

# **ALLEGANY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

## **COMMUNITY PROFILE**

### **Allegany County Chamber of Commerce**

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Allegany County was designated by the Maryland Legislature on December 15, 1789.  
Cumberland was named the county seat the same day.

## GENERAL COMMUNITY PROFILE

ALTITUDE	From 420 to 2,895 feet
AMBULANCE	There are 23 ambulance and rescue squads operated by fire departments, civic organizations and private firms.
AREA	County: 427.6 square miles Cumberland: 8.35 square miles Frostburg: 2.5 square miles
CLIMATE	Average yearly precipitation: 36.5 (inches) Average yearly snowfall: 34.1 (inches) Average summer temperature 72.6° F Average winter temperature 31.1° F Average duration of freeze period: 168 days
CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS	There are more than 175 civic, cultural, fraternal, political, professional, religious, service, clubs, and veterans' organizations in Allegany County.
HOUSES OF WORSHIP	There are approximately 200 churches representing more than 25 denominations in Allegany County.
POPULATION	For Allegany County: 75,087 (2010) For City of Cumberland: 20,859 For City of Frostburg: 9,002

**CRIME:** The area has relatively low crime rates in which it ranks within the 18<sup>th</sup> percentile in the state, and the 13<sup>th</sup> percentile in the nation. The chance of being the victim of a crime is 5.7%. Also, the chance of being the victim of a bodily crime is 1.15%.

## OTHER COMMUNITY PROFILES

### TOWN POPULATIONS

Community	Populations
Barton	457
Lonaconing	1,214
Luke	65
Midland	446
Westernport	1,888

### COUNTY AGE PROFILE

Age	Male	Female
Under 5	1,824	1,662
5-14	3,889	3,600
15-19	2,852	2,890
20-24	3,507	2,878
25-44	10,770	7,601
45-64	10,326	9,876
65-74	3,163	3,643
75+	2,501	4,095

## RETAIL COMMERCE

Commercial activity in Allegany County continues to expand, providing residents with a complete range of goods and services. Allegany County residents have convenient and competitive shopping at their fingertips, and abundant dining opportunities at restaurants that provide American and International cuisine. The county's oldest and most established shopping area is the *Downtown Cumberland Mall*, in the heart of the city's business district. The city center, which has undergone a renaissance of redevelopment, has been transformed into a pedestrian mall where specialty, clothing, antique, and gift stores border brick walkways, fountains, and parklets.

Another major shopping complex, the *Country Club Mall*, is located four miles west of Cumberland in the LaVale area. This enclosed mall provides additional services, entertainment, and shopping for the Tri-State area. The *Country Club Mall*, with 593,685 square feet of covered climate controlled retail area, houses over 50 service and specialty retailers, including three major department stores, eight movie theatres, and a *Wal-Mart Super Center*.

Several shopping centers are located just minutes from the mall, including LaVale Plaza, Braddock Square and Burton's Plaza. Frostburg's Main Street area is an equally established retail district with a variety of shops, coffee houses, and highly rated restaurants. Other shopping districts can be found in South Cumberland, McCoole, Frostburg, Tri-Towns and in the smaller towns in the surrounding area.

Retail commerce in Allegany County for 2010 exceeded 640 million dollars. The Allegany County/Cumberland primary service trade area consists of nearly 150,756 people in a larger service trade area of 260,170 people.

## CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

Private foundations, arts council, and our local college and university command an impressive array of events and attractions available to all residents, from preschoolers to senior citizens. Both Frostburg State University and Allegany College of Maryland draw musicians, vocalists and dramatists for area performances, and each hosts a year long schedule of art shows, films and lectures to cultivate the mind.

