



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

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Welcome to the sixteenth 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 College Park and Prince George's County, placed in the context of the Washington region.

Population

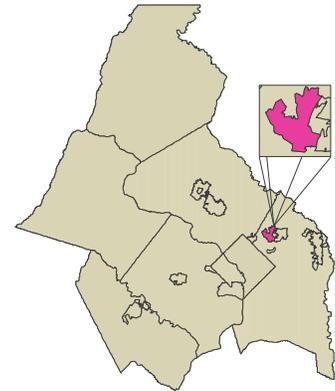
The population of the City of College Park, according to the 2000 Census, is 24,657 people. College Park residents constitute less than **one percent** of the Washington region's 4.5 million people.

The City of College Park 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 **11 percent** of the population in the City of College Park is under 18 years old. This represents a lower proportion of children compared to the regional average of 25 percent.

The City's nearly 1,800 'seniors' age 65 and older account for **seven percent** of the population. This percentage is slightly less than the regional average of nine percent.

Sixty-nine percent of the City of College Park population is white; 16 percent is black or African-American; and 10 percent is Asian. Nearly 1,400 people—six percent of the City of College Park 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.

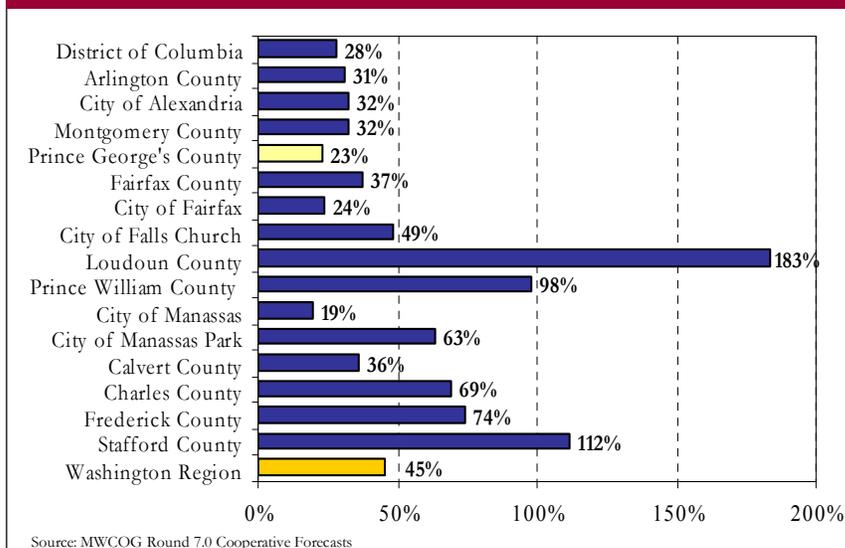


Land Area

The City of College Park covers more than **5.4 square miles** and comprises less than one percent of the Washington region's land area. The City has a population density of more than **4,566 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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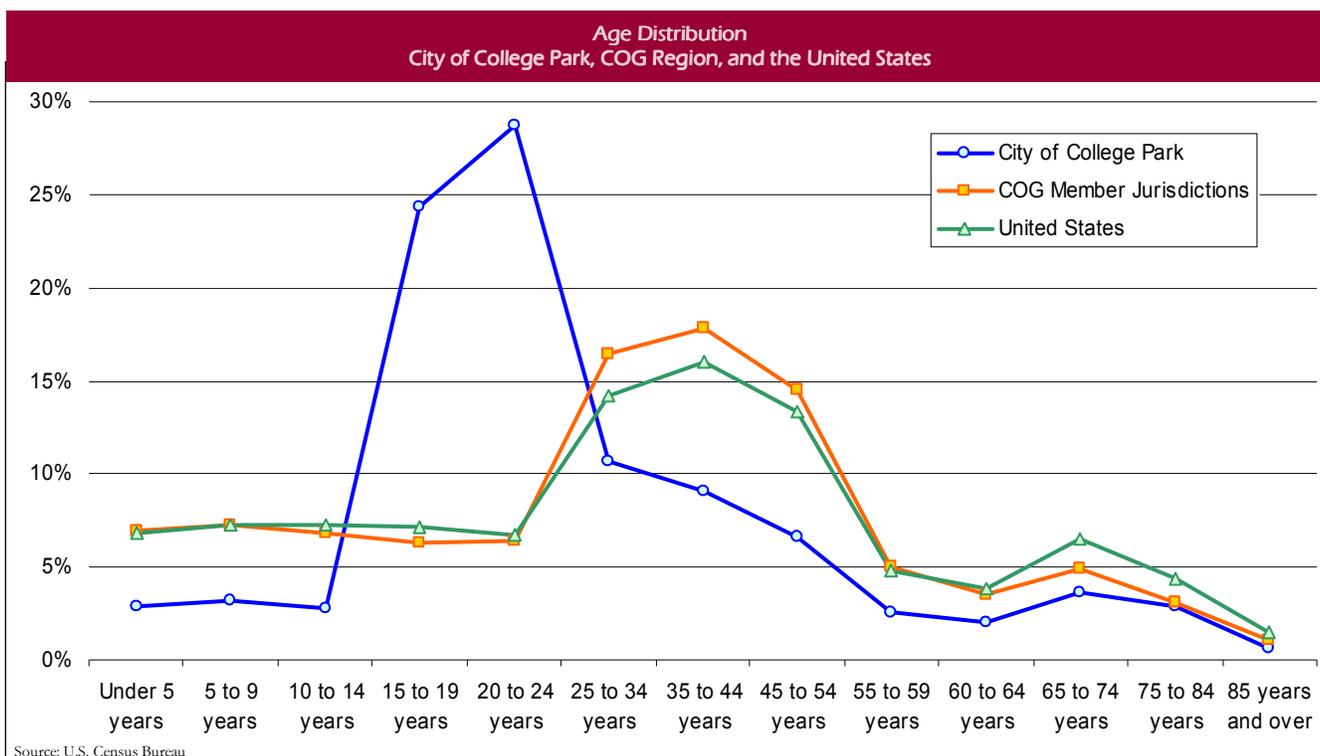
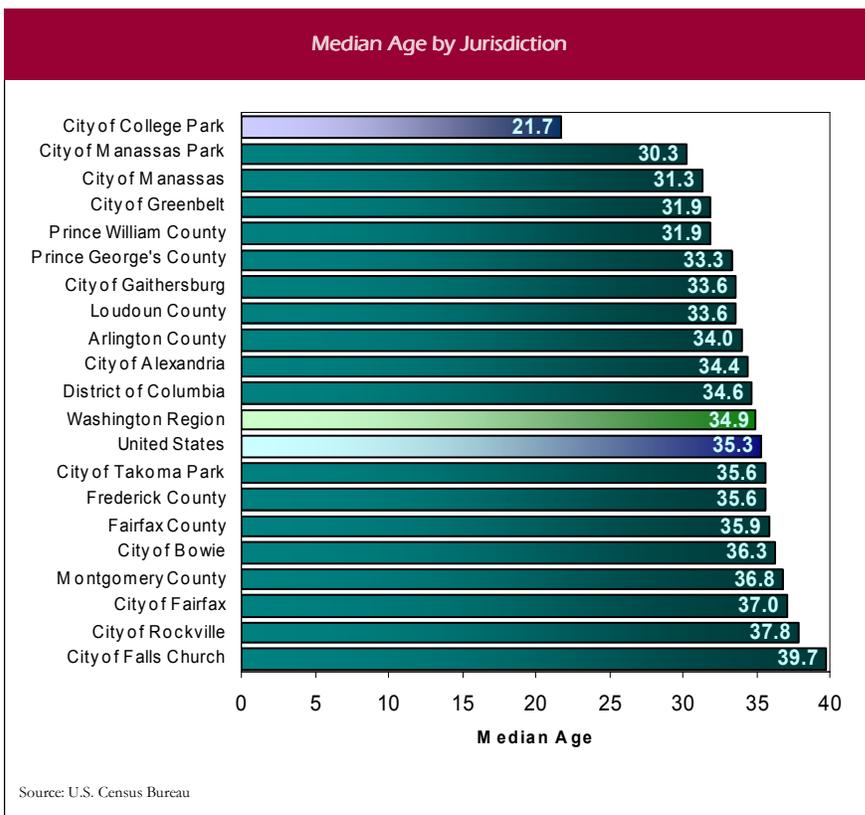
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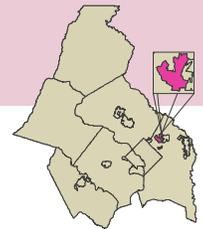


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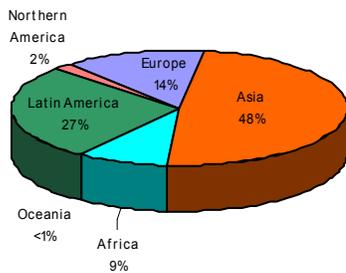
The median age of College Park residents is 21.7 years. College Park has the youngest median age in the Washington region, compared with the regional median age of 34.9 years.

