



PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY AND THE WASHINGTON REGION: A LOOK AT ECONOMIC AND DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS

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

Population

The population of Prince William County, according to the 2000 Census, is 281,300 people. Prince William's residents constitute **seven percent** of the Washington region's 4.5 million people.

Between 2000 and 2030, Prince William County's population is anticipated to grow by more than **275,000 people**, an increase of **98 percent**, while the region is expected to grow by more than 2 million people or 45 percent.

Thirty percent of the population in Prince William County is under 18 years old. Prince William County has the highest local share of children in the region, higher than the regional average of 25 percent.

The County's nearly 13,500 'seniors' age 65 and older account for **five percent** of the population. This represents a lower proportion of seniors compared to the regional average of nine percent.

Sixty-nine percent of Prince William County's population is white; 19 is black or African-American; and four percent is Asian. More than 27,000 people—ten percent of Prince William County'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.



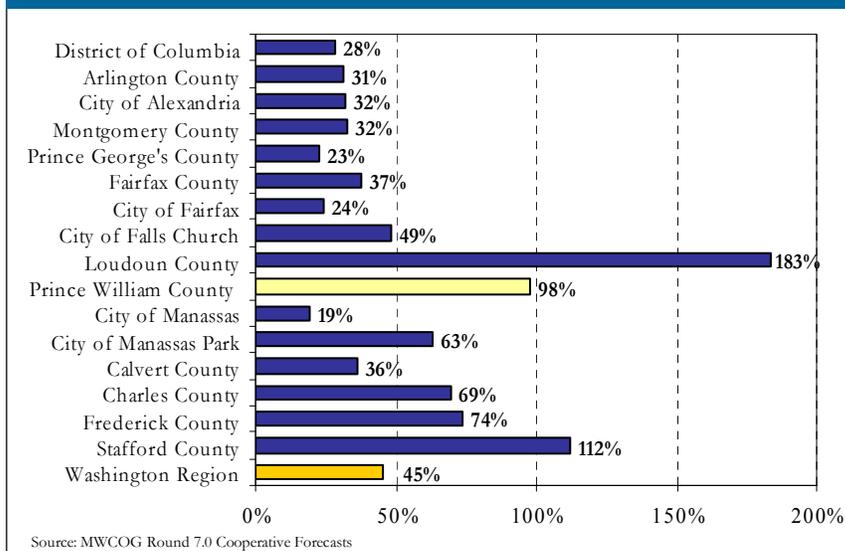
Land Area

Prince William County covers **338 square miles** and comprises **11 percent** of the Washington region's land area. The County has a population density of more than **832 people** per square mile. It is less densely populated than the regional average of 1,395 people per square mile.