A focal point of cultural events and leisure activities is the *Allegany Arts Council*, which sponsors its own activities and acts as an umbrella organization that supports local groups including the renowned equity playhouse, the Cumberland Theatre. Allegany County features a number of festival and community events throughout the year. Among the largest is Heritage Days, a two-day arts and crafts fair each June that attracts craftsman from all over the country. Along with displays of artistic handiwork, musical and theatrical entertainment is featured throughout the festival. For a full listing of festivals contact the Department of Tourism at 800-425-2067 or 301-777-5132 and online at [www.mdmountainside.com](http://www.mdmountainside.com).

July means the Allegany County Fair and Agricultural Exposition at the county fairgrounds. The program includes activities such as livestock shows and sales, homemaker and 4-H demonstrations, a rodeo and live music, along with rides and midway activities.

The Western Maryland Street Rod and Roundup is held over Labor Day weekend at the county fairgrounds. Over 1,000 pre-1949 street rods are on display each year, making it one of the

largest shows of its kind.

The Cumberland Cultural Foundation C. William Gilchrist Gallery of the Arts serves as a permanent repository for fine arts collections.

The Frostburg State University (FSU) Cultural Events Series is particularly noteworthy as an annual producer of top-notch performance art that includes everything from contemporary jazz to traditional theatre to cutting edge multi-media productions.

The Cohongaronta Gallery at the Greater Cumberland Regional Airport reviews the history and art of the region.

The Western Maryland Scenic Railroad, which offers the only steam engine excursions in Maryland, boasts a comfortable ride from Cumberland up through the mountains to Frostburg. A full calendar of murder mysteries and theme excursions are available at [www.wmsr.com](http://www.wmsr.com) or by calling 1-800TRAIN50 or 301-759-4400.

### **RECREATIONAL FACILITIES**

Allegany County is blessed with beautiful natural resources, which make a visit through the region a wonderful experience. Numerous recreational activities are available free of charge through state parks and forests here and in adjacent Garrett County, Maryland and nearby Pennsylvania and West Virginia. Diversions include camping, hiking, fishing, canoeing, hunting, swimming and biking. Within an hour's drive is a handful of winter snow skiing resorts and fabulous cross-country skiing opportunities during the winter months.

Rocky Gap State Park, six miles east of Cumberland, is a mecca for bathers, boaters and fisherman. Dan's Mountain State Park, in Lonaconing, and Green Ridge State Forest, east of Cumberland also provide wilderness areas for outdoor lovers. For the family, Constitution Park is a city-owned and operated facility of over 100 acres with a huge swimming pool, tennis courts and amphitheater. A planned year-round program is provided by the municipal recreation department, including summer playgrounds and ice skating. There are five swimming pools, four golf courses and many tennis courts available throughout Allegany County.

The Cumberland Country Club, Fore Sister's Golf Club in Rawlings, Maplehurst Country Club at Frostburg, and the Rocky Gap Casino Resort in Flintstone, which possesses the only Jack Nicklaus signature golf course in Maryland, all have excellent eighteen-hole courses. Numerous other courses are within easy reach of Cumberland. A major ten-pin bowling center serves the Cumberland and suburban area with 32 lanes. There are programs for youth, seniors, men and women, and strong industrial league development.

A variety of senior citizen activities such as exercise programs, ceramics, playing cards, bridge clubs and square dancing are available at the Cumberland Senior Citizens Center located at 125 Virginia Avenue, Cumberland.

With the Riverside Recreation Facility and the recently renovated C. William Gilchrist Center Downtown, the YMCA offers services to people of all ages and income levels. The Y's offerings include wall climbing, swimming, youth sports, and adult wellness, as well as licensed infant, toddler, preschool, and school-age childcare, a family support center, and supported housing

for low-income families and single men.

## EDUCATION

Cumberland and Allegany County provide a rich and varied educational system for nearly 20,000 students. Schools include public, church related and college level institutions. In addition, many other major educational centers are located within easy reach of the county.

Allegany County comprises a system of 22 public schools and 10 private schools. The public school system not only provides the pupil a superior education within reasonable distance of home, but also provides a steady stream of competent graduates who make the local labor market a major attraction to business moving into this area.

