



Community Profile

Overview

The City of Alexandria is located in Northern Virginia bordered by the District of Columbia (Potomac River), Arlington, and Fairfax counties. Once within the original boundary stones that demarked the area of the Nation's Capital, Alexandria is a part of the greater Washington, D.C. metropolitan area. With a population of approximately 158, 309 Alexandria is the sixth largest city in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Unique and historic, Alexandria is a place that is experiencing substantial redevelopment appeal and business growth opportunities as a result of a high market demand for urban living in a quality environment. About one-quarter of the City's 15.47 square miles has been designated as a national or local historic district. Thousands of the buildings utilized as homes, businesses and museums are considered monuments to the past.

The City is an active participant in regional agencies such as the Washington Metropolitan Council of Governments, the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA), the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC), the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA), the Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC), and the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority (NVRPA).

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey (ACS) 2016-2020, 5-Year Survey



Jones Point
Photo credit: Evan Michio



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Location

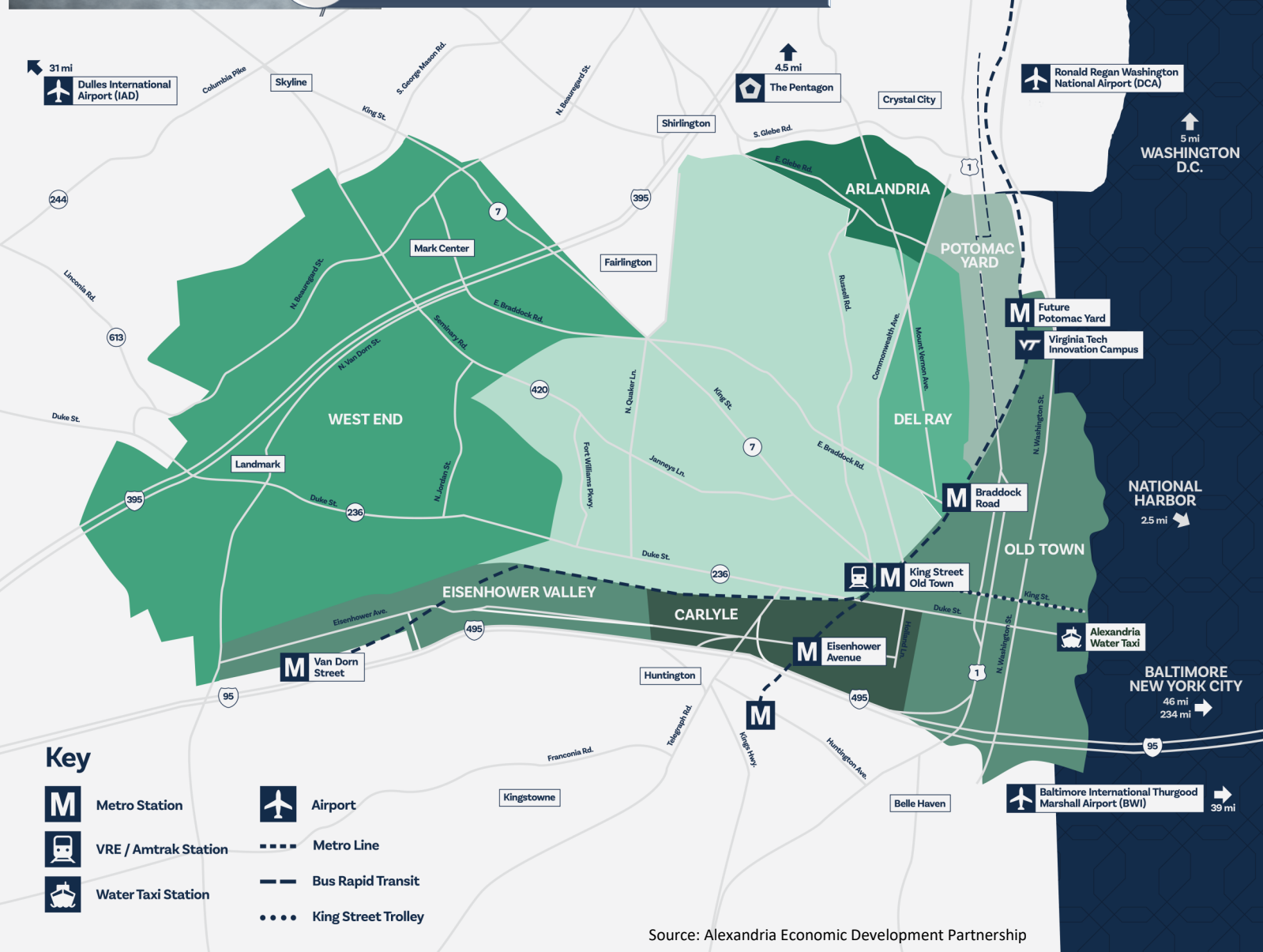
GETTING HERE

AIRPORTS

RAIL SERVICE

- 2 miles Ronald Reagan National
- 30 miles Washington Dulles International
- 40 miles Baltimore-Washington International

- Amtrak
National Service
- Virginia Railway Express
Northern Virginia Regional Service
- WMATA Metrorail
DC Metro Area Service

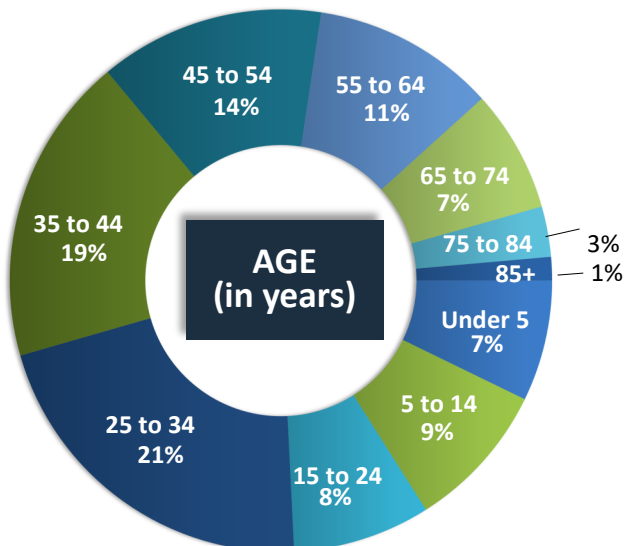
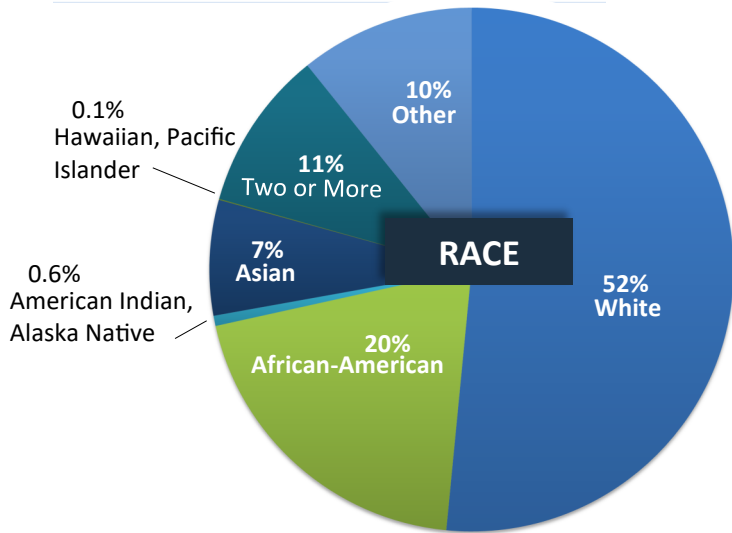
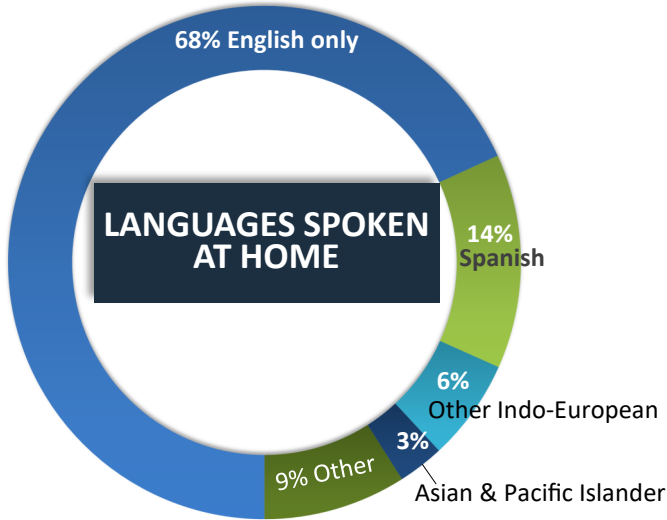