In Focus: Prince William County

Percent Population Growth by Jurisdiction
Forecast 2000–2030



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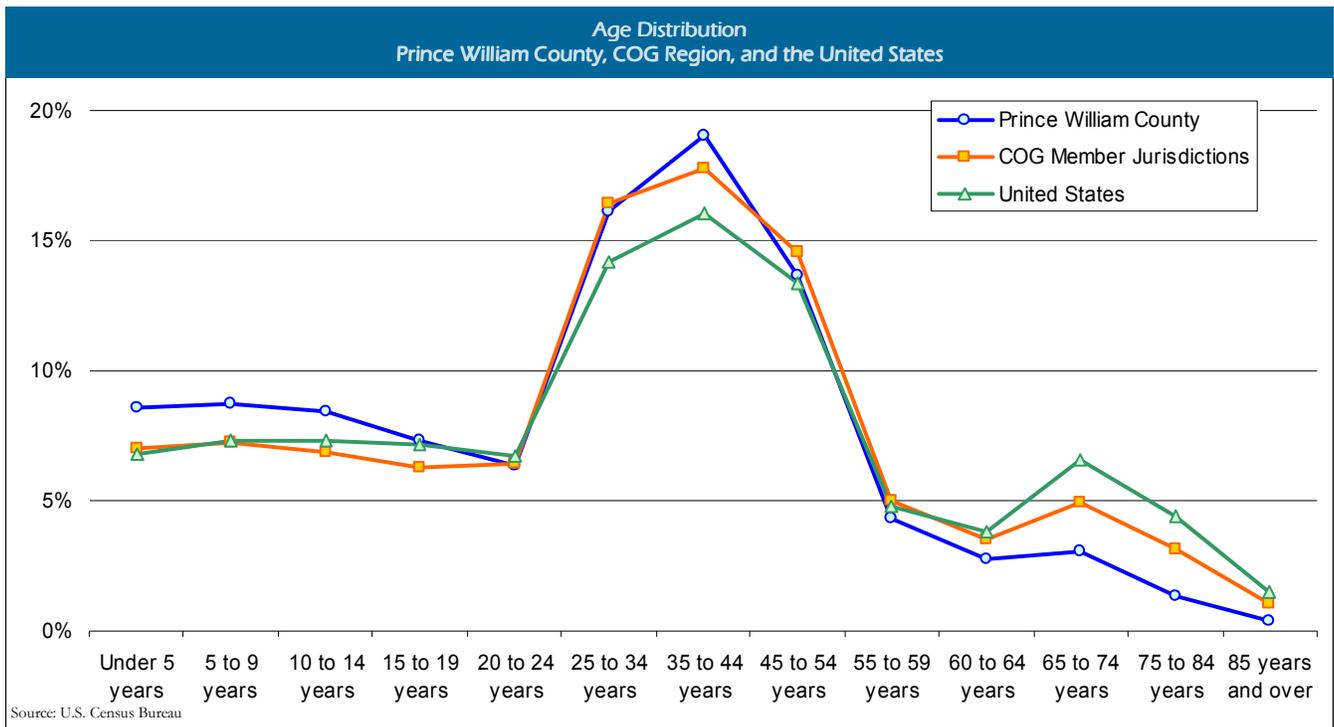
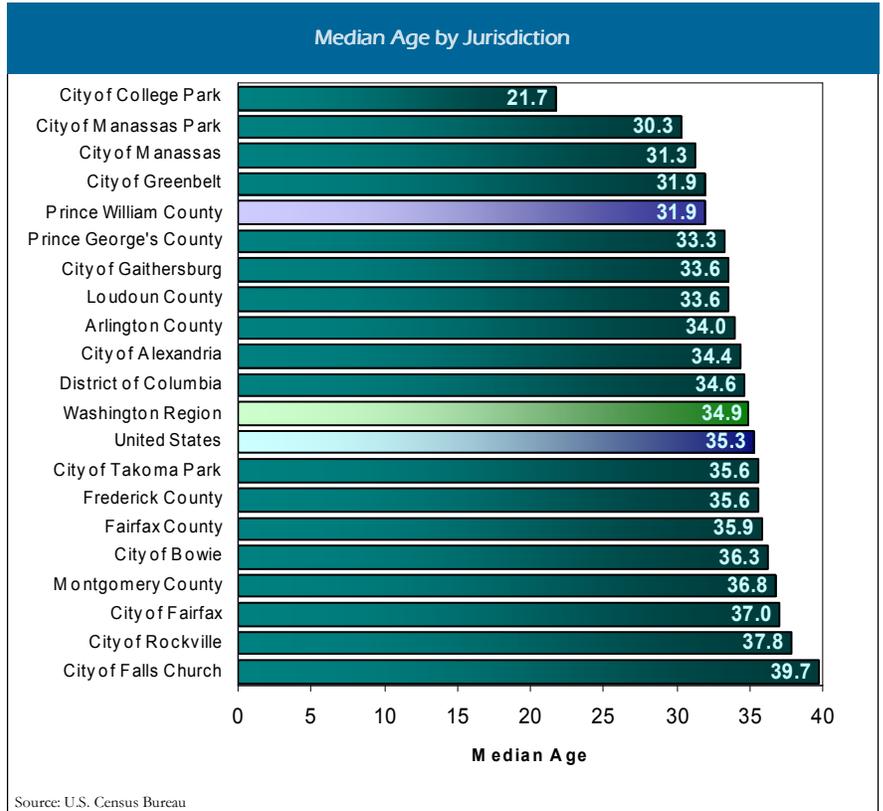
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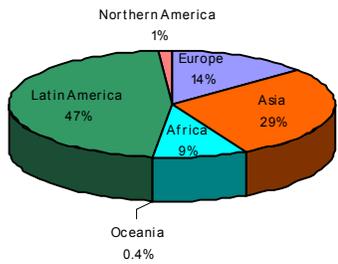
The median age of Prince William County residents is 31.9 years, slightly younger than the median age in the Washington region (34.9 years), and the United States (35.3 years.)

