



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

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Welcome to the thirteenth 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 Rockville and Montgomery County, placed in the context of the Washington region.

Population

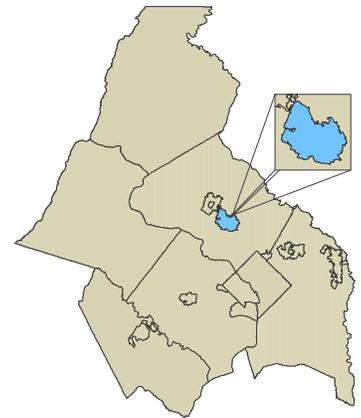
The population of the City of Rockville, according to the 2000 Census, is 47,400 people. Rockville residents constitute **one percent** of the Washington region's 4.5 million people.

The City of Rockville is located in Montgomery County. Between 2000 and 2030, Rockville's population is anticipated to grow by **22,100 people**, an increase of **47 percent**, while the region is expected to grow by more than 2 million people or 45 percent.

Twenty-three percent of the population in the City of Rockville is under 18 years old. This percentage is slightly lower than the regional average of 25 percent.

The City's more than 6,200 'seniors' age 65 and older account for **13 percent** of the population. The City of Rockville has the highest local share of seniors in the region, higher than the regional average of nine percent.

Sixty-eight percent of the City of Rockville's population is white; nine percent is black or African-American; and 15 percent is Asian. More than 5,500 people—12 percent of Rockville'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.

