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Anne Arundel County is a separate political entity established as a charter government in 1965. The County Executive holds executive powers and is elected to a four-year term. The County Council, comprised of seven members who are also elected to four-year terms, holds legislative powers and represents seven county council districts within the County.

Anne Arundel County consists of 416 square miles of land area, 533.5 linear miles of tidal shoreline, and 172 square miles of water area, including portions of the Chesapeake Bay. Elevation ranges from sea level to 317.6 feet. Located on the Chesapeake Bay, Anne Arundel County lies between Baltimore, Maryland and Washington, D.C.

The County’s economy is grounded in high-technology communications, distribution, and computerized support services. Growing industries include environment-related technology, regional data centers and medical equipment and supplies. The B.W.I. hub, the commercial area encompassing the Baltimore Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport, maintains over 11 million square feet of commercial space and is designated as a foreign trade zone.

TOTAL COUNTY POPULATION	508,900	2004 U.S. Census Estimate
SCHOOL ENROLLMENT	74,000	(2004-05 School Year)

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Elementary, 77; Middle/Junior High, 19; Senior High, 12; Centers of Applied Technology, 2; Special Education, 3; Phoenix Center, 1; Learning Center, 1; Outdoor Education Center, 2; Alternative High School, 1; Evening High School, 3.

HIGHER EDUCATION

Anne Arundel Community College, a fully accredited, public two-year institution with campuses throughout the county, was established in 1961. In 2005, the college enrolled 20,920 credit and 35,482 noncredit students.

St. John’s College, founded in 1696 and chartered in 1784, is a co-educational, liberal arts college with no religious affiliation. Yearly student enrollment is 450-470 students.

The United States Naval Academy, founded in 1845, is the undergraduate college for the Navy that prepares young men and women to become professional officers in the U.S. Navy. In 2004, the U.S. Naval Academy enrolled approximately 4,000 midshipmen.

SOURCE: Anne Arundel County Police Department Strategic Planning Unit, Anne Arundel County Board Of Education, Anne Arundel Community College, St. John’s College, United States Naval Academy, and U.S. Census Bureau