

Economic Trends and Commercial Construction Indicators for Metropolitan Washington

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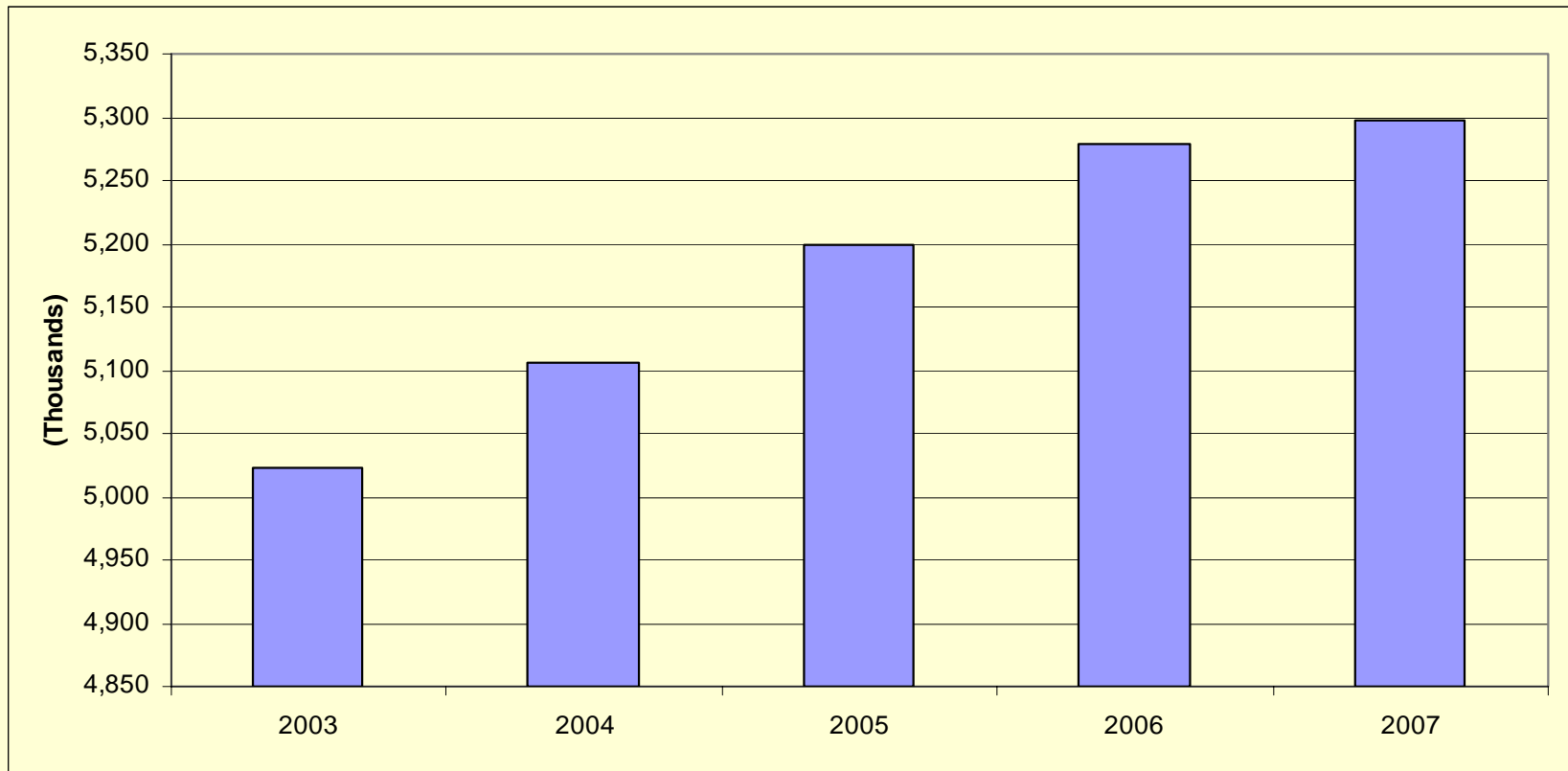
Economic Trends in Metropolitan Washington 2003 – 2007



- Population
- Employment
- Labor Force
- Construction
- Mortgage Rates, Home Sales, and Housing-Related Inflation
- Inflation
- Income
- Retail Sales
- Airline Passengers