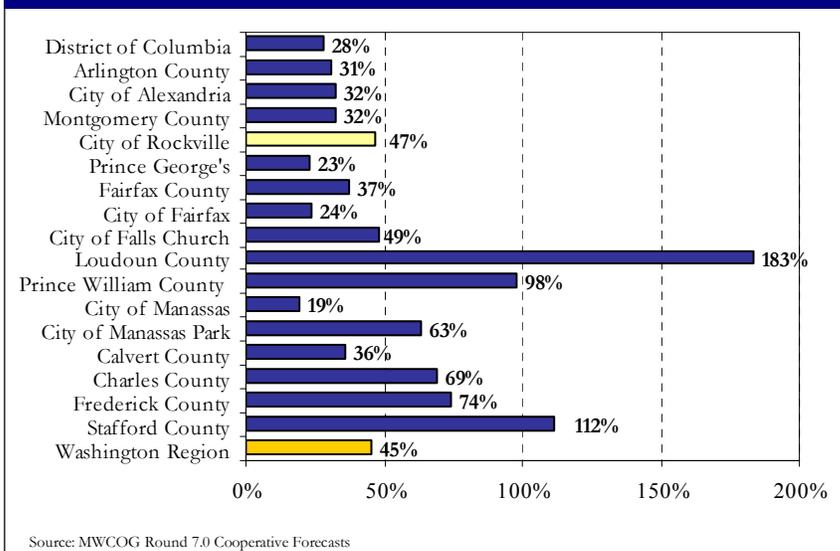


Land Area

The City of Rockville covers **13 square miles** and comprises less than one percent of the Washington region's land area. The City has a population density of nearly **3,645 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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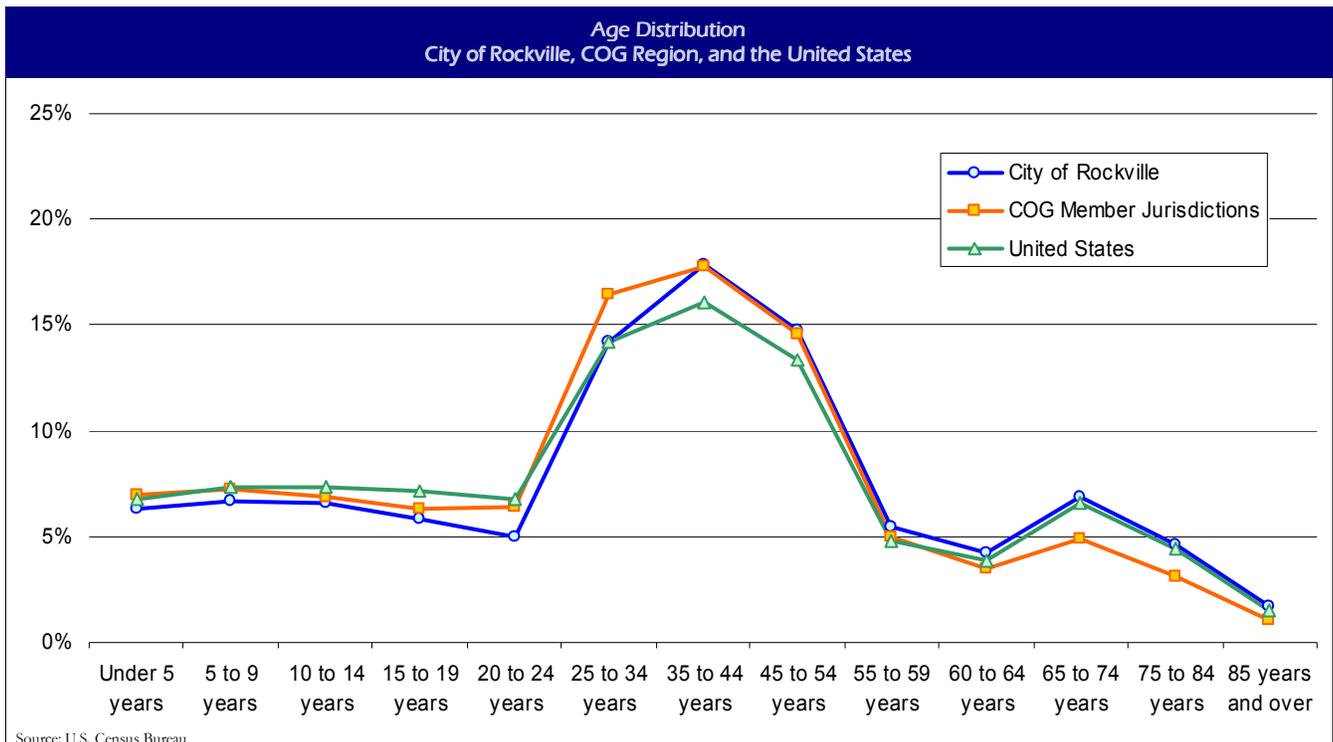
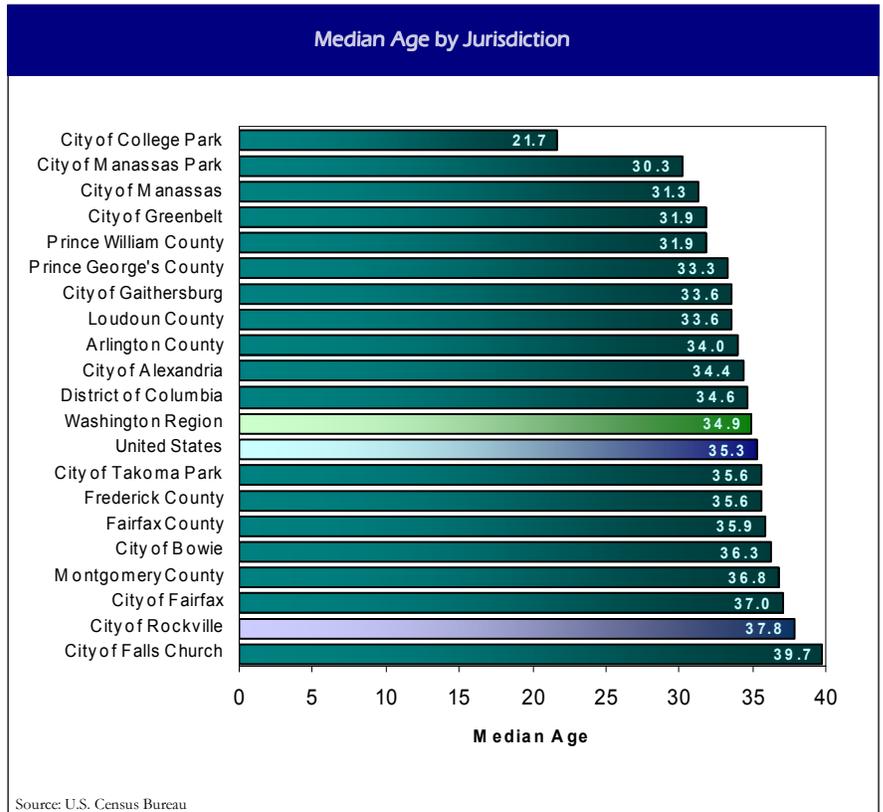
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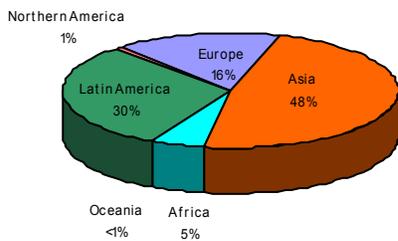
The median age of Rockville residents is 37.8 years, older than the median age in the Washington region (34.9 years), and the United States (35.3 years.)

