



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

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Welcome to the twentieth 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 Frederick and Frederick County, placed in the context of the Washington region.

## Population

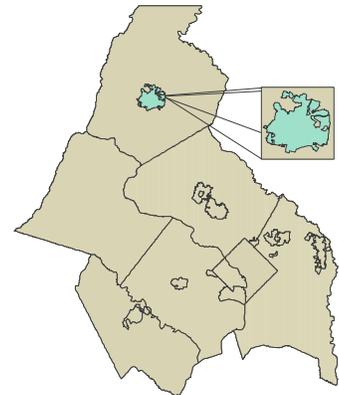
The population of the City of Frederick, according to the 2000 Census, is 52,767 people. City of Frederick residents constitute **one percent** of the Washington region's 4.5 million people.

The City of Frederick is located in Frederick County. Between 2000 and 2030, Frederick County's population is anticipated to grow by more than **144,400 people**, an increase of **74 percent**, while the region is expected to grow by more than 2 million people or 45 percent.

**One-quarter** of the population in the City of Frederick is under 18 years old. The percentage is the same as in the Washington region as a whole.

The City's more than 5,900 'seniors' age 65 and older account for **eleven percent** of the population. This represents a slightly higher proportion of seniors compared to the regional average of nine percent.

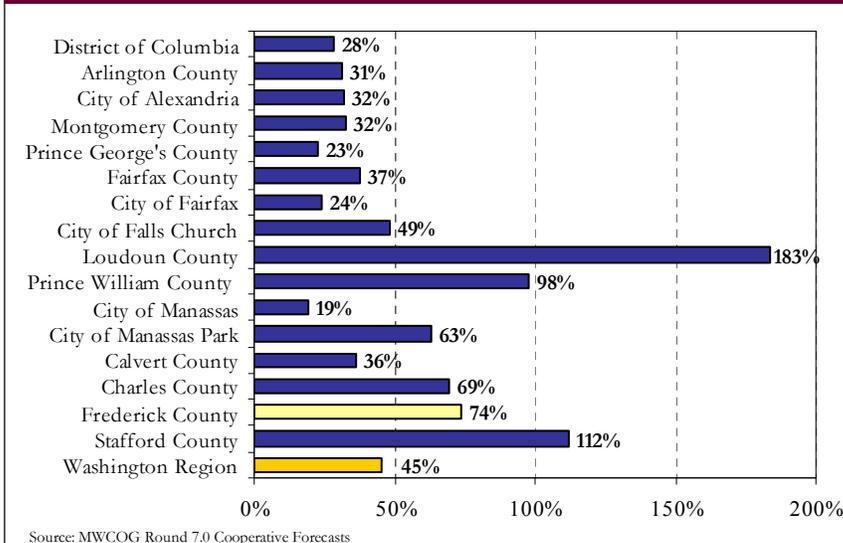
Seventy-seven percent of the City of Frederick's population is white; fifteen percent is black or African-American; and three percent is Asian. More than 2,500 people—five percent of the City's population—also indicated that they are Hispanic or Latino. Regionally, 56 percent of the population is white; 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 Frederick covers **20 square miles** and comprises less than **one percent** of the Washington region's land area. The City has a population density of **2,638 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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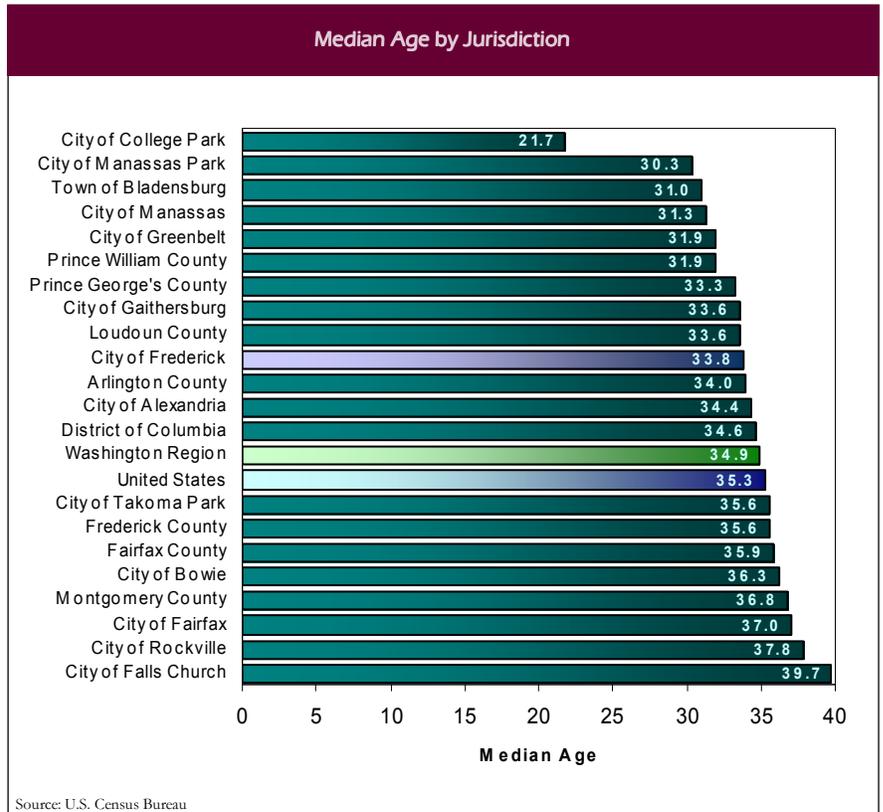
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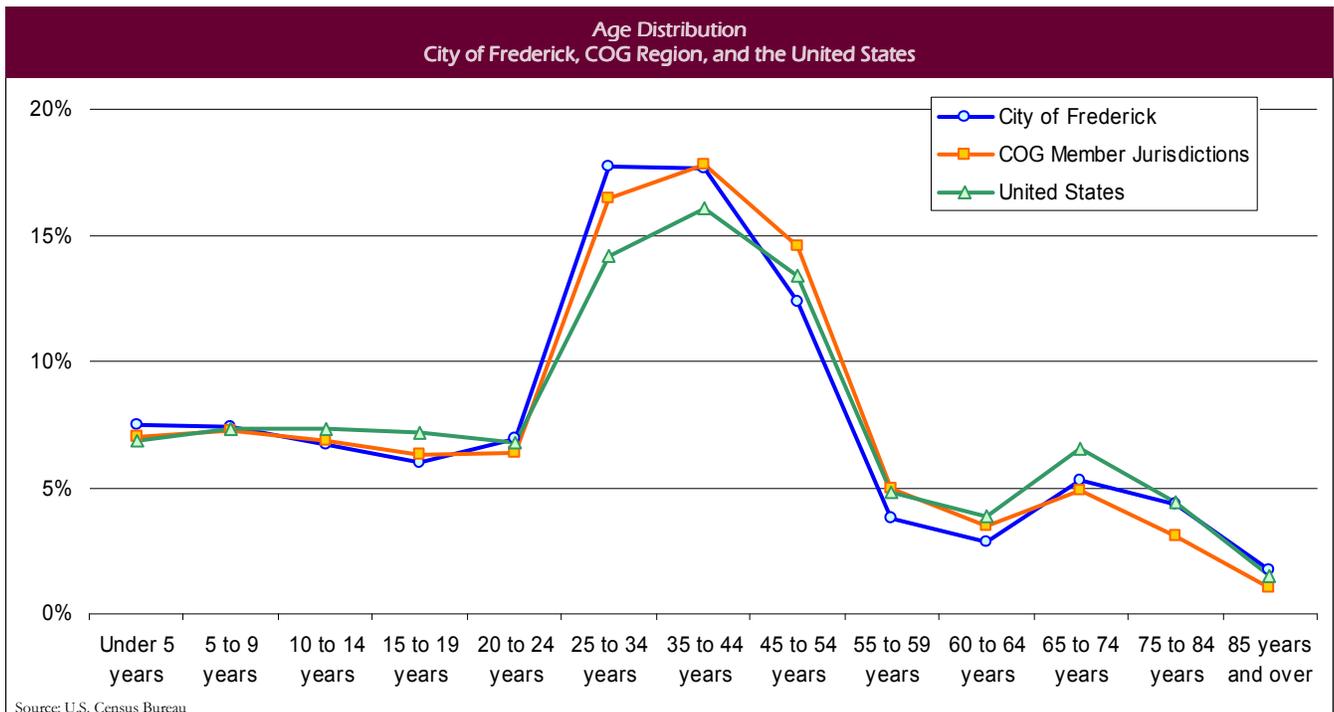
*Population (continued)*

The median age of City of Frederick residents is 33.8 years, slightly 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 Frederick closely mirrors that of the Washington region. Compared to the United States, the City of Frederick has a higher proportion of people who are 25 to 44 years old.



