

THE JOB MARKET IN BRIEF

CAPITAL REGION

Frederick County

Montgomery County

Prince George's County

Washington County



Population

	2007	Change from 2000
Capital Region	2,129,401	119,786
Frederick County	224,705	28,193
Montgomery County	930,813	53,103
Prince George's County	828,770	25,479
Washington County	145,113	13,011

Source: MD Department of Planning

Labor Force 2005-2007 Annual Averages

	Capital Region	Maryland
2007		
Labor Force	1,152,374	2,980,353
Employment	1,114,525	2,873,512
Unemployment	37,849	106,841
Rate	3.3	3.6
2006		
Labor Force	1,150,540	2,973,838
Employment	1,111,318	2,861,720
Unemployment	39,222	112,118
Rate	3.4	3.8
2005		
Labor Force	1,142,001	2,942,960
Employment	1,099,246	2,820,526
Unemployment	42,755	122,434
Rate	3.7	4.2

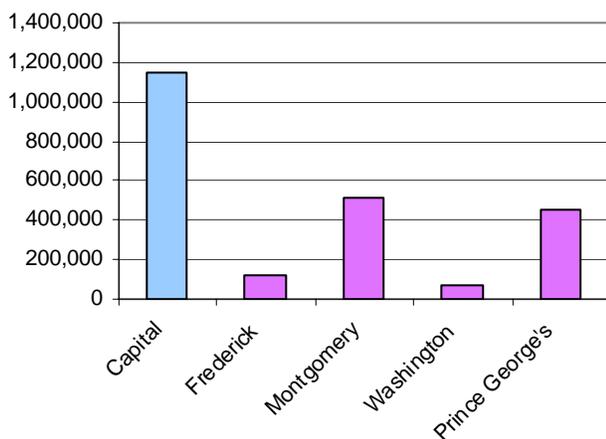
The Capital Region is home to more than 2,129,000—about 38% of Maryland's population. An estimated 119,786 persons were added between 2000 and 2007—an increase of 5.6%. Montgomery, the largest jurisdiction, gained the most (53,103), but much smaller Frederick had the highest growth rate (12.5%).

The labor force numbered 1,152,374 persons in 2007, inching up 1,834 over the year. Unemployment averaged 3.3% (39,222). Labor force and jobless numbers vary only moderately throughout the year. The region generally posts lower unemployment than the state average, with Montgomery County typically claiming one of the lowest local rates.

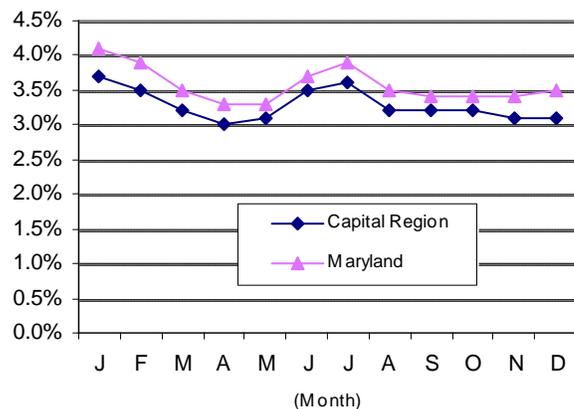
The region was location to an estimated 931,838 jobs in 2006. Government, with 182,274, was the largest employer, comprising nearly 1 in 5 positions. With a sizable presence, the federal government is a major purchaser of goods and services and a significant influence in the private economy. In the private sector, professional & business services ranked first, with 165,988 jobs. The industry added 13,827 positions between 2002 and 2006, growing at more than double the regional average. Other large aggregate sectors—trade, transportation & utilities, and education & health services—recorded mixed trends, the former declining by 1,840, and the latter adding 8,288 jobs. Manufacturing was down locally and statewide. Regional losses were mainly in computer and electronic products, and transportation equipment. The small information sector also receded, but the region still accounted for close to half the state's jobs in that industry.

The regional workforce (excluding federal government) is slightly more male than female, with over 2/3 of workers in the prime working years of 25 to 54. One out of six workers is aged 55 or older, a group that will be impacted by retirements.

