

Brief Economic Facts

ALLEGANY COUNTY, MARYLAND

Allegheny County is situated in the heart of Western Maryland equidistant from Baltimore, Washington, D.C. and Pittsburgh. It is crossed by Interstate 68 and the main lines of CSX Transportation, providing excellent access to major markets in the East and Midwest. The county's private sector industries generate \$1.8 billion in economic output.

Allegheny County continues to offer abundant, available labor, below market real estate costs, and growing technology education resources. The county has developed a series of business parks tailored to a diverse economy including information technology, biotechnology and advanced manufacturing. New projects include the Allegheny Business Center at Frostburg State University, a technology-based business park located on university land and offering the resources of Frostburg State and the University System of Maryland. Another is the Barton Business Park for Advanced Manufacturing, located south of Cumberland and adjacent to the



LOCATION

Driving distance from Cumberland:	Miles	Kilometers
Atlanta, Georgia	635	1,023
Baltimore, Maryland	134	216
Boston, Massachusetts	505	813
Chicago, Illinois	557	896
New York, New York	293	471
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	218	351
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania	101	163
Richmond, Virginia	195	314
Washington, DC	131	211

CLIMATE AND GEOGRAPHY¹

Yearly Precipitation (inches)	40.9
Yearly Snowfall (inches)	55.6
Summer Temperature (°F)	71.1
Winter Temperature (°F)	31.1
Days Below Freezing	118.4
Land Area (square miles)	427.6
Water Area (square miles)	0.4
Elevation (feet)	420 to 2,895 (945 average)

POPULATION^{2,3}

	Allegheny County		Western Maryland*	Maryland
	Households	Population		
2000	29,322	74,930	236,699	5,296,486
2010	29,177	75,087	252,614	5,773,552
2020**	28,821	74,150	261,250	6,141,900

*Allegheny, Garrett, and Washington counties

**Projections

Selected places population (2010): Cumberland 20,859; Frostburg 9,002; Cresaptown 4,592; LaVale 3,551; Potomac Park 2,530; Westernport 1,888

POPULATION DISTRIBUTION^{2,3} (2018)

Age	Number	Percent
Under 5	3,208	4.5
5 - 19	11,744	16.5
20 - 44	23,322	32.9
45 - 64	18,301	25.8
65 and over	14,400	20.3
Total	70,975	100.0
Median age		41.4 years

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LABOR AVAILABILITY^{3,4,5} (BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE)

Civilian Labor Force (2018 avg.)	County	Labor Mkt. Area*
Total civilian labor force	31,984	59,656
Employment	30,220	56,479
Unemployment	1,764	3,177
Unemployment rate	5.5%	5.3%

Residents commuting outside the county to work (2013-2017)	Number	Percent
	4,300	15.3%

Employment in selected occupations (2013-2017)	Number	Percent
Management, business, science and arts	8,587	29.9%
Service	6,736	23.4%
Sales and office	7,115	24.8%
Production, transp. and material moving	3,758	13.1%

* Allegany and Garrett counties, MD, and Mineral County, WV

MAJOR EMPLOYERS^{6,7} (2018-2019)

Employer	Product/Service	Employment
Western Maryland Health System	Medical services	2,200
Frostburg State University	Higher education	1,005
Hunter Douglas Northeast	Window blinds	900
American Woodmark	Cabinets	570
Allegany College of Maryland	Higher education	510
CSX Transportation	Railroad	500
Rocky Gap Casino Resort	Resort, casino, golf and conference center	500
WebstaurantStore	E-commerce restaurant supply distributor	415
Conduent	Telecommunications	380
Aspira	Telecommunications	325
Federal Correctional Institution*	Federal corrections	305
Belt Group	General contracting services	250
CareFirst	Health insurance	230
Hamilton Telecommunications.	Telecom. relay for hearing impaired	195
Friends Aware	Services for the disabled	195
Y - Riverside Recreation Center	Recreation and sports center	170

Excludes post offices, state and local governments, national retail and national foodservice; includes higher education

* Employee counts for federal and military facilities exclude contractors to the extent possible; embedded contractors may be included

EMPLOYMENT⁴ (2018, BY PLACE OF WORK)

