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The FCEDA:

- provides current and comprehensive market information about Fairfax County, the Commonwealth of Virginia and metropolitan Washington, D.C.;
- assists businesses with start-up, relocation or expansion needs by identifying and showing county office or industrial real estate options that best suit their requirements;
- assists companies to expand existing operations by providing information and answering inquiries about county zoning, taxes and other issues critical to doing business;
- acts as liaison between businesses and regulatory agencies; and
- provides information for employees relocating to the county.

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Welcome to Fairfax County

Fairfax County—a thriving business center located just west of the nation’s capital—is a great place to live, work and do business.

Business advantages include:

- a large and exceptionally qualified workforce;
- easy access to major airports;
- close proximity to the U.S. government—the world’s largest buyer of goods and services;
- world-class universities and research centers;
- Internet backbone connectivity;
- attractive, affordable and flexible office space; and
- tech-savvy business services.

County residents enjoy exceptional quality of life attractions, including:

- top-quality public schools and community services;
- cosmopolitan living, with a dazzling array of shopping, dining, cultural and entertainment choices just minutes from home or office; and
- plenty of sports, recreation, sightseeing and other leisure opportunities.

This profile is a comprehensive overview of Fairfax County’s economy, community and other key attributes.

For more details—or for help in starting, locating or expanding your business here—please contact the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority (FCEDA) at 703-790-0600 or www.FairfaxCountyEDA.org.

LAND AREA

395 square miles/1,023.1 square kilometers

CLIMATE

Average Precipitation: 42 in/106.7 cm

Average Temperature: 54.2°F/12.3°C

Average Seasonal Temperatures (degrees Fahrenheit)

Spring 52.9

Summer 73.7

Autumn 55.8

Winter 34.2

Source: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
30-year climate averages

Top-Ranked Local Government

A 10-member Board of Supervisors governs Fairfax County. Supervisors are elected from each of nine magisterial districts, and a chairman is elected at-large. Fairfax County government consistently achieves high praise for fiscal stability, quality service and technological sophistication. As a result, county businesses and residents enjoy outstanding schools, parks, libraries, police and fire protection, and other exceptional services and amenities without the burden of high tax rates.

- With over \$3.3 billion in general fund revenues, Fairfax County maintains an exceptional AAA/AAA/Aaa bond rating. Only eight states, 37 counties (including Fairfax), and 37 cities hold this highly coveted “Triple A” rating from the three leading rating agencies—Moody’s Investor Services, Standard and Poor’s, and Fitch Investors Service.
- Fairfax County has been nationally recognized as a leader in government performance measurement, garnering a Certificate of Excellence—the highest level of recognition—from the International City and County Management Association in 2009 and 2010.

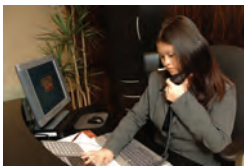


Fairfax County is consistently one of the top 10 digital governments in the United States among counties with more than 500,000 residents.

Center for Digital Government



A Balanced and Thriving Economy



Fairfax County has a large, diversified and dynamic economy.

- The primary economic engine for the greater Washington, D.C., metropolitan area and the Commonwealth of Virginia, the county has added more than 15,000 new business establishments and nearly 198,000 new jobs since 1990.
- The local economy is built around advanced information technology, telecommunications, and professional and technical services for both government and commercial markets.
- More than half of local jobs are in high-wage, highly skilled technical, professional, scientific and managerial service occupations.

Area companies range from entrepreneurial startups to Fortune 500 corporate headquarters. More than 90 percent of local business establishments have fewer than 50 employees. A major global

business center, the county also has a sizable and growing base of large and mid-sized companies. Forty-six private, non-retail companies have 1,000 or more employees based in Fairfax County.

LARGEST PRIVATE EMPLOYERS*

7,000–10,000+ Employees

- Inova Health System www.inova.com
- Booz Allen Hamilton www.bah.com

4,000–6,999 Employees

- Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. www.freddiemac.com
- Lockheed Martin www.lockheedmartin.com
- Northrop Grumman www.northropgrumman.com
- SAIC www.saic.com

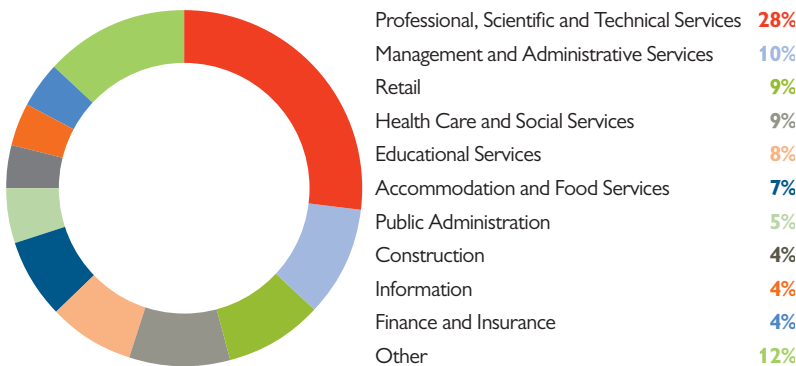
2,000–3,999 Employees

- Accenture www.accenture.com
- BAE Systems www.baesystems.com
- CACI International www.caci.com
- CSC www.csc.com
- Deloitte www.deloitte.com
- ExxonMobil www.exxonmobil.com
- General Dynamics www.generaldynamics.com
- IBM www.ibm.com
- ITT Exelis www.itt.com
- ManTech International Corp. www.mantech.com
- The MITRE Corp. www.mitre.org
- Navy Federal Credit Union www.navyfcu.com
- TASC, Inc. www.tasc.com

*Includes all non-retail establishments with 2,000 or more employees in Fairfax County. Companies with headquarters in Fairfax County appear in orange.

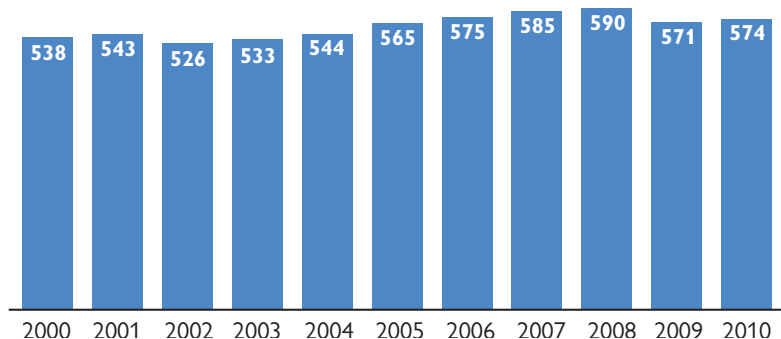
Source: VEC and FCEDA, 2009-2011

FAIRFAX COUNTY EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY



Source: Virginia Employment Commission (VEC), 2010

ANNUAL EMPLOYMENT GROWTH — Number of Jobs (thousands, rounded)



Source: VEC

FORTUNE 500 COMPANIES HEADQUARTERED IN FAIRFAX COUNTY

Company	Rank	Change from 2010
Freddie Mac	20	+34 ↑
Diversified Financials		
General Dynamics	86	-17 ↓
Aerospace and Defense		
Capital One Financial	134	+10 ↑
Commercial Banking		
CSC	155	-17 ↓
Information Technology Services		
SAIC	219	-4 ↓
Information Technology Services		
NII Holdings	406	+62 ↑
Telecommunications		
Gannett	415	-45 ↓
Publishing/Printing		
Booz Allen Hamilton Holding	438	NA NA
Information Technology Services		

Source: Fortune magazine, May 2011

A Global Business Center

Leading companies from around the world are discovering Fairfax County's many global advantages:

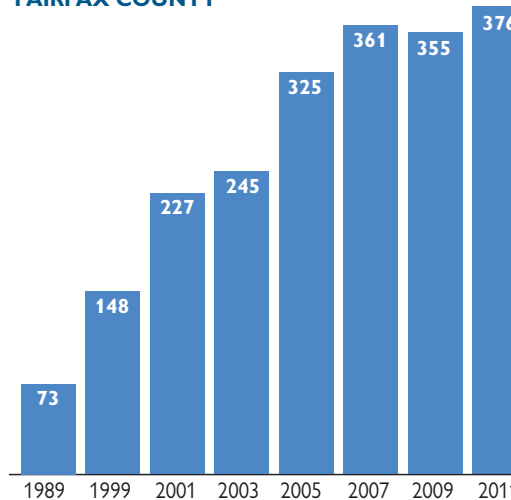
- a large, cosmopolitan, exceptionally well-educated and highly skilled workforce;
- superior Internet and telecommunications infrastructure;
- a critical mass of companies in diverse industries, particularly technology;
- a prestigious location close to the U.S. capital;
- global connectivity via Washington Dulles International Airport—with service to 45 foreign destinations.
- access to a major regional economy with more than 6 million residents—including many of the nation's most affluent, highly educated and technologically sophisticated consumers;
- FCEDA offices in Bangalore, London, Munich, Seoul and Tel Aviv that help firms and organizations in these markets do business in Fairfax County;
- a dynamic network of leading universities, innovative firms, major research centers and federal technology agencies;
- an exceptional quality of life—essential to attracting and retaining talented employees;
- proximity to foreign embassies, government agencies, international business and financial institutions, and other organizations that can provide vital help in accessing American and overseas markets; and
- a nationally recognized public school system with a unique international curriculum, including foreign language immersion and International Baccalaureate degree programs.