Labor Force 2007

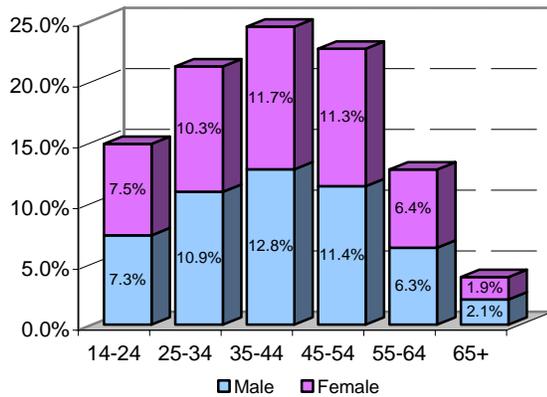


Unemployment Rates 2007



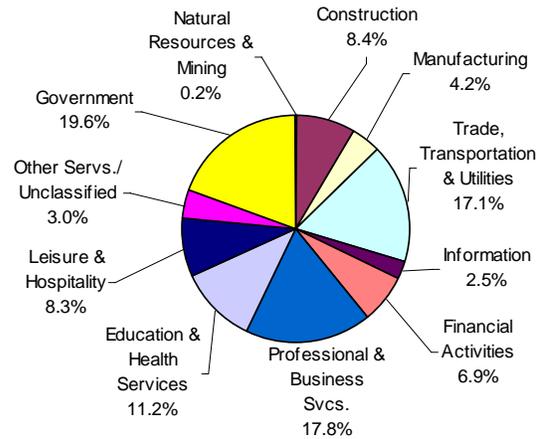
Capital Region

**Workforce Distribution
by Age & Sex 2006**



Source: Local Employment Dynamics, U.S. Census Bureau

**Employment Distribution by Industry
Super Sector-2006**



Employment by Industry Supersector 2002-2006

Title	Number of Jobs				Region Percent of State
	Capital Region			Maryland	
	2002	2006	Change	2006	
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT	896,727	931,838	35,111	2,530,225	37.6
Natural Resources & Mining	1,590	1,684	94	6,819	24.8
Construction	69,982	77,962	7,980	188,761	42.4
Manufacturing	44,007	39,068	-4,939	135,353	29.0
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	161,120	159,280	-1,840	470,870	34.8
Information	27,041	22,916	-4,125	50,017	47.9
Financial Activities	59,329	63,886	4,557	157,741	41.3
Professional & Business Services	152,161	165,988	13,827	395,232	44.3
Education & Health Services	95,905	104,193	8,288	349,308	30.0
Leisure & Hospitality	70,070	77,139	7,069	229,905	33.7
Other Services/Unclassified	37,329	37,448	119	90,726	42.1
Government	178,193	182,274	4,081	455,493	40.1

**Largest Private
Industry Subsectors
2006 Annual Averages**

Title	Jobs	Weekly Wage
Professional & technical svcs.	94,633	\$1,479
Administrative & support svcs.	57,761	628
Food services & drinking places	56,890	301
Specialty trade contractors	52,921	912
Ambulatory health care svcs.	36,245	1,100
Credit intermediation & related	25,746	1,149
Food and beverage stores	23,420	494
Nursing & resident. care facilities	21,922	536
Hospitals	19,779	876
Construction of buildings	18,795	1,163

**Largest Employers in Region
As of 1st Quarter 2007
Listed Alphabetically**

Employer	Industry	Size Class
Adventist Healthcare	Health	1,000+
Citicorp Credit Services	Finance	1,000+
Dimensions Health Corp.	Health	1,000+
Giant	Retail Trade	1,000+
Holy Cross Hospital	Health	1,000+
IBM	Manufacturing	1,000+
Lockheed Martin	Prof., Tech., Sc.Svcs.	1,000+
Marriott Int'l Adm. Svcs.	Mgmt. of Comps.	1,000+
UPS	Transportation	1,000+
Wal-Mart	Retail Trade	1,000+

NOTE: Region as defined by the Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development
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