Arlington County is an urban county of about 26 square miles located directly across the Potomac River from Washington, DC. No incorporated towns or cities lie within Arlington's boundaries. Originally part of the ten-mile square surveyed in 1791 for the Nation's Capital, the portion on the west bank of the Potomac River was returned to the Commonwealth of Virginia by the U.S. Congress in 1845. This area was known as Alexandria City and Alexandria County until 1920, when the County portion was renamed Arlington County.

Although perhaps best known to nonresidents as the home of the Pentagon and Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington has maintained high-quality residential neighborhoods while supporting well-managed growth. The County's central location in the Washington metropolitan area, its ease of access by car and Metrorail, and its high quality labor force, have attracted an increasingly varied employment and residential mix. The County has focused high-density commercial and residential development around Metrorail stations in the Rosslyn-Ballston Corridor and in the Jefferson Davis Corridor, which includes Pentagon City and Crystal City, while maintaining lower-density development in the remainder. Arlington's population, among the most highly educated in the nation, is increasingly diverse; in five residents is foreign-born and one in four speaks a language other than English at home.

Arlington is both a residential community and an employment center. The County had a population of 180,100 as of January 1, 1993, and is among the most densely populated jurisdictions in the country. Arlington is also home to one in five Northern Virginia jobs. Government employment, largely federal, comprises over 40% of the County's jobs, while services make up an additional 30%.

Arlington's office market generated 15.5 million square feet of new office space over the last decade (1983-1992), bringing the current inventory of office/commercial space to 31.4 million square feet and greatly expanding the County's tax base. As of January 1993, Arlington's real property tax base was evenly divided between commercial and residential properties, enabling the County to maintain the lowest property tax rate in the Washington region, at $0.82 per $100 of assessed value.

A total of 1.3 million square feet of office space was absorbed in 1992, resulting in a year-end vacancy rate of 6.4 percent.

For further information on the PROFILE and other demographic and development data and publications, please contact the Comprehensive Planning Section at (703) 284-3625.

PLANNING DIVISION PUBLICATIONS
- General Land Use Plan (map).
- Sector Plans/Updates: Courthouse, Clarendon, Virginia Square, Ballston. Contain policy guidelines for future land use, zoning, and urban design.
- Information Reports. Topics include: Population estimates, Consumer Price Index, household income and expenditures, households, and employment. Demographic Trends, Development Capacity in Metro Corridors, Cost of Living, School Enrollment, Elderly Population, Residential Unit Size Trends.
- Residential, Office, and Commercial Construction Reports.

For further information on economic development, site location assistance, and business services, please contact the Economic Development Division at (703) 284-3625.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION PUBLICATIONS
- Economic Development Newsletter.
- Available Space and Development Profile.
- Principal Private Employer, list.
- Assigned Existing Employment/Space Occupancy Report.
- Visitor's Guide.
- Arlington Meeting Planners Guide.
**DEMographics**

**Population**
- 1993 Population (Planning Division Estimate): 180,100
- 1990 Census: 170,936

**Age Distribution (1990)**
- Under 5: 9,426 (5.5%)
- 5-17: 16,652 (9.6%)
- 18-24: 20,248 (11.8%)
- 25-34: 44,150 (25.8%)
- 35-44: 30,989 (18.1%)
- 45-64: 30,265 (17.7%)
- 65 and over: 19,499 (11.4%)
- Total Population 1990: 170,936
- Median Age 33.8 Years

**Racial Composition (1990)**
- White: 130,873 (76.6%)
- Black: 17,940 (10.5%)
- Asian-Pacific Islander: 11,560 (6.8%)
- Other: 10,566 (6.2%)
- Total: 170,936
- Hispanic Origin: 23,069 (13.5%)

*Hispanic origin is not a separate category.