The county has ample and well attended church related schools to support families who elect a religious emphasis as part of their children's education.

Allegany County has two institutions of higher learning to support the career and personal objectives of over 11,000 students as well as the growing demand of employers for professional and business graduates. In addition, there are nearly 30 other institutions located nearby.

## LIBRARY SYSTEM

The *Allegany County Library System* has its main library centrally located in Cumberland, and five branches, in South Cumberland, LaVale, Frostburg, George's Creek and Westernport. The system "Bookmobile" regularly tours the county.

## SCHOOL SYSTEM PROFILE

ENROLLMENT:	Students:	8,946
	Teachers:	805
	Student/Teacher Ratio:	18.8 to 1 (Elementary)
		16. to 1 (Middle)
		16.9 to 1 (Secondary)

EXPENDITURES:	\$13.751 per pupil
	\$116,550,031 total education budget

NUMBER OF SCHOOLS:	13 Elementary	(PK-5)
	1 Elementary	(PK-8)
	3 Middle	(6-8)
	1 Middle	(PK-8)
	3 High	(9-12)
	3 Specialty Schools	(11-12, Adult, 6-12, UG)

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108 Washington Street  
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[www.acpsmd.org](http://www.acpsmd.org)

## **PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

### **ELEMENTARY:**

Beall Elementary  
Frostburg, Maryland  
301-689-3636

Bel Air Elementary  
Cumberland, Maryland  
301-729-2992

Cash Valley Elementary  
LaVale, Maryland  
301-724-6632

Cresaptown Elementary  
Cresaptown, Maryland  
301-729-0212

Flintstone Elementary  
Flintstone, Maryland  
301-478-2434

Frost Elementary  
Frostburg, Maryland  
301-689-5168

George's Creek Elementary  
Lonaconing, Maryland  
301-463-6202

### **MIDDLE:**

Braddock Middle School  
Cumberland, Maryland  
301-777-7990

Mount Savage School  
Mount Savage, Maryland  
301-264-3220

### **SECONDARY:**

Allegany High School  
Cumberland, Maryland  
301-777-8110

Mountain Ridge High School  
Frostburg, Maryland

John Humbird Elementary  
Cumberland, Maryland  
301-724-8842

Northeast Elementary  
Cumberland, Maryland  
301-724-3285

Parkside Elementary  
LaVale, Maryland  
301-729-0085

South Penn Elementary  
Cumberland, Maryland  
301-777-1755

West Side Elementary  
Cumberland, Maryland  
301-724-0340

Westernport Elementary  
Westernport, Maryland  
301-359-0511

Washington Middle School  
Cumberland, Maryland  
301-777-5360

Westmar Middle School  
Westernport, Maryland  
301-463-5751

Fort Hill High School  
Cumberland, Maryland  
301-777-2570

301-689-3377

SPECIALTY:

Allegheny County Home & Hospital  
Cumberland, Maryland  
301-759-2021

Center for Career and Technical Education  
Cresaptown, Maryland  
301-729-6486

Transition Program at Frostburg State University  
Frostburg, Maryland  
301-687-4340

Eckhart Alternative Program  
Frostburg, Maryland  
301-689-3483

**PRIVATE SCHOOLS**

Beginnings Montessori School (PK-6)  
Cumberland, Maryland  
301-722-2220

New Dominion School (7-12)  
Oldtown, Maryland  
301-478-5721

Bishop Walsh School (PK-12)  
Cumberland, Maryland  
301-724-5360

St. Peter's School (K-6)  
Westernport, Maryland  
301-359-0892

Calvary Christian Academy (PK-12)  
Cresaptown, Maryland  
301-729-0791

The Jefferson School at Finan Center (5-12)  
Cumberland, Maryland  
301-777-2258

