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Profile

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The Fairfax County Economic Development Authority (FCEDA) is an independent authority created under state law, operating under the direction of seven Commissioners appointed by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. Its activities are funded by Fairfax County. The FCEDA provides a wide array of free services and information designed to promote Fairfax County as a business location for domestic and international companies and organizations. In addition to its headquarters in Fairfax County, the FCEDA maintains offices in six major commercial centers worldwide—Silicon Valley, Bangalore, Frankfurt, London, Seoul and Tel Aviv.

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 technology 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 technology buyer;
- world-class universities and research centers;
- Internet backbone connectivity;
- attractive, affordable, 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 book 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: 44 in/110 cm

Average Temperature: 54.9°F/12.7°C

Average Seasonal Temperatures (degrees Fahrenheit)

Spring	53.5
Summer	73.7
Autumn	56.3
Winter	35.7

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 billion in general fund revenues, Fairfax County maintains an exceptional AAA/AAA/Aaa bond rating. Only six states, 27 counties (including Fairfax), and 23 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 was one of only two jurisdictions in the U.S. to earn top marks in all measures of quality local government in *Governing* magazine’s most recent Government Performance Project survey.



Fairfax County is the top digital government 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.

- A primary economic engine for the greater Washington, D.C., metropolitan area and the Commonwealth of Virginia, the county has added nearly 13,000 new business establishments and almost 196,000 new jobs since 1990.
- The local economy is built around advanced information technology (IT), telecommunications, and financial and management services for both government and commercial markets.
- A quarter 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. Nearly 40 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
Northrop Grumman IT	www.northropgrumman.com

4,000–6,999 Employees

Science Applications International Corp. (SAIC)	www.saic.com
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp.	www.freddiemac.com
Lockheed Martin	www.lockheedmartin.com
Sprint	www.sprint.com

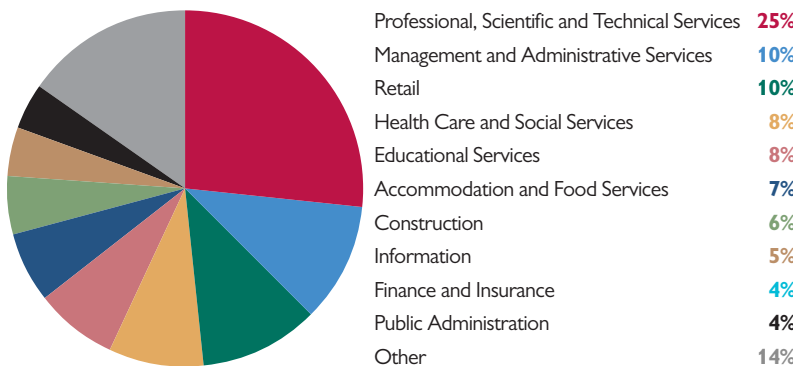
2,000–3,999 Employees

Computer Sciences Corp. (CSC)	www.csc.com
Navy Federal Credit Union	www.navyfcu.com
General Dynamics	www.generaldynamics.com
Raytheon	www.raytheon.com
The MITRE Corp.	www.mitre.org
IBM	www.ibm.com
BAE Systems	www.baesystems.com
Accenture	www.accenture.com
BearingPoint	www.bearingpoint.com
ExxonMobil	www.exxonmobil.com
Verizon	www.verizon.com
ManTech International Corp.	www.mantech.com
Gannett Co.	www.gannett.com
ITT Industries	www.itt.com
L-3 Communications**	www.l-3.com

*Includes all non-retail establishments with 2,000 or more employees in Fairfax County; ranked by local employment. Companies with headquarters in Fairfax County appear in red.

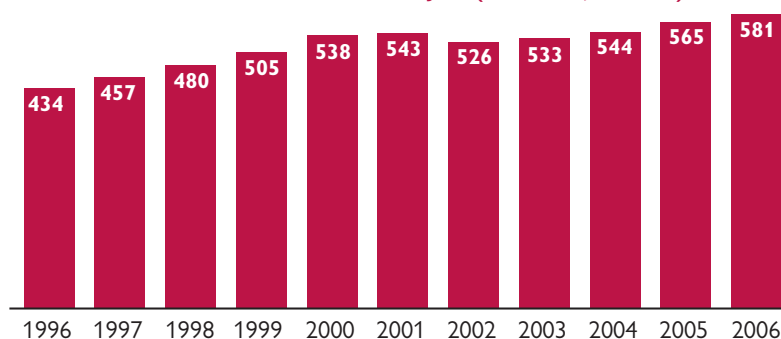
**including L-3 Titan Group
Source: VEC, 2006

FAIRFAX COUNTY EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY



Source: Virginia Employment Commission (VEC), 2006

EMPLOYMENT GROWTH — Number of Jobs (thousands, rounded)



