

ARLINGTON COUNTY PROFILE

OVERVIEW OF ARLINGTON

Arlington County is located in northern Virginia, directly across the Potomac River from Washington, D.C. The County encompasses 25.8 square miles of land, which was originally split off from Fairfax County in 1801 and ceded by Virginia to be included in the ten-mile square Federal District. In 1847, however, Congress allowed the land to return to the jurisdiction of Virginia following a vote in favor of retrocession by its members. This area was then known as Alexandria City and Alexandria County. In 1920, to avoid confusion, the county was renamed Arlington County.

Annexation of any part of Arlington County by neighboring jurisdictions is prohibited by present law unless the entire County is annexed with the approval of County voters. There are no jurisdictions with overlapping debt or taxing powers. The water and sewage systems are operated on a self-supporting basis by the County government.

Arlington's location in the center of the Washington metropolitan region, just five minutes from Washington by car or Metrorail, has made the County a highly desirable business and residential location. Arlington has maintained high-quality residential neighborhoods while supporting well-managed growth. High-density commercial and residential development is focused around Metro stations in the Rosslyn-Ballston corridor and the Jefferson Davis corridor, which includes both Pentagon City and Crystal City.

Arlington County has an estimated 2014 population of 215,000, an increase of 13.5 percent over the 2000 population. Additionally, Arlington is home to an estimated 220,600 jobs, as of January 1, 2014.

Almost all of the land in Arlington County has been developed. This development consists of extensive single-family residential areas, as well as commercial, office, and multi-family residential structures.

Economic activity in Arlington County has historically been closely associated with numerous governmental activities of the Washington Metropolitan region. In 2014, about 24.1 percent (or about 53,100) of the jobs in Arlington County are with the numerous federal, state, or local government agencies. In recent years, however, the private employment base, particularly in the service sector, has increased substantially. The 2014 estimate is that 22.1 percent of total employment (about 48,700 jobs) is in the professional and technical services sector. An additional 30.9 percent of total employment (about 68,200 jobs) is in the hospitality, food services, and other services sectors.



ORGANIZATION OF ARLINGTON COUNTY GOVERNMENT

The government of Arlington County has been organized according to the County Manager Plan of Government since 1932. Arlington County was the first jurisdiction in the United States to adopt a manager form of government by popular vote.

The five members of the County Board are elected at large for staggered, four-year terms. No more than two members are elected at one time. The Chairman of the County Board is elected annually by the members.

The County Board is responsible for several appointments. The County Board appoints a County Manager to serve as the chief executive and administrator of the County. The County Manager serves at the pleasure of the County Board, implements its policies, directs business and administrative procedures, and appoints department directors.

Assisting the County Manager are two Deputy County Managers, four Assistant County Managers and the Directors of 12 departments: Fire; Police; Emergency Management; Environmental Services; Human Services; Economic Development; Community Planning, Housing and Development; Parks and Recreation; Management and Finance; Libraries; Human Resources; and Technology Services.

The County Board also appoints a County Attorney. The County Attorney provides legal services to the County Board, County agencies and personnel, elected County officials, and independent County boards and commissions.

The operation of public schools in Arlington County is the responsibility of a five-member School Board. School Board members serve staggered, four-year terms in a sequence similar to that of County Board members.

