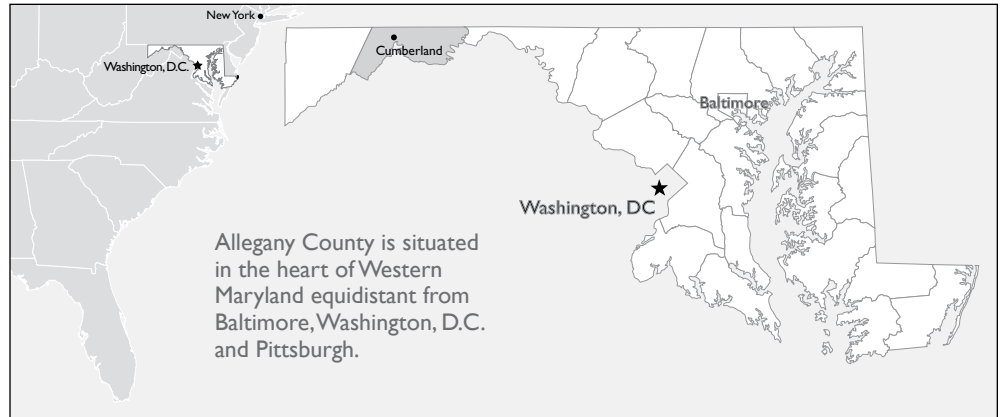


# BRIEF ECONOMIC FACTS

## ALLEGANY COUNTY, MARYLAND

Allegany County is situated in the heart of Western Maryland equidistant from Baltimore, Washington, D.C. and Pittsburgh. It is crossed by Interstate 68 and the main lines of CSX Transportation, providing excellent access to major markets in the East and Midwest. Allegany's 1,670 diverse businesses employ 22,800 workers with more than 30 of these firms employing over 100.

Allegany County continues to offer abundant, available labor, below market real estate costs, and growing technology education resources. The county has developed a series of business parks tailored to a diverse economy including information technology, biotechnology and advanced manufacturing. New projects include the Allegany Business Center at Frostburg State University, a technology-based business park located on university land and offering the resources of Frostburg State and the University System of Maryland. Also just completed is the Barton Business Park for Advanced Manufacturing, located south



of Cumberland and adjacent to the Robert C. Byrd Institute for Advanced Flexible Manufacturing.

Allegany County has three State Enterprise Zones and participates in the One Maryland Tax Credit program which offers significant tax credits for new capital investments and job creation.

### LOCATION

Driving distance from Cumberland:	Miles	Kilometers
Atlanta, Georgia	635	1,023
Baltimore, Maryland	134	216
Boston, Massachusetts	505	813
Chicago, Illinois	557	896
New York, New York	293	471
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	218	351
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania	101	163
Richmond, Virginia	195	314
Washington, DC	131	211

### CLIMATE AND GEOGRAPHY<sup>1</sup>

Yearly Precipitation (inches)	37.2
Yearly Snowfall (inches)	31.5
Summer Temperature (°F)	72.6
Winter Temperature (°F)	32.8
Duration of Freeze-Free Period (days)	178
Land Area (square miles)	427.6
Water Area (square miles)	0.4
Elevation (feet)	420 to 2,895 (945 average)

### POPULATION<sup>2,3</sup>

	Allegany County	Western Maryland*	Maryland
2000	74,930	236,699	5,296,486
2005	72,950	243,300	5,577,450
2010	73,100	252,300	5,779,400
2015	74,250	265,550	6,086,850
2020	75,300	277,850	6,339,300

\*Allegany, Garrett, and Washington counties

Selected municipalities population (2008): Cumberland 20,495; Frostburg 7,719; Lonaconing 1,125; Westernport 1,945

### POPULATION DISTRIBUTION<sup>2</sup> (2010 PROJECTION)

Age	Number	Percent
Under 5	3,340	4.6
5 - 19	12,810	17.5
20 - 44	24,140	33.0
45 - 64	19,300	26.4
65 and over	13,510	18.5
Total	73,100	100.0

# ALLEGANY COUNTY, MARYLAND

## LABOR AVAILABILITY<sup>3,4</sup> (BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE)

### Civilian Labor Force (2009 avg.):

Total civilian labor force	35,345
Employment	32,286
Unemployment	3,059
Unemployment rate	8.7%

Residents commuting outside the county to work (2006-2008) 5,090 16.9%

### Employment in selected occupations (2006-2008)

Management, professional and related	8,056	26.1%
Service	6,926	22.4%
Sales and office	8,289	26.8%
Production, transp. and material moving	3,789	12.3%