Industry	Estab-lishments	Annual Avg. Empl.	Emp. %	Avg. Wkly. Wage
Federal government	26	474	1.6	\$1,304
State government	13	2,654	9.1	958
Local government	43	2,807	9.7	872
Private sector	1,491	23,085	79.5	701
Natural resources and mining	8	63	0.2	1,096
Construction	119	895	3.1	919
Manufacturing	53	2,771	9.5	894
Trade, transportation and utilities	377	5,197	17.9	590
Information	14	355	1.2	826
Financial activities	145	1,028	3.5	920
Professional and business services	168	1,878	6.5	680
Education and health services	254	6,428	22.2	877
Leisure and hospitality	186	3,694	12.7	326
Other services	163	772	2.7	514
Total	1,573	29,020	100.0	751

Includes civilian employment only

HOURLY WAGE RATES⁴ (2018)

Selected Occupations	Median	Entry	Experienced
Accountants	\$26.50	\$17.82	\$36.06
Bookkeeping/accounting clerks	17.55	12.00	20.57
Computer systems analysts	31.58	19.60	42.19
Customer service representatives	14.04	10.96	16.91
Electrical engineers	47.37	29.34	56.14
Electronics engineering technicians	31.12	22.26	37.02
Freight, stock and material movers hand	15.30	11.74	18.05
Industrial truck operators	17.91	14.17	21.88
Inspectors, testers, sorters	20.00	13.69	22.70
Machinists	19.77	13.82	24.64
Maintenance workers, machinery	24.35	17.73	27.88
Network support specialists	22.26	13.45	29.06
Packaging/filling machine operators	17.41	12.84	22.29
Secretaries	16.48	11.27	19.74
Shipping/receiving clerks	16.08	11.89	19.59
Stock clerks and order fillers	11.72	10.26	14.61
Team assemblers	13.40	10.87	16.34

Wages are an estimate of what workers might expect to receive in Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington counties) and may vary by industry, employer and locality

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SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES^{3,8}

Educational Attainment - age 25 & over (2013-2017)

High school graduate or higher	89.5%
Bachelor's degree or higher	18.2%

Public Schools

Number: 14 elementary; 4 middle; 4 high
Enrollment: 8,539 (Sept. 2018)
Cost per pupil: \$13,771 (2017-2018)
Students per teacher: 13.9 (Oct. 2018)
High school career / tech enrollment: 469 (2017)
High school graduates: 642 (July 2018)

Nonpublic Schools

Number: 9 (Sept. 2018)

Higher Education (2018)	Enrollment	Degrees
2-year institution		
Allegany College of Maryland	2,587	506
4-year institution		
Frostburg State University	5,294	1,269

TAX RATES⁹

	Allegany Co.	Maryland
Corporate Income Tax (2019)	none	8.25%
Base – federal taxable income		
Personal Income Tax (2019)	3.05%	2.0%-5.75%*
Base – federal adjusted gross income		
*Graduated rate peaking at 5.75% on taxable income over \$300,000		
Sales & Use Tax (2019)	none	6.0%
Exempt – sales for resale; manufacturer's purchase of raw materials; manufacturing machinery and equipment; purchases of materials and equipment used in R&D and testing of finished products; purchases of computer programs for reproduction or incorporation into another computer program for resale		
Real Property Tax (FY 20)	\$0.975	\$0.112
Effective rate per \$100 of assessed value		
In addition to this rate, there are some miscellaneous taxes and/or special taxing areas in the county; in an incorporated area, the county rate will vary and a municipal rate will also apply		
Business Personal Property Tax (FY 20)	\$2.4375	none
Rate per \$100 of depreciated value		
Exempt – manufacturing and R&D machinery, equipment, materials and supplies; manufacturing, R&D and warehousing inventory		
In an incorporated area, the county rate will vary and a municipal rate will also apply; municipal exemptions may be available		
Major Tax Credits Available		
One Maryland, Enterprise Zone, Job Creation, More Jobs for Marylanders (Tier I), R&D, Biotechnology and Cybersecurity Investment, Arts & Entertainment District		

INCOME³ (2013-2017)

Distribution	Percent Households		
	Allegany Co.	Maryland	U.S.
Under \$25,000	29.3	14.2	21.3
\$25,000 - \$49,999	26.9	17.1	22.5
\$50,000 - \$74,999	19.4	16.5	17.7
\$75,000 - \$99,999	10.0	13.1	12.3
\$100,000 - \$149,999	10.0	18.7	14.1
\$150,000 - \$199,999	2.7	9.7	5.8
\$200,000 and over	1.8	10.7	6.3
Median household	\$42,771	\$78,916	\$57,652
Average household	\$56,646	\$103,845	\$81,283
Per capita	\$22,355	\$39,070	\$31,177
Total income (millions)	\$1,572	\$226,495	\$9,658,475

HOUSING^{3,10}

Occupied Units (2013-2017)	27,759 (68.8% owner occupied)
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Housing Transactions (2018)*

Units sold	624
Median selling price	\$90,829

*All multiple listed properties; excludes auctions and FSBO

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY⁶

Allegany County currently has eight modern industrial parks located in and around the Cumberland and Frostburg areas. The sites available in these parks offer a wide variety of options including some with rail and newly added fiber optic lines.