Source: VEC

FORTUNE 500 COMPANIES HEADQUARTERED IN FAIRFAX COUNTY

Company	Rank	Change from 2006
Freddie Mac	50	N/A
Diversified Financials		
Sprint	53	+6 ↑
Telecommunications		
General Dynamics	92	+8 ↑
Aerospace and Defense		
Capital One Financial	154	+33 ↑
Commercial Banking		
Gannett	302	-6 ↓
Publishing/Printing		
SLM Corp. (Sallie Mae)	284	+47 ↑
Diversified Financial Services		
NVR	371	+39 ↑
Homebuilders		

Source: Fortune magazine, April 2007

A Global Business Center

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

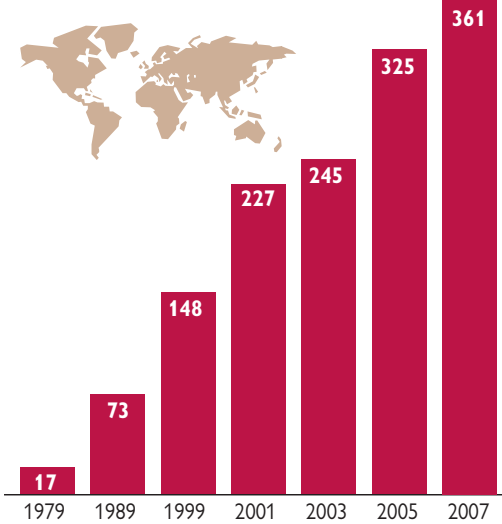
- a large, cosmopolitan, exceptionally well-educated and highly skilled workforce;
- superior Internet and telecommunications infrastructure;
- a critical mass of companies in diverse industries, particularly technology;
- a prestigious location close to the U.S. capital;
- global connectivity via Washington Dulles International Airport—with service to 44 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 Silicon Valley, Bangalore Frankfurt, London, Seoul and Tel Aviv to 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 360 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, Korea and Canada have the largest corporate presence here, but companies from India, France, Israel, Germany, 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	64
Korea	50
Canada	34
India	23
France	22
Israel	22
Germany	18
Japan	16
The Netherlands	14
Sweden	12
Switzerland	9
Belgium	6
Norway	6
Australia	5
Denmark	5
Finland	5
Spain	5
Austria	4
China	4
Brazil	3
Hungary	3
Singapore	3
South Africa	3
Turkey	3
Ireland	2
Italy	2
Saudi Arabia	2

Source: FCEDA

MAJOR FOREIGN-OWNED FIRMS*

Company	Type of Firm	Country of Origin
Agusta Westland	Aerospace	Italy
Ahold USA	Retail Grocer	Netherlands
Airbus North America Holdings	Aircraft Sales and Support	France
Arnold Worldwide	Advertising	France
BAE Systems	Aerospace	United Kingdom
Best Software	Software Developer	United Kingdom
Biovail	Pharmaceuticals	Canada
BT America	Telecommunications	United Kingdom
CAP Gemini Ernst & Young	IT Services	Belgium
CGI	IT Services	Canada
Deutsche Post Global Mail	Mail Services	Germany
Ericsson NetQual	Advanced Wire/Wireless Telecommunications	Sweden
Lafarge Corp.	Building Materials Manufacturer	France
NEC America	IT Services	Japan
NTT Verio	IT Services	Japan
RBC Centura	Banking	Canada
Serco	IT Services	United Kingdom
Software AG	IT Services	Germany
Sogeti USA	Applications Management Software	Belgium
Spacenet	Satellite Services	Israel

*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



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.

FAIRFAX COUNTY MINORITY- AND WOMAN-OWNED BUSINESSES AT A GLANCE (2002)

Total number of African American-owned firms: 5,091
 Sales and receipts: \$1.06 billion
 Firms with paid employees: 467
 • Sales and receipts: \$933.7 million
 • Employees: 8,481
 • Annual payroll: \$365.2 million

Total number of American Indian- and Alaska Native-owned firms: 475
 Sales and receipts: \$97.7 million
 Firms with paid employees: 77
 • Sales and receipts: \$81 million
 • Employees: 743
 • Annual payroll: \$26.1 million

Total number of Asian- and Pacific Islander-owned firms: 14,311
 Sales and receipts: \$3.2 billion
 Firms with paid employees: 2,856
 • Sales and receipts: \$2.7 billion
 • Employees: 25,033
 • Annual payroll: \$922 million

Total number of Hispanic/Latino-owned firms: 7,302
 Sales and receipts: \$1.1 billion
 Firms with paid employees: 727
 • Sales and receipts: \$850 million
 • Employees: 10,422
 • Annual payroll: \$335.7 million

Total number of woman-owned firms: 29,857
 Sales and receipts: \$4.1 billion
 Firms with paid employees: 4,182
 • Sales and receipts: \$3.3 billion
 • Employees: 32,691
 • Annual payroll: \$1.1 billion

Note: A firm may be counted twice if owned by a minority woman. Certain Hispanic firms may be double-counted since Hispanic companies may be of any race and, therefore, included in more than one minority group.

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, 2002 Surveys of Women-Owned and Minority-Owned Business Enterprises. See the FCEDA's "Emerging Markets" fact sheets at www.FairfaxCountyEDA.org/minority_facts.htm for more detailed information.

