



Business Community

Maryland is positioned as a leading technology center while retaining traditional strengths in areas such as manufacturing, transportation, trade, financial services, and government contracting. Maryland is home to many recognizable corporate names—Lockheed Martin, Marriott, McCormick, and Perdue. Other well-known names with a significant Maryland presence include Amazon, Under Armour, Northrop Grumman, and Verizon. Today, Maryland is at the forefront of the “new economy” with a growing presence in information technology, life sciences, aerospace and defense, and quantum.

Major Employers

A mix of private companies, universities, federal agencies, and military installations comprise Maryland’s major employers. Major employers are located throughout the state.

Major Employers in Maryland, 2025

Employer	Employment	County	Product / Service
Fort George G. Meade	64,450	Anne Arundel	Federal military installation
University System of Maryland	41,875	multiple	Higher education
Naval Air Station Patuxent River	33,650	St. Mary's	Federal military installation
Johns Hopkins Health System	30,750	multiple	Medical services
Amazon	30,000	multiple	eCommerce fulfillment center
University of Maryland Medical System	29,300	multiple	Medical services
Johns Hopkins University	18,600	Baltimore City	Higher education
National Institutes of Health	18,250	Multiple	HQ/Medical research
Ahold Dehaize (Giant, Food Lion, and Martin's)	17,950	multiple	Supermarkets
MedStar Health	13,900	multiple	Medical services
Aberdeen Proving Ground (APG)	13,600	Harford	Federal military installation
U.S. Food and Drug Administration	13,550	multiple	HQ/Federal food and drug R&D and standards
Joint Base Andrews	13,125	Prince George's	Federal military installation
Walmart / Sam's Club	12,825	multiple	Consumer goods
Fort Detrick	10,775	Frederick	Federal military installation
Northrop Grumman Mission Systems	10,300	Anne Arundel	HQ/Electronic systems radar
Naval Support Activity Bethesda	10,200	Montgomery	Federal military installation
U.S. Social Security Administration	9,750	Baltimore	HQ/Federal income security program
Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory	8,000	Howard	R&D systems engineering
Verizon Communications	7,900	multiple	Telecommunications
LifeBridge Health	6,000	multiple	HQ / Health care services
Home Depot	5,725	multiple	Home improvement products
Southwest	5,250	Anne Arundel	Airline

Notes: Excludes post offices, state and local governments, and public K-12 education systems; includes public and private higher education institutions.

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

Fort George G. Meade includes estimated employment for the National Security Agency (NSA), which is not publicly reported.

Employee counts are rounded to the nearest 25 employees.
Source: Maryland Department of Commerce, 2025.

Corporate Headquarters

Proximity to Washington, D.C.'s national and international decision makers and to New York's financial markets makes Maryland an attractive location for headquarter facilities. Other factors critical to a headquarters operation are the state's advanced telecommunications and extensive transportation networks. Outstanding airports served by numerous national and international carriers and a strategic U.S. eastern time zone allow Maryland companies to capture emerging business opportunities worldwide.

Maryland is home to industry leaders in key sectors such as aerospace and defense, electronics, biotechnology, information technology, financial services, and technology-driven manufacturing.

Major Corporations Headquartered in Maryland

Employer	County	Product / Service
<i>Fortune 1000 companies (sales rank)</i>		
Lockheed Martin (57)	Montgomery	Aerospace and electronic systems
Constellation Energy (165)	Baltimore City	Natural gas, electric, and solar
Marriott International (173)	Montgomery	Hotels and motels
McCormick & Company (530)	Baltimore	Spices and food products
T. Rowe Price Group (543)	Baltimore City	Financial and investment services
Under Armour (577)	Baltimore City	Apparel manufacturing
Host Hotels & Resorts (621)	Montgomery	Lodging and hospitality services
Ciena (699)	Anne Arundel	Computer systems design services
Sinclair Broadcast Group (866)	Baltimore	Television Broadcasting Stations
ESAB Corporation (939)		Fabrication technology, specialty gas solutions
AGNC Investment Corp (990)	Montgomery	Mortgage REIT
<i>Other selected headquarter companies</i>		
Abacus Corporation	Baltimore City	Corporate services
Allegis Group Inc	Anne Arundel	Recruiting and staffing services
Apex Tool Group LLC	Baltimore	Hand and power tools
Choice Hotels Intl Inc	Montgomery	Lodging services
Choptank Transport Inc	Caroline	Freight transportation arrangement
COPT Defense Properties	Howard	Real estate development
Emergent Biosolutions Inc	Montgomery	Pharmaceutical preparations
Erickson Living	Baltimore	Retirement living centers
EVAPCO Inc	Carroll	HVAC equipment manufacturing
GCC Technologies	Garrett	Engineering services
Lifebridge Health	Baltimore City	Health care services
Maxim Health Care Svc	Howard	Health care staffing services
Medifast. Inc	Baltimore City	Nutrition and weight loss
Middle River Aerostructure Systems	Baltimore	Aircraft components
NEANY	St. Mary's	Search and navigation equipment

Employer	County	Product / Service
Northrop Grumman Mission Systems	Anne Arundel	Electronics systems radar
Perdue Farms Inc	Wicomico	Poultry processing
Phillips Foods Inc	Baltimore	Seafood products
PRS Guitars	Queen Anne's	Guitar manufacturing
S.E.W. Friel	Queen Anne's	Canned fruits and specialties
Smartronix Inc	St. Mary's	Information technology services
ST Engineering MRAs	Baltimore	Aircraft components
Thompson Creek Window Company	Prince George's	Building products manufacturing
United Therapeutics Corp	Montgomery	Pharmaceutical preparations
Westat Inc	Montgomery	Contract research services
Whiting-Turner Contracting Co	Baltimore	Construction services
W R Grace & Co	Howard	Chemicals

Sources: ReferenceUSA.gov, Data Axle; Maryland Department of Commerce, 2025.

