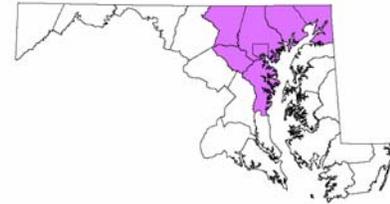


# THE JOB MARKET IN BRIEF

## CENTRAL REGION

Anne Arundel County  
 Baltimore City  
 Baltimore County  
 Carroll County

Cecil County  
 Harford County  
 Howard County



### Population

	2007	Change from 2000
<b>Central Region</b>	<b>2,721,180</b>	<b>118,121</b>
Anne Arundel County	512,154	20,797
Baltimore City	637,455	-11,160
Baltimore County	788,994	32,964
Carroll County	169,220	17,641
Cecil County	99,695	13,224
Harford County	239,993	20,523
Howard County	273,669	24,132

Source: MD Department of Planning

The jurisdictions comprising the Central Region have been drawn together by a commonality in worker demographics and economic infrastructures. The region's accessibility to a network of transportation arteries provides linkages to both the Philadelphia-Wilmington and DC-Virginia market areas -- linkages which have helped to enhance the economic potential of the region and provide a strong foundation for business development.

More than 2.7 million residents, or about 48.4% of all Marylanders, live in the Central Region. Since 2000, Baltimore County has added the largest number of new residents while Cecil County's population has grown at the fastest pace, expanding at a rate of 15.3%.

During 2007, 1,422,464 residents, or about 68% of the area's work-eligible population, participated in the labor market. Unemployment in the region has fallen noticeably since 2005, dropping by nearly a full percentage point to 3.7 percent in 2007. Locally, Baltimore City's rate is historically the highest while Howard County's rate is the regional low. Just over two-thirds of the region's workforce falls within the "prime" working age group of 25-54.

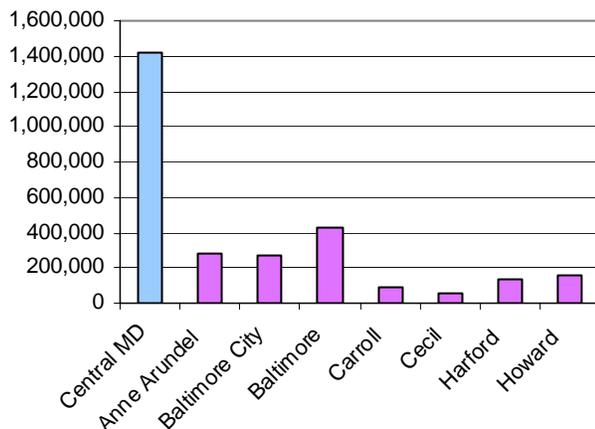
Industrial employment in the Central Region makes up about 51% of the statewide economy. Nearly 71,400 business sites contribute to the area's economic base that, in 2006, provided 1,264,758 jobs. About 1 out of every 5 jobs is centered in trade/transportation/utilities -- the region's largest business sector. Since 2002, 42,783 jobs have been added to regional payrolls. Gains in professional/business and education/health services industries propelled the expansion, collectively accounting for about 7 out of every 10 jobs added.

The BRAC movement will undoubtedly influence future business growth in the area, particularly in the professional and business services sector.

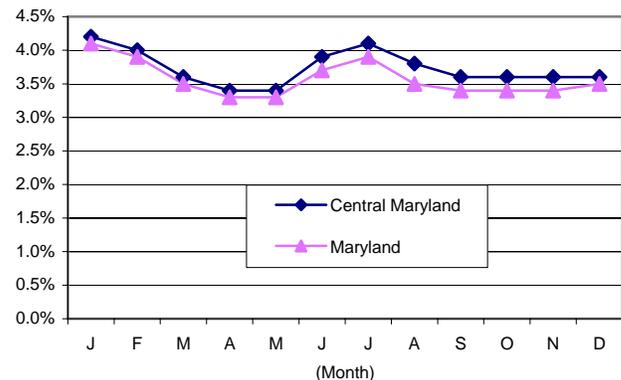
### Labor Force 2005-2007 Annual Averages