BLACK ENTERPRISE INDUSTRIAL/SERVICE 100

Black Enterprise magazine named seven Fairfax County companies to its 2007 list of the nation's 100 largest African-American-owned industrial and service businesses, based on 2006 sales. These companies had more than \$892 million in sales revenue and employed 10,666 workers in 2006 (www.blackenterprise.com).

Company and Web Site	Rank
RS Information Systems, Inc. www.rsis.com	16
Thompson Hospitality* www.thompsonhospitality.com	22
Omniplex World Services www.omniplex.com	49
Universal Systems and Technology (UNITECH) www.unitech1.com	52
Military Personnel Services Corp. http://mpscrc.com	55
Communication Technologies, Inc. (COMTek) www.comtechnologies.com	58
CMI Management, Inc. www.cmimgmt.com	76

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

HISPANIC BUSINESS 500 LARGEST HISPANIC/LATINO-OWNED FIRMS

Hispanic Business magazine's 2007 list of the nation's 500 largest Hispanic-owned firms included 12 Fairfax County companies that together generated \$516.4 million in sales revenue and employed 5,715 workers in 2006 (www.hispanicbusiness.com).

Company and Web Site	Rank
MVM, Inc. www.mvminc.com	36
GeoLogics Corp. www.geologics.com	91
Tessada & Associates www.tessada.com	99
Preferred Systems Solutions www.pssfed.com	137
Priority One Services, Inc. www.priorityoneservices.com	142
Kemron Environmental Services www.kemron.com	172
COMputing TechnologieS, Inc. www.cots.com	173
Engineering Management & Integration www.em-i.com	309
Citizant www.citizant.com	337
SCI Consulting Services, Inc. www.sciworld.com	442
MAC Aerospace Corp. www.macaerospace.com	461
MicroTech, LLC www.microtechllc.com	479

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 a free monthly workshop on "Starting a Business in Fairfax County" and the quarterly newsletter *Business Ventures*.

For details, contact Karen Smaw, Director, Small and Minority Business Development, at ksmaw@fceda.org.

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.

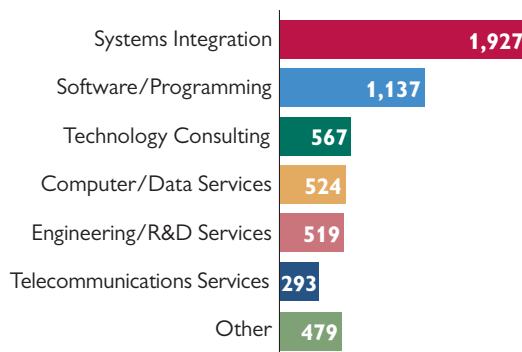
Contact the center at info@wbcnova.org or online at www.wbcnova.org.

A Robust Technology Sector

Fairfax County hosts a large and lively mix of technology-driven enterprises that deliver a full spectrum of high-end services and solutions to government, industry and consumer markets worldwide. More than 5,000 technology establishments directly employ nearly 135,000 people here—almost one in four jobs countywide.

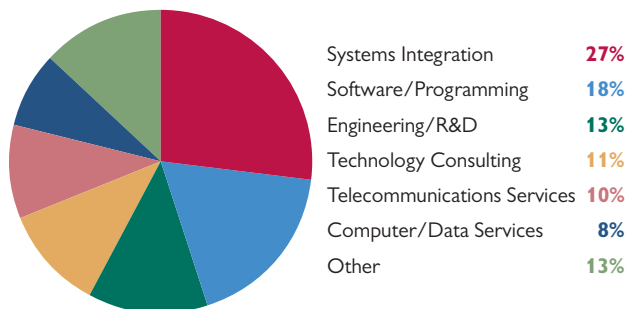
TECHNOLOGY SECTORS IN FAIRFAX COUNTY

Number of Companies (n = 5,446)



Source: FCEDA analysis of 2006 VEC data

TECHNOLOGY JOBS IN FAIRFAX COUNTY BY SECTOR



Source: FCEDA analysis of 2006 VEC data

The 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 qualified workforce;
- one of the most active venture capital communities outside of Silicon Valley;
- 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;
- Internet backbone capacity; and
- world-class technology-oriented business, legal and financial services.

SELECTED TECH FIRMS IN FAIRFAX COUNTY

Aerospace

- Airbus North America
- BAE Systems
- Boeing
- General Dynamics
- International Launch Services
- Lockheed Martin
- Raytheon Systems

Biotech/Biomedical

- ASCEND Therapeutics
- Bode Technology
- Covance
- Focus Technologies
- Quest Diagnostics
- Quintiles

Energy/Environmental

- ExxonMobil
- ICF International
- Versar

Engineering/R&D

- Dewberry
- Engineering Consulting Svcs.
- Parsons Brinckerhoff
- VSE Corp.