More than 375 foreign-owned firms operate businesses in Fairfax County. Most are professional and technical operations such as U.S. corporate headquarters, sales and marketing, research and development, and engineering.

The United Kingdom, France, Germany, Korea, India and Israel have the largest corporate presence here, but companies from Canada, the Netherlands and Japan and other major world markets are expanding the county's international roster.



NUMBER OF FOREIGN-OWNED FIRMS IN FAIRFAX COUNTY



Source: FCEDA

SELECTED FAIRFAX COUNTY FOREIGN-OWNED COMPANIES (by country of origin)

United Kingdom	75
Korea	42
France	26
Germany	25
India	25
Israel	25
Canada	23
The Netherlands	16
Japan	13
Sweden	10
China	8
Switzerland	8
Australia	6
Spain	6
Belgium	5
Denmark	5
Ireland	5
Norway	5
Finland	4
Italy	4
Austria	3
Brazil	3
Egypt	3
New Zealand	3
Czech Republic	2
Hong Kong	2
Hungary	2
Singapore	2
Turkey	2
UAE	2

Source: FCEDA

MAJOR FOREIGN-OWNED FIRMS*

Company	Type of Firm	Country of Origin
Agusta Westland	Aerospace	Italy
Airbus North America Holdings	Aircraft Sales and Support	France
BAE Systems	Aerospace	United Kingdom
BT America	Telecommunications	United Kingdom
CAP Gemini	IT Services	France
CGI	IT Services	Canada
DRS Solutions	Defense Systems/Solutions	Italy
Elbit-NA	Aerospace/Security	Israel
Gate Gourmet	Food Services	Switzerland
Lafarge Corp.	Building Materials Manufacturer	France
NEC America	IT Services	Japan
NTT America Inc.	IT Services	Japan
Orange Business Services	Telecommunications	France
QinetiQ-NA	IT Services	United Kingdom
Rolls-Royce NA	Aerospace	United Kingdom
Serco	IT Services	United Kingdom
Siemens	Energy/Government Services	Germany
Software AG	Software Publisher	Germany
Spacenet	Satellite Services	Israel
Tata Communications	Telecommunications	India
Volkswagen	Automotive	Germany

*Select list. For more details on foreign-owned businesses in Fairfax County, visit the FCEDA Web site at www.FairfaxCountyEDA.org. Source: FCEDA

A Flourishing Minority- and Woman-Owned Business Base

FCEDA Services

The FCEDA provides customized assistance to small, minority- and woman-owned businesses seeking to open or expand facilities in Fairfax County. Services include free entrepreneurship workshops, SCORE counseling and the *Business Ventures* newsletter.

For additional information, contact Karen Smaw, director, small and minority business development, or visit www.fairfax-countyeda.org/small-minority-and-woman-owned-firms and www.fairfaxcountyeda.org/business-resources.

Community Business Partnership

The Community Business Partnership (CBP) provides small businesses, entrepreneurs and start-ups with high-quality technical and financial assistance. The CBP offers several financing alternatives to benefit low- to moderate-income and disadvantaged individuals, including minorities, women and the disabled.

Contact the CBP at 703-768-1440 or online at www.cbponline.org.

Women's Business Center of Northern Virginia

Female entrepreneurs can receive training, one-on-one technical assistance and access to resources and referral networks through the Women's Business Center, funded by the U.S. Small Business Administration.

Contact the center at info@wbcnova.org or online at www.wbcnova.org.

Procurement Technical Assistance Program

The Procurement Technical Assistance Program (PTAP) at George Mason University assists businesses in all aspects of federal, state and local government contracting.

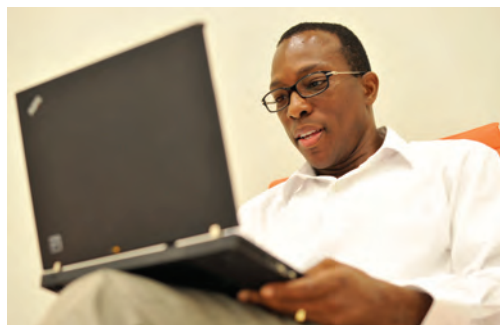
For more information, visit www.vaptap.org.

Minority- and woman-owned businesses make significant contributions to Fairfax County's economy and add breadth and diversity to the business community. The county leads Virginia in the number of companies owned by Asians and Pacific Islanders, African-Americans, Hispanics, American Indian and Alaska Natives, and women.

HISPANIC BUSINESS 500 LARGEST HISPANIC/LATINO-OWNED FIRMS

Hispanic Business magazine's 2011 list of the nation's 500 largest Hispanic-owned firms included 10 Fairfax County companies that together generated more than \$593 million in sales revenue and employed 2,625 workers in 2010 (www.hispanicbusiness.com).

Company and Web Site	Rank
MicroTech, LLC www.microtechllc.com	18
GeoLogics Corp. www.geologics.com	91
COmputing TechnologieS, Inc. www.cots.com	105
SCI Consulting Services, Inc. www.sciworld.com	109
Priority One Services, Inc. www.priorityoneservices.com	145
Communications Resource, Inc. www.cri-solutions.com	196
Citizant www.citizant.com	200
Kemron Environmental Services www.kemron.com	202
MAC Aerospace Corp. www.macaerospace.com	444
Engineering, Management & Integration www.em-i.com	454



BLACK ENTERPRISE INDUSTRIAL/SERVICE 100

Black Enterprise magazine named four Fairfax County companies to its 2011 list of the nation's 100 largest African-American-owned industrial and service businesses, based on 2010 sales. These companies had more than \$536 million in sales revenue and employed more than 5,000 workers in 2010 (www.blackenterprise.com).

Company and Web Site	Rank
Thompson Hospitality* www.thompsonhospitality.com	10
Communication Technologies, Inc. (COMTek) www.comtechnologies.com	47
InScope International www.inscopeinternational.com	74
Inivzion, Inc. www.inivzion.com	81

*Thomson Hospitality is the largest minority-owned food service company in the U.S.

WOMEN PRESIDENTS' ORGANIZATION/AMERICAN EXPRESS OPEN 50 FASTEST GROWING WOMEN-LED COMPANIES

Two Fairfax County firms that generated nearly \$17 million in revenue in 2010 were included on this 2011 list. Companies were ranked according to a sales growth formula that combines percentage and absolute growth.

Company and Web Site	Rank
Ampcus, Inc. www.ampcus.com	26
Office Remedies, Inc. www.officeremediesinc.com	32



A Robust Technology Sector

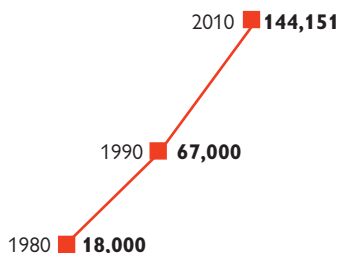
Fairfax County is home to a diverse mix of technology-driven businesses. Nearly 6,700 technology establishments directly employ more than 144,000 people here—more than one in four jobs countywide and the largest concentration of technology jobs among major U.S. markets. Many nationally and internationally recognized technology market leaders are either headquartered or have a major operational presence in the county.