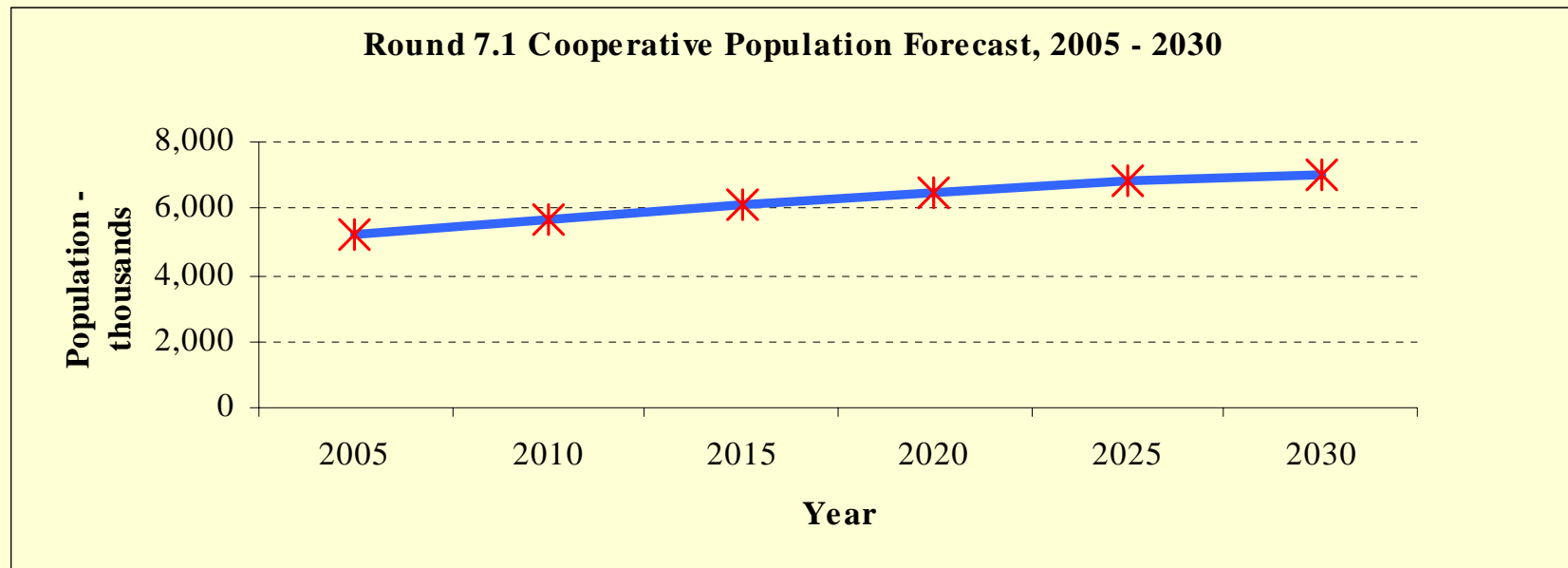
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Population Change in the Washington Region



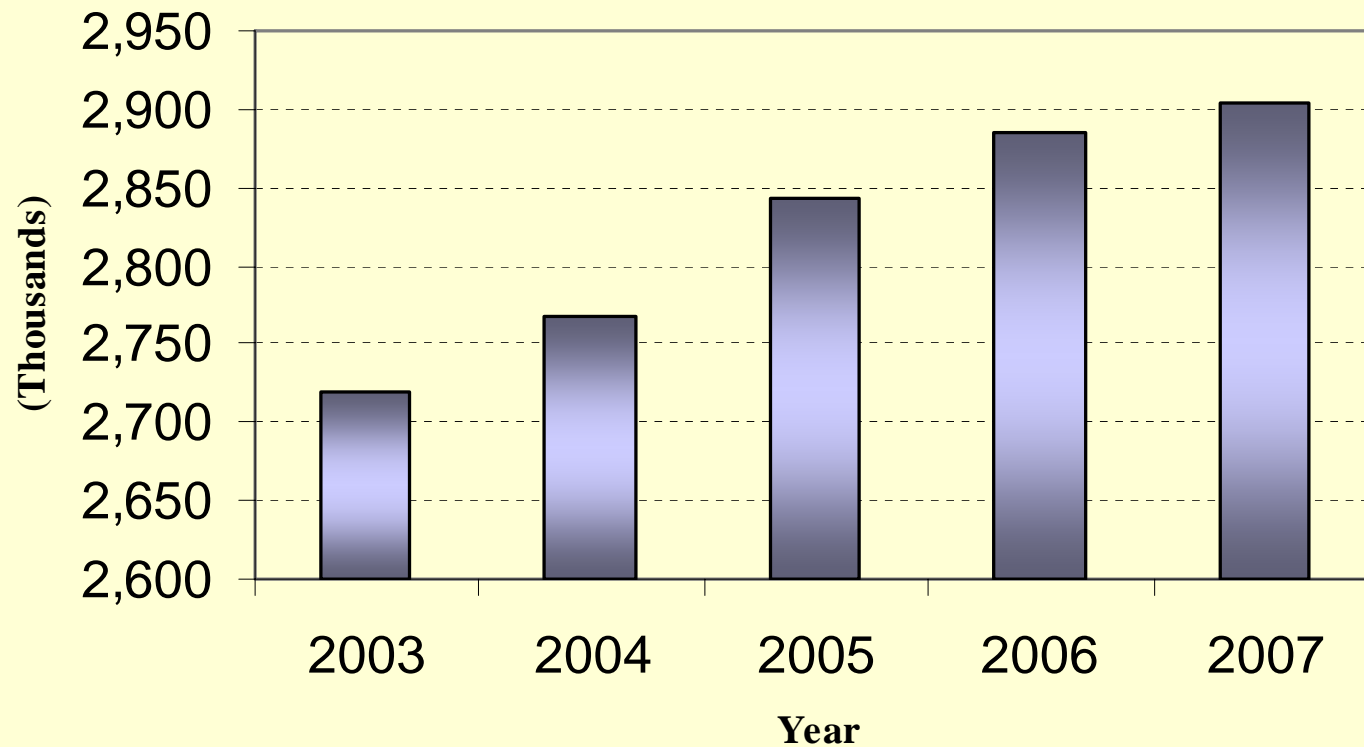
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Forecast 2005 to 2030 Population Growth