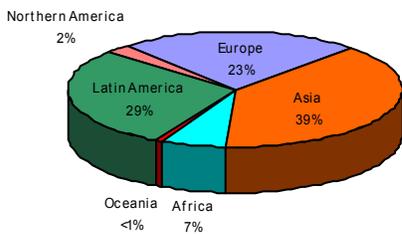
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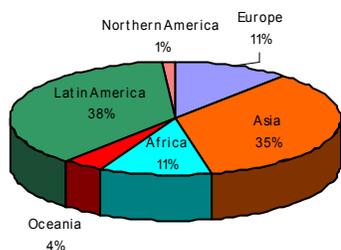
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**Region of Birth of Foreign Born in the City of Frederick**



**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 Frederick has a lower percentage of foreign born residents compared to other jurisdictions in the Washington region. **Seven percent** of the City's population was born in another country, compared to the regional average of 19 percent. Of the foreign born, **39 percent** originate from Asia, 29 percent from Latin America, 23 percent from Europe, and seven percent from Africa.

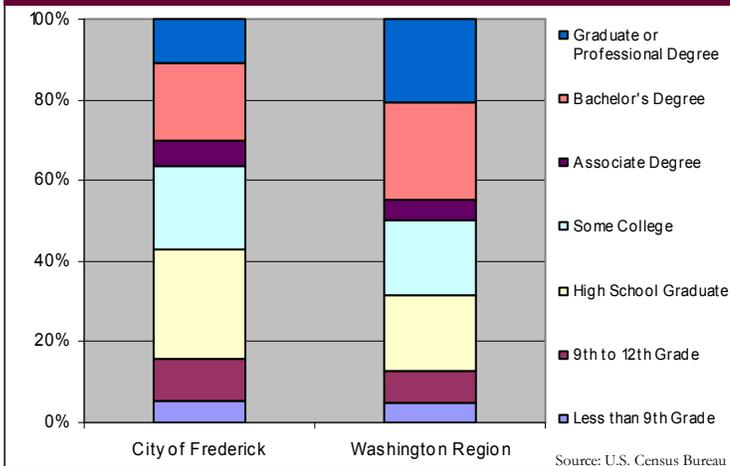
Several foreign languages are spoken by City of Frederick residents—**10 percent** of the population speaks a language other than English at home. Four percent of City of Frederick residents speak Spanish, three percent speak another Indo-European language, and two percent speak an Asian or Pacific Island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

## Education

Approximately **13,600 people** in the City of Frederick (**26 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.

**Thirty percent** of City of Frederick residents over age 25 have a bachelor's degree or higher, compared to 45 percent in the Washington region. **Eleven 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

City of Frederick residents have a slightly lower rate of marriage — **50 percent** of the population 15 years and older— compared to 52 percent of the region's population.

## Residence

Frederick residents move or relocate at a rate higher than the regional average. **Fifty-five percent** of the City's residents moved between 1995 and 2000, compared with 44 percent of the region's population.