Source: Alexandria Economic Development Partnership



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Demographics



158,309

Total Population



93%

High School+ Grads

65%

Bachelor's Degree+



11,346

Veteran Alexandrians



93%

Homes with Broadband ISP



3.21

Median Family Size

\$137,135

Median Family Income



2.6

Median Household Size

\$102,227

Median Household Income



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History

During its long history, Alexandria was a tobacco trading post, one of the ten busiest ports in America, a part of the District of Columbia, home to both the largest slave-trading firm in the country and a large free-black community, a Civil War supply center for Union troops, and a street-car suburb for Federal workers. Alexandria was also the hometown of George Washington, Robert E. Lee, Jim Morrison and Mama Cass. Notable Alexandria landmarks include Murray-Dick-Fawcett House, Contrabands and Freedmen Cemetery Memorial, the African American Heritage Park, Carlyle House, the Lee-Fendall House, and the Torpedo Factory. The City’s weekly Farmer’s Market has been meeting continuously on Market Square since the town’s founding and is considered the nation’s oldest farmer’s market (pictured right).



Market Square Farmer’s Market: Photos credit: Nowitz



Many of the city's premier historic sites fall under the administration of the Office of Historic Alexandria, the department of City government charged with the conservation, interpretation and

promotion of these links to the past. The Office of Historic Alexandria has received accreditation by the American Alliance of Museums and is a member of the International Coalition of Sites of Conscience.

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Museums Owned and Operated by the City of Alexandria

- Alexandria Black History Museum
- Alexandria Archaeology Museum
- Fort Ward Museum & Historic Park
- Freedom House Museum
- Friendship Firehouse Museum
- The Lyceum (Alexandria’s History Museum)
- Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum
- Gadsby’s Tavern Museum



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Governance

The City of Alexandria is an independent city with no county affiliation, and derives its governing authority from a Charter granted by the Virginia General Assembly. Virginia is a Dillon Rule state, allowing local governments only the authority expressly granted to them by the Virginia Constitution or by the Virginia General Assembly in the City Charter or in general law.

City Council is the governing body, which formulates policies for the administration of the City. The Mayor is chosen on a separate ballot and presides over sessions of the Council.

ALEXANDRIA CITY COUNCIL January 1, 2022– December 31, 2024

From Left, Front Row Seated:
 Vice Mayor Amy B. Jackson
 Mayor Justin M. Wilson

From Left, Back Row:
 Sarah Bagley, Canek Aguirre
 John Taylor Chapman, R. Kirk
 McPike, and Alyia Gaskins



Elected At-Large
 to 3-Year Terms

1922

**Adopted
 Council-Manager
 form of Government**

2022-Present

**CITY MANAGER
 James F. Parajon**

**DEPUTY CITY MANAGERS
 Emily A. Baker
 Debra R. Collins
 Laura B. Triggs**

The Alexandria City Council operates under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, which prohibits closed sessions of the Council except for specific matters regarding personnel, pending litigation and land acquisition. Accordingly, nearly all sessions of the City Council are open to the public, where citizens actively participate in public hearing discussions.

The City Council appoints the City Manager who serves as the City’s Chief Executive Officer responsible for implementing the policies established by City Council.