Compared to the United States and the Washington region, the City of College Park has a higher proportion of adolescents and young adults. More than half (53 percent) of College Park residents are between 15 and 24 years old.

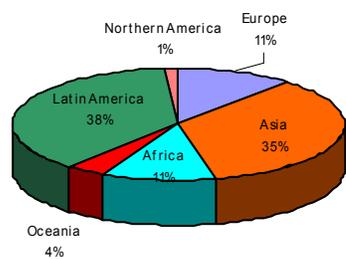




Region of Birth of Foreign Born in College Park



Region of Birth of Foreign Born in the Washington Region



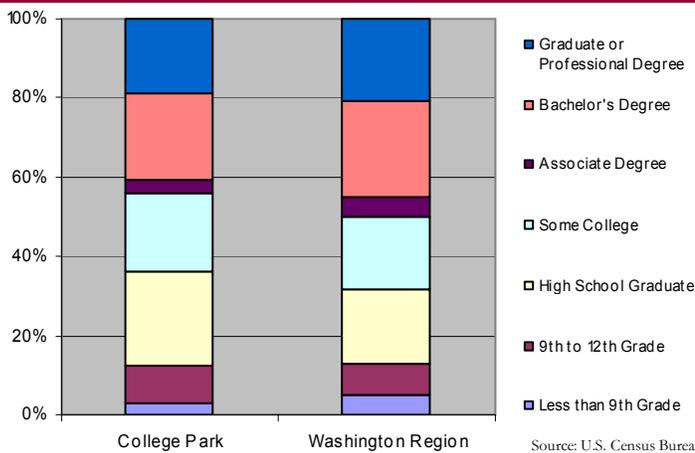
Note: Oceania refers to Australia, New Zealand, and the islands of the Pacific Ocean
Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Foreign Born

The City of College Park has a lower percentage of foreign born residents compared to other jurisdictions in the Washington region. **Thirteen 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, 27 percent from Latin America, 14 percent from Europe, and nine percent from Africa.

A variety of foreign languages are spoken by College Park residents—**18 percent** of the population speaks a language other than English at home. Six percent speak Spanish, six percent speak another Indo-European language, and five percent speak an Asian or Pacific Island language.

Educational Attainment



Education

More than **15,300 people** in the City of College Park (**62 percent** of the population) are enrolled in school. Fourteen percent of these enrollees are school age children, and 86 percent are college or graduate students.

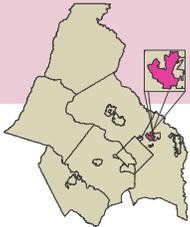
Forty-one percent of College Park residents over age 25 have a bachelor’s degree or higher, compared with 45 percent in the Washington region. **Nineteen percent** of College Park residents have a graduate or professional degree, compared with 21 percent of the region’s population.

Marital Status

The City of College Park has the region’s highest rate of ‘singles’ (those never married, as defined by the Census Bureau)— **57 percent** of the population 15 years and older— compared to 32 percent of the region’s population.

Residence

College Park residents move or relocate at a rate more than the regional average. **Sixty-two percent** of College Park 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.

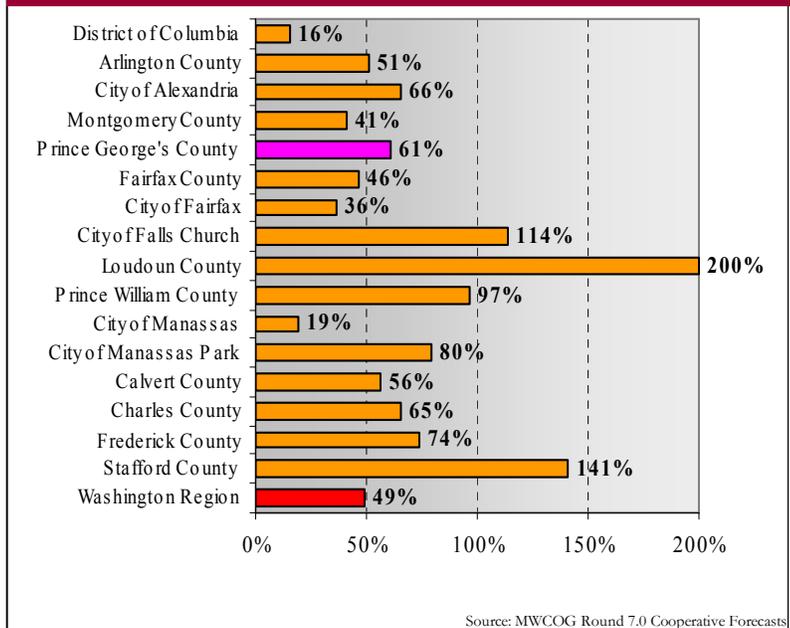
Income

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.