	Central Region	Maryland
<b>2007</b>		
Labor Force	1,422,464	2,980,353
Employment	1,369,129	2,873,512
Unemployment	53,335	106,841
Rate	3.7	3.6
<b>2006</b>		
Labor Force	1,417,806	2,973,838
Employment	1,361,001	2,861,720
Unemployment	56,805	112,118
Rate	4.0	3.8
<b>2005</b>		
Labor Force	1,399,824	2,942,960
Employment	1,337,506	2,820,526
Unemployment	62,318	122,434
Rate	4.5	4.2

### Labor Force 2007

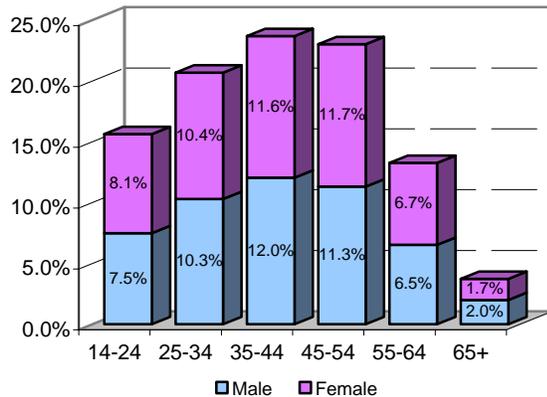


### Unemployment Rates 2007



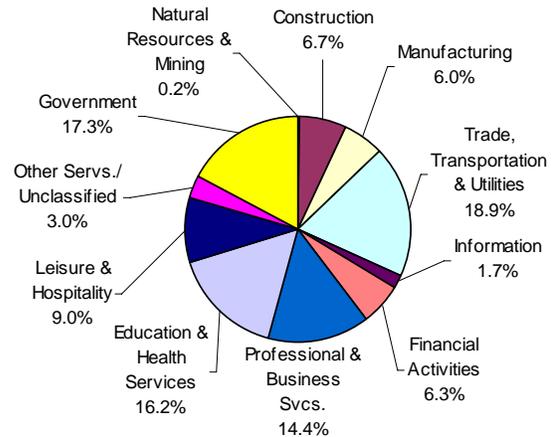
## Central Region

**Workforce Distribution  
by Age & Sex 2006**



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

**Employment Distribution by Industry  
Supersector-2006**



**Employment by Industry Supersector 2002-2006**

Title	Number of Jobs				Region Percent of State
	Central Region			Maryland 2006	
	2002	2006	Change		
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT	1,221,975	1,264,758	42,783	2,530,225	51.0
Natural Resources & Mining	2,168	2,168	0	6,819	32.0
Construction	75,977	84,349	8,372	188,761	45.8
Manufacturing	84,978	75,699	-9,279	135,353	56.2
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	232,046	239,358	7,312	470,870	52.3
Information	22,540	21,586	-954	50,017	45.1
Financial Activities	81,790	80,196	-1,594	157,741	51.8
Professional & Business Svcs.	169,040	181,520	12,480	395,232	48.4
Education & Health Services	186,989	205,400	18,411	349,308	59.2
Leisure & Hospitality	106,991	114,174	7,183	229,905	49.8
Other Services/Unclassified	40,084	41,788	1,704	90,726	47.0
Government	219,372	218,520	-852	455,493	48.1

**Largest Private  
Industry Subsectors  
2006 Annual Averages**

Title	Jobs	Weekly Wage
Professional & technical svcs.	98,112	1,344
Food services & drinking places	85,768	299
Administrative & support svcs.	73,076	584
Hospitals	63,851	932
Specialty trade contractors	57,446	880
Ambulatory health care svcs.	47,698	981
Educational services	37,356	884
Nursing & resident. care facilities	32,444	570
Food & beverage stores	31,314	454
Merchant whlsrns., durable gds.	28,386	1,203

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

Employer	Industry	Size Class
Applied Physics Lab Johns Hopkins	Prof., Tech., Sc. Svcs.	1,000+
Giant	Retail Trade	1,000+
Helix Health System	Health	1,000+
Johns Hopkins Hospital	Health	1,000+
Johns Hopkins University	Education	1,000+
Northrop Grumann	Manufacturing	1,000+
Sinai Hospital	Health	1,000+
T Rowe Price Associates	Finance	1,000+
University of MD Medical Center	Health	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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