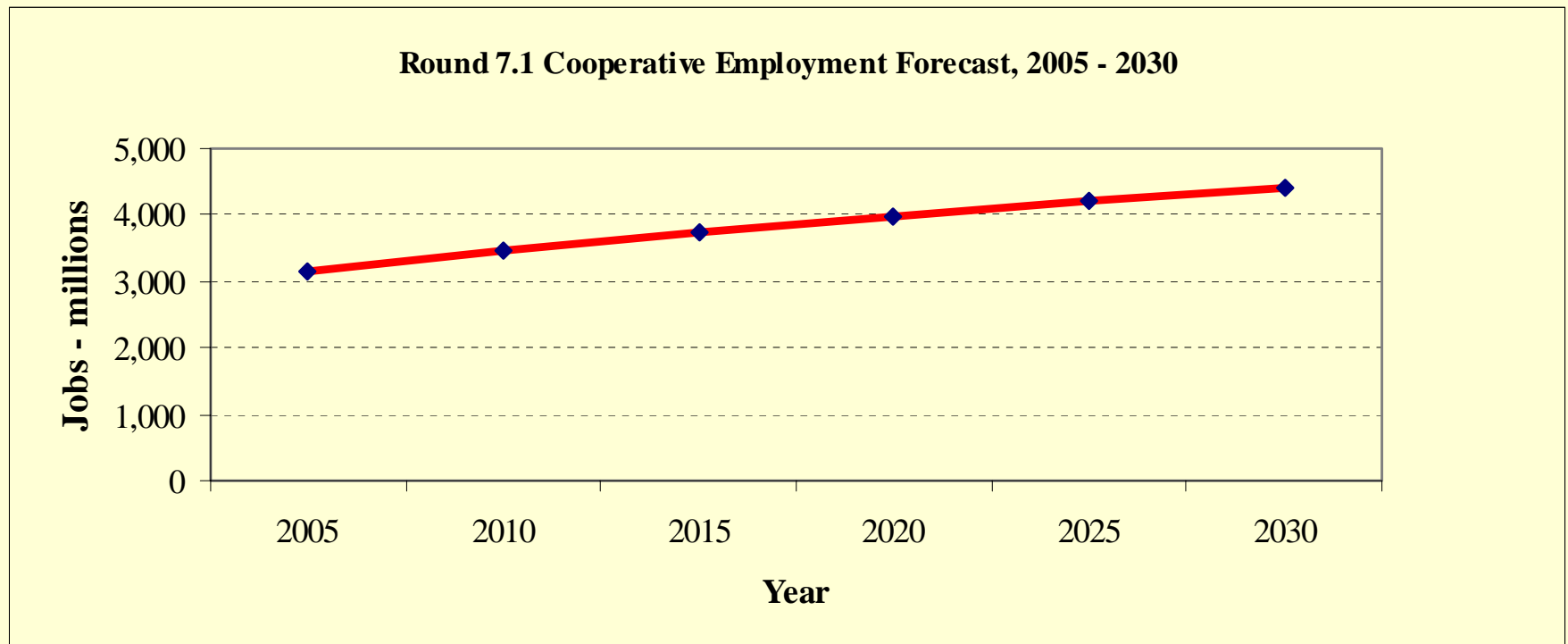
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At-Place Employment in the Washington Region