Enterprise Software

- Datatel
- QuadraMed
- Oracle
- webMethods

Systems Integration

- CACI International
- Computer Sciences Corp.
- EDS
- L-3 Communications
- ManTech International
- NCI Information Systems
- Nortel Government Solutions
- SAIC
- SRA International
- STG
- Tier Technologies

Technology Consulting

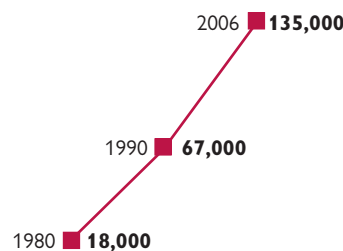
- Accenture
- BearingPoint
- Booz Allen Hamilton
- LMI
- The MITRE Corp.

Telecommunications

- Orange Business Services
- PRIMUS Telecommunications
- SAVVIS Communications
- Sprint
- USA Mobility
- Verizon

Note: Companies with headquarters in Fairfax County appear in red. Many of these companies have substantial business divisions in more than one industry.
Sources: VEC, FCEDA

TECHNOLOGY JOB GROWTH IN FAIRFAX COUNTY



Sources: VEC 2006 data; FCEDA



Advanced Core Competencies

DELOITTE & TOUCHE TECHNOLOGY FAST 500 COMPANIES

Headquartered in Fairfax County (2006)

Communications Networking

Abraxas Corp.
Arrowhead Global Solutions, Inc.*
Global Internetworking, Inc.
Paloma Systems, Inc.
SiloSmashers

Computers/Peripherals

Analex Corp.*

Internet

INPUT, Inc.
ServiceBench

Scientific/Technical Instrumentation

ARGON ST, Inc.

Software

Access Systems, Inc.
Actionet, Inc.
AY Recruiting Solutions
CRI
Electronic Consulting Svcs., Inc.
eStara, Inc.
Exostar, Inc.
G&B Solutions, Inc.
INDUS Corp.
Lancesoft, Inc.
McDonald Bradley, Inc.
MicroPact Engineering, Inc.
Pyramid Systems, Inc.
Telarix
21st Century Systems, Inc.

*Recently acquired

Source: Deloitte & Touche Technology Fast 500

Fairfax County had 18 firms in the top 500 of Inc. magazine's 2007 list of 5,000 fastest-growing companies in the U.S., sharing second place with Middlesex County, Mass. Top-ranked New York has 19 companies. Fairfax's total of 18 firms is equal to or greater than all but nine state totals. It also accounts for nearly 44 percent of greater Washington's total of 41 companies and more than half of Virginia's total of 35.

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.

Business to Government (B2G) Solutions

Located just minutes from federal agency decision-makers and end-users, Fairfax County garners an outsized share of U.S. defense and civilian contracting dollars. County businesses received \$13.2 billion in federal procurement contracts in fiscal year 2005, up 3.1 percent over the previous year.

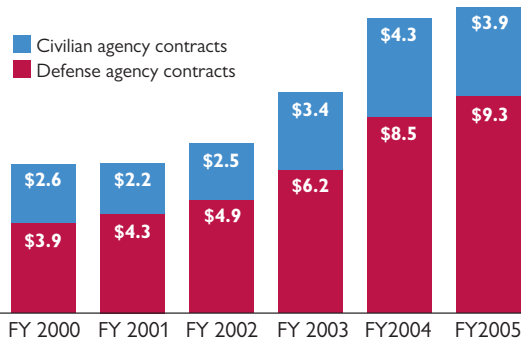
- National Security and Homeland Defense:** Area technology companies are meeting the call for new tools and strategies to protect America's vital interests with cutting-edge information sharing, network security, biometrics, biodefense and other solutions.
- Digital Government:** Designing, building and managing a vast array of federal, state and local e-government systems, Fairfax County technology companies are creating the foundations for America's digital government.

Advanced Networking Applications

Fairfax County's technology sector specializes in weaving complex IT, database, Internet, telephony and other systems into reliable digital networks.

FEDERAL PROCUREMENT SPENDING IN FAIRFAX COUNTY

Billions of dollars



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



With a sophisticated Internet infrastructure, Fairfax County is a highly attractive headquarters or major business location for growing numbers of large Web-enabled corporations, including Gannett, Capital One Financial, Sallie Mae and Freddie Mac.

Digital Media

Fairfax County companies are leaders in exploring new ways to distribute information and entertainment via the Internet, wireless communication devices, video, television and radio. Digital media companies headquartered in Fairfax County, include Cinea, comScore Networks, Convera, mPortal, Mythic Entertainment, Gannett and Ztango.

Biotechnology

To extract value from the vast store of biological data generated by the Human Genome Project and other research, bioscience is turning to sophisticated information technologies such as high-capacity data storage, retrieval and analysis. This convergence of IT and biotechnology—bioinformatics—is a natural fit for Fairfax County, an information technology powerhouse in the midst of the dynamic Washington-area bioscience cluster.

Additionally, area biotechnology and biomedical firms are developing innovative products and services in fields as diverse as telemedicine, industrial enzyme production, biosensor development and bioremediation.

A Hotbed for 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.
- More than 52,500 Ph.D.-level scientists—one in 10 nationwide—work in the Washington area. The region also employs nearly 8,000 doctoral-level engineers.

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 and the University of Maryland—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.

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

Washington Business Journal

Twenty-four Fairfax County companies are on Deloitte & Touche's Technology Fast 500 list.

