

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 1,660 diverse businesses employ 22,400 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. Another is the Barton Business Park for Advanced Manufacturing, located south of Cumberland and adjacent to the Robert C. Byrd Institute



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 GEOGRAPHY¹

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)

for Advanced Flexible Manufacturing. Several recent business expansions highlight the benefits of doing business in Allegany County. American Woodmark increased its workforce by nearly 100 employees and Hunter Douglas closed other manufacturing plants and moved production jobs to Cumberland.

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

POPULATION^{2,3}

	Allegany County		Western Maryland*	Maryland
	Households	Population		
2000	29,322	74,930	236,699	5,296,486
2010	28,675 **	75,087	252,614	5,773,552
2020**	29,950	74,250	274,650	6,276,300

*Allegany, Garrett, and Washington counties

**Projections

Selected places population (2010): Cumberland 20,859; Frostburg 9,002; Cresaptown 4,592; La Vale 3,551; Potomac Park 2,530; Westernport 1,888

POPULATION DISTRIBUTION^{2,3} (2009)

Age	Number	Percent
Under 5	3,434	4.7
5 - 19	12,852	17.7
20 - 44	24,027	33.1
45 - 64	18,866	26.0
65 and over	13,353	18.4
Total	72,532	100.0
Median age		40.7 years

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LABOR AVAILABILITY^{3,4,5} (BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE)

Civilian Labor Force (2010 avg.)	Labor Mkt.	
	County	Area*
Total civilian labor force	34,495	63,836
Employment	31,280	58,103
Unemployment	3,215	5,733
Unemployment rate	9.3%	9.0%
Residents commuting outside the county to work (2007-2009)	Number 5,094	Percent 16.5%
Employment in selected occupations (2007-2009)		
Management, professional and related	8,399	26.7%
Service	7,144	22.7%
Sales and office	8,030	25.5%
Production, transp. and material moving	4,229	13.5%

* Allegany and Garrett counties, MD, and Mineral County WV

MAJOR EMPLOYERS^{6,7} (2010)

Employer	Product/Service	Employment
Western Md. Health System	Medical services	2,302
NewPage	Pulp and paper products	973
Frostburg State University	Higher education	930
CSX Transportation	Railroad	900
Hunter Douglas Northeast	Window blinds	624
ACS	Telecommunications	525
Allegany College of Md.	Higher education	519
Walmart	Consumer goods	501
Infospherix	Telecommunications	488
Giant Food Stores / MARTIN'S® Food Markets	Groceries	300
Federal Correctional Inst.*	Prison	293
McDonald's	Restaurants	293
American Woodmark	Cabinets	280
Rocky Gap Lodge & Golf Resort	Resort, golf and conference center	260
Belt Group	General contracting svcs.	249
U.S. Army Reserve*	National security	213
Frostburg Village / Consulate Health Care	Nursing care	200
Berry Plastics (fka Superfos)	Plastic containers	180
Moran Manor	Nursing care	180
Bon-Ton	Consumer goods	175
CareFirst	Health insurance	173
Friends Aware	Services for the disabled	161
Pharmacare of Cumberland	Pharmaceuticals and consumer goods	147

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

* Federal and military facilities exclude contractors

EMPLOYMENT⁴ (2009, BY PLACE OF WORK)

Industry	Estab-lishments	Annual Avg. Empl.	Emp. %	Avg. Wkly. Wage
Federal government	31	554	1.9	\$1,107
State government	11	3,008	10.3	835
Local government	42	3,171	10.9	783
Private sector	1,664	22,413	76.9	581
Nat'l. resources and mining	14	90	0.3	787
Construction	161	1,111	3.8	778
Manufacturing	61	2,405	8.3	831
Trade, transp. and util.	414	5,039	17.3	496
Information	23	413	1.4	679
Financial activities	149	826	2.8	660
Prof. and business svcs.	189	2,250	7.7	561
Educ. and health services	280	6,057	20.8	715
Leisure and hospitality	187	3,067	10.5	243
Other services	186	1,155	4.0	363
Total	1,748	29,146	100.0	639

Includes civilian employment only

Businesses by Employment Size Class (2nd Q 2010)