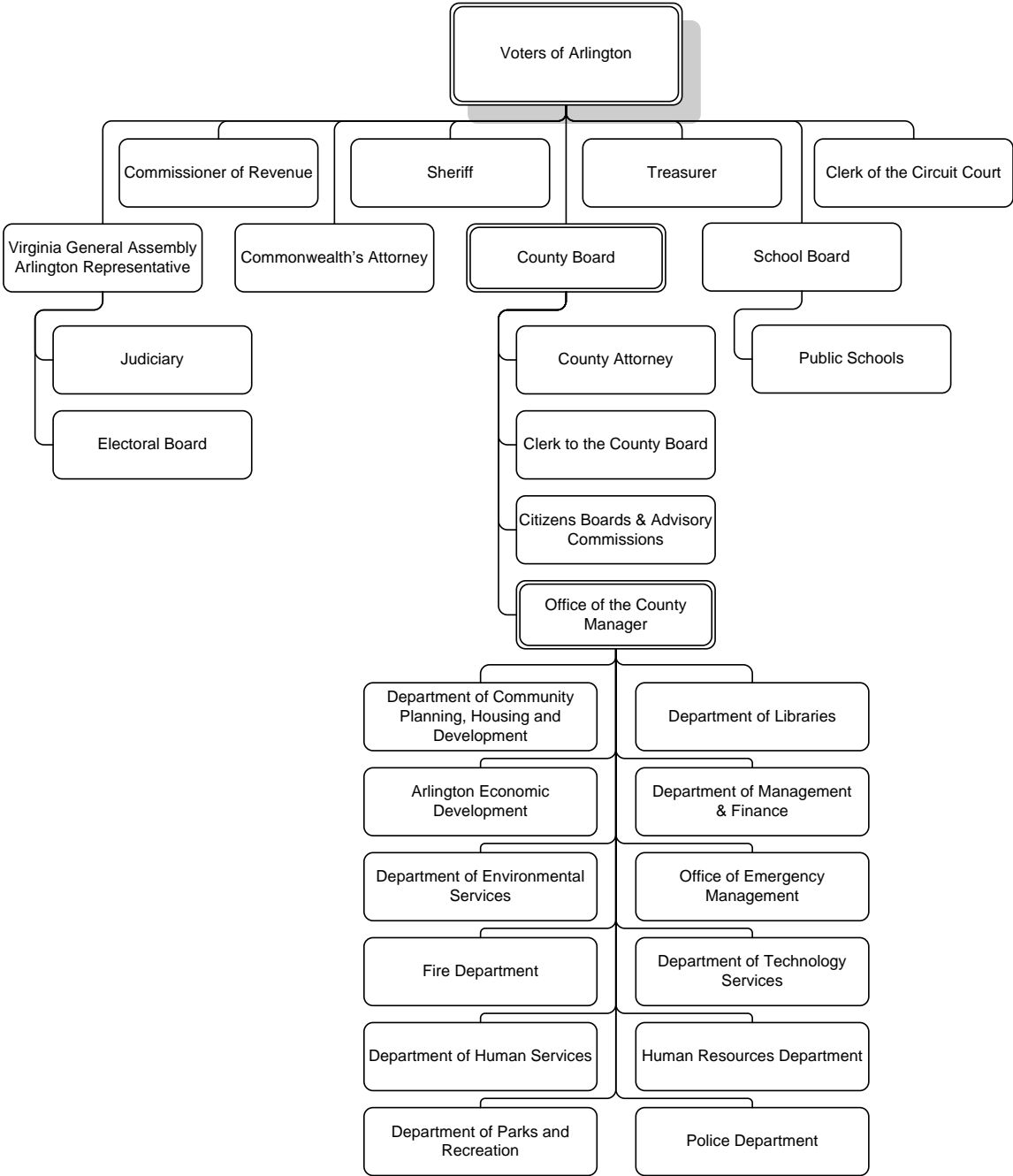
A 1992 revision of the State Code provided a local option to elect the School Board; Arlington voters chose to exercise that option via a November 1993 referendum. As of November 1994 and continuing each year thereafter, School Board members are elected.

The Superintendent of Schools is appointed by the School Board for a four-year term; the Superintendent administers the operations of the County's public schools. The local share of the cost of operating public schools in the County is met with an appropriation and transfer by the County Board from the County's General Fund. Operations of the School Board, however, are independent of the County Board and the County administration as prescribed by Virginia law.

In addition to the County Board, other elected County officials include the Commonwealth's Attorney, Sheriff, Commissioner of the Revenue, Treasurer, and Clerk of the Circuit Court. The Judges of the Circuit Court, the General District Court and the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court are appointed by the State legislature.

The structure of Arlington County's Government is depicted in an organizational chart on the following page.

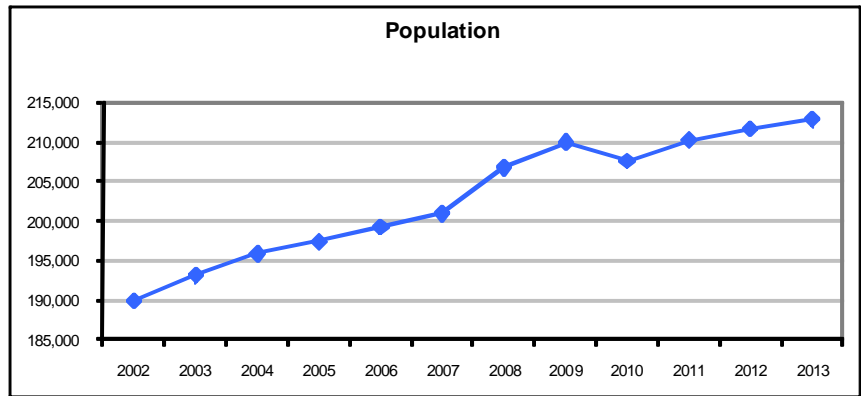
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DEMOGRAPHICS

The Planning Division of the Department of Community Planning, Housing and Development (DCPHD) estimates Arlington County's 2014 population to be 215,000. Arlington continues to be among the most densely populated jurisdictions in the country. The County's population has grown over the past eleven years, as shown in the chart, and is projected to continue at a similar rate.