North Branch Industrial Park, the largest park in the county, is in an Enterprise Zone and has several sites available.

A new technology park, **Allegany Business Center**, is adjacent to Frostburg State University and surrounds the newly constructed Appalachian Laboratory. The first building in the park is complete and has space available.

The **Barton Business Park** is now home to a brand new 40,000 square foot shell building. The park will continue to focus on advanced manufacturing companies needing land or an existing building for their projects. This greenfield site is conveniently located just a few miles off I-68 on U.S. Route 220.

Market Profile Data (2018)	Low	High	Average
Land – cost per acre			
Industrial and Office	\$30,000	\$50,000	\$37,000
Rental Rates – per square foot			
Warehouse / Industrial	\$1.25	\$4.70	\$2.40
Flex / R&D / Technology	\$7.00	\$18.00	\$14.00
Class A Office	\$10.00	\$20.00	\$15.00

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TRANSPORTATION

Highways: I-68 (National Freeway), U.S. 40 and U.S. 220

Mass Transit: Allegany Transit bus service

Rail: CSX Transportation; reciprocal switching agreement in effect with Norfolk Southern Railway; passenger service via Amtrak

Truck: 130 local and long-distance trucking establishments are located in Western Maryland

Water: Port of Baltimore, 50' channel, 130 miles east of Cumberland; a leading U.S. automobile and break-bulk port; seven public terminals including the state-of-the-art Intermodal Container Transfer Facility

Air: Cumberland Regional Airport features two paved, lighted runways (3300' and 5000') with an instrument landing system

RECREATION AND CULTURE

Parks: Rocky Gap State Park, Dan's Mountain State Park, New Germany State Park, Green Ridge State Forest and Constitution Park (within the city of Cumberland)

Downhill Skiing: Wisp, Seven Springs, Hidden Valley, Whitetail and Blue Knob are located within 50 miles of Cumberland

Cross Country Skiing: Trails available in state parks

Golf: Cumberland Country Club, Maplehurst Country Club, Fore Sisters Golf Course, and the Rocky Gap Casino Resort featuring a Jack Nicklaus Signature Golf Course

Recreation: 76 miles of bike trails along the C&O Canal and the Great Allegheny Passage; numerous trout streams, and fishing on Lake Habeeb and the Potomac River

Cultural: Allegany Arts Council, Frostburg State University Cultural Events Series, Allegany County Historical Society, Allegany County Museum, Cumberland Theatre, Heritage Days Festival, CanalFest and Summer in the City concert series

Arts & Entertainment Districts: Cumberland, Frostburg

Historical: C&O Canal National Historic Park, Toll House, Narrows, Gordon-Roberts House, George Washington's Headquarters, Fort Cumberland, Thrasher Carriage Museum

Shopping and Gaming: Cumberland Mall, Country Club Mall and a variety of antique stores and factory outlets; Rocky Gap Casino Resort offers slot machines and table games

Western Maryland Scenic Railroad: Steam engine offers rides between Historic Cumberland and Frostburg

UTILITIES

Electricity: Potomac Edison electric distribution company; electric customers may choose their electric supplier

Gas: Natural gas supplied by Columbia Gas of Maryland; customers may choose their gas supplier

Water: Municipal systems in the Cumberland area, greater Frostburg area, LaVale and Westernport

Sewer: County serves heavily populated areas; municipal system serves the Cumberland area; private company serves the Westernport area

Telecommunications: Local carrier – Verizon Maryland; Fibernet and Verizon offer voice and data lines for high speed internet service; Allconet 2 offers wireless high speed internet through private ISPs; Long distance carriers – AT&T, Sprint, Verizon

GOVERNMENT¹¹

County Seat: Cumberland

Government: Three commissioners elected at large for four-year terms; code home rule government allows for broad local legislative authority

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