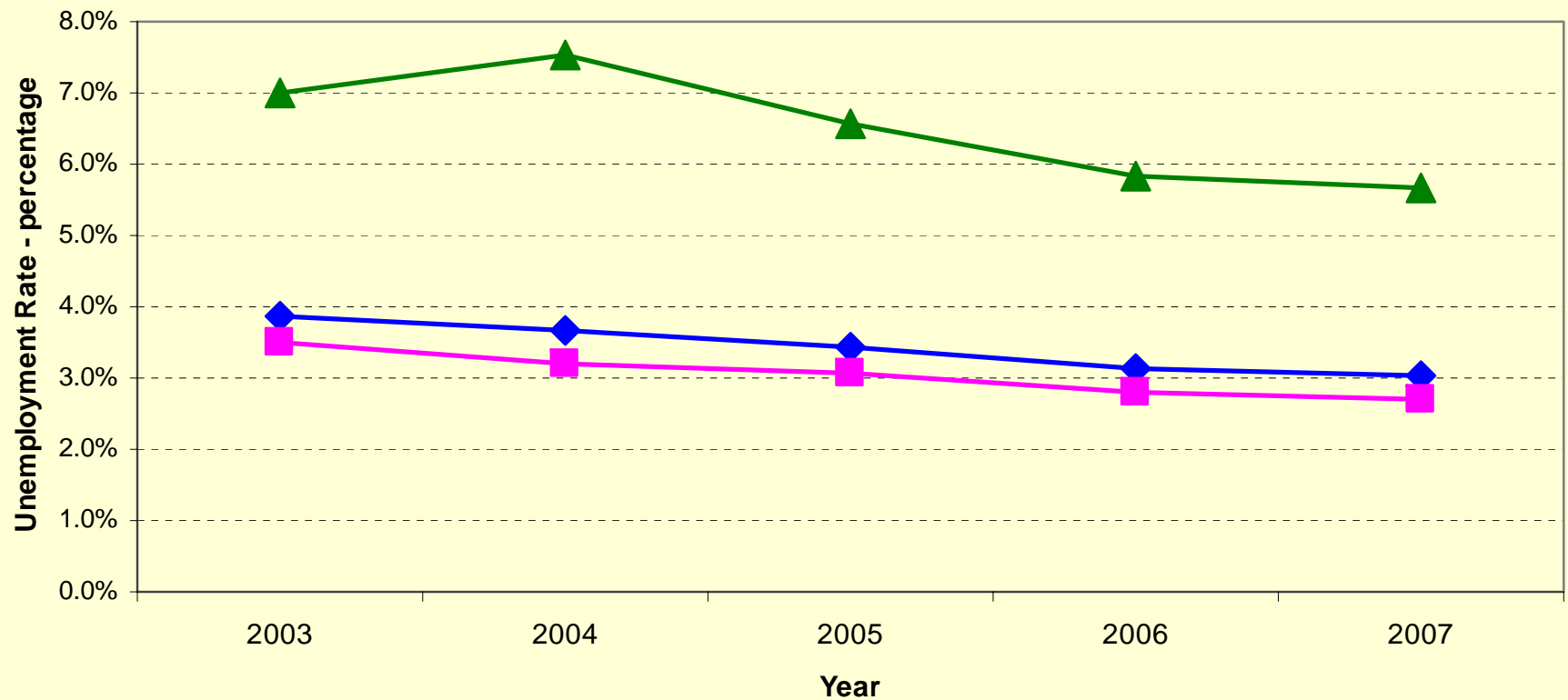
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Forecast 2005 to 2030 Job Growth



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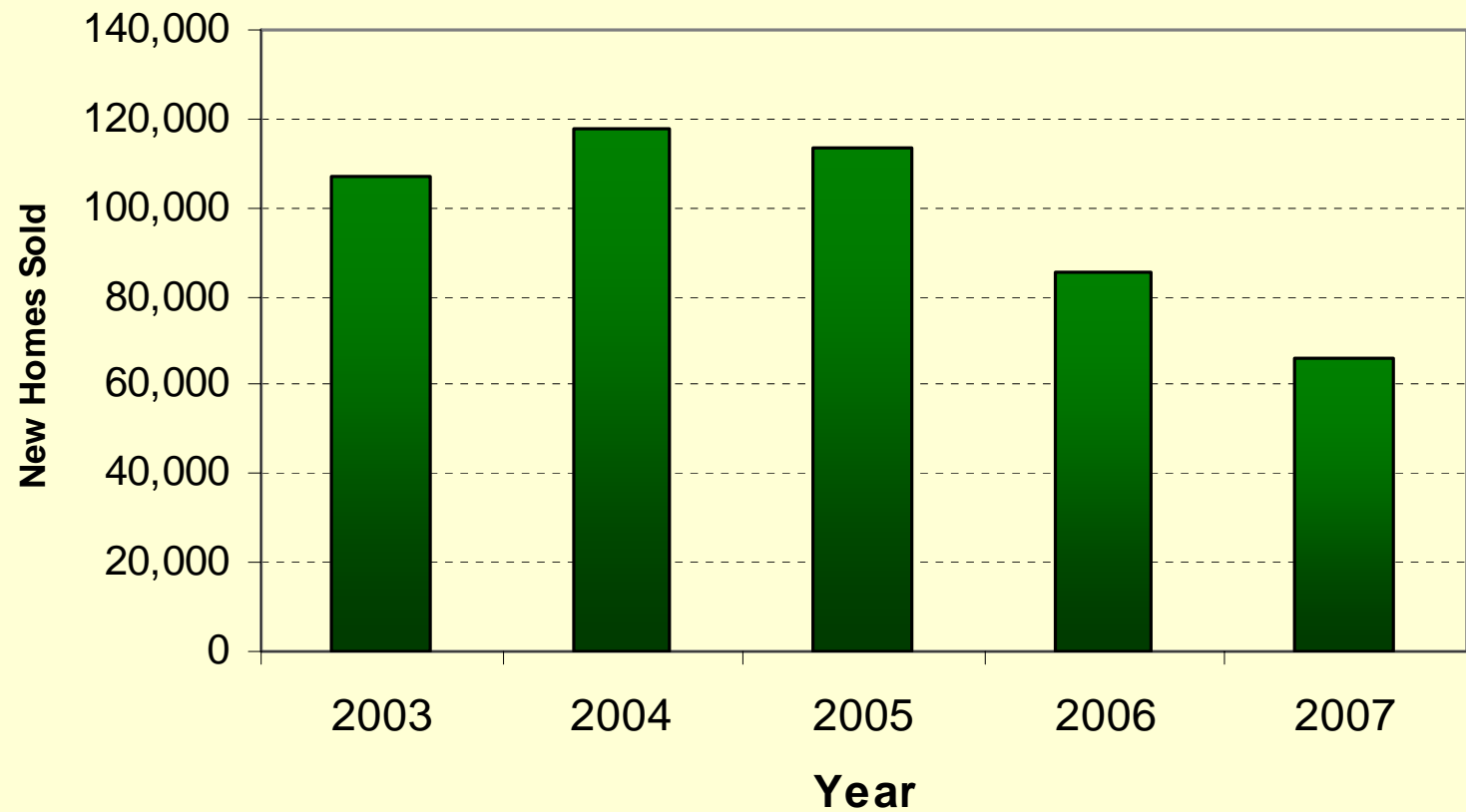
Annual Unemployment Rate