The 2010 dip in population is due to the use of 2010 Census Data. The population estimates for 2002-2009 used the 2000 Census as a base. The new 2010 Census data were used to recalibrate the Planning Division’s method for estimating Arlington’s population for 2011 and beyond. The Planning Division estimates that 17.7 percent (38,000 persons) of the population are under the age 20. Those



between the ages of 25-34 make up the largest share of the population at 28.5 percent or 61,300 persons. Estimates for 2002-2009 and 2011-2013 are provided by the CPHD Planning Division, and are based on new residential construction and estimates of average household size and vacancy rates. The 2010 number is based on the 2010 Census.

RACIAL/ETHNIC COMPOSITION

Arlington County takes pride in, and gains vitality from, the diversity of its population. According to the 2010 Census, 64.0 percent of Arlington residents are white, 15.1 percent are Hispanic, 8.2 percent are black or African-American, 9.6 percent are Asian or Other Pacific Islanders, and 3.0 percent identified as another race or two or more races. (Note: percentages may not add due to rounding.)

The Planning Division estimates that the aggregate population of Arlington increased by 9.6 percent between 2000 and 2010. (Note that staff believes the Census 2000 figure to be a bit lower than the actual population.) From 2000 to 2010 the largest increase in population among the racial/ethnic groups was an increase of about 18,472 among the white population. Among other groups, the Asian-Pacific Islander population also increased substantially, by 3,549 persons. The African-American population decreased by 156 persons between 2000 and 2010. The following table shows the change in population among various racial/ethnic groups from 2000 to 2010. The 2000 and 2010 figures are from the Decennial Censuses.

Racial/Ethnic Group	2000	2010	% Change
Non-Hispanic/Latino			
White alone	114,489	132,961	16.1%
Black or African American alone	17,244	17,088	-0.9%
Asian/Pacific Islander	16,346	19,895	21.7%
Other/MultiRacial	6,106	6,301	3.2%
Total Non-Hispanic/Latino	154,185	176,245	14.3%
Hispanic/Latino	35,268	31,382	-11.0%
TOTAL	189,453	207,627	9.6%

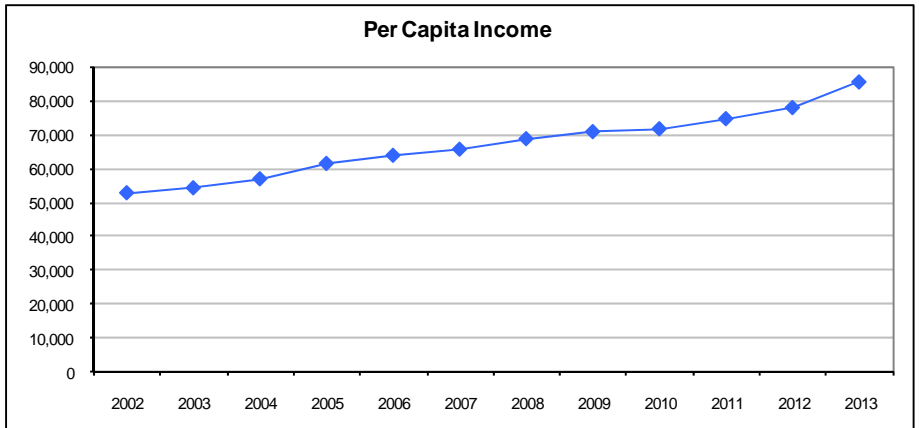
EDUCATION

Arlington’s population is among the most highly educated in the country. According to the U.S. Census Bureau 2012 American Community Survey, 92.8 percent of all household residents age 25

and older were high school graduates, 71.3 percent were college graduates, and 37.0 percent had graduate or professional degrees. Of the Arlington Public School (APS) class of 2013-2014, 90 percent planned to pursue higher education, and the average expenditure per pupil was expected to be \$18,678 in the 2014 fiscal year.

PERSONAL INCOME

The educational achievements of Arlington’s population are reflected in the County’s income statistics as well. In 2014, according to Planning Division estimates, Arlington has a per capita personal income of \$86,300. According to the U.S. Census American Community Survey, the median household income in Arlington County in 2012 was \$102,459. The Planning Division estimates that median household income in 2014 is \$106,200. According to ESRI, Arlington County had an effective buying power of \$8.59 billion in 2012.