Fairfax County provides an attractive environment for starting or growing a technology-driven venture. Key resources include:

- easy access to the federal government—the world’s largest buyer of technology products and services;
- a large and highly skilled workforce;
- an active venture capital community;
- abundant business and technology partnering opportunities;
- cutting-edge research at leading university, government, and private science and technology centers;
- three major national and international airports;
- Superior Internet backbone capacity; and
- world-class technology-oriented business, legal and financial services.

Technology companies in Fairfax County enjoy a unique combination of location and technical strengths. County businesses compete strongly in business, government, academic and consumer markets worldwide.

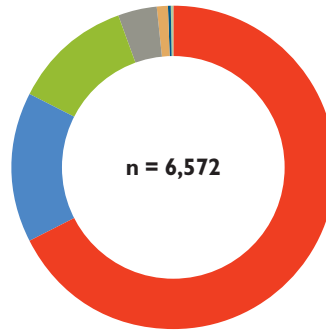
TECHNOLOGY JOB GROWTH IN FAIRFAX COUNTY



Sources: VEC 2010 data; FCEDA



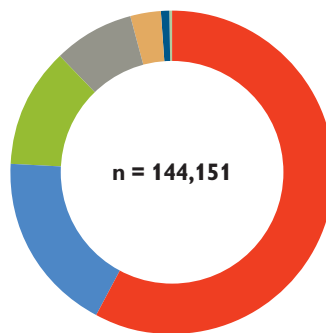
BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS IN FAIRFAX COUNTY BY TECHNOLOGY SECTOR



Information Technology Services	68%
Technology Management Consulting	15%
R&D Technical Services	12%
Telecommunications	4%
Energy and Environmental Services	1%
Biomedical	< 1%
Information Technology Equipment	< 1%

Sources: VEC 2010 data; FCEDA

TECHNOLOGY JOBS IN FAIRFAX COUNTY BY SECTOR



Information Technology Services	58%
R&D Technical Services	18%
Technology Management Consulting	12%
Telecommunications	8%
Energy and Environmental Services	3%
Biomedical	1%
Information Technology Equipment	< 1%

Sources: VEC 2010 data; FCEDA

LARGEST* TECH FIRMS IN FAIRFAX COUNTY

- Biomedical**
Laboratory Corp. of America
Quest Diagnostics
- Energy and Environmental**
ExxonMobil
ICF International
WGL Holdings
- IT Services**
American Systems Corporation
Apptis
ASM Research
BAE Systems
Boeing
CA
CACI
CGI
Chenega Federal Services
CSC
Datatel
Dell
Deltek Systems
EMC
General Dynamics
GTSI
HP Enterprise Services
IBM
ITT Exelis
L-3 Communications
Lockheed Martin
ManTech International
Microsoft
MicroStrategy
NCI Information Systems
NJVC
Northrop Grumman
Oracle
Pragmatics
QinetiQ North America
Serco, Inc.
SRA International
STG, Inc.
Unisys

- IT Equipment**
Cisco Systems
- R&D/Technical Services**
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The MITRE Corporation
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Scitor Corporation
TASC, Inc.
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- Technology Mgmt. Consulting**
Accenture
Booz Allen Hamilton
Deloitte
LMI
Noblis
PriceWaterhouseCoopers
- Telecommunications**
AT&T
Cox Communications
Sprint
Verizon

*400 or more employees
Note: Companies with corporate or North American headquarters in Fairfax County appear in orange. Many of these companies have substantial business divisions in more than one industry.

Sources: VEC 2010 data; FCEDA

Advanced Core Competencies

DELOITTE TECHNOLOGY FAST 500 COMPANIES

Headquartered in Fairfax County (2010)

Communications Networking

MicroTech (60)
GeoEye, Inc. (180)
Aptela (197)

Internet

comScore, Inc. (484)
Online Resources Corp. (492)

Media/Entertainment

K12, Inc. (333)

Software

Eloqua (169)
Parature, Inc. (240)
Altum, Inc. (256)
AEEC, LLC (261)
ConceptSolutions (262)
SPADAC (280)
TEOCO (485)
Aadaquare, Inc. (487)

Source: Deloitte

Twenty-six Fairfax County companies are in Inc. magazine's 2010 list of the 500 fastest-growing businesses in the United States, up from 16 in 2009. Fairfax has more firms on the list than any other county in the nation, more than any city except New York and more than all but five states. Also, Fairfax County firms represent half of the 47 companies from the Washington area. The nearly \$500 million in annual revenue reported by the Fairfax County firms is 63 percent of the revenue reported by all the Washington-area firms on the list.

Fairfax County companies benefit from a unique combination of locational advantages and individual technical strengths. As a result, county businesses compete strongly in business, government, academic and consumer markets. Key sectors and technical competencies of Fairfax County companies include:

Federal Government Contracting

Located just minutes from federal agency decision-makers and end-users, Fairfax County contractors earn an outsized share of U.S. defense and civilian contracting dollars. County businesses received \$22.6 billion in federal procurement contract awards in FY2009—a 226 increase over the previous decade. More than 4,100 federal government contractors performed work in Fairfax County in FY2009 in areas such as information security, systems integration, construction, engineering services, intelligence, national security, translation services; management, logistical support, advanced R&D and environmental services. Large government contractors based in Fairfax County include Booz Allen Hamilton, CSC, General Dynamics, Northrop Grumman and SAIC.

Information Technology Services

The information technology services sector accounts for nearly 60 percent of technology sector employment in Fairfax County and includes firms engaged in computer systems design services, systems integration, computer programming, software development and internet/e-commerce activities.

R&D/Technical Services

The R&D/technical services sector includes companies working in physical and engineering sciences, applied engineering and geospatial services. R&D activities include advanced sensor and weapon systems development, aerospace, nanotechnology, energy storage and systems engineering. Several large technology-focused Federally Funded Research and Development Centers and nonprofits operate in this sector, including MITRE Corporation, The Aerospace Corporation and Noblis.

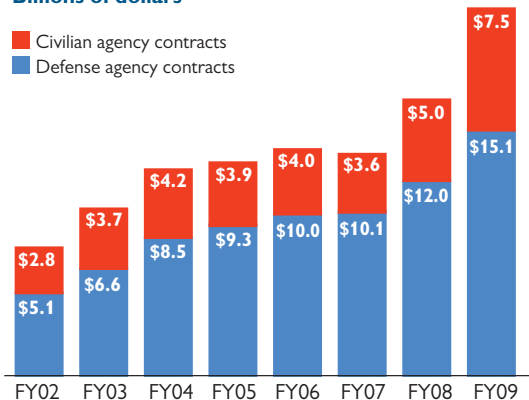
Telecommunications

Telecommunications companies provide a full spectrum of wireline, wireless and satellite communications services. Major national telecom providers with extensive operations in the county include AT&T, Verizon and Sprint. Other industry providers and their key services include Mobile Posse

FEDERAL PROCUREMENT SPENDING IN FAIRFAX COUNTY

Billions of dollars

■ Civilian agency contracts
■ Defense agency contracts



Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, Consolidated Federal Funds Report

(mobile phone advertising), DubMeNow (platform development), Clearwire (WiFi and WiMax services), Speakeasy (secure fiber networks) and numerous firms providing VOIP.

Green and Environmental Services

Green and environmental technology and services is a nascent industry of growing importance both locally and nationally. Fairfax County is home to an abundance of companies that fall into a wide range of green industry sectors including construction; consulting; engineering; software; solar, natural gas, and wind energy development services; recycling and waste regeneration.

Life Sciences

Rapid development in genomic and other molecular research technologies—particularly after the start of the Human Genome Project in 1990—and advancements in information technologies have produced a massive amount of information related to molecular biology. “Bioinformatics” is the name given to the complex computations used to manage and analyze this data to gain a better understanding of the underlying biological processes. Major bioinformatics applications include large-scale DNA and protein mapping and analysis, drug design and discovery, and the exciting new field of personalized medicine. Fairfax County life sciences firms such as ASCEND Therapeutics, Bode Technology Group and Quintiles are developing innovative products and services in fields as diverse as diagnostics, therapeutics, remote monitoring and DNA forensics.

