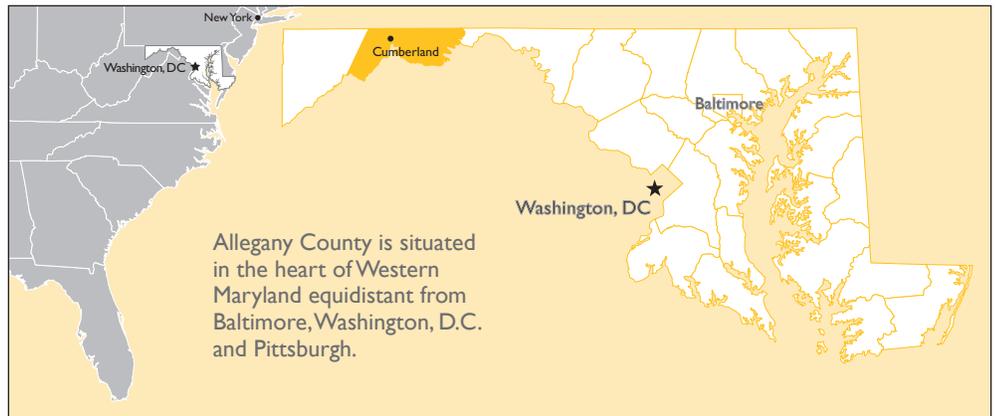


# Brief Economic Facts

## 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. Allegheny's 1,530 diverse businesses employ 22,800 workers with more than 30 of these firms employing over 100.

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



### 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 GEOGRAPHY<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>2,3</sup>

	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**	29,875	75,150	266,050	6,224,550

\*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<sup>2,3</sup> (2015)

Age	Number	Percent
Under 5	3,435	4.7
5 - 19	11,973	16.5
20 - 44	24,199	33.4
45 - 64	18,867	26.0
65 and over	14,054	19.4
Total	72,528	100.0
Median age		41.1 years

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## LABOR AVAILABILITY<sup>3,4,5</sup> (BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE)

	County	Labor Mkt. Area*
Civilian Labor Force (2015 avg.)	32,732	59,949
Employment	30,421	55,779
Unemployment	2,311	4,170
Unemployment rate	7.1%	7.0%

Residents commuting outside the county to work (2010-2014)	Number	Percent
	4,459	15.5%

Employment in selected occupations (2010-2014)	Number	Percent
Management, business, science and arts	8,831	29.7%
Service	6,716	22.6%
Sales and office	7,455	25.1%
Production, transp. and material moving	4,015	13.5%

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

## MAJOR EMPLOYERS<sup>6,7</sup> (2015)

Employer	Product/Service	Employment
Western Md. Health System	Medical services	2,290
Frostburg State University	Higher education	939
CSX Transportation	Railroad	900
Hunter Douglas Northeast	Window blinds	815
Allegany College of Md.	Higher education	800
Verso	Pulp and paper products	700
ACS	Telecommunications	570
Rocky Gap Casino Resort	Resort, casino, golf and conference center	500
Walmart	Consumer goods	500
American Woodmark	Cabinets	452
The Active Network	Telecommunications	430
Giant Food Stores / MARTIN'S® Food Markets	Groceries	318
McDonald's	Restaurants	300
Federal Correctional Inst.*	Federal corrections	295
Belt Group	General contracting svcs.	250
U.S. Army Reserve*	National security	213
Hamilton Telecommunications.	Telecom. relay for hearing impaired	199
Invision Healthcare	Outpatient rehab svcs.	190
Friends Aware	Services for the disabled	185
WebstaurantStore	Ecommerce restaurant supply distributor	172
CareFirst	Health insurance	170
Y - Riverside Rec. Center	Recreation and sports ctr.	168

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

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

## EMPLOYMENT<sup>4</sup> (2015, BY PLACE OF WORK)

Industry	Estab-lishments	Annual Avg. Empl.	Emp. %	Avg. Wkly. Wage
Federal government	28	512	1.8	\$1,198
State government	13	2,744	9.5	915
Local government	43	2,958	10.2	811
Private sector	1,534	22,789	78.6	658
Natural resources and mining	9	89	0.3	808
Construction	126	915	3.2	869
Manufacturing	53	2,644	9.1	885
Trade, transportation and utilities	396	5,014	17.3	538
Information	14	522	1.8	632
Financial activities	149	950	3.3	874
Professional and business services	165	1,793	6.2	637
Education and health services	265	6,379	22.0	834
Leisure and hospitality	188	3,650	12.6	297
Other services	169	833	2.9	452
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,618</b>	<b>29,003</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>707</b>