## Employment

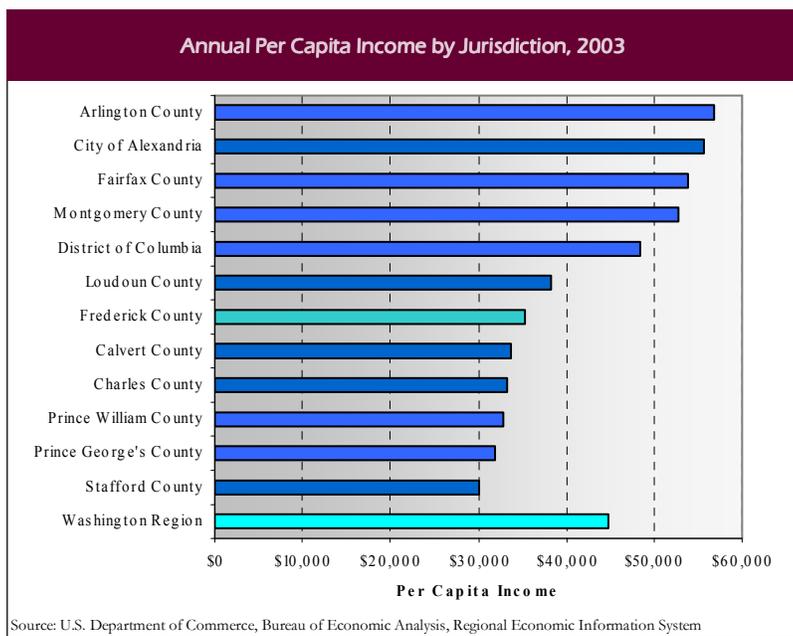
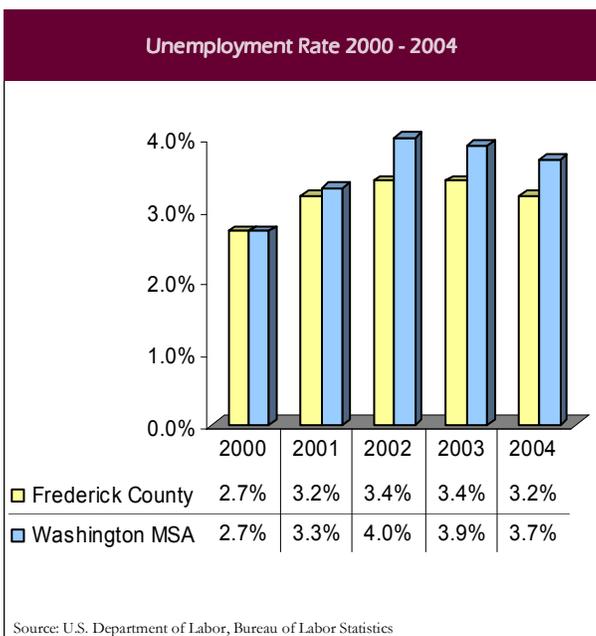
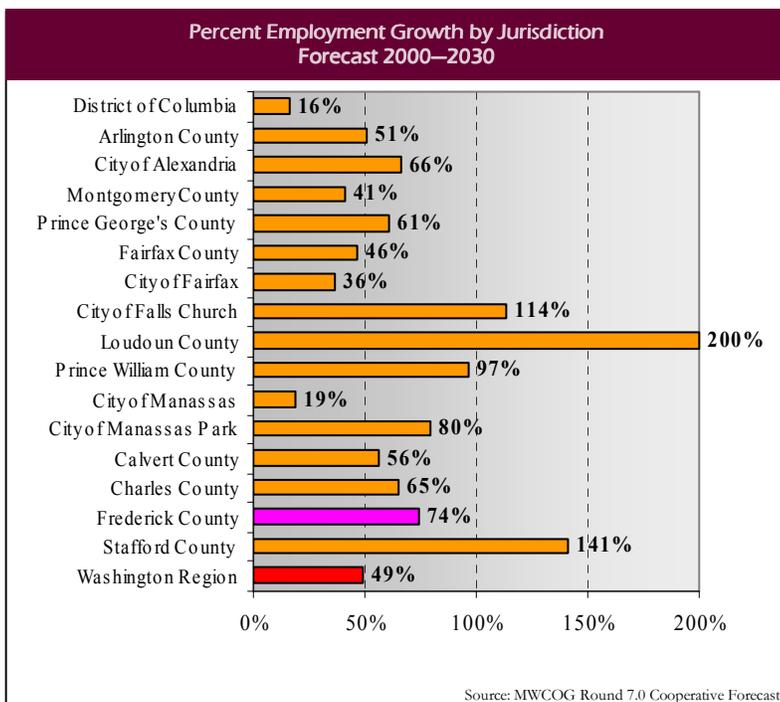
Between 2000 and 2030, Frederick County is projected to add **71,000 jobs**, or an increase of **74 percent**. During the same period, the region is expected to add nearly 1.4 million jobs or an increase of approximately 49 percent.

## Income

Frederick County (including the City of Frederick) had a per capita income of **\$35,423** in 2003. The per capita income for the Washington region was \$44,757.

## Unemployment Rate

Over the last five years, Frederick County has enjoyed an unemployment rate lower than the regional average. In 2004, the County had an unemployment rate of **3.2 percent**, while the regional unemployment rate was 3.7 percent.

