



Washington, DC



Washington, DC, was founded in 1791 as the U.S. capital from land donated by Maryland and Virginia. The District is under the exclusive jurisdiction of the U.S. Congress and is not a part of any state. Washington, DC, is home to the President, Executive Branch offices, Supreme Court of the United States, and the U.S. Capitol.

The Smithsonian offers 11 museums and galleries on the National Mall. Six other museums and the National Zoo are located elsewhere in the greater National Capital Area. The museums include the African American Museum, African Art Museum, Air and Space Museum, Air and Space Museum Udvar-Hazy Center, American Art Museum, American History Museum, American Indian Museum, Anacostia Community Museum, Archives of American Art, Arts and Industries Building, Freer Gallery of Art, Hirshhorn Museum, Natural History Museum, Portrait Gallery, Postal Museum, Renwick Gallery, S. Dillon Ripley Center, Sackler Gallery, Smithsonian Castle, and Smithsonian Gardens.

Other museums in the District include the Art Museum of the Americas, the German-American Heritage Museum, the International Spy Museum, The Kreeger Museum, Madame Tussauds Wax Museum, the National Geographic Museum, the National Guard Memorial Museum, the National Museum of Women in the Arts, The Phillips Collection, The George Washington University Museum Textile Museum, the U.S. Navy Museum, and the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

The District is also home to many well-known monuments and memorials, such as the Washington Monument; Lincoln Memorial; Jefferson Memorial; Vietnam Veterans Memorial; African American Civil War Memorial; Korean War Veterans Memorial; National World War II Memorial; and Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial.

Washington has many performing arts venues for theater, dance, and musical performances. The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts; Ford's Theatre, which was the site of President Lincoln's assassination; and the National Theatre are among the most prominent.

Neighborhoods

The District's historic downtown is located between the White House and the Capitol and was once the heart of political, social, and commercial life. The downtown neighborhood of Foggy Bottom contains many single-family homes that date back to the late 1800s as well as the infamous Watergate apartments.

Capitol Hill, the area's largest residential historic district, has many 19th- and 20th-century row houses listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Georgetown predates the District and contains the Old Stone House, the oldest standing original building in the District; however, most houses were built after the 1870s and follow late-Victorian-era row house designs. The Dupont Circle historic district contains some mansions and freestanding residences built in styles popular between 1895 and 1910, as well as many three- and four-story row houses built primarily before the turn of the 20th century in Queen Anne and Richardsonian Romanesque Revival styles. Cleveland Park has a concentration of single-family, late-Victorian-era frame houses built between 1894 and 1930. Columbia Heights is one of Washington's most ethnically and economically diverse neighborhoods, with a mixture of condominiums, townhouses, and middle-income housing.

Parks and Recreation

The National Mall is an open-area national park located in Downtown Washington, DC. The Reflecting Pool at the foot of the Lincoln Memorial mirrors the image of the Washington Monument. With 50 acres of landscaped grounds, Constitution Gardens contains a lake and an island with a memorial to the 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence. West Potomac Park, the area between the Washington Monument and the Lincoln Memorial, includes the Tidal Basin and beautiful cherry trees.

The National Arboretum contains gardens, collections, a bonsai museum, an herb garden, azaleas, flowering cherry trees, and the original columns from the Capitol. The United States Botanic Garden includes the Conservatory, the National Garden, and Bartholdi Park.

Rock Creek Park consists of the historic Pierce Mill; the Art Barn gallery; a nature center; riding stables; tennis courts; a golf course; picnic areas; playing fields; and an extensive network of trails for walking, jogging, and cycling. Other parks include Lafayette Square, which surrounds the White House, and Lincoln Park, which celebrates the abolition of slavery in the

District of Columbia and features the Emancipation and Mary McLeod Bethune statues.

Professional sports teams include the Washington Redskins (football), Washington Capitals (ice hockey), D.C. United (men's soccer), Washington Spirit (women's soccer), Washington Wizards (basketball), Washington Nationals (baseball), Washington Kastles (men's and women's tennis), and Washington Mystics (women's basketball).

Education

District of Columbia public schools educate more than 48,000 students in 64 elementary schools, 13 middle schools, 14 high schools, 17 education campuses (15 schools serving prekindergarten through grade eight and two schools serving grades six through 12), four opportunity academies (high schools), three youth engagement schools, and one special education school.

Washington offers many opportunities for higher education. American University, George Washington University, Georgetown University, Catholic University of America, Howard University, and Trinity Washington University are private universities that offer undergraduate, graduate, and professional degree programs. University of the District of Columbia is the only public university and offers associate's, bachelor's, and master's degrees and workplace development services. Gallaudet University is a federally chartered private university for the education of the deaf and hard of hearing and provides undergraduate liberal arts education, career development, and graduate programs. Strayer University-District of Columbia and Potomac College-District of Columbia are private for-profit colleges that offer bachelor's and associate's degrees in business and related fields. The National Defense University educates military and civilian leaders at the graduate level, with a focus on national security.

Schools of medicine are available at George Washington University, Georgetown University, and Howard University.

Health Care

Washington is served by the following acute care and specialty hospitals:
 Children's National Medical Center: 323 acute care beds
 George Washington University Hospital: 395 acute care beds
 Howard University Hospital: 482 acute care beds
 MedStar Georgetown University Hospital: 609 acute care beds
 MedStar Washington Hospital: 912 acute care beds
 Sibley Memorial Hospital: 342 acute care beds
 United Medical Center: 210 acute care beds
 MedStar National Rehabilitation Hospital: 137 rehabilitation services beds
 Hospital for Sick Children: 130 specialty service beds
 Psychiatric Institute of Washington: 124 behavioral health beds
 BridgePoint Hospital Capitol Hill: 60 long-term acute care beds
 BridgePoint Hospital National Harbor: 82 long-term acute care beds
 Saint Elizabeth's Hospital: 292 behavioral health care beds

The Washington DC VA Medical Center has 164 acute care beds and 30 psychosocial residential rehabilitation treatment beds.

City Stats

2018

District Population	702,455
Metropolitan Statistical Area Population	6,263,245
Per Capita Personal Income, Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV, MSA	\$72,483