No. of employees	0-9	10-49	50-99	100-499	500+
No. of businesses	1,152	378	34	33	3

HOURLY WAGE RATES⁴ (2010)

Selected Occupations	Median	Entry	Experienced
Accountants	\$24.75	\$17.50	\$32.00
Bookkeeping/accounting clerks	15.25	11.00	18.25
Computer systems analysts	36.25	22.25	45.50
Customer service representatives	12.25	9.75	15.50
Electronic engineering technicians	28.25	24.75	29.75
Freight, stock, material movers, hand	13.25	9.50	16.00
Industrial engineers	36.75	27.75	39.25
Industrial truck operators	15.25	13.25	17.50
Machinists	18.00	13.25	21.25
Maintenance workers, machinery	20.25	13.50	21.75
Mixing, blending machine operators	15.50	13.00	16.50
Network administrators	28.25	21.25	33.00
Packers and packagers, hand	15.25	10.50	16.50
Secretaries	14.75	10.75	17.00
Shipping/receiving clerks	13.00	9.75	16.50
Team assemblers	14.25	10.50	18.25

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^{3,8}

Educational Attainment - age 25 & over (2007-2009)

High school graduate or higher	86.6%
Bachelor's degree or higher	15.5%

Public Schools

Number: 14 elementary; 4 middle; 4 high
Enrollment: 9,152 (Sept. 2009)
Cost per pupil: \$13,251 (2008-2009)
Students per teacher: 12.9 (June 2009)
High school career / tech enrollment: 901 (2010)
High school graduates: 713 (June 2009)

Private Schools

Number: 10 (Sept. 2009)

Higher Education (2009)	Enrollment	Degrees
2-year institution		
Allegany College of Maryland	3,854	535
4-year institution		
Frostburg State University	5,385	958

TAX RATES⁹

	Allegany Co.	Maryland
Corporate Income Tax (2011)	none	8.25%
Base – federal taxable income		
Personal Income Tax (2011)	3.05%	2.0% - 5.5%*
Base – federal adjusted gross income		
*Graduated rate peaking at 5.5% on taxable income over \$500,000		
Sales & Use Tax (2011)	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		
Real Property Tax (FY 11)	\$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		
Business Personal Property Tax (FY 11)	\$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		
Major Tax Credits Available	Enterprise Zone, Job Creation, One Maryland, R&D	

INCOME³ (2007-2009)

Distribution	Percent Households		
	Allegany Co.	Maryland	U.S.
Under \$25,000	30.6	15.4	23.8
\$25,000 - \$49,999	29.5	19.9	24.9
\$50,000 - \$74,999	18.8	18.3	18.7
\$75,000 - \$99,999	11.4	14.2	12.2
\$100,000 - \$149,999	6.9	17.3	12.1
\$150,000 - \$199,999	1.7	7.8	4.2
\$200,000 and over	1.2	7.0	4.1
Median household	\$38,592	\$69,695	\$51,369
Average household	\$51,387	\$90,500	\$70,404
Per capita	\$20,782	\$34,384	\$27,100
Total income (millions)	\$1,467	\$189,088	\$7,962,931

HOUSING^{2,3,10}

Occupied Units (2007-2009)	28,554 (69.1% owner occupied)	
Housing Transactions (2009)	Units	Median Selling Price
All arms-length transactions	412	\$110,450
All multiple-listed properties*	449	\$112,500

*Excludes auctions and FSBO

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY⁶

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
Land – cost per acre			
Industrial and Office	\$30,000	\$50,000	\$37,000
Rental Rates – per square foot			
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

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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: 140 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 (3,300 feet and 5,000 feet) 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

FEDERAL FACILITIES AND FUNDING³ (2009)

Direct Federal Expenditures or Obligations

	Total	Per Capita
Total	\$706,889,005	\$9,746
Defense	\$19,945,722	\$275
Non-defense	\$686,943,293	\$9,471

Major Federal Facility: Federal Correctional Institution

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

GOVERNMENT¹¹

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); A1 (Moody's)

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Sources:

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- 2 Maryland Department of Planning
- 3 U.S. Bureau of the Census
- 4 Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation, Office of Workforce Information and Performance
- 5 U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics
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