Civic engagement is highly valued by residents and the City government. The City has 74 internal boards and commissions composed of citizen appointments made by Council. Appointees also serve on regional boards and commissions all which can advise City Council on major issues.

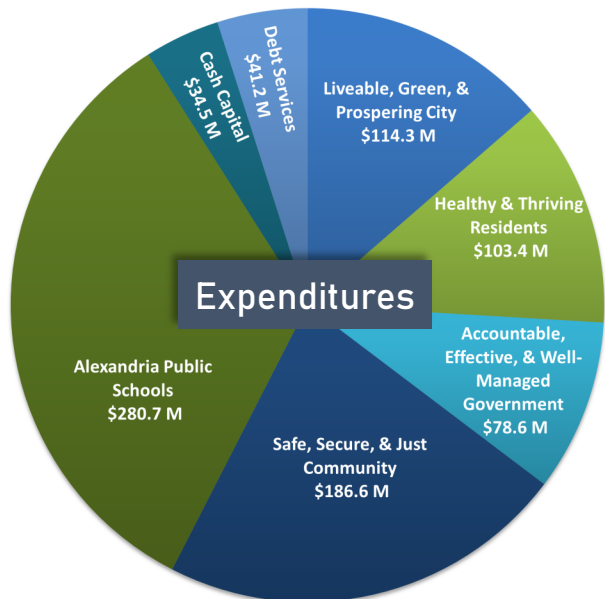
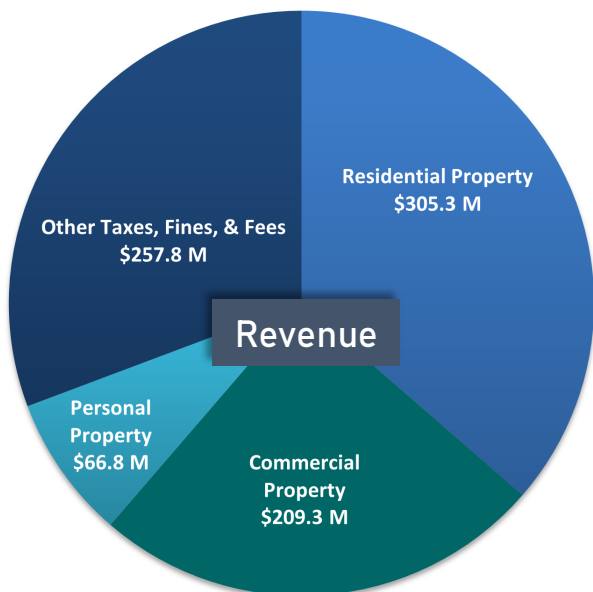


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On February 15, 2022 the City Manager presented the fiscal year 2023 Proposed Budget to City Council based on the budget guidance provided in the fall. After the presentation of the Proposed budget the public provided input through public hearings and the submission of online comments. City Council deliberated the Proposed Budget through a series of budget work sessions in February, March, and April.

The FY 2023 City Manager Budget includes funding for initiatives that address emerging issues, maintaining core services, promoting equity to maximize Alexandria’s affordability and accessibility, and meet short-term infrastructure goals. Capital Improvement Program includes renovating, retrofitting, and expansion of ACPS facilities.

General Fund



Alexandria City Government

- \$1.1 billion**
 FY 2023 All Funds Operating Budget
- \$2.73 billion**
 Capital Improvement Program (CIP)
 FY 2023 – FY 2032
- 2,765**
 Full-Time Employees



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Economy

10 Largest Employers

1. U.S. Department of Commerce
2. U.S. Department of Defense
3. City of Alexandria
4. Alexandria City Public Schools
5. Inova Health Systems