A Hotbed of Innovation

Tech-Savvy Talent

Fairfax County and the surrounding Washington area is a large, exceptionally rich technology recruiting environment. For example:

- The region leads the nation in the number of scientists and engineers, college graduates and people with graduate degrees.
- There are more systems engineers working here than in any other U.S. technology region, including Silicon Valley.
- Nearly 300,000 people are employed in science and engineering occupations in the Washington, D.C., area—10.5 percent of all jobs in the region. This is the highest percentage in this category among the 20 largest metro areas in the nation.

Resources for Technology Ventures

A sophisticated network of business, legal, research and financial resources helps Fairfax County-based companies thrive in today's business environment.

- **Technology Venture Services:** World-class technology-oriented business service providers—including venture capital, law, management consulting and accounting firms—are based in and around Fairfax County. Entrepreneur-friendly resources—many of them free—also are available, including the Mid-Atlantic Venture Association (MAVA) and the Northern Virginia Small Business Development Center.

- **Regional Business Alliances:** Major regional business groups—including the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce, the Northern Virginia Technology Council and the Greater Washington Board of Trade—advocate on behalf of the technology community and sponsor a range of popular networking, market intelligence and other events.
- **Research and Technology Transfer:** Fairfax County businesses have enhanced access to federal research dollars, technologies and lab facilities at the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA), the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and other agencies.

Leading area research universities—including George Mason, Johns Hopkins, Georgetown, George Washington, the University of Maryland and Virginia Tech—welcome the business community to take advantage of their research, discoveries and brainpower.

The Fairfax County-based Center for Innovative Technology (CIT) provides a pipeline to research and technologies generated at renowned research centers located throughout the state, including the University of Virginia and Virginia Tech.

For more information on resources for technology firms and entrepreneurs, visit the FCEDA Web site at www.FairfaxCountyEDA.org/fact-sheets.

Nine of the 25 largest federal contract awards in the Washington, D.C., area went to companies in Fairfax County.

Washington Business Journal

Twenty Fairfax County companies are on Deloitte's Technology Fast 500 list.

Deloitte

Twenty-four of the 50 largest technology employers in the Washington area are headquartered in Fairfax County.

Washington Business Journal

Thirteen of the 25 largest telecommunications firms based in the Washington region are headquartered in Fairfax County.

Washington Business Journal

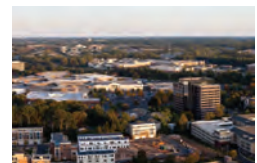
Prestigious Commercial Real Estate

Fairfax County is one of the top suburban office markets in the nation. With more than 113 million square feet of office space, the county is metropolitan Washington's largest suburban office market and the largest office market in Virginia.

Tysons Corner, Reston, Merrifield, Fairfax Center, Chantilly and Dulles are the largest of the county's 17 office submarkets. Industrial/hybrid inventory—concentrated in the county's Springfield/

Franconia, Newington/Lorton, Chantilly and Merrifield submarkets—stands at nearly 39 million square feet.

Lease rates in Fairfax County compare favorably with those of other large suburban markets in the United States. Real estate activity is examined in greater depth in the FCEDA's semiannual *Real Estate Report*, available on the FCEDA Web site (www.FairfaxCountyEDA.org/publications).



Fairfax County's Population and Workforce: Diverse, Highly Educated and Growing



Fairfax County's population, numbering nearly 1.1 million, is diverse and highly educated. Its large population base and workforce of more than 606,000 amply support the business community.

Fairfax County is the largest jurisdiction in the Washington, D.C., area in population and number of employed residents.

Select Business and Population Characteristics

Non-employer establishments (businesses without paid employees) (2009)	88,596
Average number of payroll establishments (4Q 2010)	33,867
Average number of jobs in Fairfax County (at payroll establishments) (4Q 2010)	584,072
Civilian labor force (4Q 2010)	606,364
Residents working in Fairfax County (2009)	51.7%
Unemployment rate (2Q 2011)	4.3%
Median household income (2009)	\$102,499
Virginia	\$59,330
U.S.	\$50,221
Median family income (2009)	\$122,651
Virginia	\$71,270
U.S.	\$61,032
Per capita income (2009)	\$47,103
Virginia	\$31,180
U.S.	\$26,409
Average number of persons per household (2010)	2.75
Median age (2009)	37.3
Percentage of employed civilian population 16 years and over in management, professional and related occupations (2009)	56.9%
Foreign-born population (2009)	27.6%
Persons age 5 and older who speak a language other than English at home (2009)	35.0%

Sources: VEC; Fairfax County Department of Systems Management for Human Services; U.S. Census Bureau, 2009 American Community Survey 1-year estimates

Ethnic and Cultural Diversity

Fairfax County's population has become increasingly diverse. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, in

1980, slightly more than 14 percent of the county's population defined itself as belonging to an ethnic or racial group. In 2009, more than half of the county's population was of full or partial Asian/Pacific Islander, Hispanic, African-American or "other" ethnic descent. Asian/Pacific Islanders and Hispanics/Latinos are the fastest-growing ethnic groups in Fairfax County.

A Quality Workforce

In 2009, 58.2 percent of county residents over age 25 held a bachelor's degree or higher, compared to 27.9 percent nationally. A well-trained workforce draws high-quality employers, leading to greater opportunities for all. Women in particular are well-represented in the Fairfax County labor pool. Nearly 68 percent of female residents 16 and older are employed, compared to about 51 percent of women nationally.

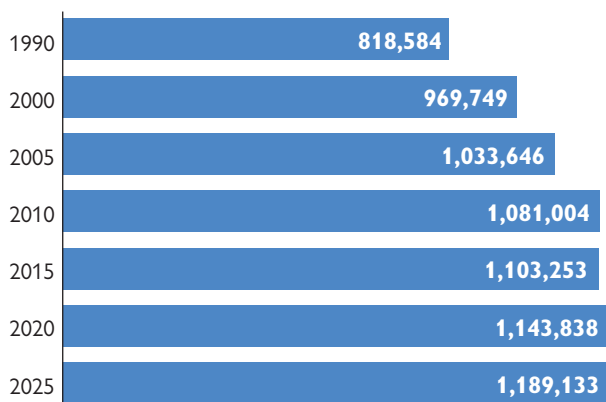
These factors help to create a workforce capable of delivering significant value-added services to companies and, as a result, make Fairfax County household and family incomes among the highest in the nation.

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Population age 25 and older

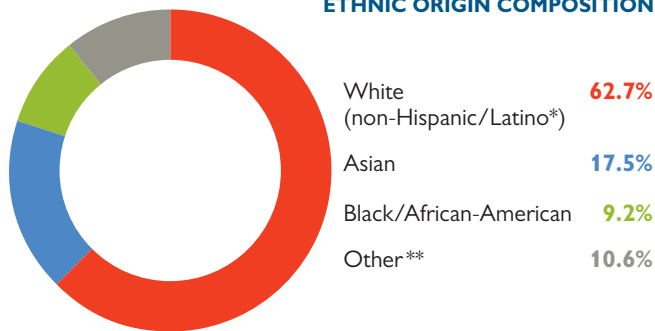
	Fairfax County	U.S.
Graduate/professional	28.1%	10.3%
Bachelor's degree	30.1%	17.6%
Associate's degree	5.0%	7.5%
Some college	15.5%	21.3%
High school	13.2%	28.5%
< High school	8.1%	14.8%

FAIRFAX COUNTY POPULATION GROWTH AND FORECASTS



Source: Fairfax County Department of Systems Management for Human Services, 2010

FAIRFAX COUNTY HOUSEHOLDS RACIAL/ETHNIC ORIGIN COMPOSITION



*Hispanic/Latino households comprise 15.4 percent of total Fairfax County households and may be of any race.