The Per Capita Income graph above shows the growth in per capita personal income since 2002. Income figures for 2002 through 2006 are from the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis and the figures for 2007 through 2013 are estimated by the Arlington County Planning Division.

HOUSING

According to Planning Division estimates, there are 109,000 total housing units in Arlington as of January 2014. A housing unit is a multi-family dwelling or a single-family dwelling attached to other dwellings or a single-family detached dwelling. The majority (63.7 percent or 69,500) of housing units in Arlington are multi-family. There are an estimated 28,400 single-family detached (26.1 percent), and 11,000 single-family attached housing units (10.1 percent) in Arlington. Since 2000, growth in housing units has been largely due to multi-family development. Between 2000 and January 2014, 16,227 new multi-family units have been completed (an increase of 32.7 percent), compared to 716 single family attached units. There has been a net gain of 732 single family detached units during the same time span. According to the 2012 American Community Survey, Arlington County has an estimated 54.1 percent of renter occupied units and 45.9 percent of owner occupied housing units.

HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION

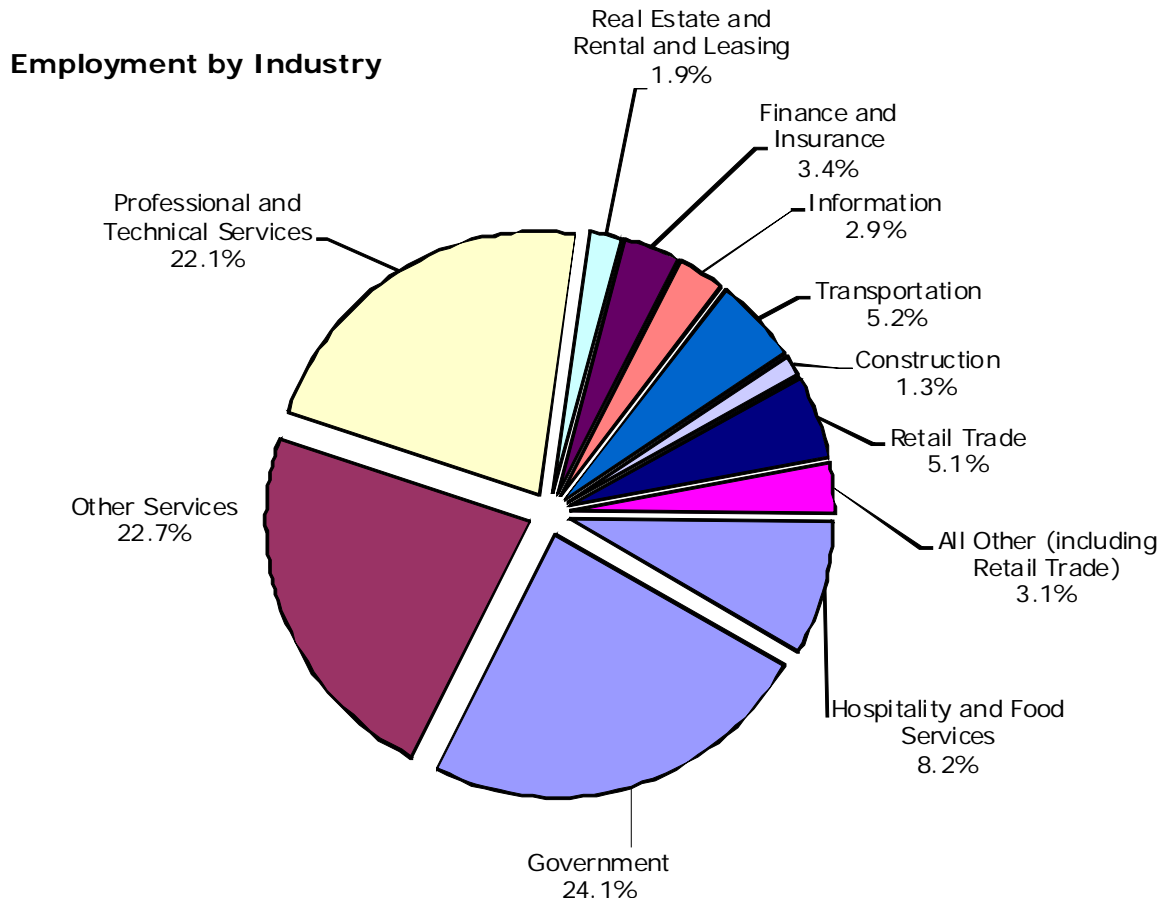
All persons living in a housing unit are termed a household. As of January 2014, the CPHD Planning Division estimates that there are 101,300 households in Arlington County. According to the 2010 Census the average household size is 2.09 persons. The 2010 Census also reports that an estimated 42.4 percent of Arlington households were family households and 57.6 percent were non-family households.

