

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 \$2.8 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



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 (ft)	420 to 2,895 (945 average)

POPULATION^{2,3}

	Allegheny County Households	Allegheny County Population	Western Maryland*	Maryland
2010	29,175	75,087	252,614	5,773,552
2020	27,075	70,057	250,055	6,055,802
2030**	28,200	63,950	267,300	6,254,500

*Allegheny, Garrett, and Washington counties

**Projections

Selected places population (2010): Cumberland 19,284; Frostburg 8,505; Cresaptown 4,592; LaVale 3,551; Potomac Park 2,530; Westernport 1,888

POPULATION DISTRIBUTION^{2,3} (2019)

Age	Number	Percent
Under 5yrs	3,227	4.6
5 - 19 yrs	11,965	17.0
20 - 44 yrs	22,298	31.7
45 - 64 yrs	18,386	26.1
65 and over	14,540	20.6
Total	70,416	100.0
Median Age		42.5 years

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

Civilian Labor Force (2019 avg.)	County	Labor Mkt. Area*
Total civilian labor force	32,491	60,967
Employment	30,812	57,867
Unemployment	1,679	3,100
Unemployment rate	5.17%	5.08%

Residents commuting outside the county to work (2015-2019)	Number	Percent
	1,393	5%

Employment in selected occupations (2015-2019)		
Management, business, science and arts	8629	30.5
Service	6648	23.5
Sales and office	6281	22.2
Production, transp. and material moving	4272	15.1

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

MAJOR EMPLOYERS^{6,7} (2019-2020)

Employer	Product/Service	Employment
UPMC Western Maryland	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
Coduent	Telecommunications	380
Aspira	Telecommunications	325
Federal Correctional Institution*	Federal Corrections	305
Belt Group	General contracting services	250
CareFirst	Health Insurance	230
Hamilton	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 (2020)

Industry	Estab-lishments	Annual Avg. Empl.	Empl. %	Avg. Wkly. Wage
Federal Government	28	511	1.96	\$1,331
State Government	12	2,493	9.56	1,153
Local Government	43	2,776	10.65	928
Private Sector	1,433	20,286	77.82	776
Natural resources and mining	8	25	0.10	628
Construction	118	1,023	3.92	1,092
Manufacturing	55	1,926	7.39	792
Trade, Transportation, and utilities	368	5,096	19.55	656
Information	13	275	1.05	1,073
Financial activities	132	914	3.51	1,023
Professional and business services	169	1,729	6.63	773
Education and health services	233	5,721	21.95	999
Leisure and hospitality	183	2,885	11.07	357
Other Services	150	691	2.65	604
Total	1,517	26,067	100.00	839

Includes civilian employment only

HOURLY WAGE RATES⁴ (2020)

Selected Occupations	Median	Entry	Skilled
Accountants	\$27.06	\$16.30	\$36.15
Aerospace engineers	\$60.96	\$39.17	\$67.32
Biological technicians	\$20.02	\$16.81	\$22.87
Bookkeeping/accounting clerks	\$18.34	\$13.25	\$21.67
Computer hardware engineers	\$55.24	\$30.27	\$60.72
Computer systems analysts	\$36.94	\$20.94	\$45.87
Computer user support specialists	\$18.91	\$15.49	\$24.04
Customer service representatives	\$15.81	\$12.37	\$19.01
Electrical engineers	\$48.41	\$29.32	\$56.46
Electronics engineering technicians	\$38.82	\$25.50	\$44.01
Freight, stock and material movers	\$14.48	\$11.88	\$17.06
Industrial truck operators	\$19.18	\$15.23	\$21.46
Information security analyst	\$40.61	\$24.67	\$52.53
Inspectors, testers, sorters	\$19.01	\$12.89	\$22.88
Machinists	\$20.59	\$13.27	\$27.92
Maintenance workers, machinery	\$23.53	\$16.12	\$27.79
Mechanical Engineers	\$38.69	\$26.04	\$49.63
Network support specialists	\$29.28	\$19.97	\$34.07
Packaging/filling machine operators	\$18.47	\$15.89	\$22.48
Packers and packagers hand	\$14.02	\$12.56	\$14.79
Secretaries	\$17.48	\$12.81	\$20.88
Shipping/receiving clerks	\$16.29	\$12.86	\$19.75
Stock clerks and order fillers	\$12.79	\$11.52	\$15.62
Team assemblers	\$14.50	\$13.07	\$16.92
Telemarketer	\$14.83	\$12.28	\$16.48

Wages are an estimate of what workers might expect to receive in Allegany County and may vary by industry, employer and locality.

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SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES^{3,8}

Educational Attainment - age 25 & over (2015-2019)

High school graduate or higher	90.21%
Bachelor's degree or higher	18.89%

Public Schools

Number: 14 elementary; 4 middle; 3 high; 1 career/tech
 Enrollment: 8,075
 Cost per pupil: \$13,310
 Students per teacher: 13.7
 High school career / tech enrollment: 465
 High school graduates: 564

Nonpublic Schools Number: 9

Higher Education (2019)	Enrollment	Degrees
2-year institution		
Allegheny College of Maryland - 2526	2,526	586
4-year institutions		
Frostberg State University - 4,503	4,503	1,293

TAX RATES⁹

	Allegheny County	Maryland
Corporate Income Tax (2020)	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 (2020)	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 21)	\$0.975	\$0.1120
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, a municipal rate may also apply		
Business Personal Prop. Tax (FY 21)	\$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, a municipal rate may also apply; municipal exemptions may be available		

Major Tax Credits Available

Enterprise Zone, Job Creation, More Jobs for Marylanders, R&D, New Jobs, Biotechnology and Cybersecurity Investment, A&E District

INCOME³ (2015-2019)

Distribution	Percent Households		
	Allegheny.	Maryland	U.S.
Under \$25,000	26.90%	13.10%	19.20%
\$25,000 - \$49,999	26.90%	17.00%	21.20%
\$50,000 - \$74,999	18.70%	15.30%	17.20%
\$75,000 - \$99,999	12.30%	13.20%	12.70%
\$100,000 - \$149,999	10.00%	19.00%	15.10%
\$150,000 - \$199,999	3.20%	10.50%	6.80%
\$200,000 and over	2.00%	12.70%	7.70%
Median household	\$45,893	\$84,805	\$62,843
Average household	\$59,335	\$111,417	\$88,607
Per Capita	\$23,607	\$42,122	\$34,103
Total income (millions)	\$1,626	\$245,697	\$10,699,831

HOUSING^{3,10}

Occupied Units (2015-2019) 27,399 (68.8% Owner occupied)

Housing Transactions

Units Sold	769
Median Selling Price	\$115,000

*All multiple listed properties excludes auctions and FSBO

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY⁶

Allegheny 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, **Allegheny 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 (2019)	Low	High	Average
Land – cost per acre			
Industrial	\$30,000	\$50,000	\$37,000
Office	N/A	N/A	N/A
Rental Rates – per square foot			
Warehouse / Industrial	\$1.25	\$7.00	\$10.00
Flex / R&D / Technology	\$4.70	\$18.00	\$20.00
Class A Office	\$2.40	\$14.00	\$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

GOVERNMENT

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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Bond Rating: AA- (S&P); Aa3 (Moody's)

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