Deloitte & Touche

Thirty of the 50 largest technology employers in the Washington area are based in Fairfax County.

Washington Business Journal

Fourteen of the 25 largest telecommunications firms based in the Washington area 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 106 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 38.7 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).



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



Fairfax County's population, numbering more than 1 million, is diverse and highly educated. Its large population base and workforce of more than 587,000 amply support the business community.

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

Population Characteristics

Average number of payroll establishments (4Q 2006)	31,232
Average number of jobs in Fairfax County (at payroll establishments) (4Q 2006)	581,053
Civilian labor force (2006)	587,520
Residents working in Fairfax County (2004)	52.5%
Unemployment rate (2006)	2.2%
Median household income (2006)	\$100,318
Virginia	\$56,277
USA	\$48,451
Median family income (2006)	\$119,812
Virginia	\$66,886
USA	\$58,526
Per capita income (2006)	\$46,499
Virginia	\$29,899
USA	\$25,267
Average number of persons per household (2006)	2.76
Median age (2006)	38.4
Percentage of employed civilian population 16 years and over in management, professional and related occupations (2006)	57.3%
Foreign-born population (2006)	26.8%
Persons age 5 and older who speak a language other than English at home (2006)	32.9%

Sources: VEC; Fairfax County Department of Systems Management for Human Services; U.S. Census Bureau, 2006 American Community Survey

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 2006, nearly

one-third 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 2006, 58.7 percent of county residents over age 25 held a bachelor's degree or higher, compared to 27 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. More than 64 percent of female residents 16 and older are employed, compared to about 55 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.

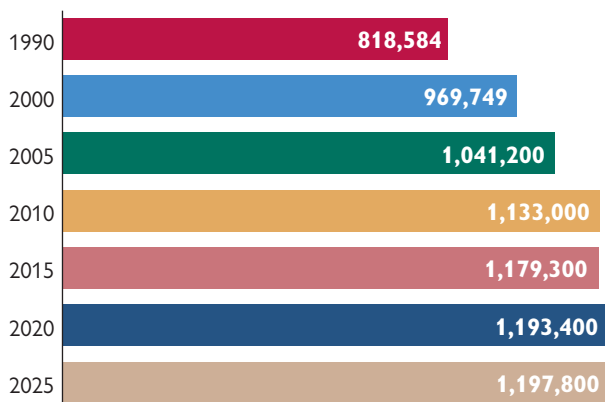
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Population age 25 and older

	Fairfax County	U.S.
Graduate/professional	28.1%	9.9%
Bachelor's degree	30.6%	17.1%
Associate's degree	5.5%	7.4%
Some college	14.2%	19.5%
High school	14.4%	30.2%
< High school	7.2%	15.9%

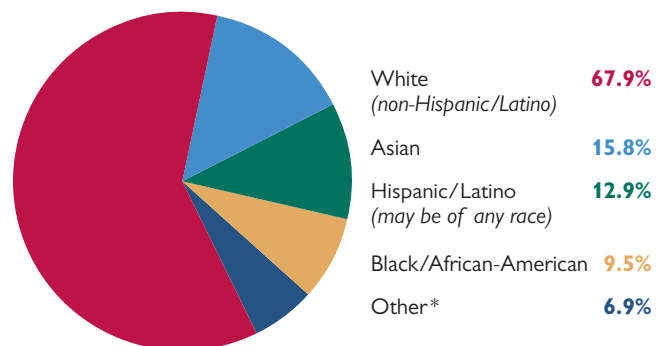
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2006 American Community Survey

FAIRFAX COUNTY POPULATION GROWTH



Source: Fairfax County Department of Systems Management for Human Services, 2006

FAIRFAX COUNTY HOUSEHOLDS BY RACE/ETHNICITY



*American Indian, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islanders; individuals of two or more races. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2006 American Community Survey

A National Leader in Education

Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) (www.fcps.k12.va.us)

Elementary schools (grades K-6)	137
Middle schools (grades 6-8)	22
Secondary schools (grades 7-12)	4
High schools (grades 9-12)	21
Special education centers	10
Alternative schools and programs	43
Total	236
Enrollment (2007-2008):	164,843
FCPS national ranking by enrollment:	13th
Average cost per student (2007-2008 estimate):	\$13,407

PERCENTAGE OF GRADUATING SENIORS

... attending post-secondary education (2006):	93.2%
... earning advanced diplomas (2006):	61.4%

AVERAGE SAT SCORES* (2007)

	Critical Reading	Math	Writing	Total
Fairfax County	545	559	535	1639
Virginia	511	511	498	1520
National	502	515	494	1511

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

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 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 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 and life enrichment. About 61,000 learners enroll annually in 229 school and community facilities.

FCPS Achievements

- In 2007, the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) awarded 8,200 scholarships nationwide, 85 of which went to FCPS students. Additionally, 208 FCPS students were named National Merit semi-finalists for the 2007 school year.
- Eleven FCPS seniors were selected as finalists in the 2007 National Achievement Scholarship Program for Outstanding Black Students. Twenty-one FCPS students were chosen as National Hispanic Scholars.
- In Fairfax County public schools, about 25 percent of the students participate in the gifted and talented program. The average participation in gifted and talented programs by school system nationally is 10 percent.
- Fourteen FCPS students won awards and scholarships from the 2007 Intel Science Talent Search Program.