Compared to the United States and the Washington region, Prince William County has a higher proportion of children under 15 years old. Prince William County also has a lower percentage of people who are 65 and over, when compared to the United States.

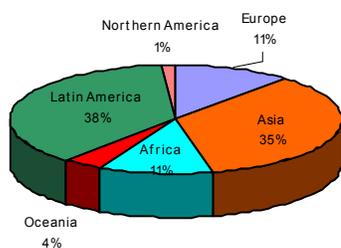




Region of Birth of Foreign Born in Prince William County



Region of Birth of Foreign Born in the Washington Region



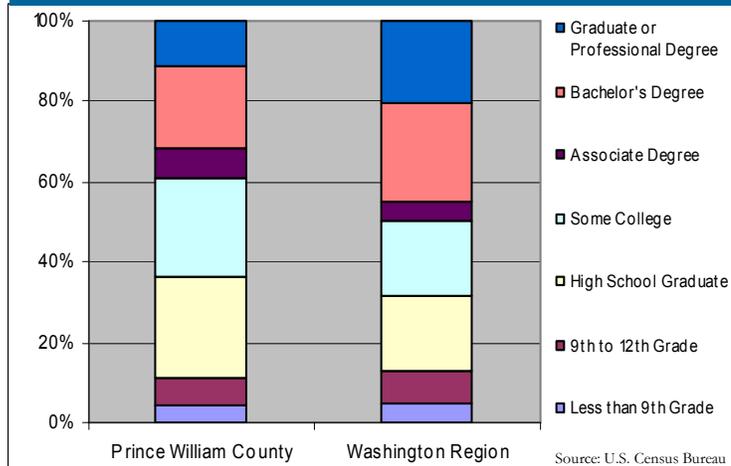
Note: Oceania refers to Australia, New Zealand, and the islands of the Pacific Ocean
Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Foreign Born

Prince William County has a lower percentage of foreign born residents compared to other jurisdictions in the Washington region. **Twelve percent** of the County's population was born in another country, compared to the regional average of 19 percent. Of the foreign born, **47 percent** originate from Latin America, 29 percent from Asia, 14 percent from Europe, and ten percent from Africa.

A variety of foreign languages are spoken by Prince William County residents—**16 percent** of the population speaks a language other than English at home. Nine percent of Prince William residents speak Spanish, four percent speak another Indo-European language, and two percent speak an Asian or Pacific Island language.

Educational Attainment



Education

More than **83,500 people** in Prince William County (**30 percent** of the population) are enrolled in school. Eighty percent of these enrollees are school age children, and 20 percent are college or graduate students.

Thirty-two percent of Prince William County residents over age 25 have a bachelor's degree or higher, compared to 45 percent in the Washington region. **Eleven percent** of the County's residents have a graduate or professional degree, compared with 21 percent of the region's population.

Marital Status

Prince William County has the region's third highest percentage of married residents—**60 percent** of the population 15 years and older— compared to 52 percent of the region's population.

Residence

Prince William County residents move or relocate at a rate more than the regional average. **Half** of the County's residents moved between 1995 and 2000, compared with 44 percent of the region's population.