**American Indian, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islanders; individuals of two or more races.

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Census; 2009 American Community Survey 1-year estimates

A National Leader in Education

Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) (www.fcps.edu)

Elementary schools (<i>preschool-grade 6</i>):	139
Middle schools (<i>grades 6-8</i>):	22
Secondary schools (<i>grades 7-12</i>):	4
High schools (<i>grades 9-12</i>):	21
Alternative high schools:	2
Special education centers:	8
Total:	196
Estimated enrollment (<i>2010-2011</i>):	175,296
FCPS national ranking by enrollment:	11
School operating budget (<i>2010-2011</i>):	\$2.2 billion
Average cost per student (<i>2010-2011 estimate</i>):	\$12,597

PERCENTAGE OF GRADUATING SENIORS

... attending post-secondary education (<i>2009</i>):	94.5%
... earning advanced diplomas (<i>2009</i>):	63%

AVERAGE SAT SCORES* (*2009*)

	Critical Reading	Math	Writing	Total
Fairfax County	552	569	543	1664
Virginia	511	512	498	1521
National	501	515	493	1519

*Maximum total SAT score is 2400
Source: Fairfax County Public Schools and College Board

Special Programs

- Full and partial foreign language immersion programs are available at select elementary, middle and high schools.
- Programs for gifted and talented students are offered at all schools. Full-time learning centers for gifted and talented students in grades 3-8 are located at select schools.
- The county has seven year-round elementary schools, as well as one middle school and two high schools that follow a modified calendar, which offers additional time for remediation or enriched learning.
- Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate courses are available at all high schools.
- Magnet schools:
 - Two elementary schools focus on arts and sciences.

– The Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology—ranked by U.S. News & World Report as the top public high school in the U.S. since 2007—offers a comprehensive college preparatory program emphasizing science, mathematics and technology. As the Governor’s School for Science and Technology in northern Virginia, the school serves qualified applicants from Fairfax County and other participating school districts in northern Virginia. Selection for admission is competitive.

- Five technical high school academies offer curricula in engineering and scientific technology, health and human services, international studies, business, communications, and fine and performing arts.
- The FCPS Office of Adult and Community Education provides a wide range of programs to meet the learning needs of Fairfax County adult residents, particularly in basic education skills, high school credit completion, vocational training, English as a second language, and career advancement and life enrichment. About 61,000 learners enroll annually in FCPS school and community facilities.

FCPS Achievements

- In 2009, the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) awarded 2,500 scholarships nationwide, 32 of which went to FCPS students. Additionally, 219 FCPS students were named National Merit semifinalists for the 2009-2010 school year.
- All eligible FCPS high schools were listed in the top 7 percent of more than 1,900 public schools in the nation, based on the 2011 Washington Post annual challenge index—which measures a school’s efforts to challenge all students.

Private Schools (K-12)

There are more than 100 private and parochial schools in the Fairfax County and its environs. Web sites with information and links to private schools in the area include the National Association for Independent Schools (www.nais.org/parents) and the National Center for Education Statistics private-school search site (<http://nces.ed.gov/surveys/pss/privateschoolsearch/>).



The FCPS Online Campus (www.fcps.edu/dis/onlinecampus/welcome.htm) delivers courses identical in content to those offered in a traditional classroom setting, including both standard and Advanced Placement curricula.

Many school services are available online, including the FCPS 24-7 Learning program, which allows teachers, students and parents to access homework and resources, and the Keep in Touch system (www.fcps.edu/kit), where citizens may register to receive school closing announcements and other vital information.

Higher Education in Fairfax County



More than 50 colleges and universities are located throughout the Washington region. These institutions routinely partner to provide enhanced services and educational opportunities. Examples include:

- **Northern Virginia Community College's Medical Education Campus** provides undergraduate- and graduate-level coursework and training in a wide range of medical fields through a partnership with George Mason University and Virginia Commonwealth University Medical College of Virginia.
- **Inova Fairfax** has been a teaching hospital for more than 45 years. Building on this strong educational foundation, Inova expanded its educational offerings through a strategic partnership with Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU). The hospital and university developed VCU's School of Medicine, developing the first regional branch medical campus in northern Virginia, where third- and fourth-year medical students learn alongside Inova staff.

George Mason University (www.gmu.edu)

George Mason University, with an enrollment of more than 32,000 students, offers more than 195 programs of study leading to a certificate, bachelor's, master's or doctoral degree. Graduate degree programs include a master's of business administration (MBA) and an executive MBA, as well as master's degrees in bioinformatics, information systems, information security and assurance, and telecommunications. Custom-designed programs also are available.

Ranked in the top five on U.S. News & World Report's list of "Top Up-and-Coming Schools," Mason has developed a reputation for academic innovation and excellence. Its School of Information Technology and Engineering is the first U.S. engineering school focused on information technology rather than traditional engineering sciences, and the first school to offer a doctoral program in information technology. Mason's concentration in bioinformatics in its doctoral degree program in computational sciences and informatics is the first program of its kind in Virginia.

Mason's research mission is to create a safer, more sustained world with extended life quality. Research activities are grouped into six broad areas oriented towards this goal: complex systems, global, life quality, policy and governance, security and sustainability. Communities of practice of potential interest to business and industry include cybersecurity, geographic information systems, visualization and gaming, climate, energy, and the environment. For more information, visit www.research.gmu.edu.

The university's Mason Enterprise Center (www.masonenterprisecenter.org) offers expert consultation and training to help entrepreneurs in the Washington, D.C., area. The center's initiatives include the Mentor-Protégé, Procurement Technical Assistance and International Business Development programs.

Northern Virginia Community College (www.nvcc.edu)

Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA) is a comprehensive two-year institution offering education up to the associate degree level in more than 55 programs of study. It is the largest institution of higher education in the Commonwealth of Virginia and the second largest community college in the country, as well as one of the most internationally diverse, with students hailing from more than 150 countries.

NOVA serves more than 48,000 students in credit courses. The college also offers non-credit workforce and professional development programs at six campuses and two centers throughout northern Virginia. Additionally, NOVA's Extended Learning Institute offers home-study options and Internet-based classes.

Other NOVA offerings include occupational/technical and college transfer programs. Daytime, evening and weekend classes are available as well as the Weekend College degree program, which allows students to earn an associate's degree in as little as three years by taking classes on Friday nights, Saturdays and Sundays. The college also collaborates with area businesses, industry and government to develop customized training programs that can be delivered on campus or at an employer's work site. (See page 11, "Workforce Training Programs and Employer Assistance," for more details.)

In its 2010 ranking of all U.S. community colleges, Community College Week magazine ranked NOVA the top producer of associate degrees in computer and information sciences and the second in both the number of two-year degrees and business degrees granted.

Northern Virginia Center— Falls Church

University of Virginia (U.Va.) and Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech) are co-located in the Northern Virginia Center—a 105,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art facility adjacent to the West Falls Church Metro Station just off Interstate 66.

University of Virginia (www.uvace.virginia.edu/northern)

U.Va. offers graduate and undergraduate programs for working adults in a variety of fields at the Northern Virginia Center. Students can pursue master's degrees in a wide array of disciplines. In addition, the center provides a number of custom-designed in-house workshops and seminars for businesses and associations.

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (www.nvc.vt.edu/)

Virginia Tech, with teaching locations in the center and in Old Town Alexandria, offers more than 45 graduate degree and certificate programs as well as a variety of licensure and continuing education curricula to meet the emerging needs of industry, government and nonprofit agencies. For-credit and non-credit courses are available through classroom

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instruction and distance learning (<http://vto.vt.edu/>). Area residents also may take classes as Commonwealth Campus students without formal admission to a degree program. For details, visit http://grads.vt.edu/academics/programs/commonwealth_campus_program.html.

The Commonwealth Graduate Engineering Program (www.cgep.virginia.gov/)

The Commonwealth Graduate Engineering Program (CGEP) is a distance learning graduate

program of five universities in the commonwealth: George Mason University, Old Dominion University, University of Virginia, Virginia Commonwealth University and Virginia Tech. Offerings include master's degrees, certificate programs and non-degree, non-credit seminars. Private sector companies can establish a distance learning site at their business location for employees.

A list of selected college and university programs in the Washington, D.C., area can be found on the FCEDA Web site (www.FairfaxCountyEDA.org/higher-education).

Additional summary information on two- and four-year college and universities as well as other postsecondary institutions in the region can be obtained from the U.S. Department of Education's National Center for Education Statistics IPEDS College Opportunities On-line Web site at <http://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/cool>.