1000+
Employees

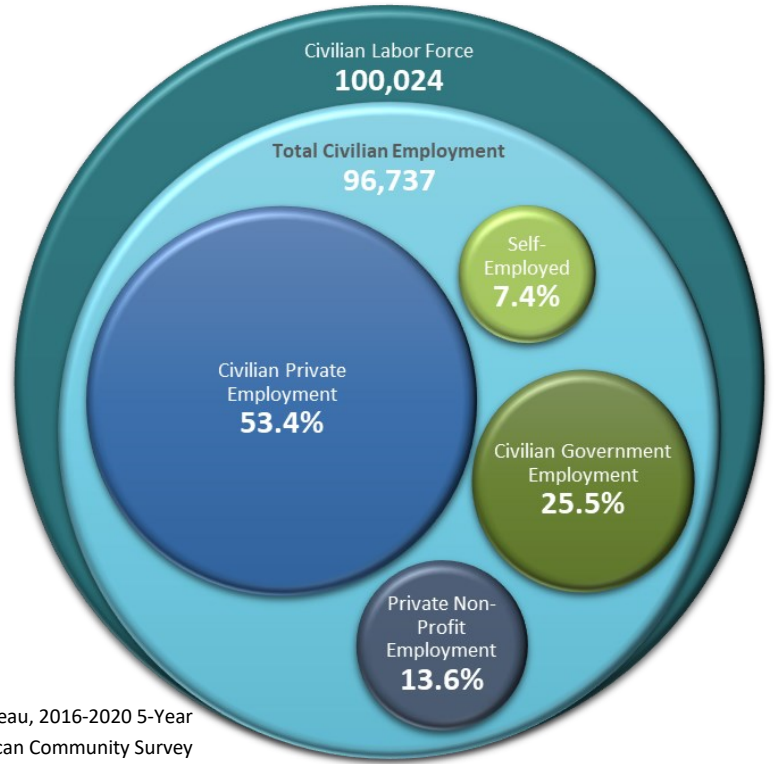
500-999
Employees

6. Washington Metro Area Transit Authority
7. Institute for Defense Analysis
8. U.S. Department of Agriculture
9. Cuisine Solutions Inc
10. Systems Plan and Analysis

Source: Virginia Employment Commission Economic Information & Analytics, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) 2021

2.3 %
Unemployment
(December 2021)

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2016-2020 5-Year American Community Survey





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Tourism

In addition to its historic sites and architecture, Alexandria includes a variety of attractions. King Street in Old Town offers a walkable mile of restaurants and boutiques. Our waterfront, anchored by The Torpedo Factory Art Center, Tall Ship Providence and Waterfront Park provide an opportunity for the public to meet professional artists, experience our maritime heritage and explore the Potomac.



ECONOMIC IMPACT

Each fall, the Commonwealth of Virginia releases data for all municipalities measuring the economic impact of the tourism sector in the prior calendar year. In 2021, because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Commonwealth expanded its analysis to include a forecast of the impact of the pandemic into the next two years, 2021 and 2022. The graph to the right demonstrates the steady upward trajectory of Alexandria's performance through 2019, and the subsequent effect of the pandemic and forecasted recovery.*

*Source: 2020 Economic Impact of Domestic Travel on Virginia and Localities, Virginia Tourism Corporation. Data is based on macroeconomic modeling and provides an estimate of receipts of actual taxes and receipts from visitors traveling from a radius 50+ miles outside of Alexandria. Note: because of the change in VTC's research partner in 2021, data reported in prior Visit Alexandria Annual Reports is not directly comparable to data reported here.
 **Source: 2020-2022 Analysis and Forecast of COVID-19's Impact on Virginia's Visitor Economy, Tourism Economics

DIRECT SPENDING (\$MILLION)

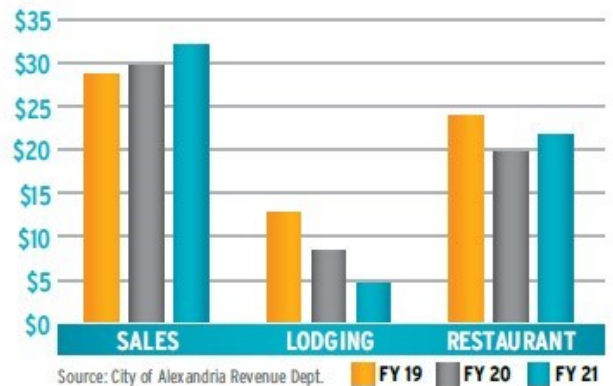


SALES, RESTAURANT & LODGING TAX RECEIPTS (\$MILLIONS)