The age distribution of the City of Rockville closely mirrors that of the Washington region and the United States. Compared to the Washington region, Rockville has a higher proportion of 'seniors,' people who are between 65 and 84 years old.

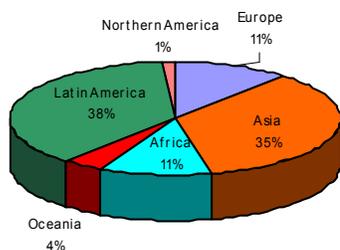




Region of Birth of Foreign Born in Rockville



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 Rockville has the second highest percentage of foreign born residents compared to other jurisdictions in the Washington region. **Thirty-one percent** of the City's population was born in another country, compared to the regional average of 19 percent. Of the foreign born, **48 percent** originate from Asia, 30 percent from Latin America, sixteen percent from Europe, and five percent from Africa.

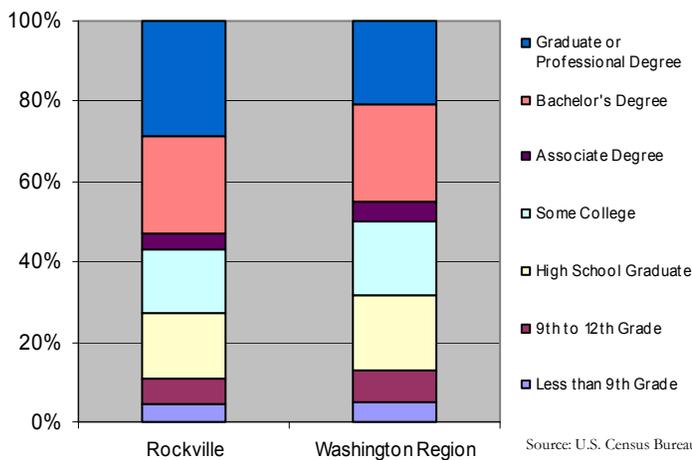
Several foreign languages are spoken by Rockville residents—**37 percent** of the population speaks a language other than English at home. Twelve percent of Rockville residents speak Spanish, 12 percent speak an Asian or Pacific Island language, and 11 percent speak another Indo-European language.

Education

More than **12,100 people** in Rockville (**26 percent** of the population) are enrolled in school. Seventy-six percent of these enrollees are school age children, and 24 percent are college or graduate students.

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

Educational Attainment



Marital Status

Rockville residents have a higher rate of marriage— **57 percent** of the population 15 years and older— compared to 52 percent of the region's population.

Residence

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



Employment

Between 2000 and 2030, the City of Rockville is projected to add **36,000 jobs**, or an increase of more than **52 percent**. During the same period, the region is expected to add nearly 1.4 million jobs or an increase of approximately 49 percent.

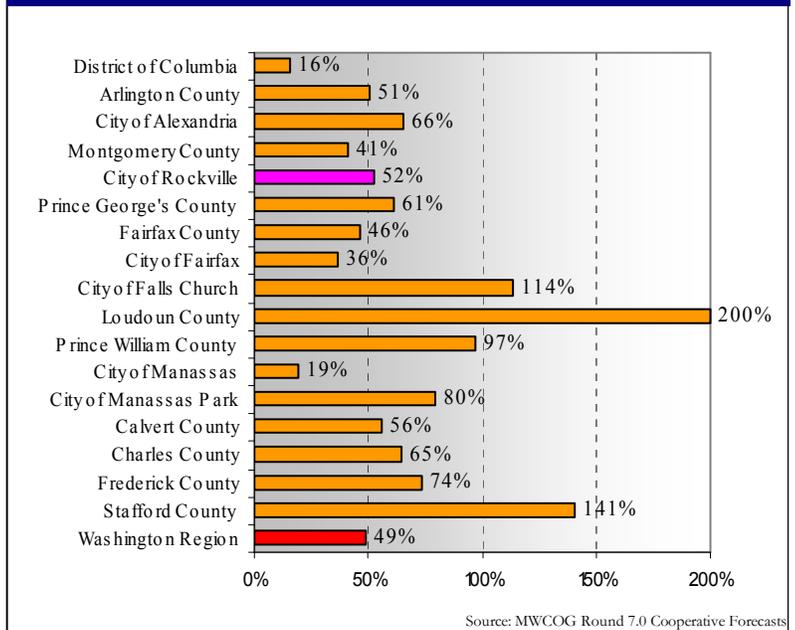
Income

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.

