

Region Forward

Metropolitan Washington
Council of Governments

Situation Analysis

JURISDICTION	OVERALL	COLLEGE DEGREE	NO COLLEGE DEGREE
District of Columbia	10.5%	4.0%	21.1% / 33,854
Montgomery County	5.0%	3.5%	7.3% / 16,972
Prince George's County	7.9%	4.9%	9.4% / 31,061
Fairfax County	4.8%	3.5%	6.9% / 17,481
Loudoun County	3.6%	2.7%	4.8% / 3,763
Arlington County	3.1%	2.3%	5.5% / 2,113
			Total = 105,244

Unemployment Benefits

JURISDICTION	Average Weekly Benefit	Average Annual Benefit
District of Columbia	\$295.71	\$15,376.92
Maryland	\$321.72	\$16,729.44
Virginia	\$283.34	\$14,733.68
Regional Average	\$300.25	\$15,613.35

By creating more jobs that pay \$40,000 per year, jurisdictions achieve a \$55,000 swing in addition to taxable income. As such, in this economy these jobs are commensurate with entry-level knowledge worker salaries.