—◆— Washington-Arlington-Alexandria DC-MD-VA-WV MSA —■— Suburban Jurisdictions a/ —▲— District of Columbia

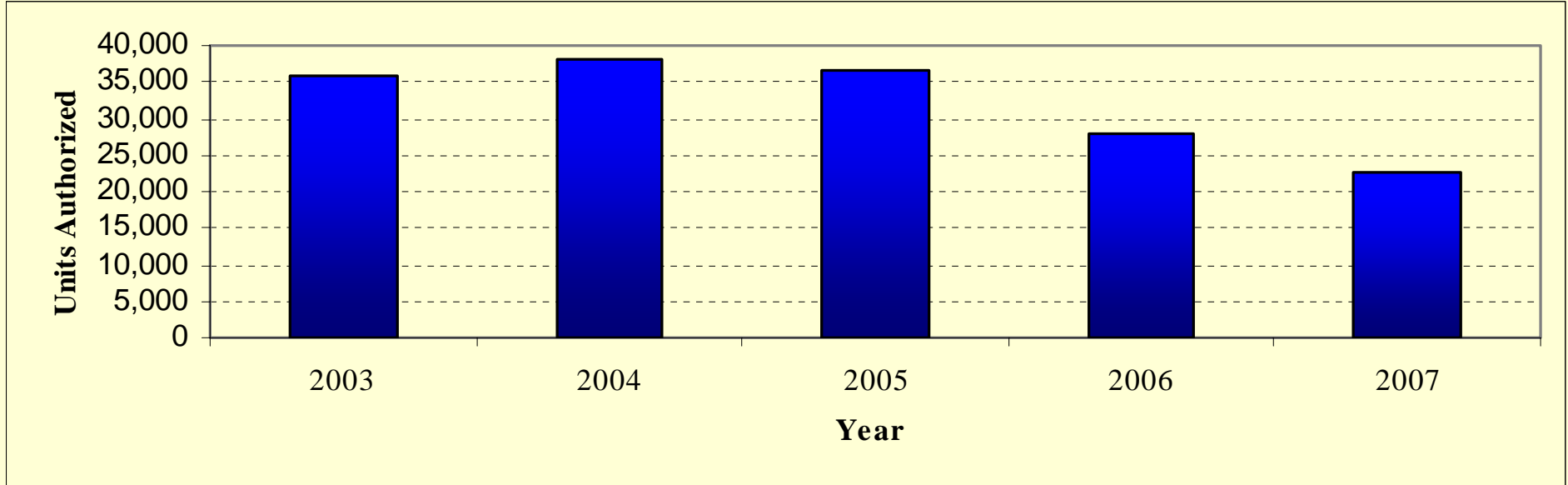
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Net Home Sales in the Washington Region