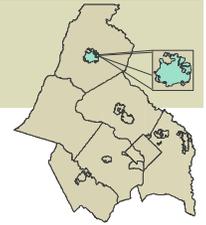


## Construction

Nearly **2.4 million square feet** of commercial development was constructed in the City of Frederick over the last five years—this represents one percent of all commercial development in the Washington region.

## Federal Spending

In Fiscal Year 2003, Frederick County received more than **\$222.1 million** in salaries and wages from the federal government. This figure represents approximately one percent of the region's federal salaries and wages. Frederick County was home to **\$805 million** in federal procurement, capturing two percent of the region's federal contract awards.



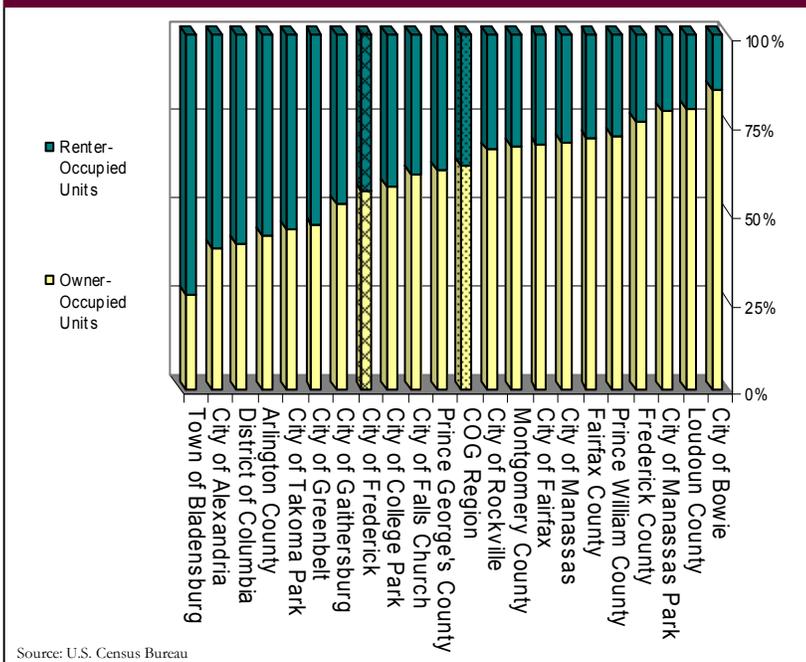
## Home Sales

The number of homes sold in Frederick County increased **51 percent** between 2000 and 2004, compared with the regional average of 42 percent. A total of **20,307 homes** were sold in the County during that time period, which is approximately four percent of the total home sales in the region.

## Housing

The City of Frederick has the eighth highest percentage of renter-occupied housing in the Washington region. Nearly 9,300, or **44 percent**, of the City's 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

City of Frederick residents pay a lower median gross rent than the regional median. In 2000, the median gross rent in the City of Frederick was **\$718 a month**, \$103 lower than the regional median gross rent of \$821 per month.

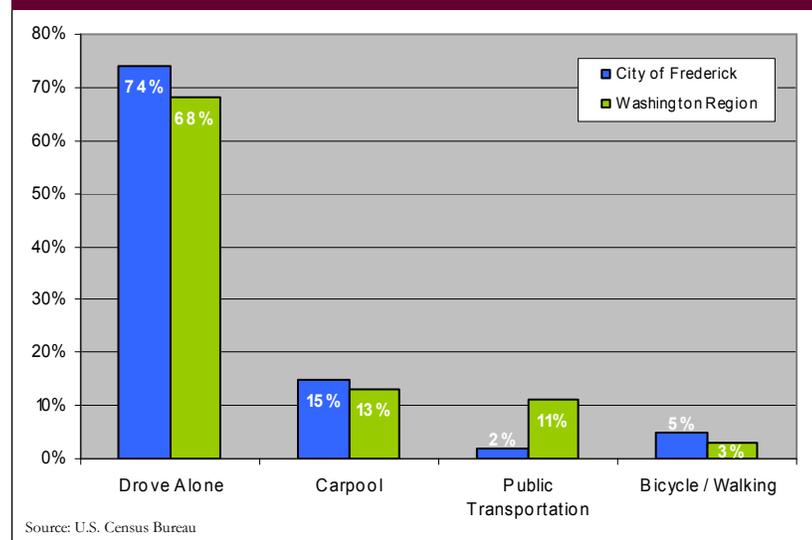
The average household size in the City of Frederick is smaller than the regional average of 2.59 people per household. At **2.42 people per household**, the City of Frederick has the sixth lowest household size in the Washington region.

