

Central Business Districts

1997 Census Update Survey

		Bethesda CBD	Silver Spring CBD	Wheaton CBD
P O P U L A T I O N	Household Population	8,035	8,590	4,510
	% Female	58.9%	55.5%	55.7%
	Age Distribution:			
	% 0-4 Years Old	3.5%	0.9%	8.0%
	% 5-17 Years Old	4.6%	7.2%	10.4%
	% 18-29 Years Old	20.7%	29.4%	12.0%
	% 30-44 Years Old	37.7%	31.7%	28.2%
	% 45-64 Years Old	18.8%	17.0%	25.6%
	% 65-74 Years Old	4.9%	4.9%	8.0%
	% Over 74 Years Old	9.8%	8.9%	7.8%
	Average Age	40.5	39.5	40.5
	Race:			
	% White	86.2%	46.3%	54.8%
	% Black	2.4%	35.7%	30.9%
	% Asian or Pacific Islander	10.5%	7.5%	11.8%
	% Other	0.9%	10.5%	2.5%
	% Hispanic Origin ¹	3.5%	7.6%	16.1%
	Educational Attainment:			
	Persons 25 Years and Older	7,025	7,140	3,500
	% Less than High School Diploma	4.3%	7.9%	10.0%
% High School Graduate	20.2%	24.0%	39.1%	
% Associate or Trade School	2.5%	4.7%	6.9%	
% Bachelor's Degree	29.7%	39.0%	20.8%	
% Grad, Professional or Doctoral	43.2%	24.5%	23.2%	
L A B O R F O R C E	Number of Employed Residents ²	5,585	5,885	2,680
	% Females Who Are Employed ²	68.9%	72.2%	63.7%
	Women with Children Under Age 6	*	*	*
	% Employed ²	*	*	*
	Employer:			
	% Private for Profit	57.1%	54.9%	50.5%
	% Private not for Profit	11.4%	17.2%	17.8%
	% Self-Employed	8.7%	7.3%	7.7%
	% Government	22.9%	20.5%	23.9%
	Work Location:			
	% In the County	46.0%	30.1%	43.5%
	% Inside the Beltway	31.4%	22.5%	16.0%
	% Outside the Beltway	14.6%	7.7%	27.4%
	% Elsewhere in Maryland	9.3%	15.8%	5.9%
	% to Washington, D.C.	33.9%	48.3%	40.5%
	% to Virginia	9.3%	3.9%	1.3%
	Work Trip:			
	% Driving	52.9%	46.6%	57.8%
	% Alone	49.8%	35.5%	50.6%
	% Carpool	3.1%	11.1%	7.2%
% Public Transit or Rail	29.8%	45.0%	35.6%	
% Walk/Bicycle/Other	14.1%	4.6%		
% Work at Home	3.3%	3.7%	6.6%	
Access to Metrorail:				
% Car	5.0%		27.0%	
% Ride-On/Metrobus	3.2%	*		
% Walk/Bicycle	91.8%	98.1%	73.0%	

* Insufficient data for reliable estimates.

¹ Those of Hispanic origin may be of any race.

² Ages 16 and older and employed full- or part-time.

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H O U S I N G	Households	5,115	5,205	1,930
	Average Household Size	1.57	1.65	2.33
	Tenure:			
	% Rental	74.5%	97.5%	56.0%
	Average Monthly Costs:			
	Homeowners	\$1,049	\$1,038	\$1,063
	Renters	\$879	\$727	\$642
	% in Same Home 5 Years Ago	37.3%	25.6%	55.3%
	Median Years in Same Home	3	2	6
	Average Age of Household Head	45.7	44.7	50.5
	% Households with Foreign Born Head or Spouse	19.2%	35.2%	35.5%
	Households by Type:			
	% Family Households	33.9%	45.6%	73.4%
	% Married-Couple	28.3%	35.8%	47.2%
	% Single-Parent	3.2%	8.3%	21.1%
	% Nonfamily Households	66.1%	54.4%	26.6%
	% Householder Living Alone	59.5%	49.5%	21.4%
	Persons in Households:			
	% 1 Person	59.5%	49.5%	21.4%
	% 2 Persons	30.3%	42.0%	52.7%
	% 3 Persons	6.0%	3.9%	9.0%
	% 4 Persons	3.0%	3.0%	8.4%
	% 5+ Persons	1.2%	1.5%	8.5%
Average Number of Cars	1.1	0.9	1.4	
% of Households with Computers	52.4%	52.8%	40.9%	
% with Internet Connection	66.2%	66.5%	55.8%	
I N C O M E	1996 Household Income Distribution:			
	% Under \$15,000	5.4%	9.7%	16.1%
	% \$15,000 to \$29,999	10.0%	18.7%	16.2%
	% \$30,000 to \$49,999	29.0%	41.6%	14.7%
	% \$50,000 to \$69,999	24.7%	18.5%	26.3%
	% \$70,000 to \$99,999	12.8%	7.6%	17.0%
	% \$100,000+	18.2%	3.9%	9.8%
	1996 Median Household Income	\$55,315	\$40,010	\$52,500
	% of Households Spending More Than 25% of Income on Housing Costs:			
	% Homeowners	28.0%	*	*
% Renters	33.4%	37.9%	*	

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