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) and the National Center for Education Statistics private-school search site (<http://nces.ed.gov/surveys/pss/private-school-search/>).



Fairfax County Public Schools received a gold rating in *Expansion Management* magazine's annual "Education Quotient" issue. Rankings of 2,800 school districts were determined primarily by standardized test scores and graduation rates, as well as a community's financial commitment to its public schools and its educational and income levels.

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 (<http://fcps.medianext.com/fcps/signup.html>), 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.

Area colleges and universities routinely partner to provide enhanced services to students and businesses. Examples include:

- **The Commonwealth Information Security Center**—a collaborative effort between Virginia universities (George Mason, James Madison, Virginia Tech and Hampton), industry and government—conducts applied research to address the security needs of Virginia’s information technology industry and users.
- **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.

George Mason University (www.gmu.edu)

George Mason University (GMU), with an enrollment of more than 29,000 students, offers 160 programs of study leading to a 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 technology, telecommunications, international transactions and public policy. Certificate programs and custom-designed programs also are available.

GMU has developed a reputation for academic innovation and excellence. Its faculty includes a Nobel Memorial Prize winner, Fulbright scholars, and winners of the Pulitzer Prize and IEE Centennial Medal. 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. GMU’s concentration in bioinformatics in its doctoral degree program in computational sciences and informatics is the first program of its kind in Virginia.

The university hosts more than 45 research and technical assistance centers in many areas of interest to business and industry, including business management, computational sciences and informatics, computational statistics, image analysis and information systems security (www.gmu.edu/research/centers/alphacenters.html).

GMU’s Mason Enterprise Center (http://policy.gmu.edu/research/research_mec.htm) offers expert consultation and training to help entrepreneurs in the Washington, D.C., area start or grow their businesses. Other GMU training and business assistance initiatives include the Mentor-Protégé, Procurement Technical Assistance and International Business Development programs.

Northern Virginia Community College (www.nvcc.edu)

Northern Virginia Community College (NVCC) is a comprehensive two-year institution offering education up to the associate degree level in more than 50 programs of study. NVCC is the largest institution of higher education in the Commonwealth of Virginia and the second largest community college in the country.

NVCC serves more than 60,000 students in credit courses. The college also offers non-credit workforce and professional development programs at six campuses throughout northern Virginia as well as through its Extended Learning Institute, where home study options and Internet-based classes are available.

NVCC’s 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 2007, for the fourth year in a row, *Community College Week* named NVCC the top-ranked producer of business degrees among community colleges in the U.S. NVCC also ranked seventh overall in the number of two-year 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.nvgc.vt.edu)

Virginia Tech offers more than 45 graduate degree and certificate programs at the Northern Virginia Center, as well as a variety of continuing education programs and distance learning programs. Virginia

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Tech also offers more than 20 different master's, certificate, and licensure programs, as well as non-credit and for-credit courses through distance and distributed learning (<http://vto.vt.edu>).

Old Dominion University — TELETECHNET (www.dl.odu.edu)

Old Dominion University (ODU)'s fully accredited TELETECHNET program enables students to earn bachelor's and/or master's degrees via

interactive distance learning. Students complete their first two years of college through a local community college or other accredited institution and ultimately receive a degree from ODU. In Fairfax County, the program operates from the NVCC Annandale campus.

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/publications/universities.pdf).

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

(by percent of population)

County (State)	Percent
Fairfax (VA)	58.7
Howard (MD)	57.5
Montgomery (MD)	56.8
Boulder (CO)	56.1
New York (NY)	55.2
Washtenaw (MI)	51.7
Johnson (KS)	50.6
San Francisco (CA)	50.4
Somerset (NJ)	48.4
Middlesex (MA)	47.7
Collin (TX)	47.2
Morris (NJ)	47.1
Dane (WI)	45.9
District of Columbia	45.9
Norfolk (MA)	45.7
Wake (NC)	45.6
Chester (PA)	45.0
Fulton (GA)	44.9
Santa Clara (CA)	44.1
Travis (TX)	42.4

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2006 American Community Survey

Of 300 U.S. counties and cities with a population of more than 250,000, three of the top four with the highest percentage of college graduates are in the Washington area, including Fairfax County.

Workforce Training Programs and Employer Assistance

Northern Virginia Community College Workforce Development Institutes (www.nvcc.edu/development/institute.htm)

Northern Virginia Community College (NVCC) has established specialized Workforce Development Institutes to provide 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.

Apprenticeship-Related Instruction (www.vccs.edu/workforce/ari)

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.

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

A 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 variety of employment, education and training services available at the local, state and federal levels. SSG also provides financial assistance through the Northern Virginia Career Skills Loan Program and on-the-job training subsidies.

Workforce Services Program (www.dba.state.va.us/workforce/)

The Workforce Services Program, 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/publications/employment_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.