**Note:** Totals may not sum exactly due to rounding.

**Household Composition**
- Total Households 1993 Estimate*: 83,908

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**Household Type 1970-1980**
- Percent Family Households: 65%
- Percent Non-Family Households: 35%

**Persons Living in Households*:**
- 1 Person: 175,900
- 2 Person: 59,800
- 3 Person: 16,300
- 4 Person: 8,500
- 5+ Person: 3,700

*Planning Div. Estimate. Totals may not sum exactly due to rounding.

**Income**
- 1993 Median Household Income: $45,445
- 1993 Median Family Income: $62,028

- Center for Public Service, University of Virginia.

- *A family is any household in which at least two members are related by birth, adoption, or marriage. Household data includes family households.

1991 Effective Buying Income: $4,127,595,000


1990 Per Capita Income: $33,242

U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis - Revised Series.

**Education**

**Public School Enrollment**

- Year: 1950
- Students: 16,080
- 1965
- 1970
- 1975
- 1980: 15,378
- 1990: 15,073
- 1992: 16,148

*September 30, 1992, Arlington County Public Schools.

Expenditure Per Pupil (FY 1992-93): $7,853

H.S. Graduates Continuing their Education (1992): 87%

**Educational Attainment 1990-Persons 25+**

- High School Graduates: 87%
- College Graduates: 52%
- Persons with Graduate or Professional Degrees: 24%

**Years of School Completed 1990**

- Non High School Graduate (14.4%)
- Some College (16.6%)
- 1-Year College (20.5%)
- 2-Year College (20.3%)
- College Graduate (8.4%)
- College Graduate (6.9%)

**Colleges and Universities**

- George Mason University
- Law School, International Institute, other credit
- Non-credit courses
- George Washington University-Continuing Education
- Marymount University
- Strayer College

**DEVELOPMENT**

**Residential Construction (Units)**

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**Office Space Construction (Sq. Ft.)**

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**Under Construction 950**

**Office Vacancy Rate: 6.4%**

**HOTELS AND MOTELS**

- Number of Hotels/Motels-Arlington Total: 33
- Number of Rooms-Arlington Total: 8,751

**HOUSING**

- Total Housing Units 1993 Estimate*: 87,908
- Single-Family Detached: 27,191
- Single-Family Attached: 8,846
- Multi-Family: 51,127
- Other: 744
- Occupied Housing Units (1990): 78,520
- Owner-Occupied: 35,009
- Renter-Occupied: 43,511

Average Sales Price (1992)

- Single-Family Detached $240,917
- Single-Family Detached, Townhouse, and Condominium $196,000


Median Rent (February 1992, Housing Division): $698

*Planning Division Estimate.

**EMPLOYMENT**

**At-Place Employment by Industry (1993)*

- Agriculture, Mining, and Construction: 4,600
- Manufacturing: 3,900
- Transportation, Communication, and Utilities: 16,000
- Trade: 23,500
- Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate: 8,400
- Services: 67,700
- Government: 96,700
- Miscellaneous: 7,300

*Planning Division Estimates

**Average Labor Force 1992: 112,240

**Average Unemployment Rate 1992: 4.3%

**Women Age 16+ in Labor Force 1950: 79.9%

* Virginia Employment Commission.

**Arlington County Labor Force**

**Major Private Employers**

- MCI Telecommunications Corporation
- USAir, Inc.
- Bell Atlantic Management Services, Inc.
- Gannett Company, Inc.
- American Management Systems, Inc.
- The Arlington Hospital
- Marriott Corporation
- The Xerox Corporation
- The Hecht Company
- Hyatt Hotels and Resorts

**Proportion of Employees**

- MCI Telecommunications Corporation: 2,793
- USAir, Inc.: 2,998
- Bell Atlantic Management Services, Inc.: 2,000
- Gannett Company, Inc.: 1,893
- American Management Systems, Inc.: 1,783
- The Arlington Hospital: 1,090
- Marriott Corporation: 1,175
- The Xerox Corporation: 1,354
- The Hecht Company: 1,333
- Hyatt Hotels and Resorts: 748

*Proportion of Employees.