

# economic indicators

Information on Arlington's Economy from Arlington Economic Development

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## AT-PLACE EMPLOYMENT

At-Place Employment*	Reporting Period	Current	Last Period	Last Year	Annual Change
Employees	2nd Q 2008	155,402	153,654	153,181	1.4% ▲
Establishments	2nd Q 2008	7,590	7,614	7,313	3.8% ▲
Gross Wages (weekly)	2nd Q 2008	\$1,377	\$1,465	\$1,351	1.9% ▲

\*data excludes enlisted military personnel  
Source: Virginia Employment Commission

## LABOR FORCE

Civilian Labor Force*	Reporting Period	Current	Last Period	Last Year	Annual Change
Arlington County	Dec 2008	131,616	131,881	129,871	1.3% ▲
Northern Virginia	Dec 2008	1,447,913	1,450,284	1,424,596	1.6% ▲
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>					
Arlington County	Dec 2008	3.2%	2.8%	2.1%	1.1 pp ▲
Northern Virginia	Dec 2008	3.9%	3.5%	2.4%	1.5 pp ▲

pp = percentage points  
\* readjusted monthly  
Source: Virginia Employment Commission

## OFFICE ABSORPTION

Net Office Absorption*	Reporting Period	Current	Year-To-Date	Last Year-To-Date	Annual Change
Arlington	4th Q 2008	127,748	871,280	171,832	699,448 ▲
Northern Virginia	4th Q 2008	(11,604)	754,270	1,431,764	-677,494 ▼

\* In SF, includes sublet  
Source: CoStar

## VACANCY RATES

Total Office Vacancy Rate*	Reporting Period	Current	Last Period	Last Year	Annual Change
Arlington	4th Q 2008	9.8%	9.4%	9.2%	0.6 pp ▲
Rosslyn	4th Q 2008	6.1%	5.9%	7.2%	-1.1 pp ▼
Clarendon/Court House	4th Q 2008	14.6%	10.8%	9.8%	4.8 pp ▲
Ballston	4th Q 2008	4.5%	5.1%	6.9%	-2.4 pp ▼
Virginia Square	4th Q 2008	4.6%	5.4%	8.3%	-3.7 pp ▼
Crystal City	4th Q 2008	15.3%	16.8%	14.5%	0.8 pp ▲
Northern Virginia	4th Q 2008	13.2%	12.8%	10.8%	2.4 pp ▲

\* In SF, includes sublet  
Source: CoStar

## HOUSING SALES

Housing Sales*	Reporting Period	Current	Year-To-Date	Last Year-To-Date	Annual Change
Single Family Detached	Sep 2008	67	483	713	-32.3% ▼
Single Family Attached	Sep 2008	28	148	188	-21.3% ▼
Condominium	Sep 2008	108	910	1,353	-32.7% ▼

\*readjusted monthly

Source: Arlington Real Estate Assessments

## HOUSING PRICES

Average Housing Prices*	Reporting Period	Current	Last Period	Last Year	Annual Change
Single Family Detached	Sep 2008	\$686,791	\$823,335	\$703,210	-2.3% ▼
Single Family Attached	Sep 2008	\$657,695	\$584,668	\$627,667	4.8% ▲
Condominium	Sep 2008	\$396,710	\$419,724	\$404,765	-2.0% ▼

\* readjusted monthly

Source: Real Estate Assessments

## TOURISM

Tourism	Reporting Period	Current	Year-To-Date	Last Year- To-Date	Annual Change
Lodging Sales Receipts	Aug 2008	\$34,942,381	\$262,393,878	\$241,175,585	8.8% ▲
Hotel Occupancy	Aug 2008	84.7%	77.0%	78.1%	-1.4% ▼
Average Daily Room Rate	Aug 2008	\$147.37	\$170.07	\$162.10	4.9% ▲

Source: Arlington County Commissioner of Revenue & Smith Travel Research

## CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

Consumer Price Index (CPI-U All Items)	Reporting Period	Current	Last Period	Last Year	Annual Change
Washington - Baltimore DC/MD/VA/WVA	Nov 2008	138.5	142.0	135.2	2.4% ▲

Source: US Bureau of Labor Statistics

## RETAIL SALES

Taxable Retail Sales	Reporting Period	Current	Last Period	Last Year	Annual Change
Arlington	3rd Q 2008	\$756,657,837	\$761,219,933	\$726,565,842	4.1% ▲

Source: Virginia Department of Taxation

## AIR TRANSPORTATION

Washington National Airport	Reporting Period	Current	Last Period	Last Year	Annual Change
Total Aircraft Operations	Dec 2008	21,909	21,948	21,831	0.4% ▲
Total Passengers	Dec 2008	1,401,707	1,370,341	1,326,834	5.6% ▲

Source: Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority