



Fast Facts: Maryland's Federal Workforce

The federal government is the largest employer in Maryland. Hundreds of thousands of Maryland jobs are located at a federal agency or federal contractor. Ongoing layoffs and contracting disruptions pose a significant challenge to Maryland's economy. This document presents highlights of the federal government's impact on Maryland's workforce.

Federal Government's Impact on Maryland's Economy

Federal Civilian Jobs Located in Maryland in 2024 161,701 Source: 2024 data from Bureau of Labor Statistics	Estimated Maryland Residents Employed by Federal Gov. in 2023 269,000 Source: Maryland Comptroller	Average Annual Earnings for Federal Civilian Jobs in Maryland \$131,425 Source: 2024 data from Bureau of Labor Statistics
Estimated Number of Maryland Federal Contractors in 2024 210,000 Source: MD Labor analysis of USASpending.gov data and IMPLAN	Estimated Federal Contract Dollars Spent in Maryland in 2024 \$48.9 Billion Source: MD Labor analysis of USASpending.gov data	Percent of Maryland's GDP from Federal Government in 2024 10.3% Source: 2024 data from Bureau of Economic Analysis

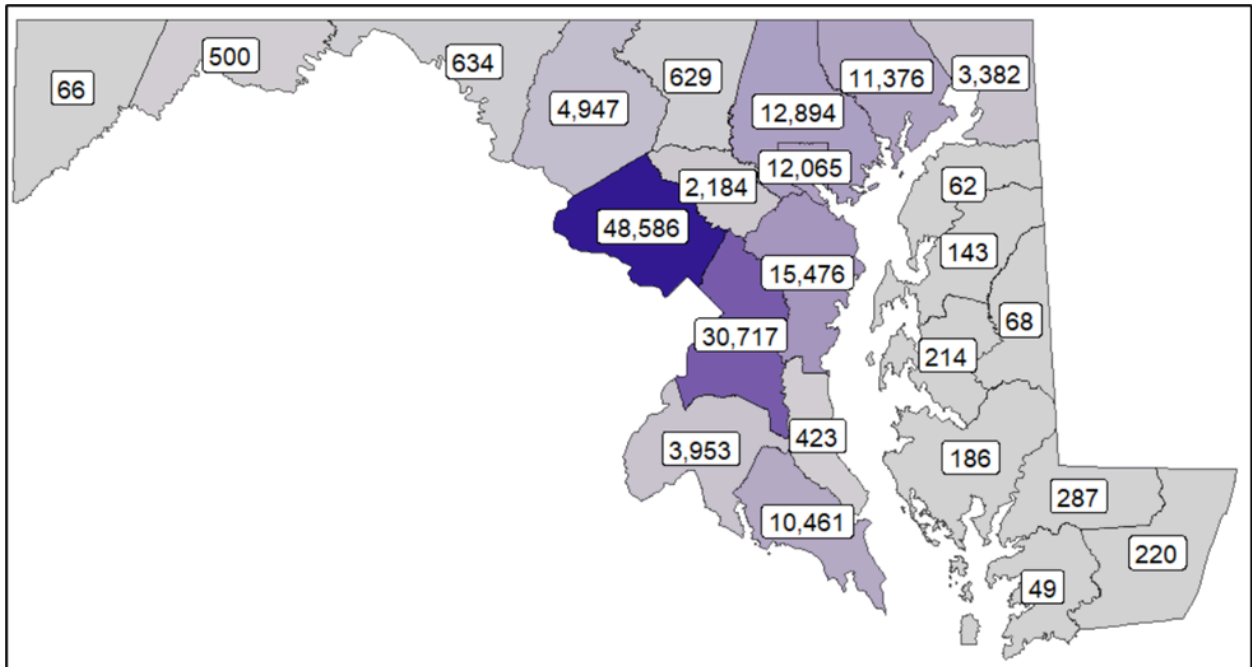
Federal Jobs and Federal Workers by County

Federal employment touches every county in Maryland, whether you are looking at federal employees who **work** in Maryland (but could live anywhere) or federal employees who **live** in Maryland (but whose duty stations could be in-state or out-of-state).

Together, the following maps show that many regions of Maryland have significant portions of their population who commute to another jurisdiction to work for the federal government. Ongoing disruptions to agencies in Virginia and Washington DC will impact Maryland communities.

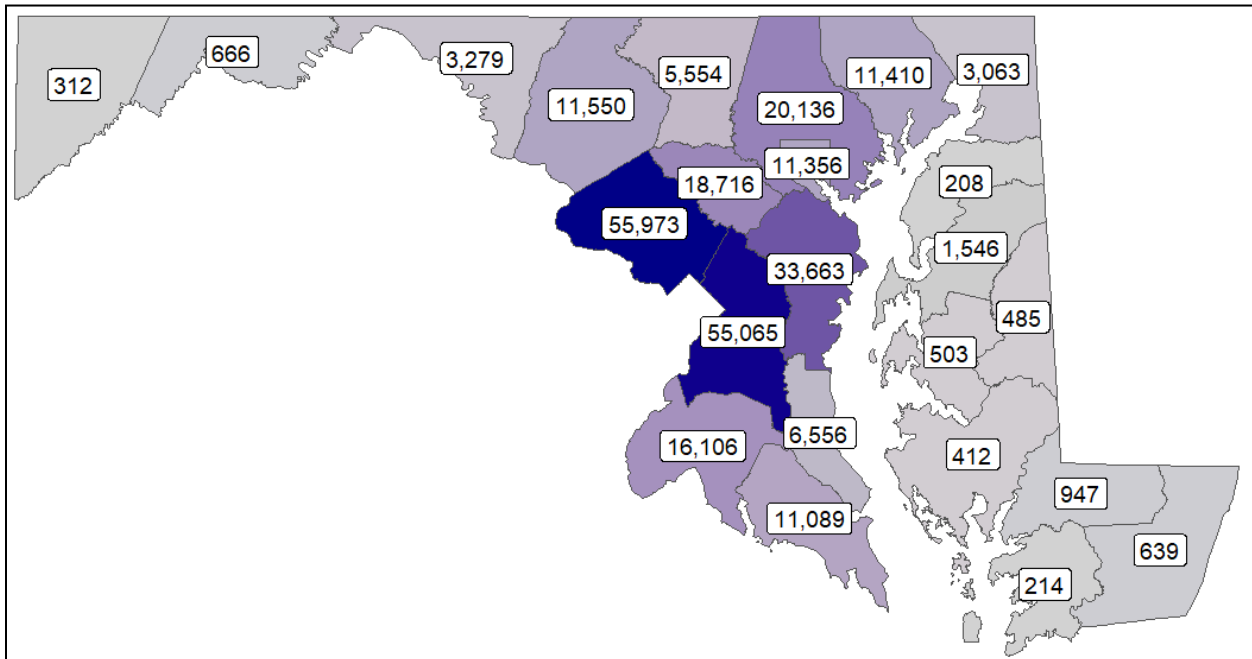
(Note: Neither map includes active duty military or employment at intelligence agencies such as the NSA.)

Number of Federal Civilian Jobs in Maryland by County, 2024 (of 161,701 total)



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS)

Number of Maryland Residents Receiving Income from Federal Gov. Employment, 2023 (of 269,000 total)



Source: MD Comptroller