Humpty Dumpty Learning Center (PK-K)  
Cumberland, Maryland  
301-722-6599

Willow Brook Christian Academy (K-8)  
Cumberland, Maryland  
301-724-3700

Lighthouse Christian Academy (PK-8)  
Cumberland, Maryland  
301-777-7375

## COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

### ALLEGANY COLLEGE OF MARYLAND

Location: 12401 Willowbrook Rd. SE, Cumberland, Maryland 21502  
301-784-5000  
www.allegany.edu

Programs: 2-year Associate Degree, 2-year Transfer, 1-year Certificate, Continuing Education, Customized Workforce Training

Courses of Study: Behavioral and Social Services, Business and Technologies, Hospitality and Culinary Arts, Humanities, Allied Health and Wellness, and Transfer Programs

Enrollment: 3,221

### FROSTBURG STATE UNIVERSITY

Location: 101 Braddock Rd., Frostburg, Maryland 21532  
301-687-4000  
www.frostburg.edu

Programs: 4-year Bachelor's Degree, Graduate Studies, Continuing Education

Courses of Study: Business, Education, Environmental Studies, Liberal Arts and Sciences

Enrollment: 5,645

OTHERS: 29 Colleges and universities within a three-hour drive from Cumberland.

## FINANCING

Financing needs of businesses and individuals are served by a network of solid, well managed institutions providing consumer loans, traditional banking services, trust and related financial services.

### BANKS:

First United Bank and Trust	301-724-8686
Standard Bank	301-729-3738
M&T Bank	301-784-3101
PNC Bank	301-729-4917
Susquehanna Bank	301-777-4600

### CREDIT UNIONS:

Able Federal Credit Union	301-729-2498
Al-Gar Federal Credit Union	301-722-5446
Allegany County Teachers Federal Credit Union	301-729-8015
Chessie Federal Credit Union	301-777-1781
First People's Community Federal Credit Union	301-784-3000
Healthcare 1 <sup>st</sup> Federal Credit Union	301-723-4098
Kelco Federal Credit Union	301-777-8100
Potomac Federal Credit Union	301-722-5522
State Employees Credit Union of Maryland	301-729-3343



**FIRE AND POLICE PROTECTION**

Cumberland is one of the only two cities in the state with a fire fighting force composed completely of professional personnel. Fire protection elsewhere in the county is provided by 23 volunteer companies. The Cumberland Police Department provides law enforcement in the city. Municipalities such as Frostburg and Westernport also have police departments. Elsewhere, police protection is provided by the county Sheriff's Department and Maryland State Police, which maintains a barrack in LaVale.

**GOVERNMENT**

The county is governed by three elected commissioners and an appointed administrator. Cumberland and Frostburg have a mayor/council/administrator form of government. The smaller towns have mayor/council government.

**TAXES**

The county property tax rate is \$0.978 per \$100 of assessed value on the full value of real estate. However, the county grants differentials as shown below:

<u>MUNICIPALITY</u>	<u>CITY RATE</u>	<u>COUNTY RATE</u>
Cumberland	2.648	2.445
Barton	0.58	2.2345
Frostburg	1.41625	2.14
Lonaconing	0.85	2.1784
Luke	0.56	2.1718
Midland	0.70	2.2345
Westernport	1.50	2.2345

Maryland taxes are as follows:

Sales	6%
Corporation Tax	8.25%

## HOUSING AND INCOME

**HOUSING:** There is a variety of housing available in the area. With over 32,500 housing units in Allegany County, of which 11,431 are in Cumberland, residential dwellings range in value from \$30,000 to \$700,000. The Historic Highlands Association of Realtors actual average on sold homes is \$110,000. City residential lot prices range from \$15,000 to \$85,000. There are many garden apartment units in and out of the city. There are also several apartment complexes for senior citizens:

Name	Telephone	# of Units
Mountainview owers	301-562-1600	114
Cascades Senior Apartments	301-724-3033	71
Cumberland Arms	301-724-0341	69
Cumberland Manor	301-777-5186	102
Frostburg Heights Senior Housing	301-689-2268	
Grande View Elderly Apartments	301-759-2880	35
John F. Kennedy Homes	301-724-6606	100
Kensington-Algonquin	301-777-8800	93
Queen City Towers	301-724-6006	100
Willow Valley Apartments	301-759-2880	34