Sources: FY 15-21 Actual, City of Alexandria Revenue Dept.
 FY 21 Estimate, City of Alexandria Approved FY 22 Budget

ALEXANDRIA CONSUMPTION TAX RECEIPTS (\$MILLIONS)



Source: City of Alexandria Revenue Dept. Legend: FY 19 (Orange), FY 20 (Grey), FY 21 (Teal)



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Education

ALEXANDRIA CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

THE CITY FUNDS **80%** OF THE ACPS BUDGET

STUDENTS ENROLLED **15,477**



58.8% Free & Reduced-
Priced Meals
11.8% Special Education
33.1% English Learner

TEACHERS **1,542**



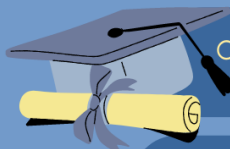
Student-Teacher Ratio
Elementary: 9.9
Middle: 17
High: 12.3

OUR SCHOOLS

- 1 PreK • 12 Elementary
- 1 K-8 • 1 PreK-8
- 2 Middle • 1 High
- 2 Alternative Programs



38.0% Hispanic **26.7%** White
26.0% Black **3.4%** Two or More Races
5.9% Asian-American, Native-American, Hawaiian



CLASS OF 2021 GRADUATES **888**

\$19,803 AVERAGE COST PER STUDENT

Source: ACPS Measuring What Matters, 2020-2021-school year February 2022

Alexandria is also home to four post-secondary institution locations: George Washington University Alexandria Graduate Education Center, Virginia Tech Washington-Alexandria Architecture Center, Northern Virginia Community College, and Strayer University Alexandria Campus.

Libraries

ALEXANDRIA LIBRARY

Over 1,493,926 LIBRARY VISITORS & WEB USERS

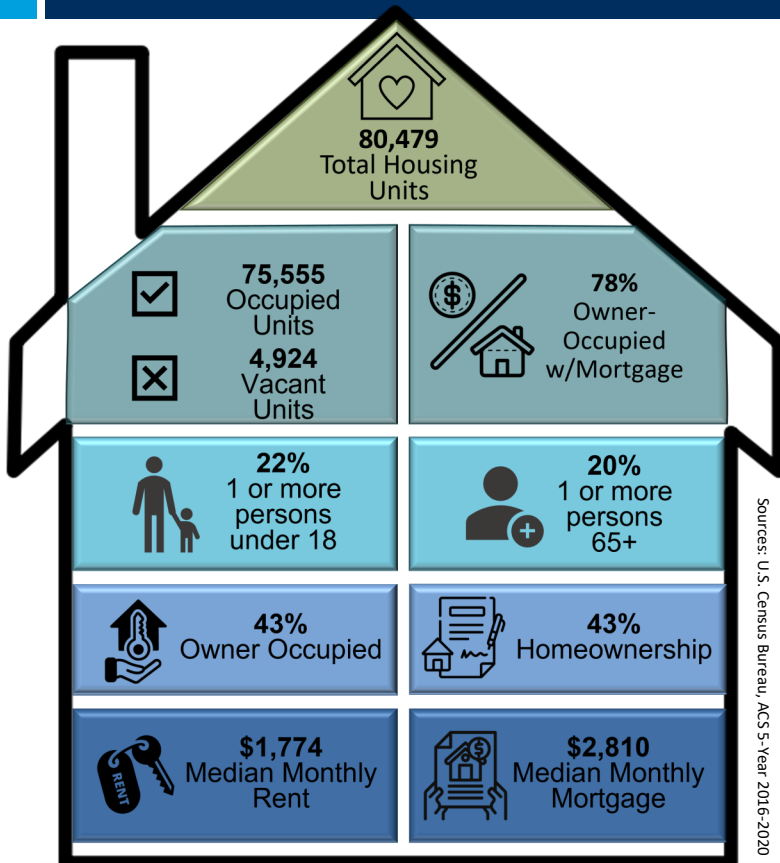
The Alexandria library system consists of one central library, the Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library (designed by world renowned architect, Michael Graves and the local architectural firm of Pierce Goodwin Alexander & Linville), and three branch libraries, the Kate Waller Barrett Branch, the Ellen Coolidge Branch and the James M. Duncan Branch. In addition to print media, these libraries offer access to articles from thousands of magazines and newspapers through online databases, genealogy records with HeritageQuest, online learning, passport application processing, thermal cameras and more. Free public access to the Internet is available at all branches as well as free WiFi access for properly equipped laptops and PDA's. Alexandria Library is also virtual allowing residents to borrow e-books and e-audio books on OverDrive.

