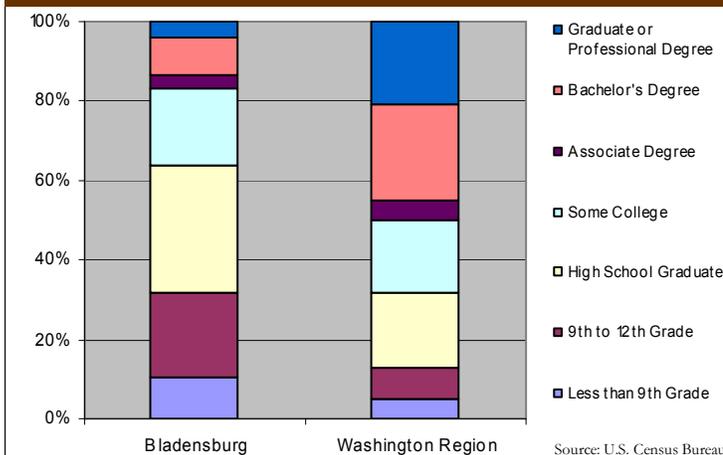
A variety of foreign languages are spoken by Bladensburg residents—**25 percent** of the population speaks a language other than English at home. Fourteen percent speak Spanish, five percent speak another Indo-European language, and two percent speak an Asian or Pacific Island language.

Education

Nearly **2,000 people** in the Town of Bladensburg (**26 percent** of the population) are enrolled in school. Seventy-seven percent of these enrollees are school age children, and 23 percent are college or graduate students.

Fourteen percent of Bladensburg residents over age 25 have a bachelor’s degree or higher, compared with 45 percent in the Washington region. **Four percent** of Bladensburg residents have a graduate or professional degree, compared with 21 percent of the region’s population.

Educational Attainment

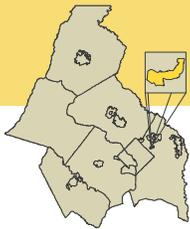


Marital Status

The Town of Bladensburg has a higher rate of ‘singles’ (those never married, as defined by the Census Bureau)— **37 percent** of the population 15 years and older— compared to 32 percent of the region’s population.