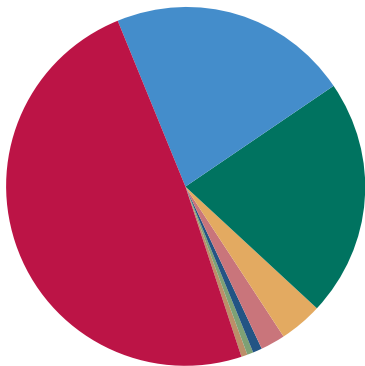
The New Homes Guide (www.newhomesguide.com) also provides information on new home communities throughout the Washington region.

Fairfax County and the Washington, D.C., area boast a broad variety of homes, communities and housing prices. Housing is available for individuals seeking an urban, suburban, small-town or country ambiance. 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 surrounding historic, small central business districts distinguished by quaint boutiques and restaurants.

HOUSING UNIT INVENTORY (2004)



Source: Fairfax County Department of Systems Management for Human Services

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

Home Builder

Brookfield Homes
Comstock Homebuilding Co.
K. Hovnanian Cos.
Kettler
Miller and Smith
NVR, Inc.
Pulte Homes
Richmond American Homes
Ryland Homes
Toll Brothers

Web Site

www.brookfieldhomes.com
www.comstockhomebuilding.com
www.khov.com
www.ksi.com
www.millerandsmith.com
www.nvrinc.com
www.pulte.com/washingtondc
www.richmondamerican.com
www.ryland.com
www.tollbrothers.com

Source: Washington Business Journal 2007 Book of Lists

MEDIAN SALES PRICE OF NEW AND EXISTING HOMES (January-June 2007)

Type of Housing	Price	Units Sold
New Homes		
Single Family	\$960,000	227
Townhouse	\$575,000	121
Existing Homes		
Single Family	\$610,000	3,262
Townhouse	\$415,000	2,466
Condominiums*	\$303,395	1,866

*Includes new and existing

Source: Fairfax County Department of Management and Budget, Economic Indicators, July 2007

AVERAGE MONTHLY RENTS IN APARTMENT COMPLEXES (2006)

Efficiency	\$894
One bedroom	\$1,093
Two bedrooms	\$1,306
Three bedrooms	\$1,526
All units	\$1,247

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 (\$000)
San Francisco	\$846.8
San Diego	\$614.1
Los Angeles	\$593.0
New York City	\$557.5
Washington, D.C.	\$445.3
Boston	\$413.3
Seattle	\$395.3

Source: National Association of Realtors, 2Q 2007 preliminary data



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.

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 (the home of George Mason, father of the U.S. Bill of Rights)—are all in Fairfax County.

An exciting addition to the local attractions scene is the Smithsonian Institution's National Air and Space Museum Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center, which opened in 2003. Located on 177 acres at Washington Dulles International Airport, it 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 420 park facilities on nearly 24,000 acres, featuring public golf courses, colonial-era homes, a working farm and grist mill, extensive wildlife preserves, garden and nature centers, more than 250 miles of hiking, biking and equestrian trails, recreation centers, a skate park, ice-skating rink, 243 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" section of the FCEDA Web site at www.FairfaxCountyEDA.org.

MAJOR FAIRFAX COUNTY SHOPPING CENTERS

Shopping Center	Web Site	# of Shops	Retail Sq. Ft.
Fair Oaks Mall	www.shopfairoaksmall.com	190+	1.6 million
Fairfax Corner	www.fairfaxcorner.com	60+	430,000
Springfield Mall	www.springfieldmall.com	208	1.7 million
Tysons Corner Center	www.shoptysons.com	300+	2.1 million
Tysons Galleria	www.tysonsgalleria.com	120+	820,000



MAJOR LEAGUE SPORTS

Baseball

Baltimore Orioles
www.orioles.com
Washington Nationals
www.nationals.com

Basketball

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

Football

Baltimore Ravens
www.baltimoreravens.com
Washington Redskins
www.redskins.com

Ice Hockey

Washington Capitals
www.washingtoncaps.com

Soccer

D.C. United
www.dcunited.com

Health and Community Services

More than 2,900 licensed physicians and 1,000 dentists practice in Fairfax County.

Sources: www.vahealthprovider.com and www.vipnet.org/dhp/cgi-bin/search_publicdb.cgi.

In addition to Inova Fairfax, several other hospitals in the Washington, D.C., region—including Johns Hopkins Hospital (Baltimore), Georgetown University Hospital (Washington), Washington Hospital Center (Washington) and National Rehabilitation Hospital (Washington)—rank among “America’s Best Hospitals 2007” in various subspecialties, as reported by U.S. News and World Report (www.usnews.com).

Whether it’s a bomb threat, terrorist incident, chemical spill or natural disaster, businesses and organizations need to be prepared in case of an emergency. The Virginia Department of Emergency Management offers a Virginia Business Emergency Survival Toolkit to help commercial enterprises develop an emergency preparedness plan to enable them to plan for, respond to and recover from crisis situations. For more details, visit www.vaemergency.com/businessindex.cfm.