## MAJOR EMPLOYERS<sup>5,6</sup> (2009)

Employer	Product/Service	Employment
Western Md. Health System	Medical services	2,350
NewPage	Pulp and paper products	977
Frostburg State University	Higher education	916
CSX Transportation	Railroad	800
Hunter Douglas Northeast	Window blinds	567
ACS	Telecommunications	550
Infospherix	Telecommunications	525
Allegany College of Md.	Higher education	519
Wal-Mart	Consumer goods	501
Rocky Gap Lodge & Golf Resort	Resort, golf and conference center	298
Federal Correctional Inst.*	Prison	290
MARTIN'S Food Markets	Groceries	250
McDonald's	Restaurants	241
American Woodmark	Cabinets	228
U.S.Army Reserve*	National security	213
Frostburg Village / Consulate Health Care	Nursing care	200
Superfos Packaging	Plastic containers	189
Belt Group	General contracting svcs.	185
Moran Manor	Nursing care	180
Bon-Ton	Consumer goods	175
Friends Aware	Services for the disabled	158
CareFirst	Health insurance	155
YMCA / Riverside Recreation Center	Recreation and sports centers	140
Cumberland Times-News	Newspaper publishing	136
Lions Center	Nursing care	136

Excludes post offices, state and local governments; includes higher education

\* Federal and military facilities exclude contractors

## EMPLOYMENT<sup>4</sup> (2008, BY PLACE OF WORK)

Industry	Annual Avg. Employment	%	Average Weekly Wage
Federal government	669	2.3	\$1,144
State government	2,680	9.1	823
Local government	3,210	10.9	792
Private sector	22,815	77.7	567
Natural resources and mining	118	0.4	803
Construction	1,307	4.4	758
Manufacturing	2,482	8.4	809
Trade, transp. and utilities	5,289	18.0	485
Information	437	1.5	630
Financial activities	830	2.8	665
Prof. and business services	2,290	7.8	528
Educ. and health services	5,917	20.1	696
Leisure and hospitality	3,051	10.4	233
Other services	1,089	3.7	369
Unclassified	5	0.0	516
<b>Total</b>	<b>29,374</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>628</b>

Includes civilian employment only

## HOURLY WAGE RATES<sup>4</sup> (2009)

Selected Occupations	Median	Entry	Experienced
Accountants	\$25.00	\$17.75	\$32.00
Bookkeeping/accounting clerks	15.00	10.50	18.00
Computer systems analysts	30.75	18.00	39.00
Credit authorizers, checkers and clerks	17.25	13.75	18.75
Customer service representatives	12.00	10.00	14.75
Electronic engineering technicians	28.00	25.50	28.50
Freight, stock and material movers, hand	12.75	9.00	15.75
Industrial engineers	35.75	33.25	37.00
Industrial truck operators	14.25	11.50	16.75
Machinists	16.75	12.75	20.25
Maintenance workers, machinery	21.25	15.25	23.00
Mixing and blending machine operators	15.00	12.00	16.25
Network administrators	32.50	21.75	35.00
Packers and packagers, hand	14.50	10.00	16.00
Secretaries	13.75	10.00	16.25
Shipping/receiving clerks	13.25	9.75	16.25
Team assemblers	15.00	11.25	21.25

Wages are an estimate of what workers might expect to receive in Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington counties) and may vary by industry, employer and locality

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## SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES<sup>3,7</sup>

### Educational Attainment - age 25 & over (2006-2008)

High school graduate or higher	84.9%
Bachelor's degree or higher	14.7%

### Public Schools

Number: 14 elementary; 4 middle; 4 high
Enrollment: 9,232 (Sept. 2008)
Cost per pupil: \$11,964 (2007-2008)
Students per teacher: 12.8 (Oct. 2008)
High school career / tech enrollment: 1,052 (2009)
High school graduates: 746 (June 2008)

### Private Schools

Number: 10 (Sept. 2008)
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Higher Education (2008)	Enrollment	Degrees
<b>2-year institution</b>		
Allegany College of Maryland	3,934	500
<b>4-year institution</b>		
Frostburg State University	5,215	1,031

## TAX RATES<sup>8</sup>

	Allegany Co.	Maryland
<b>Corporate Income Tax (2010)</b>	none	8.25%
Base – federal taxable income		
<b>Personal Income Tax (2010)</b>	3.05%	2.0% - 6.25%*
Base – federal adjusted gross income		
*Graduated rate peaking at 6.25% on taxable income over \$1 million		
<b>Sales &amp; Use Tax (2010)</b>	none	6.0%
Exempt – sales for resale; manufacturer's purchase of raw materials; manufacturing machinery and equipment; purchases of materials and equipment used in R&D and testing of finished products; purchases of computer programs for reproduction or incorporation into another computer program for resale		
<b>Real Property Tax (FY 10)</b>	\$0.9829	\$0.112
Effective rate per \$100 of assessed value		
In addition to this rate, there are some miscellaneous taxes and/or special taxing areas in the county; in an incorporated area, the county rate will vary and a municipal rate will also apply		
<b>Business Personal Property Tax (FY 10)</b>	\$2.4573	none
Rate per \$100 of depreciated value		
Exempt – manufacturing and R&D machinery, equipment, materials and supplies; manufacturing, R&D and warehousing inventory		
In an incorporated area, the county rate will vary and a municipal rate will also apply		
<b>Major Tax Credits Available</b>		
Enterprise Zone, Job Creation, One Maryland, R&D		