Residence

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



Employment

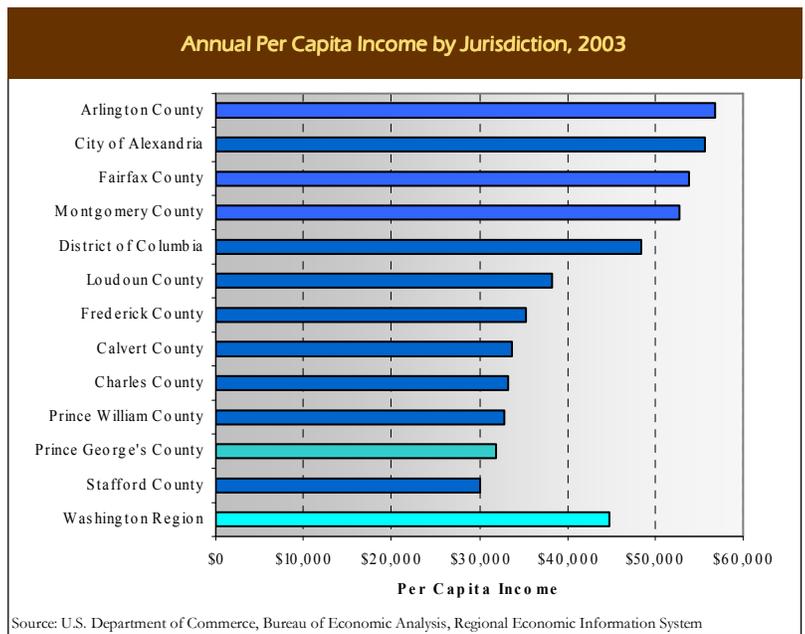
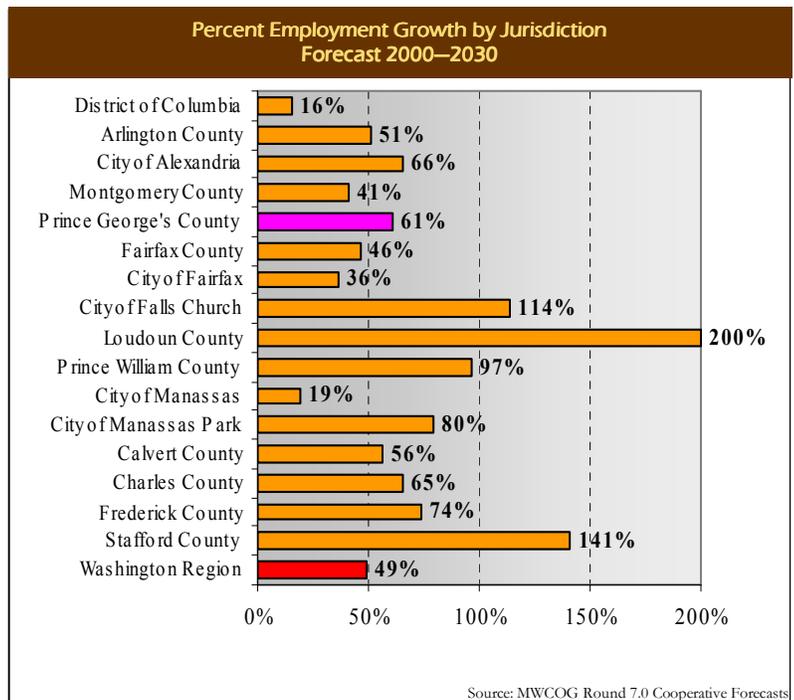
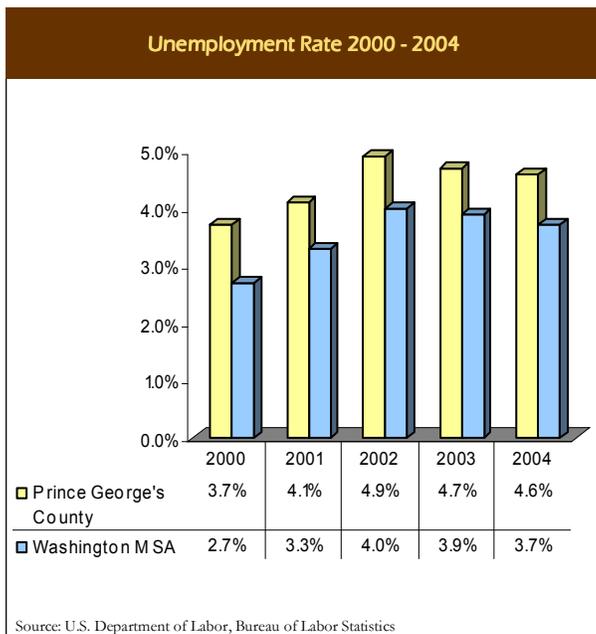
Between 2000 and 2030, Prince George's County is projected to add **206,400 jobs**, or an increase of **61 percent**. During the same period, the region is expected to add nearly 1.4 million jobs or an increase of approximately 49 percent.

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 **4,000 square feet** of commercial development was constructed in the Town of Bladensburg 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.



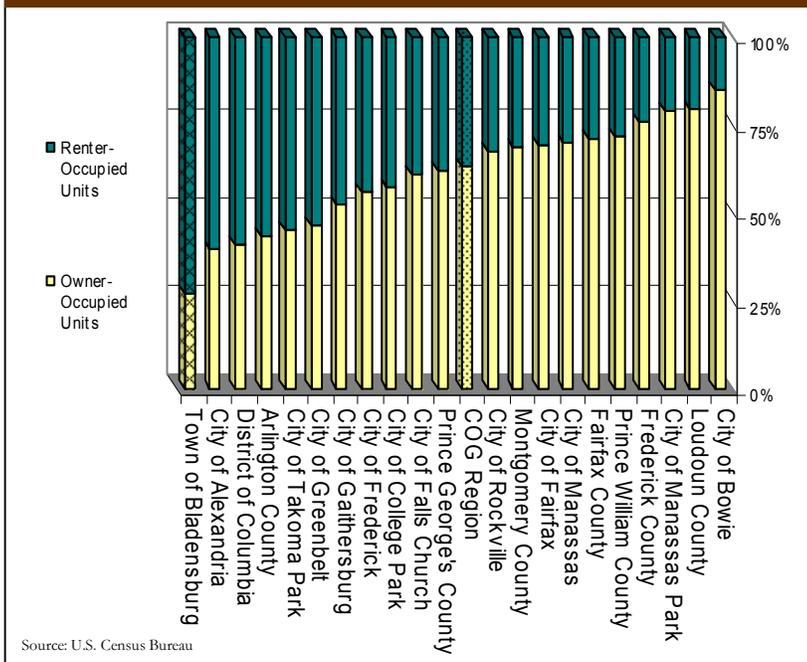
Home Sales

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.

Housing

The Town of Bladensburg has the highest percentage of renter-occupied housing in the Washington region. Nearly 2,300, or **73 percent**, of the Town of Bladensburg housing units are renter-occupied, compared with 38 percent of the Washington region's housing units.