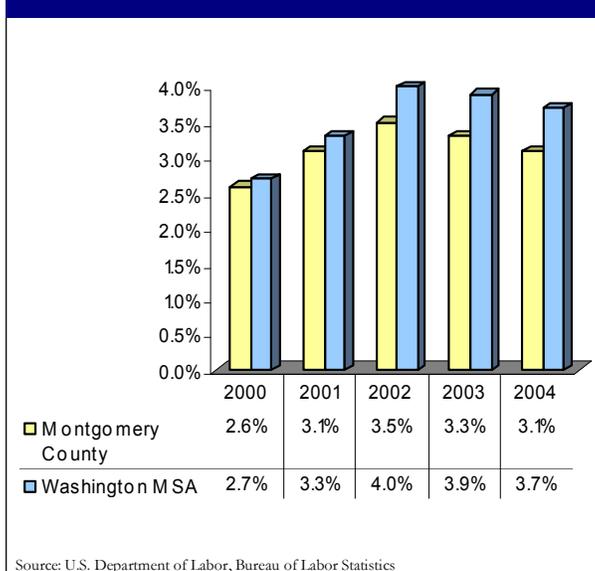
Unemployment Rate

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.

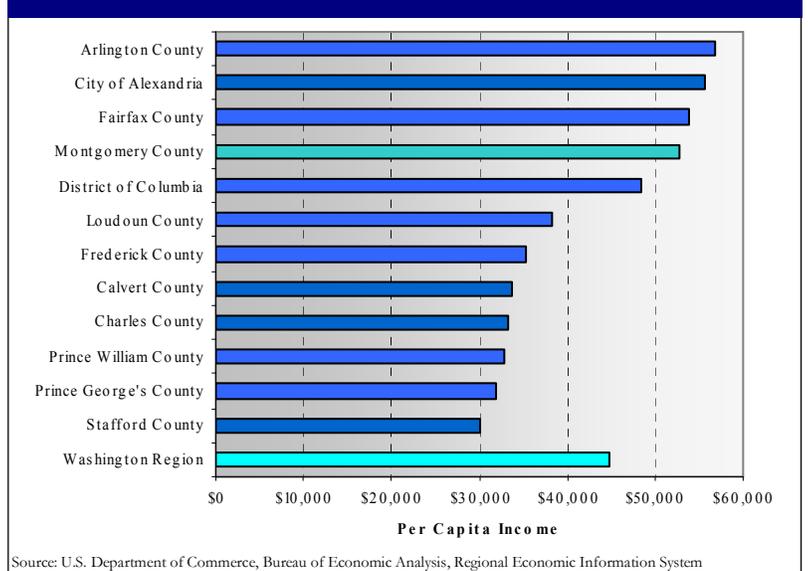
Percent Employment Growth by Jurisdiction
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Unemployment Rate 2000 - 2004



Annual Per Capita Income by Jurisdiction, 2003



Construction

More than **5.9 million square feet** of commercial development was constructed in the City of Rockville over the last five years—this represents three 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.

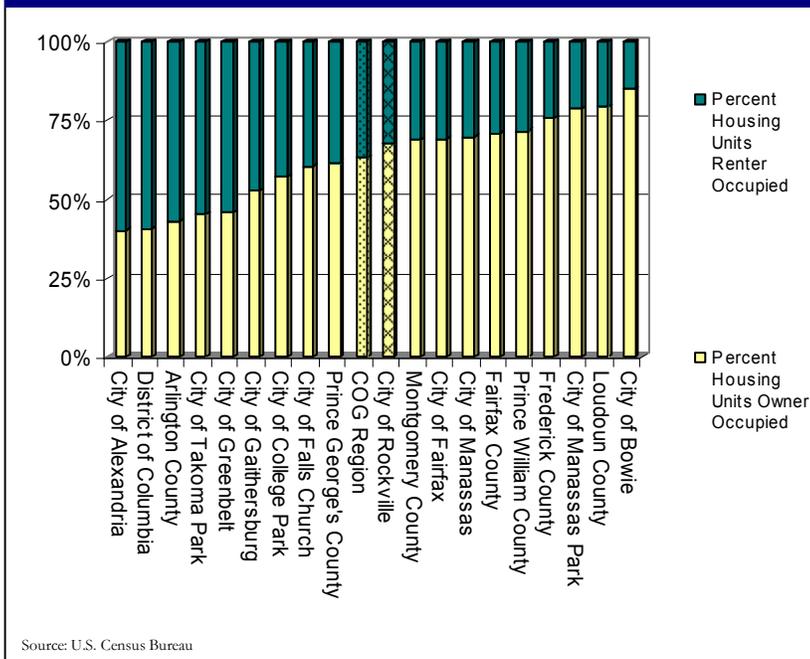
Housing

The City of Rockville has the tenth highest percentage of owner-occupied housing in the Washington region. Nearly 11,700, or **68 percent**, of the City's housing units are owner-occupied, compared with 62 percent of the Washington region's housing units.