Federal Facilities

Maryland is home to numerous non-military federal facilities. Research activities spilling from many of these facilities fuel the increasingly dynamic growth of Maryland companies in a wide variety of industries, offering the potential for collaborative relationships and market opportunities for local firms. The following table contains a list of the most significant federal facilities (at least 1,000 employees) in the state. See the Commerce Document Library for profiles of federal facilities in Maryland (commerce.maryland.gov/media/document-library).

Major Non-Military Federal Facilities in Maryland, 2025

Department / Facility or Agency	County	Website	Employment
Health and Human Services / National Institutes of Health	Montgomery	https://www.nih.gov/	18,250
Health and Human Services / Food and Drug Administration	Montgomery	https://www.fda.gov/	13,550
U.S. Social Security Administration	Baltimore	https://www.ssa.gov/	9,750
Treasury / Internal Revenue Service	Prince George's	https://www.irs.gov/	4,950
Commerce / U.S. Census Bureau	Prince George's	https://www.census.gov/	4,500
Health and Human Services / Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services	Baltimore	https://www.cms.gov/	4,000
Commerce / National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	Montgomery	https://www.noaa.gov/	3,300
NASA / Goddard Space Flight Center	Prince George's	https://www.nasa.gov/goddard/	3,000
Commerce/National Institute of Standards and Technology	Montgomery	https://www.nist.gov/	2,850
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission	Montgomery	https://www.nrc.gov/	2,525
Veterans Health Administration	Baltimore City	https://www.va.gov/health/	2,150
U.S. Department of Energy	Montgomery	https://www.energy.gov/	1,250

Department / Facility or Agency	County	Website	Employment
Perry Point VA Medical Center	Cecil	https://www.va.gov/maryland-health-care/locations/perry-point-va-medical-center/	1,200

Notes: Employee counts exclude contractors to the extent possible; embedded contractors may be included.
“Major employers” have at least 1,000 employees.
Source: Maryland Department of Commerce, 2025.

Military Facilities

The list below provides an overview of Maryland's major federal military installations. Personnel estimates include military and civilian employees but exclude contractors to the extent possible. Employment counts have been rounded to the nearest 25 employees.

Major Federal Military Installations in Maryland, 2025

Installation	County	Website	Employment
Fort George G. Meade	Anne Arundel	https://home.army.mil/meade/index.php	64,450
Naval Air Station Patuxent River	St. Mary's	https://ndw.cnmc.navy.mil/Installations/NA-S-Patuxent-River/	33,650
Fort Detrick	Frederick	https://home.army.mil/detrick/	18,375
Aberdeen Proving Ground (APG)	Harford	https://home.army.mil/apg/index.php	13,600
Adelphi Research Lab	Montgomery, Prince George's	https://www.arl.army.mil/	Included in APG Employment
Joint Base Andrews	Prince George's	https://www.jba.af.mil/	13,125
Fort Detrick	Frederick	https://home.army.mil/detrick/index.php	10,775
Naval Support Activity Bethesda	Montgomery	https://ndw.cnmc.navy.mil/Bethesda/	10,200
Maryland Army and Air National Guard	<i>multiple</i>	https://military.maryland.gov/NG/Pages/organization.aspx	7,200
Naval Support Facility Indian Head	Charles	https://ndw.cnmc.navy.mil/Installations/NSA-South-Potomac/Installations/NSF-Indian-Head/	4,275
Naval Maritime Intelligence Center	Prince George's	https://nmio.ise.gov/Visiting-NMIO/NMIC/	3,000
Naval Support Activity Annapolis/U.S. Naval Academy	Anne Arundel	https://ndw.cnmc.navy.mil/Installations/NSA-Annapolis/	3,000
Naval Surface Warfare Center - Carderock	Montgomery	https://www.navsea.navy.mil/Home/Warfare-Centers/NSWC-Carderock/	2,600
Coast Guard Yard	Anne Arundel	https://www.dcms.uscg.mil/Our-Organization/Assistant-Commandant-for-Engineering-Logistics-CG-4-/Logistic-Centers/Surface-Forces-Logistics-Center/Coast-Guard-Yard/	2,025
Army Corps of Engineers Baltimore District	Baltimore City	https://www.nab.usace.army.mil/	1,050

Installation	County	Website	Employment
Naval Research Lab Chesapeake Bay Detachment	Calvert	https://www.nrl.navy.mil/Our-Work/Field-Sites/Chesapeake-Bay-Detachment-CBD/	25

Note: Employee counts exclude contractors to the extent possible; embedded contractors may be included.
Employment for the National Security Agency cannot be reported for national security reasons and is included with Fort Meade.
Source: Maryland Department of Commerce, 2025.