Top-Quality Medical Care

Fairfax County residents receive top-quality medical care at the area’s several fully accredited hospitals, which include HCA Dominion (www.dominionhospital.com), HCA Reston Hospital Center (www.restonhospital.net) and the Inova Health System hospitals—Inova Alexandria, Inova Fair Oaks, Inova Fairfax, Inova Hospital for Children and Inova Mount Vernon (www.inova.com).

Inova Fairfax Hospital is home to the only Level One Trauma Center and the only pediatric intensive care unit in northern Virginia. It operates the fifth busiest obstetrics program in the nation and is one of only a select number of U.S. community hospitals offering the full spectrum of organ transplantation. Inova Fairfax Hospital is also one of only 25 comprehensive cardiac care facilities in the nation treating both children and adults.

Inova Health System has won recognition from many national publications and organizations for effective management, innovation and quality patient service. Inova is ranked among the top 10 integrated health systems in the country. For the past 11 of 12 years, *U.S. News and World Report* has ranked Inova Fairfax among the top 50 hospitals in the nation in heart surgery; gynecology; and in the treatment of heart disease, cancer, and hormonal and digestive disorders.

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, and ensures residents’ access to health services and information. The department operates clinics, community care centers and district offices throughout the county.

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.

In-depth information about these groups and others can be found on the county’s health and human services Web site (www.fairfaxcounty.gov/living/healthhuman).

The county’s Department of Systems Management for Human Services also maintains a 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. Both of these groups, as well as Volunteer Fairfax (www.volunteerfairfax.org), offer opportunities for employees of area businesses to volunteer with community-based organizations.



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 nearly 340 million trips in fiscal year 2007.

The Metrorail system is 106.3 miles (171 km) long and has 86 stations. Metrorail operates year-round and opens at 5 AM weekdays and 7 AM on weekends. It closes at midnight Sunday to Thursday. On Friday and Saturday nights, it stays open until 3 AM. 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 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 91 routes and nearly 2,300 bus stops in Fairfax County.

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 are located in Fairfax County. All Fairfax County VRE stations offer park-and-ride lots.

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, Manassas and eastern Prince William County. 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

- **Greyhound-Trailways** (www.greyhound.com) provides local and charter bus service.
- **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/comm/trans/Sources.htm) helps arrange vanpooling and carpooling for residents and employers.
- **FASTRAN** (www.fairfaxcounty.gov/rec/Fastran/General_info.htm) provides transportation services for individuals unable to use traditional fixed transit routes due to a disability or inaccessibility of facilities where they live.
- **LINK** (www.linkinfo.org) promotes and provides assistance to individuals and businesses in the community of Reston who are interested in ridesharing, carpooling and transit commuter services.
- **Richmond Highway Express (REX)** (www.fairfaxcounty.gov/connector/scbp_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. REX's SmartCard fare system, bus priority traffic signal technology and limited-stop service has reduced travel time significantly along the corridor.
- **Reston Internal Bus Service (RIBS)** (www.linkinfo.org/reston.cfm) links the community of Reston with commercial hubs and nearby Metrorail stations.

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/parking_transportation_3/ground_transportation. For Reagan National ground transportation, visit www.mwaa.com/reagan/parking_transportation_4/ground_transportation_2.

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/ftgde.htm).

Dulles International serves as a major U.S. gateway to destinations in Europe. Nonstop service from Dulles to Beijing and Rome was initiated in 2007.



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). Approximately 27,500 people are employed at the airports, which together generate \$9.4 billion in business revenues for the regional economy, 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 more than 23 million passengers via commercial, general aviation and commuter flights in 2006, including more than 5 million international or transborder passengers.

Thirty-six passenger airlines and 25 air cargo carriers operate at Dulles International. Nonstop service is offered daily to 80 U.S. cities and 44 international destinations.

- **Air Cargo**

Nearly 363,000 metric tons of cargo (mail, express and freight) were shipped through Dulles International in fiscal year 2007. The

airport offers access to 41 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 nearly \$4 billion capital construction program is designed to meet the growing air travel needs of the region. A new air traffic control tower was completed recently, and planned improvements to the airport include an automated underground rail system, two new runways, a pedestrian tunnel with moving walkways and other components (www.mwaa.com/dulles/d2_dulles_development_2/d2_home).

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 nearly 18.6 million passengers in 2006 through commercial and commuter flights. Thirteen passenger airlines serve the airport, and flights include daily nonstop service to 76 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.

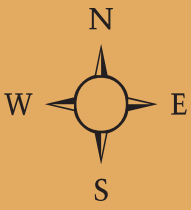
*The U.S. Congress has authorized Reagan National to provide daily round-trip flights serving six cities beyond its 1,250-mile flight perimeter. These cities are Denver, Phoenix, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Salt Lake City and Seattle.

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

BWI is located 38 miles (61.2 km) from Fairfax County. Forty-eight passenger, charter and cargo airlines operate at BWI. Daily nonstop service is offered to 59 domestic and 12 international destinations. BWI served nearly 20 million passengers in 2006.

Fairfax County

VIRGINIA USA



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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