Source: Alexandria Libraries 2020 Annual Report



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Housing



Alexandria’s population has seen consistent growth for more than a decade. Some programs and services administered by the Office of Housing include: the Affordable Homeownership Units Set-Aside Program, which markets a limited number of affordable resale-restricted units in new developments; Homeownership Assistance Loans, which offers no-interest, deferred payment loans for down payment and closing cost assistance toward the purchase of City-assisted properties for eligible applicants; and the Affordable Rental Units Set-Aside Program, which sets asides affordable rental opportunities within market-rate apartment properties. Some programs give priority or restrict admission to specific populations such as elderly or disabled residents.





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Community and Human Services

The Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS) provides essential safety net services that measurably improve or maintain the quality of life for Alexandrians. Additionally, the behavioral health programs provide compassionate and effective services that support self-determination, recovery, and resiliency for residents affected by mental illness, intellectual disabilities, and substance use disorders. More than 610 DCHS employees provide services through three direct service centers.

The Center for Adult Services provides programs and services in Aging, Adult Protective Services, Clinical & Emergency Behavioral Health Services, and Community & Residential Support Services for persons with mental illnesses, intellectual disabilities and substance use disorders. The Center for Children and Families provides programs and services for Behavioral Health, Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault, Child Welfare and Child Protective Services, Early Childhood, and Youth Development. The Center for Economic Support provides programs and services for Public Benefits, Homelessness Prevention, and Employment and Training.



Recreation and Parks



The Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities Department (RPCA) supports the well-being of Alexandria’s residents by ensuring access to a variety of quality recreation, park and cultural experiences.



Over **900** acres of OPEN SPACE.
566 acres owned by the City.



20,000+ TREES throughout the City.



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Public Safety

Alexandria maintains a modern, highly trained police department, with a current authorized strength of 318 sworn officers and nearly 115 civilian employees. The Alexandria Police Department has been internationally accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) since 1986. CALEA accreditation is a rigorous and difficult process that, if achieved, affirms the professional status of law enforcement agencies worldwide.



The Alexandria Sheriff's Office is accredited by the American Correctional Association (ACA) since 1989 and the National Commission on Correctional Health Care (NCCHC) since 1991.



The Alexandria Fire Department employs approximately 290 uniformed personnel plus 32 civilian personnel. A network of ten stations protects the City. Among the department's specialized teams are the Northern Virginia Regional Hazardous Materials Team, Technical Rescue, Marine Operations and the Special Operations Team.



Alexandria also has a volunteer organization, the Alexandria Volunteer Fire Department (AVFD). The AVFD has served the citizens of the City for more than two hundred years, with President George Washington as one of its earliest members. AVFD members provide assistance in the areas of firefighting, emergency medical services, communications, canteen and administration.

The Department of Emergency & Customer Communications (DECC) ensures the effective delivery of routine and emergency calls to the City of Alexandria public safety departments. DECC implemented a non-emergency multi-option Alex311 call and contact system in February 2020 to better service Alexandria residents.

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Transportation



Photo credit: Evan Michio

The City of Alexandria has over 49 miles of on-street and off-street bike lanes, sharrows, and trails. Using a bike quickly, safely, and enjoyably to get around has never been easier. The City's expansion of the Capital Bikeshare program and installation and designation of new bike lanes and routes are just a few of the initiatives that make the City of Alexandria a nationally recognized Bike Friendly Community with a silver rating from The League of American Bicyclists.