## INCOME<sup>3</sup> (2006-2008)

Distribution	Percent Households		
	Allegany Co.	Maryland	U.S.
Under \$25,000	32.4	15.1	23.2
\$25,000 - \$49,999	29.0	19.9	24.8
\$50,000 - \$74,999	18.7	18.5	18.8
\$75,000 - \$99,999	10.2	14.5	12.5
\$100,000 - \$149,999	6.8	17.5	12.2
\$150,000 - \$199,999	1.5	7.7	4.3
\$200,000 and over	1.4	6.9	4.2
Median household	\$37,440	\$70,005	\$52,175
Average household	\$50,229	\$90,234	\$71,128
Per capita	\$20,729	\$34,508	\$27,466
Total income (millions)	\$1,444	\$188,303	\$7,993,784

## HOUSING<sup>2,9</sup> (2008)

### Median Selling Price

All arms-length transactions	(490 units)	\$102,000
All multiple-listed properties*	(475 units)	\$90,000

\*Excludes auctions and FSBO

## BUSINESS AND INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY<sup>5</sup>

Allegany County currently has eight modern industrial parks located in and around the Cumberland and Frostburg areas. The sites available in these parks offer a wide variety of options including some with rail and newly added fiber optic lines.

**North Branch Industrial Park**, the largest park in the county, is in an Enterprise Zone and has several sites available.

A new technology park, **Allegany Business Center**, is adjacent to Frostburg State University and surrounds the newly constructed Appalachian Laboratory. The first building in the park is complete and has space available.

The new **Barton Business Park** is now open for business and will focus on advanced manufacturing companies needing large tracts of land for their project. They will find this greenfield site conveniently located just a few miles off I-68 on U.S. Route 220.

### Business Incubator

Tawes Science / Technology Business Incubator, Frostburg

Market Profile Data	Low	High	Average
<b>Land – cost per acre</b>			
Industrial and Office	\$30,000	\$50,000	\$37,000
<b>Rental Rates – per square foot</b>			
Warehouse / Industrial	\$2.00	\$4.70	\$2.40
Flex / R&D / Technology	\$7.00	\$18.00	\$14.00
Class A Office	\$12.00	\$20.00	\$15.00

# ALLEGANY COUNTY, MARYLAND

## TRANSPORTATION

**Highways:** I-68 (National Freeway), U.S. 40 and U.S. 220

**Mass Transit:** Allegany Transit bus service

**Rail:** CSX Transportation; reciprocal switching agreement in effect with Norfolk Southern Railway; passenger service via Amtrak

**Truck:** 145 local and long-distance trucking establishments are located in Western Maryland

**Water:** Port of Baltimore, 50' channel, 130 miles east of Cumberland; a leading U.S. automobile and break-bulk port; seven public terminals including the state-of-the-art Intermodal Container Transfer Facility

**Air:** Cumberland Regional Airport features two paved lighted runways with an instrument landing system

## RECREATION AND CULTURE

**Parks:** Rocky Gap State Park, Dan's Mountain State Park, New Germany State Park, Green Ridge State Forest and Constitution Park (within the city of Cumberland)

**Downhill Skiing:** Wisp, Seven Springs, Hidden Valley, Whitetail and Blue Knob are located within 50 miles of Cumberland

**Cross Country Skiing:** Trails available in state parks

**Golf:** Cumberland Country Club, Maplehurst Country Club, Fore Sisters Golf Course, and the Rocky Gap Lodge & Golf Resort featuring a Jack Nicklaus Signature Golf Course

**Recreation:** 76 miles of bike trails along the C&O Canal and the Great Allegheny Passage; numerous trout streams, and fishing on Lake Habeeb and the Potomac River

**Cultural:** Allegany Arts Council, Frostburg State University Cultural Events Series, Allegany County Historical Society, Allegany County Museum, Cumberland Theatre, Heritage Days Festival, CanalFest and Summer in the City concert series

**Historical:** C & O Canal National Historic Park, Toll House, Narrows, Gordon-Roberts House, George Washington's Headquarters, Fort Cumberland, Thrasher Carriage Museum

**Shopping:** Cumberland Mall, Country Club Mall and a variety of antique stores and factory outlets

**Western Maryland Scenic Railroad** with steam engine offers rides between Historic Cumberland and Frostburg

## UTILITIES

**Electricity:** Allegheny Power; electric customers may choose their electric supplier

**Gas:** Natural gas supplied by Columbia Gas of Maryland, Inc.

**Water:** Municipal systems in the Cumberland area, greater Frostburg area, LaVale and Westernport

**Sewer:** County serves heavily populated areas; municipal system serves the Cumberland area; private company serves the Westernport area

**Telecommunications:** Local carrier – Verizon Maryland; Fibernet and Verizon offer voice and data lines for high speed internet service; Allconet 2 offers wireless high speed internet through private ISPs; long distance carriers – AT&T, Sprint Nextel, Verizon

## GOVERNMENT<sup>10</sup>

**County Seat:** Cumberland

**Government:** Three commissioners elected at large for four-year terms; code home rule government allows for broad local legislative authority

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**U.S. Congressional Election District:** 6th

**County Bond Rating:** A- (S&P); Baa1 (Moody's)

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