Owner-Occupied and Renter-Occupied Housing Units



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Bladensburg residents pay a lower median gross rent than the regional median. In 2000, the median gross rent in the Town of Bladensburg was **\$649 a month**, \$172 lower than the regional median gross rent of \$821 per month.

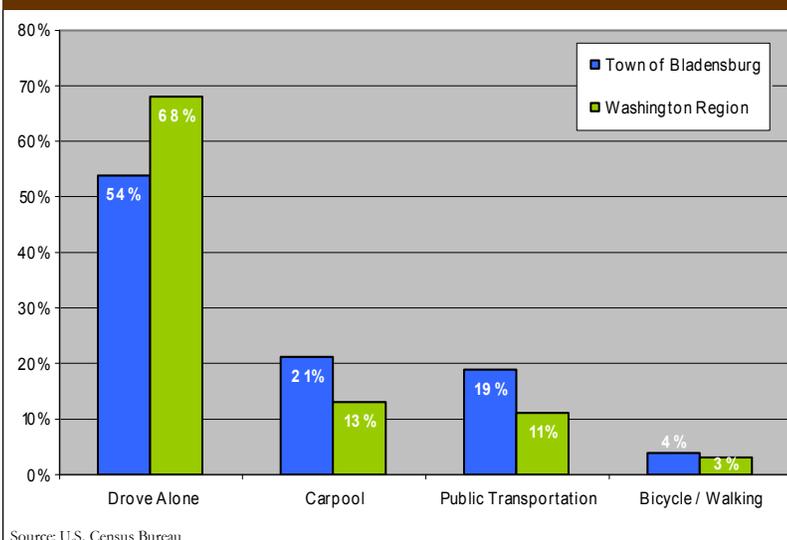
The average household size in the Town of Bladensburg is smaller than the regional average of 2.59 people per household. At **2.45 people per household**, Bladensburg has the eighth smallest household size in the Washington region.

Commuting

Fifty-four percent of Bladensburg resident workers commute to work by driving alone, compared with 68 percent of the Washington region's workers. **Nineteen percent** of Bladensburg resident workers use public transportation, compared with 11 percent of the Washington region's workers. **Twenty-one percent** of resident workers in the Town of Bladensburg use carpooling as a means of transportation to their jobs, compared with 13 percent of the region's workers.

Sixty-five percent of Bladensburg 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.

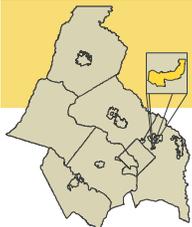
Means of Transportation



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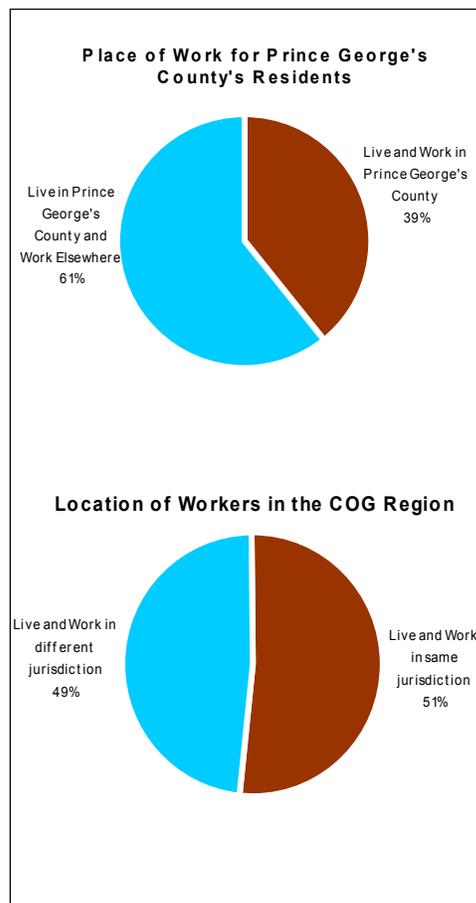
Vehicle Ownership

Of the 3,155 occupied housing units in the Town of Bladensburg, **21 percent** (656 housing units) do not have vehicles. For renter-occupied housing units, approximately **25 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	
Calvert County	8,243	Calvert County	641		
Other Maryland Jurisdictions	2,973	Other Maryland Jurisdictions	668		
Other		Pennsylvania	358		
Pennsylvania	677	West Virginia	8		
West Virginia	407	Elsewhere	2,151		
Elsewhere	1,763				
Total Jobs	295,286	Total Resident Workers	397,403		
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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