Employment

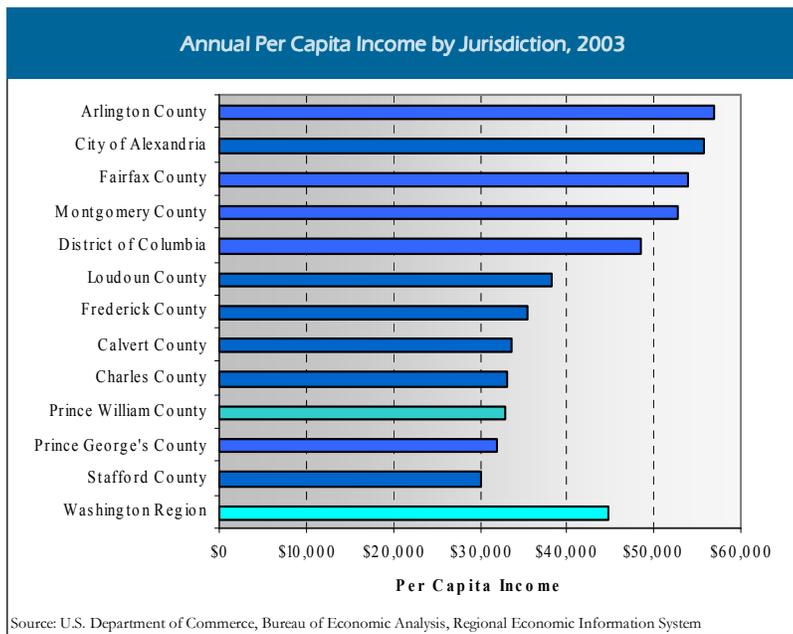
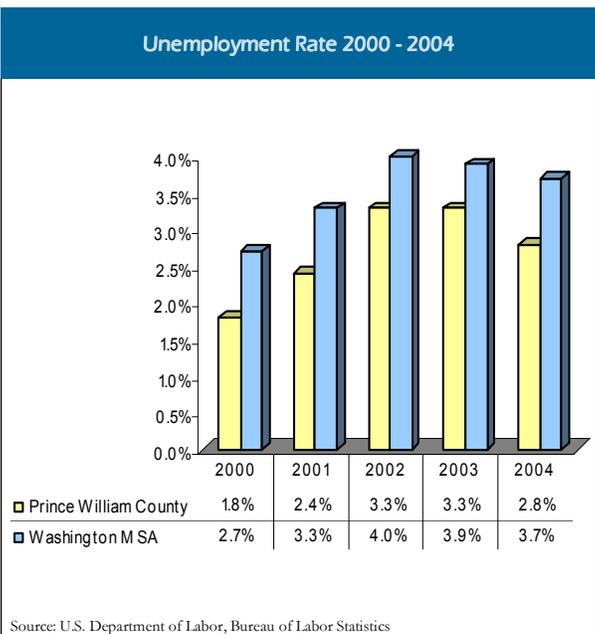
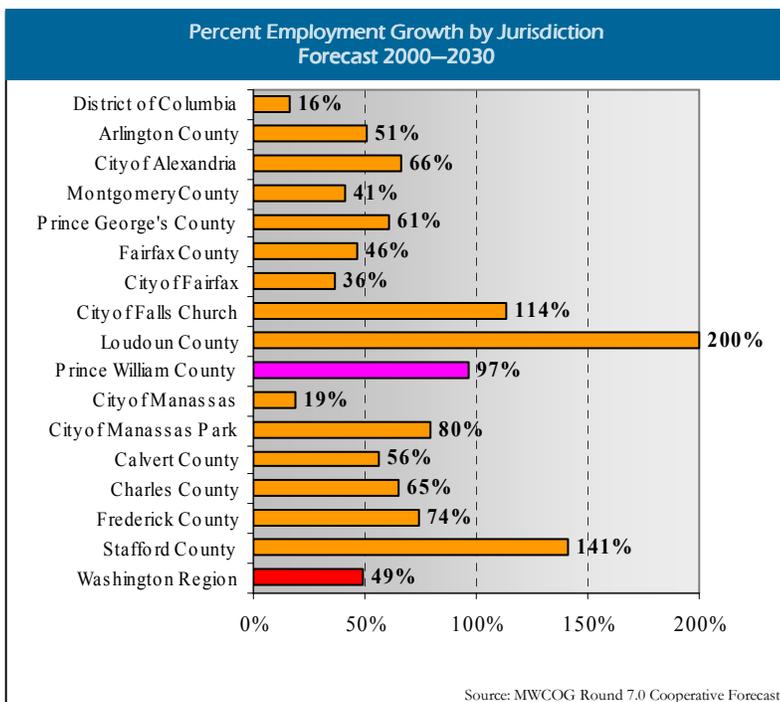
Between 2000 and 2030, Prince William County is projected to add **91,400 jobs**, or an increase of **97 percent**. During the same period, the region is expected to add nearly 1.4 million jobs or an increase of approximately 49 percent.

Income

Prince William County had a per capita income of **\$32,849** in 2003. The per capita income for the Washington region was \$44,757.