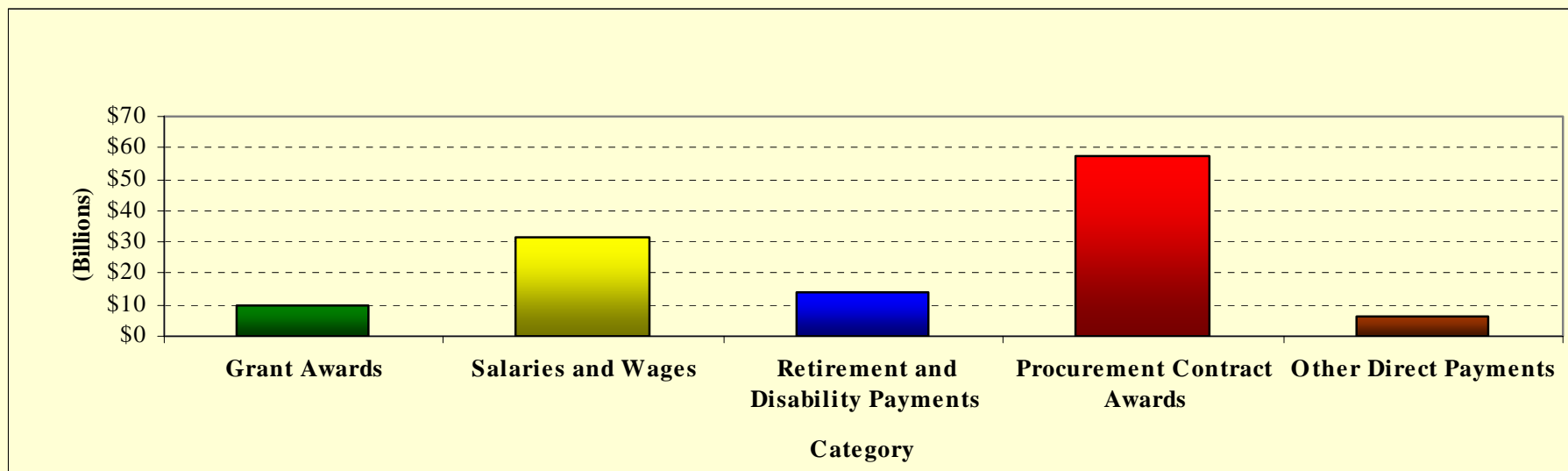
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Housing Units Authorized in the Washington Region



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Federal Expenditures by Category, FY06