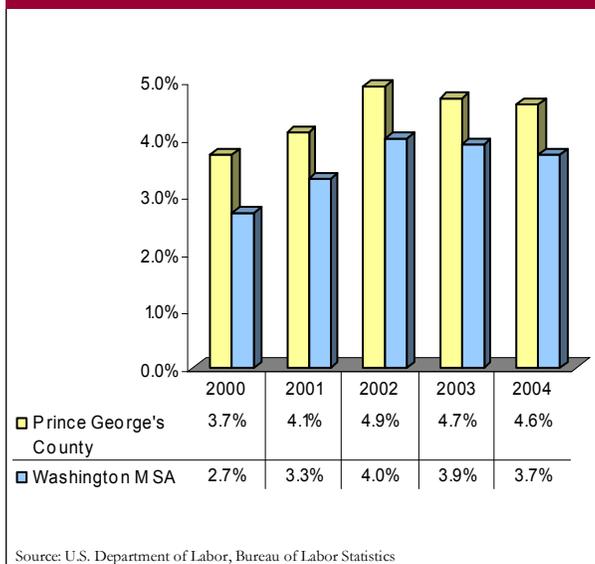
Unemployment Rate

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.

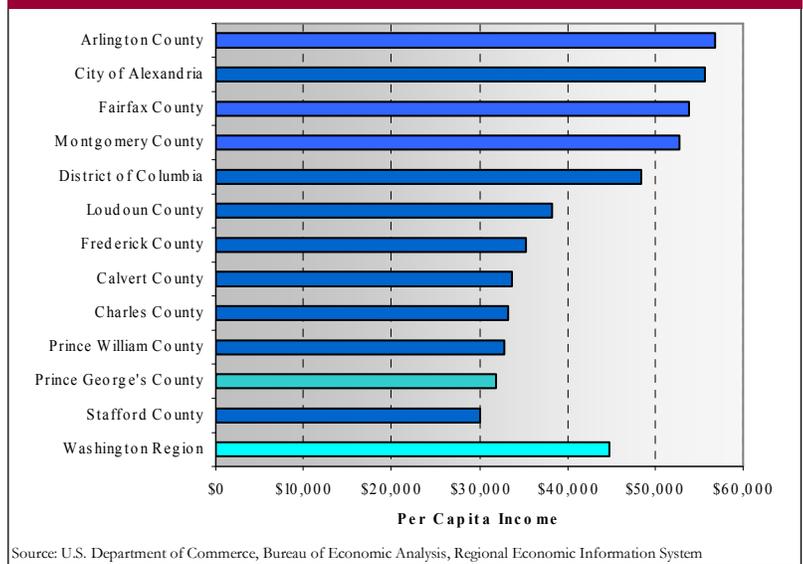
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Unemployment Rate 2000 - 2004



Annual Per Capita Income by Jurisdiction, 2003



Construction

More than **2.8 million square feet** of commercial development was constructed in the City of College Park over the last five years—this represents nearly two 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.



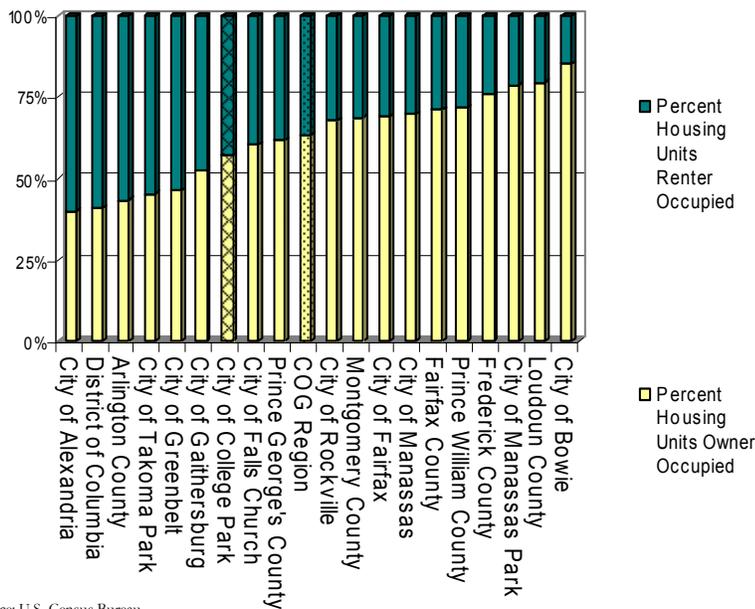
Home Sales

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 City of College Park has the seventh highest percentage of renter-occupied housing in the Washington region. Nearly 2,600, or **43 percent**, of the City of College Park 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

College Park residents pay a lower median gross rent than the regional median. In 2000, the median gross rent in the City of College Park was **\$806 a month**, \$15 lower than the regional median gross rent of \$821 per month.