## Commuting

**Seventy-four percent** of City of Frederick resident workers commute to work by driving alone, compared with 68 percent of the Washington region's workers. **Two percent** of the City's resident workers use public transportation, compared with 11 percent of the Washington region's workers. **Fifteen percent** of resident workers of the City of Frederick use carpooling as a means of transportation to their jobs, compared with 13 percent of the region's workers.

**Seventy-two percent** of City of Frederick residents commute to work in less than 45 minutes. This percentage is the same for the region's workers.

Means of Transportation



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

## Vehicle Ownership

Of the 20,799 occupied housing units in the City of Frederick, **10 percent** (2,133 housing units) do not have vehicles. For renter-occupied housing units, approximately **19 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.

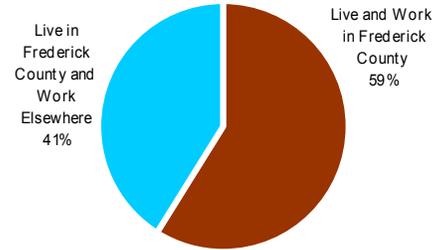


## Commuting Patterns

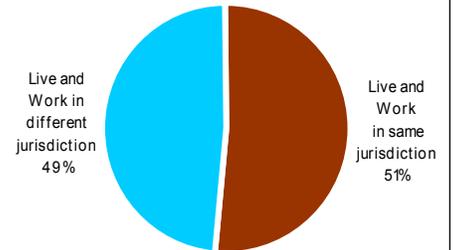
Of the **84,731** workers employed in Frederick County, 71 percent (60,272 workers) live in the County. Five percent of workers employed in Frederick County commute from Montgomery County. There are **102,318** resident workers in Frederick County. Fifty-nine percent of Frederick County's resident workers are employed in the County. The largest percentage of residents who commute to jobs located outside the County work in Montgomery County (22 percent) and the District of Columbia (three percent).

Place of Residence for Frederick County's Workforce			Place of Work for Frederick County's Residents				
COG Region	Frederick County	60,272	COG Region	Frederick County	60,272		
	Montgomery County	4,104		Montgomery County	22,867		
	Loudoun County	405		District of Columbia	3,025		
	Prince George's County	358		Fairfax County	1,786		
	Fairfax County	213		Prince George's County	1,188		
	District of Columbia	121		Loudoun County	1,151		
	Arlington County	41		Arlington County	537		
	City of Manassas	33		City of Alexandria	151		
	Prince William County	19		Prince William County	112		
	City of Alexandria	15		City of Fairfax	104		
	City of Falls Church	14		City of Manassas Park	28		
	City of Fairfax	0		City of Manassas	11		
	City of Manassas Park	0		City of Falls Church	5		
	Outside COG Region	Warren County		42	Outside COG Region	Stafford County	39
		Clarke County		21		Fauquier County	14
Spotsylvania/Fredericksburg		18	Warren County	12			
Fauquier County		15	King George County	9			
Stafford County		8	Spotsylvania/Fredericksburg	5			
King George County		5	Culpeper County	0			
Culpeper County		0	Clarke County	0			
Other Virginia Jurisdictions		144	Other Virginia Jurisdictions	47			
Baltimore PMSA		4,130	Baltimore PMSA	6,484			
Charles County		8	Calvert County	20			
Calvert County		8	Charles County	12			
Other Maryland Jurisdictions		7,470	Other Maryland Jurisdictions	2,241			
Pennsylvania		3,978	Pennsylvania	1,095			
West Virginia		2,886	West Virginia	546			
Elsewhere		403	Elsewhere	557			
<b>Total Jobs</b>	<b>84,731</b>	<b>Total Resident Workers</b>	<b>102,318</b>				
Live and Work in Frederick County	60,272	Live and Work in Frederick County	60,272				
Work in Frederick County and Live Elsewhere	24,459	Live in Frederick County and Work Elsewhere	42,046				
<b>Total Jobs</b>	<b>84,731</b>	<b>Total Resident Workers</b>	<b>102,318</b>				

Place of Work for Frederick County's Residents



Location of Workers in the COG Region



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

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