ADULTS AGE 25 AND OLDER WITH BACHELOR'S DEGREES OR HIGHER IN THE 800 LARGEST U.S. COUNTIES

(by percent of population)

County (State)	Percent
Arlington (VA)	69.0%
Alexandria City (VA)	59.6%
New York (NY)	59.4%
Loudoun (VA)	59.0%
Fairfax (VA)	58.1%
Boulder (CO)	57.9%
Howard (MD)	57.1%
Montgomery (MD)	56.3%
Orange (NC)	55.2%
Marin (CA)	54.2%
Douglas (CO)	54.1%
Hamilton (IN)	53.0%
San Francisco (CA)	52.0%
Williamson (TN)	51.6%
Johnson (KS)	50.9%
Albemarle (VA)	50.7%
Johnson (IA)	50.3%
Douglas (KS)	50.1%
Morris (NJ)	50.0%
Washtenaw (MI)	49.5%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2009 American Community Survey

Of the 800 largest U.S. counties and cities, six of the top 10 with the highest percentage of college graduates are in the greater Washington, D.C., area, including Fairfax County.

Workforce Training and Business Assistance Programs

Northern Virginia Community College Workforce Development/ Continuing Education Offices (www.nvcc.edu/businesses-and-community/workforce-development/)

Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA) provides customized training in several areas of key importance to area employers—including information technology, business management and consulting, health care services, the construction and building trades, English as a Second Language, and career planning and job placement. Classes can be held at the employer's site or at any of the college's campuses.

The SkillSource Group, Inc. (SSG) (www.myskillsource.org)

The nonprofit entity of the Northern Virginia Workforce Investment Board, SSG operates One-Stop SkillSource Centers and Affiliate SkillSource sites throughout northern Virginia. The centers connect employers and job seekers with a wide variety of employment, education and training services available at the local, state and federal levels.

Apprenticeship-Related Instruction (www.fcps.edu/DIS/OACE/appren.htm)

Apprenticeship-Related Instruction (ARI) is available to businesses with facilities in Virginia. ARI trains employees in skilled occupations through a combination of on-the-job work experience and classroom instruction. The Virginia Community College System and the Virginia Department of Labor and Industry administer the ARI program statewide in partnership with regional secondary school systems and technical centers. ARI programs in northern Virginia are administered by Fairfax County Public Schools.

Virginia Jobs Investment Program (VJIP) (www.dba.state.va.us/vjip.shtml)

VJIP, offered through the Virginia Department of Business Assistance, provides free services to eligible new and expanding businesses. Services include conducting training needs analyses, recruiting employees, implementing organizational development and continuous improvement programs, preparing electronic media for orientation and training, and funding employee training programs.

For additional information on various workforce services programs, refer to the "Workforce Services" fact sheet on the FCEDA's Web site at www.FairfaxCountyEDA.org/sites/default/files/pdf/workforce_services.pdf.

Housing in Fairfax County: A Variety of Homes, Locations and Prices

For more information on Fairfax County's residential communities, visit the FCEDA Web site at www.FairfaxCountyEDA.org/residential-real-estate.

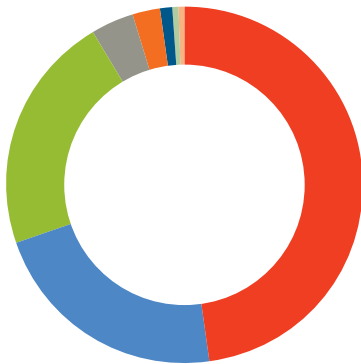
The *New Homes Guide* (www.newhomesguide.com) also provides information on new home communities throughout the Washington region.

Fairfax County and the Washington, D.C., area boast a broad variety of homes, communities and housing prices.

High-rise apartments and condominiums are plentiful, as are single-family homes and townhomes. Planned residential communities, developed by some of the nation's premier homebuilders, offer housing with cutting-edge amenities. Upscale residences—whether executive and estate homes or villa-style homes on smaller parcels—are abundant throughout the county.

Incorporated towns within Fairfax County (Clifton, Herndon and Vienna) offer a blend of old and new, with housing that surrounds historic, small central business districts distinguished by quaint boutiques and restaurants.

HOUSING UNIT INVENTORY (2010)



Single Family Dwellings	190,113
Townhouses	86,652
Multifamily Dwellings, 1-4 Stories	86,121
Multifamily Dwellings, 9+ Stories	15,492
Multiplex	10,013
Multifamily Dwellings, 5-8 Stories	3,927
Duplex Dwellings	2,307
Mobile Homes	1,761
Total	396,386

Source: Fairfax County Department of Systems Management for Human Services



MEDIAN SALES PRICE OF NEW AND EXISTING HOMES (January through April 2011)

Type of Housing	Price	Units Sold
New Homes		
Single Family	\$868,375	84
Townhouse	\$572,475	36
Existing Homes		
Single Family	\$537,000	1,818
Townhouse	\$340,000	1,191
Condominiums*	\$220,000	747

*Includes new and existing

Source: Fairfax County Department of Management and Budget, Economic Indicators, May 2011

AVERAGE MONTHLY RENTS IN APARTMENT COMPLEXES (2010)

(66,327 units)

Efficiency	\$992
One bedroom	\$1,216
Two bedrooms	\$1,447
Three bedrooms	\$1,689
All units	\$1,383

Source: Fairfax County Department of Systems Management for Human Services

U.S. METRO REGION HOUSING COST COMPARISONS

Metropolitan Area	Median Sales Price of Existing Single Family Homes
San Francisco	\$465,900
New York City	\$439,300
San Diego	\$374,800
Boston	\$322,100
Washington, D.C.	\$294,800
Los Angeles	\$292,700
Seattle	\$287,100

Source: National Association of Realtors, 1Q 2011 preliminary data

LEADING NEW HOME BUILDERS IN THE WASHINGTON, D.C., REGION (listed alphabetically)

Home Builder

The Bozzuto Group
Comstock Homebuilding Cos.
EYA
The JBG Cos.
K. Hovnanian Cos.
Kettler
Lennar
NVR, Inc.
The Shooshan Co.
Toll Brothers

Web Site

www.bozzuto.com
www.comstockhomebuilding.com
www.eya.com
www.jbg.com
www.khov.com
www.ksi.com
www.lennar.com
www.nvrinc.com
www.shooshancompany.com
www.tollbrothers.com

Source: Washington Business Journal 2009 Book of Lists

World-Class Diversions

Fairfax County residents enjoy a remarkable wealth of cultural and recreational resources. No matter how you like to spend your free time, there's plenty to see and do here. For more information on what to see and do in the county, as well as a list of accommodations, go to Visit Fairfax at www.fxva.com.

A Lively Arts and Entertainment Scene

Home to the renowned Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts—America's only national park for the performing arts—Fairfax County offers an extraordinary mix of music, visual, theatrical and other arts opportunities. Nearly 300 cultural organizations (theater and opera companies, music and dance groups, community arts centers, festivals and more) are based in and around the county.

The cultural riches of Washington, D.C.—including the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, the National Gallery of Art, the Corcoran, plus dozens of alternative clubs, galleries and performance spaces—are just minutes away by car or Metrorail.

International Fine Dining

Fairfax County features a wide array of dining establishments. With nearly 4,000 restaurants to visit, area residents can sample ethnic dishes, elegant Continental and Asian cuisine, down-home cooking, pub grub and other culinary delights.

Outstanding Museums and Historic Attractions

Several national heritage treasures—including George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate and Gardens, Woodlawn Estate and Gunston Hall—are all in Fairfax County. A modern gem in the local attractions scene is the Smithsonian Institution's National Air and Space Museum Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center at Washington Dulles International Airport. The 177-acre facility offers a stunning collection of rare and famous space and aviation artifacts, as well as special events, tours and lectures.

Year-round, residents can enjoy the museums, monuments and other attractions of Washington, D.C., such as the U.S. Capitol, White House, Washington Monument, Smithsonian Institution, National Zoo, memorials for Lincoln, Jefferson, Franklin Delano Roosevelt and other notables, and more. Historic towns such as Annapolis, Williamsburg, Harpers Ferry and Charlottesville are an easy day trip away.

Extensive Year-Round Park and Recreation Facilities

With 50 square miles of public parks, Fairfax County has some of the finest urban green space anywhere. The county is home to several national, state and regional parks, including Great Falls National Park, Pohick Bay Regional Park and Mason Neck National Wildlife refuge, America's first sanctuary for eagles.