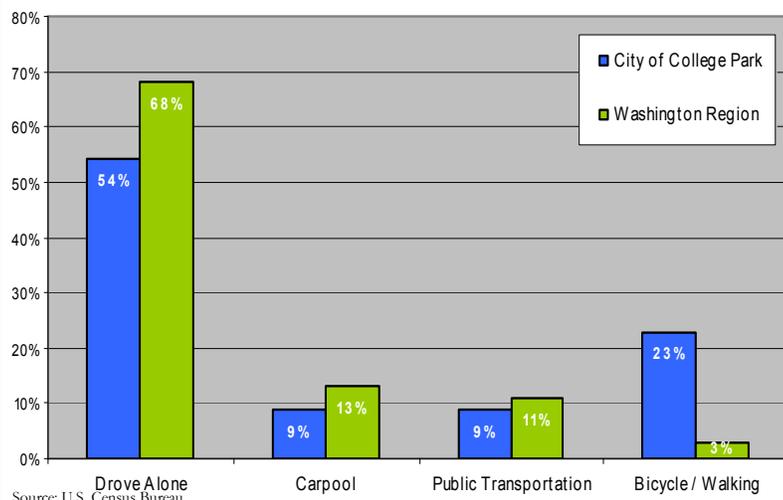
The average household size in the City of College Park is larger than the regional average of 2.59 people per household. At **2.65 people per household**, College Park has the twelfth largest household size in the Washington region.

Commuting

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

Eighty-one percent of College Park 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

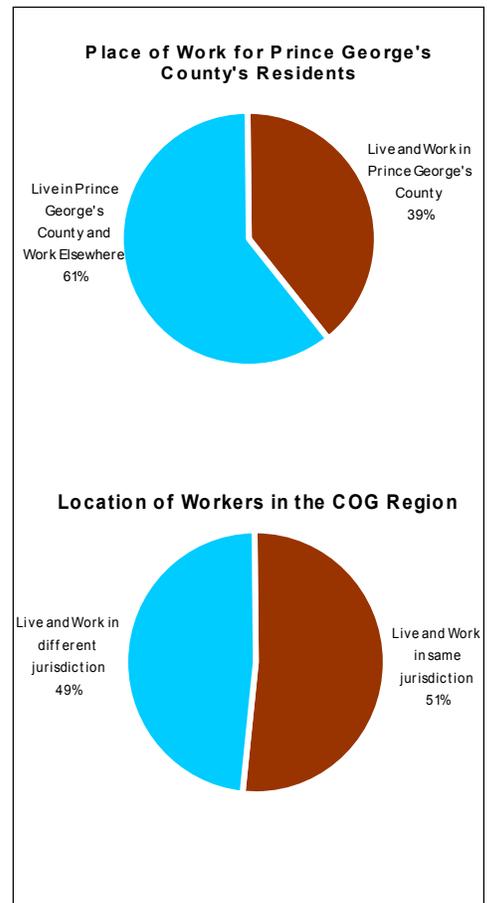
Vehicle Ownership

Of the 6,046 occupied housing units in the City of College Park, **10 percent** (614 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 **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	155,671
	Montgomery County	26,825	126,138
	District of Columbia	13,655	40,240
	Fairfax County	9,594	18,258
	Arlington County	2,043	15,912
	City of Alexandria	1,813	7,372
	Prince William County	1,709	1,006
	Frederick County	1,188	926
	Loudoun County	595	614
	City of Fairfax	145	358
	City of Manassas	135	293
	City of Manassas Park	78	164
	City of Falls Church	69	17
Outside COG Region	Stafford County	415	192
	Spotsylvania/Fredericksburg	375	167
	King George County	226	110
	Fauquier County	135	81
	Warren County	85	60
	Culpeper County	49	6
	Clarke County	28	0
	Other Virginia Jurisdictions	723	376
	Baltimore PMSA	51,833	21,970
	Other Maryland Jurisdictions	2,973	668
Other	Pennsylvania	677	358
	West Virginia	407	8
	Elsewhere	1,763	2,151
Total Jobs		295,286	397,403
Live and Work in Prince George's County		155,671	155,671
Work in Prince George's County and Live Elsewhere		139,615	241,732
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