Includes civilian employment only

## HOURLY WAGE RATES<sup>4</sup> (2015)

Selected Occupations	Median	Entry	Experienced
Accountants	\$28.00	\$18.75	\$33.50
Bookkeeping/accounting clerks	17.00	10.75	19.75
Computer systems analysts	36.25	24.25	45.50
Customer service representatives	13.50	10.00	15.75
Electrical engineers	43.00	28.50	53.00
Electronics engineering technicians	34.50	22.75	38.50
Extruding and forming machine operators	13.00	8.75	16.25
Freight, stock and material movers hand	12.75	10.00	15.75
Industrial truck operators	16.75	11.25	19.00
Inspectors, testers, sorters	15.75	11.75	20.25
Machinists	20.25	14.50	23.25
Maintenance workers, machinery	21.50	16.00	24.25
Network support specialists	27.75	17.50	34.75
Secretaries	16.50	11.50	18.75
Shipping/receiving clerks	16.25	11.25	18.25
Team assemblers	14.00	12.00	15.00

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<sup>3,8</sup>

### Educational Attainment - age 25 & over (2010-2014)

High school graduate or higher	87.4%
Bachelor's degree or higher	17.0%

### Public Schools

Number: 14 elementary; 4 middle; 4 high
Enrollment: 8,812 (Sept. 2015)
Cost per pupil: \$13,682 (2013-2014)
Students per teacher: 14.1 (Oct. 2015)
High school career / tech enrollment: 488 (2015)
High school graduates: 646 (July 2015)

### Nonpublic Schools

Number: 10 (Sept. 2015)
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Higher Education (2015)	Enrollment	Degrees
<b>2-year institution</b>		
Allegany College of Maryland	3,068	532
<b>4-year institution</b>		
Frostburg State University	5,756	1,276

## TAX RATES<sup>9</sup>

	Allegany Co.	Maryland
<b>Corporate Income Tax (2016)</b>	none	8.25%
Base – federal taxable income		
<b>Personal Income Tax (2016)</b>	3.05%	2.0%-5.75%*
Base – federal adjusted gross income		
*Graduated rate peaking at 5.75% on taxable income over \$300,000		
<b>Sales &amp; Use Tax (2016)</b>	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		
<b>Real Property Tax (FY 17)</b>	\$0.977	\$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		
<b>Business Personal Property Tax (FY 17)</b>	\$2.4425	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		
<b>Major Tax Credits Available</b>		
One Maryland, Enterprise Zone, Job Creation, R&D, Biotechnology and Cybersecurity Investment, Arts & Entertainment District		

## INCOME<sup>3</sup> (2010-2014)

Distribution	Percent Households		
	Allegany Co.	Maryland	U.S.
Under \$25,000	31.7	15.4	23.2
\$25,000 - \$49,999	27.4	17.9	23.7
\$50,000 - \$74,999	17.2	17.2	17.8
\$75,000 - \$99,999	9.7	13.4	12.2
\$100,000 - \$149,999	10.2	18.1	13.0
\$150,000 - \$199,999	2.3	8.9	5.1
\$200,000 and over	1.6	9.1	5.0
Median household	\$39,794	\$74,149	\$53,482
Average household	\$54,526	\$97,135	\$74,596
Per capita	\$21,653	\$36,670	\$28,555
Total income (millions)	\$1,553	\$209,422	\$8,668,940

## HOUSING<sup>2,3,10</sup>

Occupied Units (2010-2014) 28,490 (69.4% owner occupied)

Housing Transactions (2015)	Units	Median Selling Price
All arms-length transactions	380	\$100,000
All multiple-listed properties*	547	\$76,744

\*Excludes auctions and FSBO

## BUSINESS AND INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY<sup>6</sup>

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 open for business with a focus on advanced manufacturing companies needing large tracts of land for their projects. They will find this greenfield site conveniently located just a few miles off I-68 on U.S. Route 220.

Market Profile Data (2015)	Low	High	Average
<b>Land – cost per acre</b>			
Industrial and Office	\$30,000	\$50,000	\$37,000
<b>Rental Rates – per square foot</b>			
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:** 132 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 Nextel, Verizon

## GOVERNMENT<sup>11</sup>

**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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