The Fairfax County Park Authority operates 416 park facilities on more than 22,500 acres, featuring public golf courses, colonial-era homes, a working farm and grist mill, extensive wildlife preserves, garden and nature centers, more than 300 miles of hiking, biking and equestrian trails, recreation centers, a skate park, ice-skating rink, and nearly 800 playgrounds, lakes, campgrounds and athletic fields.

A Stellar Selection of Shops and Services

Some of the best shopping on the east coast is in Fairfax County, which has four of the Washington region's largest and busiest retail centers—Tysons Corner Center, Tysons Galleria, Springfield Mall and Fair Oaks Mall. Local communities are well-served by the county's more than 200 neighborhood, community and regional shopping centers, with stores and services available for every need and budget.

Terrific Vacation Getaways

Atlantic beach resorts from Delaware to Virginia are less than 200 miles away. The nearby Chesapeake Bay is famed for its boating and fishing. Popular winter destinations include the ski slopes of Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania. Year-round hot springs and spa resorts are within easy reach. About an hour away by car, Blue Ridge Mountain trails, campsites and overlooks provide beautiful all-season views of Virginia's Shenandoah Valley.

For more information on Fairfax County's attractions, visit the "Leisure and Arts" section of the FCEDA Web site at www.FairfaxCountyEDA.org.

MAJOR FAIRFAX COUNTY SHOPPING CENTERS

Shopping Center	Web Site	No. of Shops/Services	Retail Sq. Ft.
Fair Oaks Mall	www.shopfairoaksmall.com	290+	1.6 million
Fairfax Corner	www.fairfaxcorner.com	60+	430,000
Springfield Mall	www.springfieldmall.com	150+	1.7 million
Tysons Corner Center	www.shoptysons.com	300+	2.2 million
Tysons Galleria	www.tysonsgalleria.com	120+	820,000

Source: FCEDA



PROFESSIONAL SPORTS

Baseball

Washington Nationals
www.nationals.com

Basketball

Washington Mystics
www.wnba.com/mystics
Washington Wizards
www.nba.com/wizards

Football

Washington Redskins
www.redskins.com

Ice Hockey

Washington Capitals
www.washingtoncaps.com

Soccer

D.C. United
www.dcunited.com

Tennis

Washington Kastles
www.washingtonkastles.com

Health and Community Services

For its 2010-2011 ranking of the best hospitals in the country, U.S. News and World Report magazine recognized 26 of the 57 hospitals in the Washington, D.C., region. Of the 26, the magazine ranked Washington Hospital Center, Inova Fairfax Hospital, Georgetown University Hospital, National Adventist Hospital and National Rehabilitation Hospital the top five. For more information, visit <http://health.usnews.com>.

The Northern Virginia Hospital Alliance (<http://novaha.org/>) is a nonprofit partnership comprised of 14 hospitals and six free-standing emergency departments serving northern Virginia. NVHA coordinates emergency preparedness, response and recovery activities for member hospitals and healthcare systems in cooperation with local, regional and state response partners.

The Center for Applied Proteomics and Molecular Medicine (CAPMM) (<http://capmm.gmu.edu/>) works to improve early disease diagnosis, develop individualized and effective therapies, and create a new paradigm for personalized patient care.

The not-for-profit Inova Translational Medicine Institute (ITMI), headquartered at Inova Fairfax, is on the forefront of personalized medicine—the next-generation medical model that uses a patient's own genetic information to develop customized protocols that treat or prevent disease. ITMI will incorporate technological innovation and sophisticated bioinformatics to bring results from the lab to the bedside faster.

Top-Quality Medical Care

Fairfax County residents receive top-quality medical care at the area's fully accredited hospitals, which include four of the five Inova Health System hospitals—Inova Fair Oaks, Inova Fairfax, Inova Hospital for Children and Inova Mount Vernon (www.inova.com)—as well as Reston Hospital Center (www.restonhospital.com) and Dominion Hospital (<http://dominionhospital.com>).

Inova Health System consistently wins recognition from national publications and organizations for effective management, innovation and patient service and is ranked among the top 10 integrated health systems in the U.S. For 14 consecutive years, U.S. News & World Report has ranked Inova Fairfax one of "America's Best Hospitals." HealthGrades, Inc. also has ranked Inova Fairfax among the nation's 50 top hospitals for the past four years based on mortality and complication rates in handling 26 common procedures and conditions over a six-year period. Inova Fairfax has the only Level One Trauma Center and pediatric intensive care unit in northern Virginia.

The hospital is undergoing an extensive expansion that includes an 11-story, \$161 million patient tower. For details, visit www.inova.org/lfhconstruction.

Reston Hospital Center, Dominion Hospital and two surgical centers in northern Virginia are part of HCA Virginia Health System (www.hcavirginia.com). Reston Hospital Center offers a full range of services, including 24-hour emergency care, maternal/child health, inpatient and outpatient surgical services, and state-of-the-art cancer care. In 2010, the hospital earned the highest ranking in Virginia based on select quality-of-care measures from Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield's Quality-In-Sights®: Hospital Incentive Program (Q-HIP). Reston Hospital Center



also consistently appears at the top of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services core measures rankings and has been recognized by the Society of Chest Pain Centers, American Nursing Credentialing Center and American Association of Critical Care Nurses.

Dominion Hospital, located in the county's Seven Corners community, provides mental health services for children, adolescents and adults through inpatient and partial hospitalization programs.

For additional information on hospitals in northern Virginia, visit the Virginia Health Initiative Web site (www.vhi.org).

Health Department

The Fairfax County Health Department provides services that promote and protect public health and the environment; ensures residents' access to health services and information; and operates clinics, community care centers and district offices countywide.

Detailed information on various Health Department programs and services can be found on the department's Web site (www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hd).

Community Services

Fairfax County human services agencies provide a wide range of programs that provide assistance to children, adults, senior citizens and families. These organizations include: Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board; Fairfax County Department of Family Services; Fairfax County Department of Housing and Community Development; and Fairfax County Office for Women. For more information about these and other community services groups, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/living/healthhuman.

The county's Department of Systems Management for Human Services maintains the Human Services Resource Guide, an online computerized database of public, nonprofit and some for-profit human services available to Fairfax County residents (www.fairfaxcounty.gov/rim/).

Numerous community and faith-based nonprofits provide a broad array of programs to residents of Fairfax County and the Washington area. These organizations offer services in the arts and humanities, education, employment and job training; programs for children, at-risk youth and disabled individuals; disaster relief; domestic violence prevention; and assistance with housing and immigration.

The United Way of the National Capital Area (www.unitedwaynca.org) and America's Charities (www.charities.org) support thousands of nonprofit groups providing community-based services throughout the region. These groups, as well as Volunteer Fairfax (www.volunteerfairfax.org), offer volunteer opportunities for employees of area businesses.

Linking Fairfax County and the World

Fairfax County's transportation system links residents and businesses with commercial hubs and cultural attractions throughout the Washington area and the world. Residents have access to bus, rail and air services throughout much of the county.

Metro (www.wmata.com)

The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) operates the Metro system, a rail and bus network serving the Washington area. Ridership on Metrorail and Metrobuses totaled more than 348 million trips in fiscal year 2008.

The Metrorail system is 106.3 miles (171 km) long and has 86 stations. Five Metrorail stations on three Metro lines are in Fairfax County: West Falls Church, Merrifield/Dunn Loring, Vienna/Fairfax-George Mason University, Huntington and Franconia-Springfield. All Fairfax County Metrorail stations offer park-and-ride lots for Metro users.

The Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA) is building the unofficially named Silver Line, a 23-mile offshoot of the existing Metrorail system from East Falls Church to Washington Dulles International Airport. The extension will add 11 new stations and provide service to Tysons Corner and the Reston-Herndon area in western Fairfax County. Phase I of the construction, from the East Falls Church Metrorail station to the eastern edge of Reston, is expected to be completed by 2013. Phase II of the project will run from Wiehle Avenue in Reston to Route 772 in Loudoun County. Its six stations will include one at Dulles Airport.

The Metrobus system connects with Metrorail stations and other regional bus service providers for seamless public transit services throughout Fairfax County and much of the region. Metrobus has 335 routes and more than 12,000 bus stops in the Washington, D.C., region.