**INCOME:** The per capita personal income for Allegany County as of 2013 was \$21,639 and \$35,837 statewide.

## AGRICULTURE, INDUSTRY AND LABOR

**FARMS:** Our topography is rugged, pastoral in nature. The predominant type of agriculture is livestock production with the beef, cow-calf enterprise the most significant. Forage crops and some grain crops support the livestock production. Farmer’s Markets throughout the summer and early fall provide the freshest produce in the region and are very well utilized.

**COAL MINING:** An abundant natural resource in the mountains of Western Maryland, Allegany County has a great heritage of coal industry. The George’s Creek basin, along the Allegany/Garrett County border, is estimated to have 332 million current recoverable coal reserves.

**INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT:** Industrial development is administered by the Allegany County Department of Economic & Community Development financed by the Allegany County Commissioners. It is operated with a broad range of input from the business and professional community, including the Cumberland/Allegany County Industrial Foundation, Chamber of Commerce and a wealth of state and regional resource agencies.

Whatever the opportunity, Allegany County’s rich resources make an attractive site for development.

**INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS:** Allegany County businesses, industry and labor produce everything from nationally known food products to motors for the Polaris missile. Following is an alphabetical listing of some of the products produced here.

bakery products	dairy products	paper	
blankets	draperies		plastic containers and components
boats	elemetry equipment		precision scales
boxes	engraving		rocket motors and cases
bricks	firebrick helicopter spars	sheet metal	
clothing	guided missile engines	sporting goods	
communications equipment	kitchen cabinets	steel shafting	

concrete products

machine products  
pallets

window coverings  
wooden crates

**LABOR:** Labor Force (persons in 2014): 35,710  
Employment (person in 2014): 33,239

<b>RADIO:</b>	WCBC-AM 1270	OLDIES 107.1	WFWM-FM 91.9
	ESPN Radio 1230	ROCKY-FM 106.1	WVMD-FM 100.1
	WTBO-AM 1450	WFRB-FM 105.3	KLOVE-FM 88.3
	WFRB-AM 560	Q94-FM 94.1	HAPPY-FM 105.7
	WDYK-FM 100.5	MAGIC-FM 100.5	

**TELEVISION:** The County is well served by various cable systems, which carry network-affiliated and independent stations from neighboring cities and beyond, and basic and premium cable channels.

### HEALTH CARE

**MEDICAL FACILITIES:** Western Maryland Health System provides comprehensive healthcare services to residents in Allegany County, Maryland, as well as surrounding counties in Maryland, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania. The health system provides general and specialty services for medical, surgical, pediatric, and obstetrical patients. Sophisticated diagnostic testing services are provided as well as critical care and emergency services. The facility serves as the designated Area-wide Trauma Center in the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems.

The WMHS Heart Institute provides a complete range of cardiac diagnostic and treatment services. The Heart Institute includes an open-heart surgery program and an interventional cardiology program that features angioplasty and is the only program of its kind in Maryland west of Baltimore.

**NURSING HOMES:** Allegany County has a number of nursing homes, operated by churches, charitable organizations, and private firms. A list of the nursing homes in Allegany County follows:

- Allegany Health Nursing and Rehabilitation
- Devlin Manor Nursing Home
- Egle Nursing Home
- Frostburg Village Nursing Home
- Golden Living Center
- Lions Center for Rehabilitation and Extended Care
- Moran Manor Nursing Home
- WMHS Frostburg Nursing & Rehabilitation Center

**HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS:** There are approximately 200 physicians practicing in the community. Many independent medical offices, diagnostic centers, and rehabilitation centers complement the comprehensive health care services available in the area. The Allegany County Health Department offers services for patients of all ages, from infants to senior citizens.