TRANSPORTATION

MAJOR ARTERIALS

 Interstate 355 (Henry G. Shirley Memorial Highway)
 Interstate 66 (Curtis Memorial Parkway)
 Lee Highway (U.S. Route 29)
 Jefferson Davis Highway (U.S. Route 1)
 George Washington Parkway
 Arlington Boulevard (U.S. Route 50)

METRO

METRO SUBWAY STATIONS 11
ORANGE LINE STATIONS: Rosslyn, Court House, Clarendon, Virginia Square Church
BLUE LINE STATIONS: Rosslyn, Arlington National Cemetery, Pentagon, Pentagon City, Crystal City, Crystal City, National Airport
YELLOW LINE STATIONS: Pentagon, Pentagon City, Crystal City, National Airport
METRO BUS SERVICE 18 lines/99 routes

AIR

Washington National Airport (Metro Access) In Arlington
Dulles International Airport 25 miles
Rickenbacker-Washington International Airport 34 miles

RAIL

Rail connection via Metro to Union Station in Washington, DC, Virginia Railway Express from Frederickburg & Broad Run to Union Station via Crystal City.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

FINE ARTS AND HISTORY:

MEMORIALS:

MAJOR PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES, AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES:
Custis Memorial and Four Mile Run Bike Trail; Bon Air Memorial Park and Azalea Gardens; Windy Row Gardens; Thomas Jefferson Community Center; Bluemont Tennis Complex; Gateway Park; Crystal City Waterpark; Lumber Run Amphitheatre; Farmers Market, Clarendon International Market.

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For further information on the PROFILE and other demographic development and data publications, please contact the Comprehensive Planning Section at (703) 330-3255.

PLANNING PUBLICATIONS:
1. Metro Station Area Profiles
2. Demographic & Development Trends in Brief
3. General Land Use Plan
5. Development in the Metro Corridors: Development profiles, maps, and project statistics by Metro station area.
12. For further information on economic development, businesses, site location assistance, and business services, please contact the Department of Economic Development at (703) 330-3250.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PUBLICATIONS:
1. Economic Overview
2. Economic Development Update, Newsletter.
3. Aerial Photograph and Development Profile.
4. Principal Private Employees, listing.

LAND AREA AND OPEN SPACE

Area 39, 805 Miles
Population Density 7,225 Persons/Sq. Mile
County Open Space 1,154 Acres
Federal Open Space 926 Acres
Regional Open Space 139 Acres
Total County Area Open Space 13.9
Total County Area in County Open Space 7.8%
County Open Space per 1,000 Residents 6.2 Acres
Elevation (Highest Point) 461 Feet

ARLINGTON ATTRACTIONS

ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA
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Arlington County is an urban county of about 26 square miles located directly across the Potomac River from Washington, D.C. 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 1846. 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 visitors 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 metro, 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 Metro 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; one 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 186,400 as of January 1, 1997, 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, constitutes nearly 40% of the County's jobs. Additionally, services make up almost 30% of employment. As Arlington continued to emerge from the recent recession, its unemployment rate decreased from 3.4% to 3.0% between 1995 and 1996, maintaining the County's historically low rates within the region.

Arlington's office and commercial markets have more than doubled in size since 1980, bringing the current inventory of private office and commercial space to 37.6 million square feet and greatly expanding the County's tax base. During 1996, Arlington's real property tax base was nearly evenly divided between commercial and residential properties, enabling the County to maintain the lowest property tax rate in the Washington region, at $0.96 per $100 of assessed value. The year-end vacancy rate for office space in Arlington County remained less than 5.0% for the second consecutive year.