Robust Growth Forecasted for Prince George's County

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Prince George's County Planning Department, in partnership with the <u>Metropolitan Washington Council</u> of <u>Governments (MWCOG)</u>, developed Round 10 population, household, and employment forecasts for regional transportation planning purposes. The forecasts are also fundamental for local comprehensive planning and functional planning initiatives.

On June 14, 2023, the MWCOG Board of Directors approved the Round 10 forecasts for all member jurisdictions including Prince George's County. MWCOG released the full, detailed datasets on September 6, 2023. The Round 10 datasets for those jurisdictions are published at the MWCOG website. The dataset for Prince George's County's is posted on this departmental website.

The forecasts were developed for the 30-year planning horizon between 2020 and 2050. The data table shows that Prince George's County is forecasted to continue to grow in population, households, and employment (the number of jobs). A similar trend is foreseen in the MWCOG region. The data further show that employment is forecasted to increase faster than the population and/or households in Prince George's County or the MWCOG region.

The County is situated in the D.C. metropolitan region, one of the vigorous economic engines in the nation on the strength of the federal government, international tourist destinations, a well-educated workforce, and dynamic transit system anchored with multipurpose development. The data further portray the County's notable stance in population, household, and employment in the regional context.

As a mature and vibrant suburban jurisdiction featuring significant mixed-use redevelopments, the County has achieved and is anticipated to continue to attain a balance ("the ratio" in the data table) between households (or housing) and employment (jobs). This balance is an important measure for reducing traffic congestion and environmental pollution (National Library of Medicine).

Round 10 Population, Household, and Employment Forecasts

Prince George's County:	2020	2025	2030	2035	2040	2045	2050	30-Year Growth	Percent Change
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Population	967,201	997,790	1,032,963	1,081,732	1,122,712	1,159,591	1,193,750	226,549	23.42%
Household	342,216	353,735	367,432	385,948	400,542	413,702	425,909	83,693	24.46%
Employment	343,459	356,688	366,824	381,938	396,695	416,047	434,976	91,517	26.65%
The Ratio*	1.00	0.99	1.00	1.01	1.01	0.99	0.98		

MWCOG Region:	2020	2025	2030	2035	2040	2045	2050	30-Year Growth	Percent Change
Population	5,731,264	5,954,180	6,247,205	6,507,798	6,749,739	6,974,481	7,181,083	1,449,819	25.30%
Household	2,127,514	2,254,523	2,389,004	2,508,055	2,617,190	2,716,322	2,803,814	676,300	31.79%
Employment	3,169,247	3,356,922	3,549,888	3,737,282	3,881,722	4,024,571	4,156,611	987,364	31.15%
The Ratio*	0.671	0.672	0.673	0.671	0.674	0.675	0.675		

County's Share of Region's:	2020	2025	2030	2035	2040	2045	2050	30-Year Growth
Population	16.88%	16.76%	16.53%	16.62%	16.63%	16.63%	16.62%	15.63%
Household	16.09%	15.69%	15.38%	15.39%	15.30%	15.23%	15.19%	12.38%
Employment	10.84%	10.63%	10.33%	10.22%	10.22%	10.34%	10.46%	9.27%

^{*:} The household/employment ratio.

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