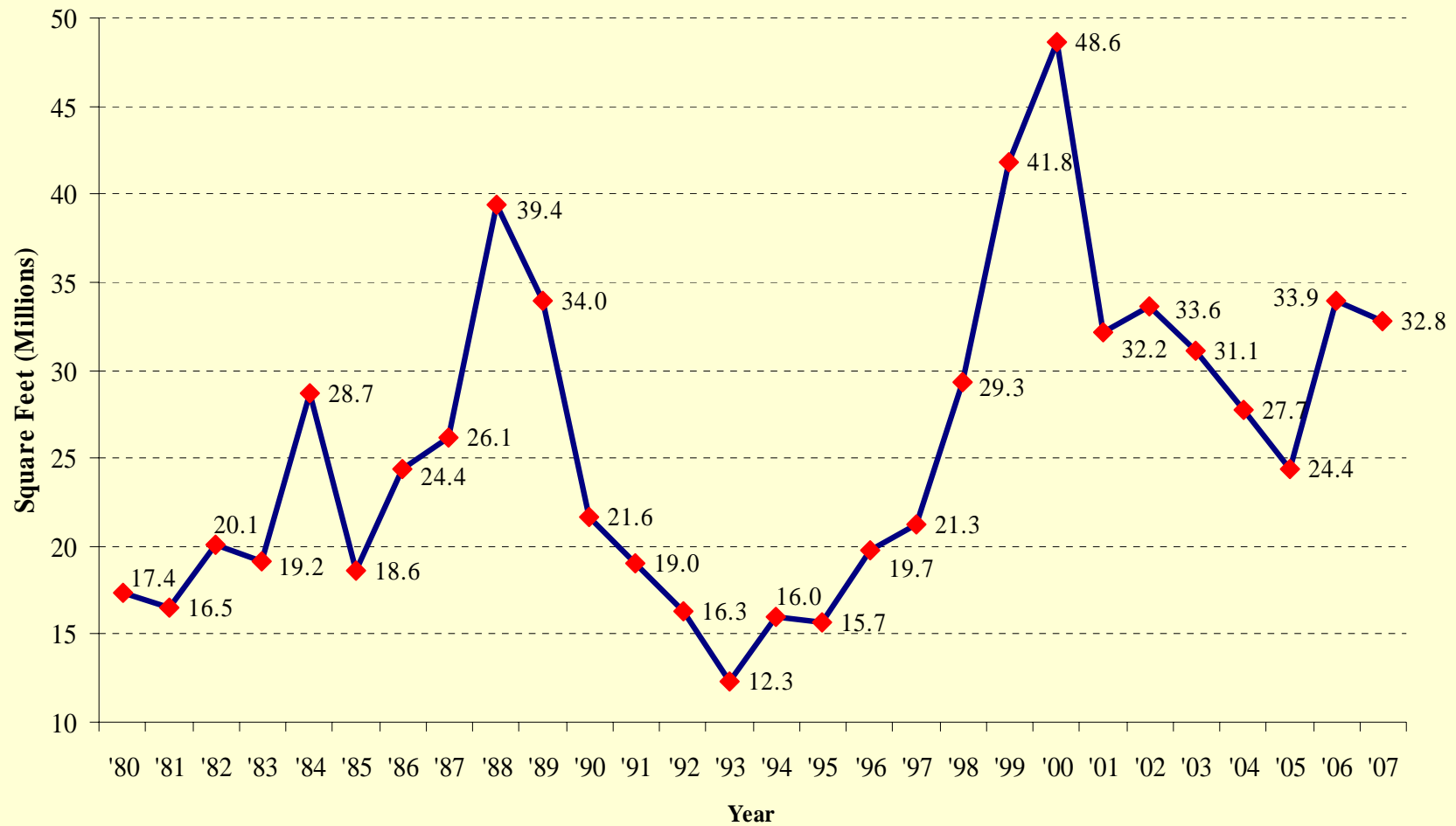


Commercial Construction Indicators 2007

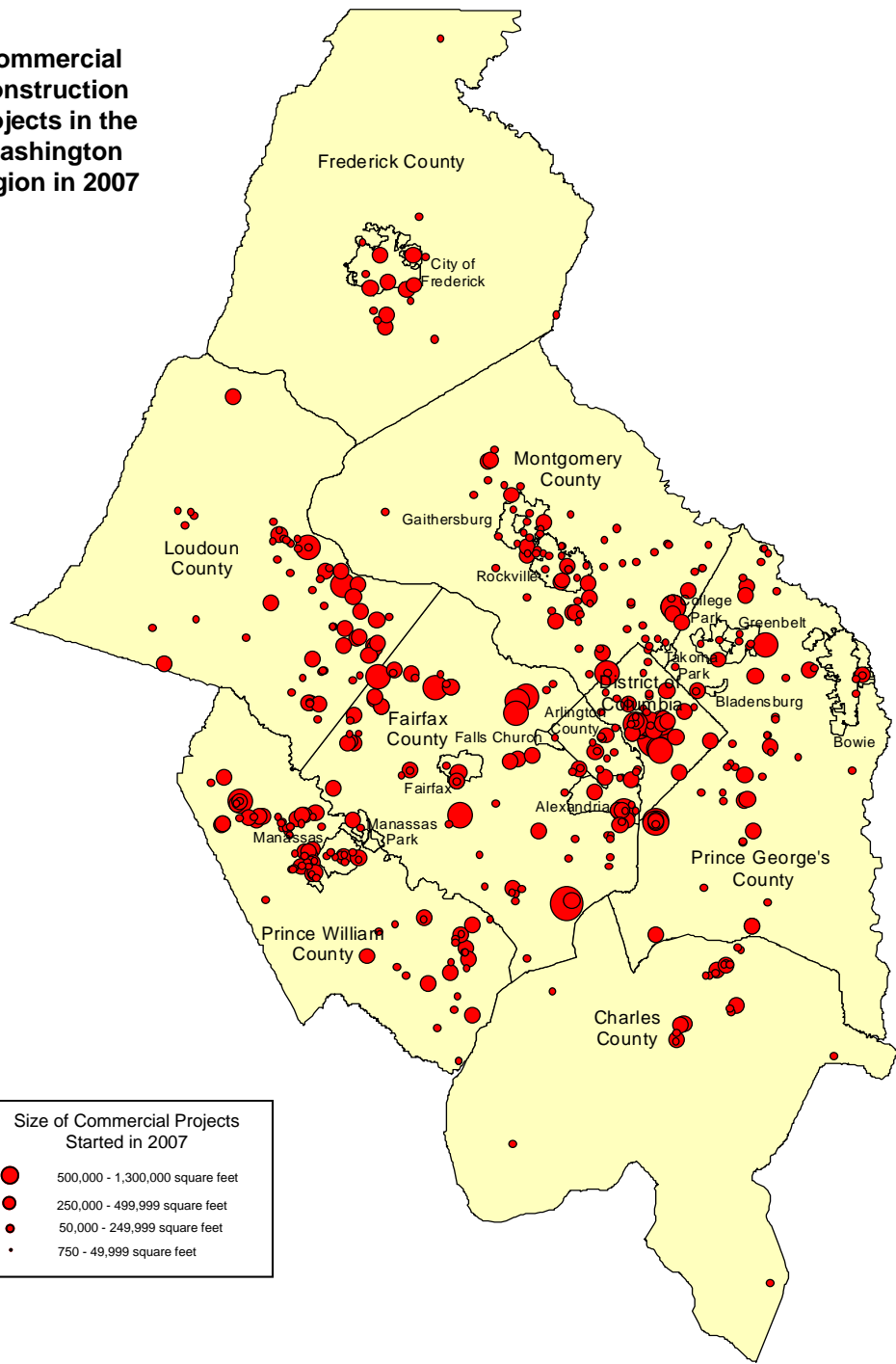
- 473 Projects
- 32.8 Million Square Feet
- \$5.7 Billion Estimated Value