Unemployment Rate

Over the last five years, Prince William County has enjoyed an unemployment rate lower than the regional average. In 2004, the County had an unemployment rate of **2.8 percent**, while the regional unemployment rate was 3.7 percent.



Construction

More than **11.8 million square feet** of commercial development was constructed in Prince William County over the last five years—this represents seven percent of all commercial development in the Washington region.

Federal Spending

In Fiscal Year 2003, Prince William County received more than **\$547.5 million** in salaries and wages from the federal government. This figure represents approximately two percent of the region's federal salaries and wages. Prince William County was home to more than **\$282.8 million** in federal procurement, capturing one percent of the region's federal contract awards.



Home Sales

The number of homes sold in Prince William County increased **87 percent** between 2000 and 2004, compared with the regional average of 42 percent. A total of **43,979 homes** were sold in the County during that time period, which is approximately nine percent of the total home sales in the region.

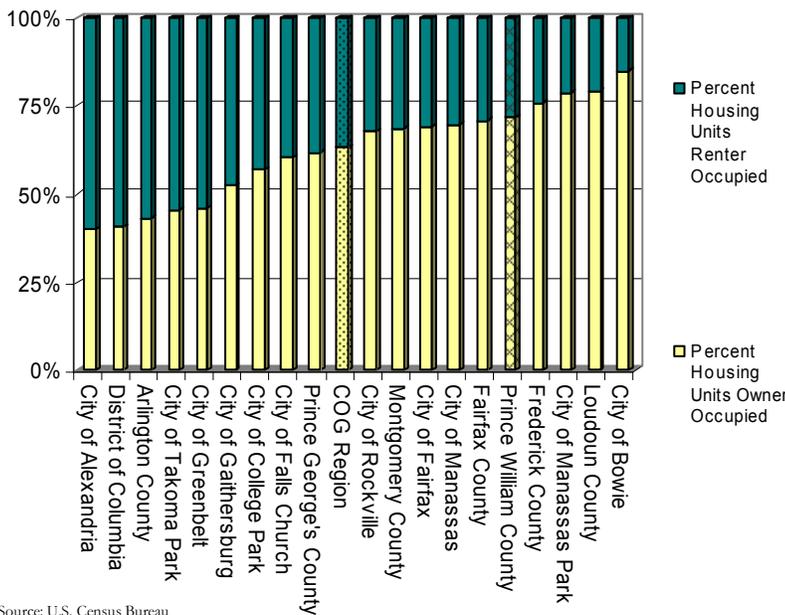
Housing

Prince William County has the fifth highest percentage of owner-occupied housing in the Washington region. Nearly 68,000, or **72 percent**, of the County's housing units are owner-occupied, compared with 62 percent of the Washington region's housing units.

Prince William County residents pay a higher median gross rent than the regional median. In 2000, the median gross rent in Prince William County was **\$862 a month**, \$41 higher than the regional median gross rent of \$821 per month.

The average household size in Prince William County is larger than the regional average of 2.59 people per household. At **2.94 people per household**, Prince William County has the second highest household size in the Washington region.

Owner-Occupied and Renter-Occupied Housing Units



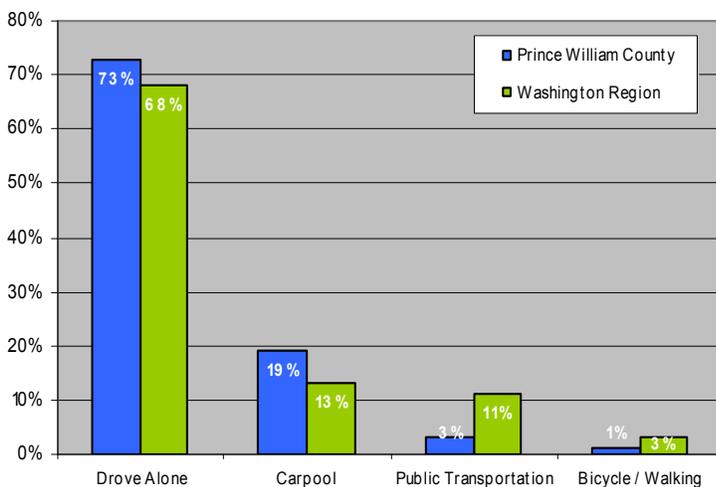
Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Commuting

Seventy-three percent of Prince William County resident workers commute to work by driving alone, compared with 68 percent of the Washington region's workers. **Three percent** of the County's resident workers use public transportation, compared with 11 percent of the Washington region's workers. **Nineteen percent** of resident workers of Prince William County use carpooling as a means of transportation to their jobs, compared with 13 percent of the region's workers.

