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Anne Arundel County --- A Regional Leader

Great Market

Anne Arundel County is located in the Washington-Baltimore Region - the 4th largest metropolitan region in the country with a population of 7.5 million people. This region is also the second wealthiest in the nation, preceded by the San Jose/San Francisco area.

Tech Savvy

48% of Anne Arundel County households were rated as technologically advanced by USA Today and Claritas Marketing's Tech Savvy Survey in 2005. This ranks the County 12th among other counties in the U.S.

Prosperous

Anne Arundel County ranks 2nd in the Baltimore Region for Per Capita Personal Income at \$40,649 and 4th in the State of Maryland for Median Household Effective Buying Income (disposable income) at \$54,037; over 55% of our households have an Effective Buying Income of \$50,000 and over.

Strength In Numbers

Anne Arundel County recorded 9,212 additional jobs on the payrolls in 2004, more than any other Maryland County.

Intelligence

Fort George G. Meade, located in Anne Arundel County, is one of the largest joint services centers in the nation, a major center of national intelligence activity, and home to the National Security Agency. Fort Meade was one of the biggest winners in the BRAC process, gaining 5,300 jobs.

Defense Leader

There are more than 100 defense contractors located in Anne Arundel County including Computer Sciences Corp., General Dynamics, Lockheed Martin, Northrop Grumman,

ARINC and L-3 Communications Titan Group. Anne Arundel County ranked 3rd among Maryland counties in FY 2003 receiving \$1.16 billion in defense procurement contracts, a 31.2% increase over FY 2002.

Outstanding Line Up

Anne Arundel County is home to seven out of the top ten defense contractors in the nation: Lockheed Martin Corporation, The Boeing Company, Northrop Grumman Corporation, General Dynamics Corporation, Raytheon Company, Science Applications International Corporation, and Computer Sciences Corporation.

Entrepreneurial

Anne Arundel County is home to the Chesapeake Innovation Center (CIC), the first Homeland Security Incubator in the United States.

Educated

Anne Arundel County ranks in the top 5% of school districts nationwide with more than 4,900 students participating in Advanced Placement courses; AA County ranks 3rd in the state of Maryland for students participating in Advanced Placement courses; 35% of AA County residents have a bachelors degree or higher

Historic

The City of Annapolis, formerly an 18th Century seaport town, is the crown jewel of Anne Arundel County. It has become the sailing capital of America and home to the oldest and largest in-water boat shows in the nation, is home to the United States Naval Academy, and is a stopover for the around-the-world Volvo Ocean Race in May of 2006.

A Destination

In 2004, visitors spent more money while visiting Anne Arundel County than any other county in Maryland – some \$1.5 billion, which is 17.1% of total visitor spending in the state.

A Great Place To Live!

Annapolis is a top retirement destination according to *Where to Retire* magazine.