Rockville residents pay a higher median gross rent than the regional median. In 2000, the median gross rent in Rockville was **\$972 a month**, \$151 higher than the regional median gross rent of \$821 per month.

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

Owner-Occupied and Renter-Occupied Housing Units

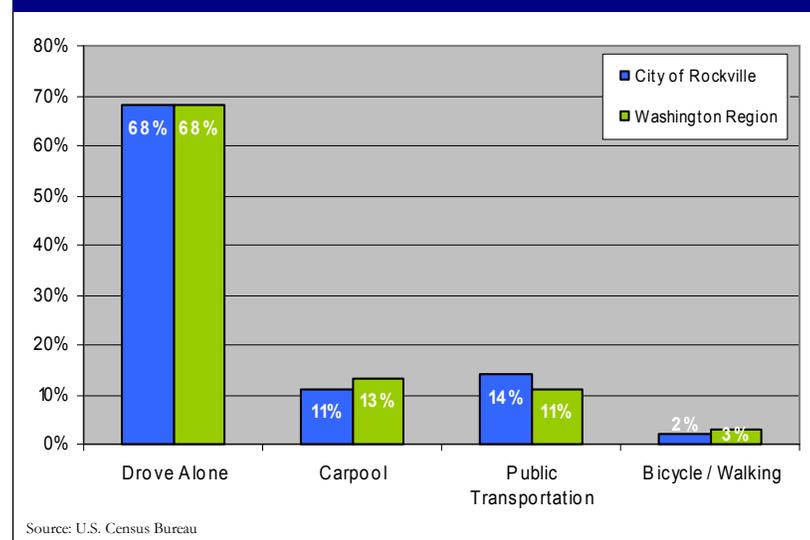


Commuting

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

Seventy-one percent of Rockville 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



Vehicle Ownership

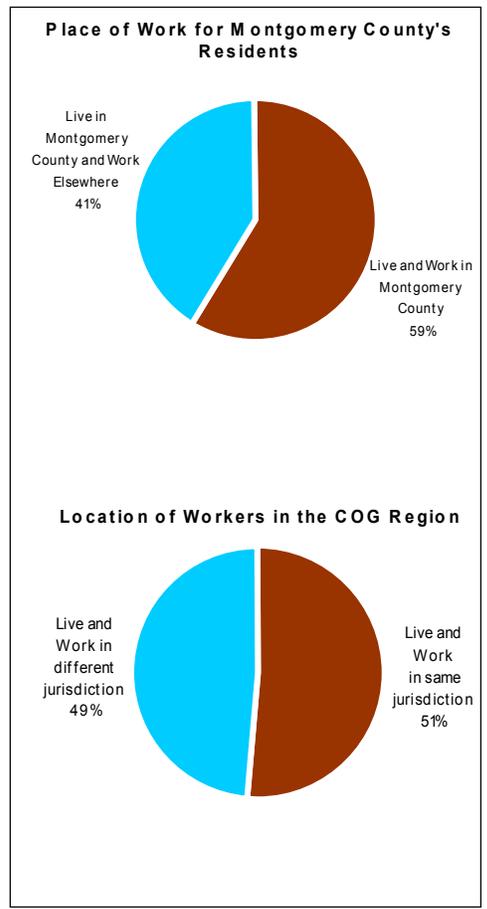
Of the 17,245 occupied housing units in Rockville, **eight percent** (1,428 housing units) do not have vehicles. For renter-occupied housing units, approximately **20 percent** do not have vehicles. Eleven percent of the region's occupied housing units and 23 percent of the renter-occupied units do not have vehicles.



Commuting Patterns

Of the **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	COG Region	Montgomery County	267,128
	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	Outside COG Region	Stafford County	206
	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		
Total Jobs	420,875	Total Resident Workers	455,331		
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		
Total Jobs	420,875	Total Resident Workers	455,331		



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