COMMUNITY FACILITIES IN ARLINGTON

▪ Acres of County Open Space	1,190	▪ Synthetic Fields	12
▪ Miles of Bicycle/Jogging Trails	86	▪ Nature Centers	3
▪ County Parks	151	▪ Senior Centers	6
▪ Tennis and Basketball Courts	152	▪ Northern Virginia Regional Parks	3
▪ Athletic Fields	138	▪ Community Centers	14
▪ Libraries	8	▪ Fire Stations	10

AT-PLACE EMPLOYMENT

According to Arlington County estimates, the total number of jobs in the County increased by about 13.7 percent between 2000 and 2014. The service sector comprises a significant share of jobs in Arlington. About 22.1 percent of all jobs are in the professional and technical services sector. Another 22.7 percent of jobs are in other service sectors, including administrative, education, and health. The government sector also continues to comprise a large share of Arlington jobs. About 24.1 percent (59,500 jobs) of the County’s January 2014 employment is estimated to be in government. The percentage of jobs in the government and business services sectors is likely to change in the short term as the County adjusts to employment moves associated with relocation of



Department of Defense facilities to other jurisdictions due to the Base Realignment and Closure Commission (BRAC) recommendations of 2005. The 2013 unemployment rate in Arlington was 3.6 percent.

Number of Jobs By Sector	
Sector	Jobs
Construction	2,800
Retail Trade	11,300
Transportation	11,500
Information	6,500
Finance and insurance	7,400
Real estate and Rental/Leasing	4,300
Professional and technical services	48,700
Hospitality and Food Services	18,000
Other Services	50,100
Government	53,100
All other	6,900
Total	220,600

- Source: Employment estimates reflect 4th Quarter 2013 office vacancy rates, which are higher than average due to the impacts of BRAC and sequestration. Due to a change in methodology, estimated 2014 employment is not comparable to previous years. Sector employment is based on Arlington County Planning Division 2013 estimates of data from the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis and U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS).
- Note: Jobs by sector are rounded to the nearest 100th

Arlington County has a solid economic base as evidenced by the presence of numerous major employers and the County's sophisticated blend of traditional commerce, such as health services and retail sales, and technological industries, such as telecommunications and software. Although the BRAC recommendations will decrease Arlington employment in the short term, anticipated upgrades to Arlington's office stock in Crystal City, and the proximity of the County to Washington D.C. indicate that a quick recovery is likely.

TOP 10 PRINCIPAL PRIVATE EMPLOYERS

	COMPANY	NATURE OF BUSINESS	ARLINGTON EMPLOYEES
1	Deloitte	Consulting Services	5,800
2	Accenture	Consulting Services	4,200
3	SAIC	Telecommunications	2,400
4	Virginia Hospital Center	Healthcare	2,300
5	Marriott International, Inc.	Hotels	1,900
6	Booz Allen Hamilton	Consulting Services	1,400
7	Lockheed Martin Corp	Air Transportation Equipment/Defense Systems	1,200
8	Corporate Executive Board	Consulting Services	1,200
9	CACI	Technology Consulting/Computer Systems	1,100
10	SRA International, Inc.	IT Services/Defense/Strategic Consulting	1,000
	TOTAL		22,500

Source: Arlington Economic Development

SELECTED SERVICE INDICATORS

	FY 2013 Actual	FY 2014 Estimate	FY 2015 Estimate
General Obligation Bond Rating*	Aaa/AAA/AAA	Aaa/AAA/AAA	Aaa/AAA/AAA
New Voters Registered by Electoral Board (Calendar Year)	7,648	8,000	7,500
Inspections Conducted for Fire Code Enforcement, fire protection system, and hazardous materials inspections	2,727	2,750	2,800
Percentage of Fire Emergencies Reached Within Four Minutes of Dispatch	45%	45%	45%
Fire/EMS/Public Service Responses	49,943	51,500	51,500
Refuse Collected on County and Contracted Routes (Tons)	37,976	37,481	31,000
Total Curbside Recycling Tonnage Collected	14,069	14,250	14,250
Licensed Child Care Facilities (Family Day Care Homes)	160	165	165
Number of registrations in Parks and Recreation programs	42,380	44,000	46,000
Number of individuals registered with the Office for Senior Adult Programs (OSAP)	4,870	4,850	4,900
Police response time for Priority 1 calls (minutes from dispatch to arrival)	4:45	4:58	5:10

*The County's General Obligation Bond Rating was reaffirmed in May 2014.