Commercial Construction Starts 1980 to 2007

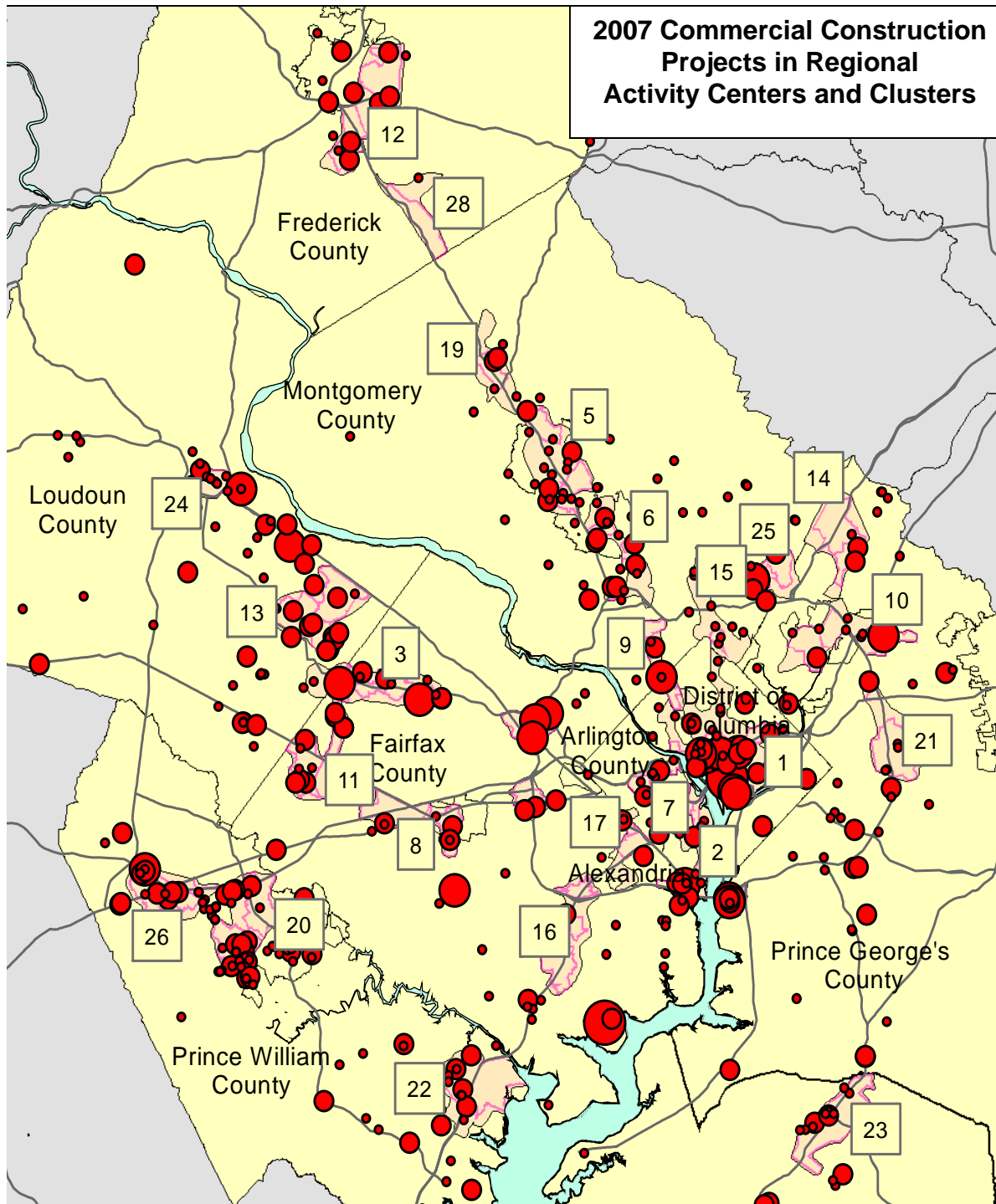
Total Square Feet



Commercial Construction Projects in the Washington Region in 2007



- Suburban Maryland:
10.5 million sq. ft
- Northern Virginia:
17.4 million sq. ft
- District of Columbia:
4.9 million sq. ft



- 6.0 Million Square Feet (18% of region's total) in Metrorail Station Areas
- 15.7 Million Square Feet (48% of region's total) in Activity Centers

Economic Trends in Metropolitan Washington 2003 to 2007

Trends to watch in 2007 and 2008:

- **Inflation** – fuel costs and interest rates
- **Real Estate** – Foreclosures - human services and fiscal impacts
- **Federal presence** – Federal procurement, BRAC and security-related location decisions