Alexandria's Complete Streets Policy of 2011 was reenacted in 2014, recognizing that the users of our transportation system include pedestrians, bicyclists, riders and drivers of public transportation, in addition to motor vehicles. In the spring of 2017, city staff embarked on the Vision Zero process to build an action plan with the goal of eliminating all traffic related deaths and serious injuries.

The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) operates Metrorail, which has 118 miles of rail lines (6.1 miles in Alexandria) and 91 stations throughout Virginia, DC and Maryland. Four stations along the yellow and blue lines are located in the City: Braddock Road, King Street, Eisenhower Avenue, and Van Dorn Street. WMATA also operates Metrobus with bus stops and routes throughout the City and the newly opened Metroway uses dedicated lanes along Route 1 corridor between Pentagon City and Braddock Road Metrorail stations.

The Alexandria Transit Company's (ATC) DASH bus system provides fixed route bus service for the City of Alexandria and connects with other regional bus systems, Metrorail, and Virginia Railway Express (VRE). The DASH fleet consists of eco-friendly 100% Battery-Electric, Diesel-Electric Hybrid, and Clean Diesel low floor buses. Over 100 buses on 10 routes served approximately 2 million passengers in 2021. DASH also operates the King Street Trolley, which operates in Old Town Alexandria. The entire

DASH bus system and the King Street Trolley operates fare free for all riders.





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Awards and Accolades 2019-Present

AN INCLUSIVE CITY

The Friendliest Cities in the U.S
(#5 in 2020, #2 in 2022)
—Condé Nast Traveler

100% Score for LGBTQ Equality 2020 & 2021
—Human Rights Campaign Municipality Equality Index

Best Cities for Black Women
(#4 in 2021)
—MoneyGeek

Best Cities for Young Professionals in America
—Niche (2022)



A TOP 10 U.S. CITY

Best Cities to Live in America
—Niche (2022)

The South's Best Cities
(#7 in 2020 & #6 in 2022)
—Southern Living

Best Small City in the U.S.
(#3 in 2019, #5 in 2020 & #3 in 2021)
—Condé Nast Traveler Readers' Choice Awards

The Best Cities in the World
(#16 in 2021)
—Condé Nast Traveller UK

Editors' Favorite Cities of the Year: 2020 Legend Awards
—Departures

The Coolest Suburbs in America
—Apartment Therapy (2019)



A UNIQUE CITY



The 15 Best River Walks in the United States (#11 in 2021)
—Fodor's



Best Virginia Localities for Small Business Owners (#9 in 2021)
—SmartAsset



Most Dog-Friendly Vacation Destinations in the U.S.
—Expedia (2019)

CITY OF
Alexandria
VIRGINIA



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HOLIDAYS IN ALEXANDRIA

The Most Magical Christmas Towns and Villages Across the World
(#7 in 2019, #12 in 2020 & #14 in 2021)
—Oprah Daily/Magazine

Best Christmas Towns That'll Instantly Transport You to the North Pole
(#14 in 2020 & #21 in 2021)
—Woman's Day

30 Best Places to Spend Christmas: The World's Most Festive Cities
—Condé Nast Traveler (2020)



The Quaintest Christmas Villages Across the U.S.
(#4 in 2020)
—Fodor's Travel

30 Best Christmas Towns Across the Country Full of Holiday Cheer (#27 in 2020)
—The Pioneer Woman

Most Festive Christmas Cities in the U.S.
—USA Today (2019)

Most Romantic U.S. Destinations to Spend the Holiday Season (#4 in 2019)
—Fodor's Travel

The Perfect Southern Town for a Hallmark Christmas Movie
—Southern Living (2019)

#3
THE FASTEST-GROWING DOG-FRIENDLY CITIES (2022)
—ZILLOW

#3
SAFEST COMMUNITIES IN AMERICA (2020)
—U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT

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