Virginia Railway Express (VRE) (www.vre.org)

VRE operates two commuter rail lines. The lines originate in Manassas and Fredericksburg and pass through Fairfax County on the way to Union Station in Washington, D.C. Five stations—all with park-and-ride lots—are located in Fairfax County.

VRE's rail lines connect to other public transit services in the region, including Metro, Amtrak, Greyhound-Trailways, the Fairfax Connector, and

bus services based in Arlington, Alexandria, the District of Columbia, Manassas, eastern Prince William County and points south. Many bus connections are free with a valid VRE ticket.

Amtrak (www.amtrak.com)

Amtrak provides national passenger rail service between Union Station in Washington, D.C., and major eastern cities, with rail connectors to other major destinations throughout the U.S. Nonstop auto ferry service (the AutoTrain) is available from the Lorton community in Fairfax County to Sanford, Florida.

Other Transportation Options

- The **Cue Bus** system (www.fairfaxva.gov/CUE-Bus/CUEBus.asp) provides two routes that connect George Mason University and other City of Fairfax locations with the Vienna/Fairfax-GMU Metrorail station.
- **Fairfax Connector** (www.fairfaxconnector.com) is a county-financed commuter bus service with 54 routes that feed into the Metro system, including the Dulles Corridor Express Bus service. More than 40 park-and-ride lots are available throughout the county.
- **Fairfax County RideSources** (www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fdot/sources.htm) helps arrange vanpooling and carpooling for residents and employers.
- **Fastran** (www.fairfaxcounty.gov/rec/Fastran) provides transportation services for individuals unable to use traditional fixed-transit routes due to a disability or inaccessibility of facilities where they live.
- **Greyhound-Trailways** (www.greyhound.com) provides local and charter bus service.
- **LINK** (www.linkinfo.org) provides assistance to individuals and businesses in the community of Reston who are interested in ridesharing, carpooling and transit commuter services.
- **Reston Internal Bus Service (RIBS)** (www.linkinfo.org/reston.cfm) links the community of Reston with commercial hubs and nearby Metrorail stations.
- **Richmond Highway Express (REX)** (www.fairfaxcounty.gov/connector/pdf/REX_brochure0804.pdf) service connects Fort Belvoir, at the southern end of the county's Richmond Highway corridor, with the Huntington Metro station and three stops in the City of Alexandria at the north end.



Ports

VIRGINIA

Alexandria

Located 18 miles (29 km) from Fairfax County.

Port of Richmond

Located 113 miles (181.9 km) south of Fairfax County.

Virginia Port Authority/Port of Virginia (www.vaport.com)

• Virginia Inland Port

Located 63 miles (101.4 km) west of Fairfax County in Front Royal, Virginia, this inland port serves as an intermodal collection point and transfer facility for containerized cargo shipped through Hampton Roads port facilities.

• Hampton Roads

Located 180 miles (289.8 km) southeast of Fairfax County, Hampton Roads is the largest intermodal facility and second busiest and fastest-growing international commercial port on the east coast. Terminals are located in Newport News, Portsmouth and Norfolk, Virginia.

MARYLAND

Port of Baltimore

(www.mpa.state.md.us)

Located 49 miles (78.9 km) north of Fairfax County.

Note: Tysons Corner, in northeastern Fairfax County, is used as the point to calculate distances between regional ports. Other locations in Fairfax County may be closer or farther away from regional ports.

Air Transportation

A variety of ground transportation options, including bus, taxi, shuttle and limousine services, are available to and from Washington Dulles International and Ronald Reagan Washington National airports, and points throughout the region. For Dulles International ground transportation, visit www.mwaa.com/dulles/793.htm. For Reagan National ground transportation, visit www.mwaa.com/reagan/1179.htm.

The Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority Flight Guide provides information on direct and connecting flights for Dulles International and Reagan National airports (www.mwaa.com/airservice/flight_guide.htm).

Dulles International serves as a major U.S. gateway to destinations in Europe. The airport's iconic main terminal opened in 1962 and was designed by noted Finnish architect Eero Saarinen.

Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (www.mwaa.com)

The Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA) governs operations at Washington Dulles International Airport (Dulles International) and Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (Reagan National). The airports have a significant impact on the local economy. Economic activity at both airports combined is responsible for more than 40,000 jobs in the regional economy. The airports together generate nearly \$2.3 billion in income and about \$1.3 billion in state and local taxes, according to MWAA.

Washington Dulles International Airport

Dulles International is the region's main airport for international travel, cross-country travel and cargo transport. It is located 12 miles (19.3 km) from Tysons Corner, the downtown of Fairfax County, and 21 miles (33.8 km) from downtown Washington, D.C.

- **Passenger Service**

The airport served nearly 24 million passengers via commercial, general aviation and commuter flights in 2010, including more than 6 million international or transborder passengers.

Thirty-four passenger airlines and 28 air cargo carriers operate at Dulles International. Non-stop service is offered daily to 82 U.S. cities and 48 international destinations.

- **Air Cargo**

Nearly 293,000 metric tons of cargo (mail, express and freight) were shipped through Dulles International in 2010. The airport offers access to 44 foreign and more than 80 domestic markets, as well as a Foreign Trade Zone. More than 100 firms offer freight forwarding, customs

brokerage, bonded space, cargo handling, distribution services, trucking, cold storage and other air cargo services at Dulles International (www.dullescargo.com).

- **Airport Expansion and Improvements**

Dulles International's \$3.4 billion capital construction program is designed to meet the growing air travel needs of the region and recently hit its 10-year development milestone. A new air traffic control tower and runway as well as the Aero Train automated underground rail system are operational. Other completed projects include a new runway terminal expansion and several new parking solutions. Future projects in the ongoing expansion and improvement of Dulles International are an additional (fifth) runway and expansion of the International Arrivals building (www.metwashairports.com/dulles/751.htm).

Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport

Closest to the nation's capital, Reagan National serves as a "short haul" airport, offering (with some exceptions) nonstop flights to and from destinations less than 1,250 miles (2,012.5 km) from Washington.* Reagan National is located 11 miles (17.7 km) from Fairfax County and two miles (3.2 km) south of Washington.

Reagan National served more than 18 million passengers in 2010 through commercial and commuter flights. Thirteen passenger airlines serve the airport. Flights include daily nonstop service to 77 North American destinations, including four Canadian and Caribbean cities.

The airport is a short ride from any station on the Metrorail system. Public parking is available at the airport.

*The U.S. Congress has authorized Reagan National to provide daily round-trip flights serving six cities beyond its 1,250-mile flight perimeter. These cities are Denver, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Phoenix, Salt Lake City and Seattle.

Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport (BWI Marshall) (www.bwiairport.com)

BWI is located 38 miles (61.2 km) from Fairfax County. Sixty passenger, commuter, charter and cargo airlines operate at BWI. Daily nonstop service is offered to 69 domestic and six international destinations. BWI served nearly 22 million passengers in 2010.



FAIRFAX COUNTY, VIRGINIA



VRE Stations

- 1 Burke Centre
- 2 Rolling Road
- 3 Backlick Road
- 4 Lorton
- 5 Franconia-Springfield

Metro Stations

- 1 Vienna/Fairfax/George Mason University
- 2 Merrifield/Dunn Loring
- 3 West Falls Church
- 4 Huntington
- 5 Franconia-Springfield

Note: Locations and roadways are approximate.

APPROXIMATE DRIVING DISTANCES

From Tysons Corner, VA to:	
Dulles International Airport	12 miles/19 km
Reagan National Airport	11 miles/18 km
Washington, D.C.	10 miles/16 km
Reston Town Center	7 miles/11 km
The Pentagon	10 miles/16 km
Mount Vernon	16 miles/26 km
From Washington to:	
Dulles International Airport	21 miles/34 km
Reagan National Airport	2 miles/3 km
Tysons Corner	10 miles/16 km
Reston Town Center	17 miles/27 km
Mount Vernon	12 miles/19 km
From Reagan National Airport to:	
Tysons Corner	11 miles/18 km
Reston Town Center	19 miles/31 km
Mount Vernon	10 miles/16 km
From Dulles International Airport to:	
Tysons Corner	12 miles/19 km
Reston Town Center	5 miles/8 km
Mount Vernon	26 miles/41 km

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