Sixty-one percent of Prince William County 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



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

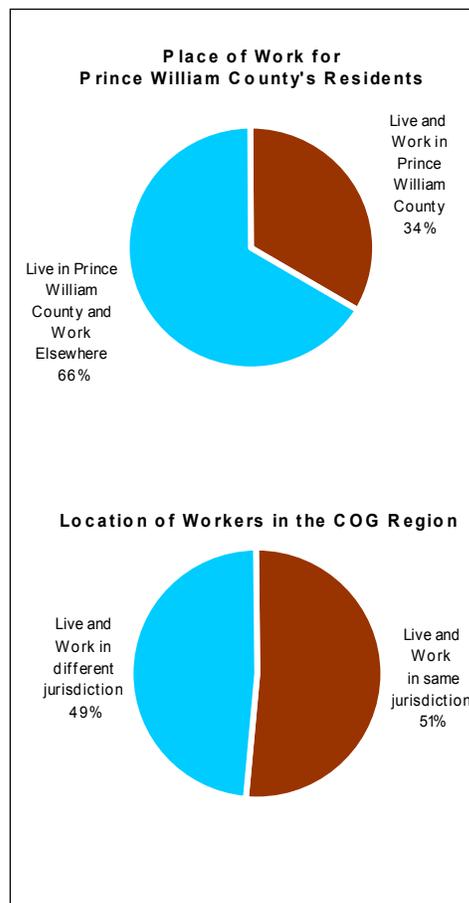
Vehicle Ownership

Of the 94,570 occupied housing units in Prince William County, **four percent** (3,327 housing units) do not have vehicles. For renter-occupied housing units, approximately **eight 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 **85,795** workers employed in Prince William County, 59 percent (50,435 workers) live in the County. Eight percent of workers employed in Prince William County commute from Fairfax County. There are **150,526** resident workers in Prince William County. Thirty-four percent of Prince William County's resident workers are employed in the County.



Place of Residence for Prince William County's Workforce			Place of Work for Prince William County's Residents			
COG Region	Prince William County	50,435	Prince William County	50,435		
	Fairfax County	7,013	Fairfax County	44,322		
	City of Manassas	4,387	District of Columbia	15,368		
	City of Manassas Park	974	Arlington County	10,108		
	Loudoun County	773	City of Manassas	6,247		
	Montgomery County	671	City of Alexandria	6,184		
	Arlington County	648	Loudoun County	3,882		
	Prince George's County	614	City of Fairfax	3,505		
	City of Alexandria	486	Montgomery County	1,867		
	District of Columbia	348	Prince George's County	1,709		
	City of Fairfax	248	City of Manassas Park	923		
	Frederick County	112	City of Falls Church	355		
	City of Falls Church	42	Frederick County	19		
	Outside COG Region	Stafford County	7,743	Stafford County	1,691	
		Spotsylvania/Fredericksburg	3,447	Fauquier County	725	
Fauquier County		3,132	Spotsylvania/Fredericksburg	432		
Warren County		756	Culpeper County	134		
Culpeper County		611	Warren County	64		
King George County		122	Clarke County	25		
Clarke County		52	King George County	24		
Other Virginia Jurisdictions		1,880	Other Virginia Jurisdictions	1,185		
Baltimore PMSA		329	Baltimore PMSA	303		
Charles County		140	Charles County	47		
Calvert County		24	Calvert County	22		
Other Maryland Jurisdictions		38	Other Maryland Jurisdictions	106		
Pennsylvania		67	Pennsylvania	62		
West Virginia		219	West Virginia	29		
Elsewhere		484	Elsewhere	753		
Total Jobs	85,795	Total Resident Workers	150,526			
Live and Work in Prince William County	50,435	Live and Work in Prince William County	50,435			
Work in Prince William County and Live Elsewhere	35,360	Live in Prince William County and Work Elsewhere	100,091			
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