Workforce and Economic Development

Baltimore City is not only home to nearly 637,000 residents; it is also a center for economic activity. The City serves as a place where people who live both inside and outside of the City work and shop for goods and services. BNIA-JFI tracks several workforce and economic development indicators that measure the job-readiness of working adults and neighborhood commercial districts. The workforce and economic development indicators tracked by BNIA-JFI are described below.

Labor Force Participation and Employment

- Consistent with the current recession, the percentage of persons in Baltimore City that are unemployed increased from 7.4% in 2003 to 9.8% in 2008.
- The percentage of persons in Baltimore City between the ages of 16 and 64 that are employed has increased from 53.9% in 2006 to 57.3% in 2008.

Educational Attainment

- From 2000 to 2008, there was a slight improvement in the number of persons (aged 25 and above) that have a high school diploma (29.4% to 30.3%).
- The percentage of City residents with at least some college education (aged 25 and above) increased from 45.1% in 2000 to 50.9% in 2008.

Commercial Investment Activity

- The percentage of commercial properties that applied for and received a rehabilitation permit of greater than $5,000 increased from 2003 (4.2%) to 2008 (13.3%) indicating a greater demand to invest in and do business in an area for the long term.

Businesses and Successful Small Businesses

- Of the approximately 26,000 businesses in Baltimore City in 2008, 20.1% are located in the Downtown/Seton Hill CSA.

- In 2008, there were approximately 304,000 persons employed by businesses in Baltimore City. These persons include both City residents and persons who live outside of Baltimore City.
- In 2008, 46.7% of businesses in Baltimore City can be considered to be small and successful businesses. These firms have 50 or fewer employees and are more than four years old. The CSAs with the greatest percentage of small and successful businesses is Edmonson Village (69.2%) followed by Greenmount East (65.8%).

	Community Statistical Area	Percent of population ages 16-64 that is employed 2000	Percent of population ages 16-64 that is unemployed and looking for work 2000	Percent of population ages 16-64 that is not in labor force 2000	Unemployment Rate 2000
1	Allendale/Irvington/South Hilton	60.36	9.58	29.58	13.60
2	Beechfield/Ten Hills/West Hills	70.59	5.53	23.34	7.22
3	Belair-Edison	62.24	7.33	30.43	10.54
4	Brooklyn/Curtis Bay/Hawkins Point	58.60	6.67	34.73	10.22
5	Canton	69.14	4.61	26.25	6.25
6	Cedonia/Frankford	66.47	4.20	28.96	5.91
7	Cherry Hill	46.64	10.34	43.02	18.15
8	Chinquapin Park/Belvedere	73.21	5.00	21.52	6.37
9	Claremont/Armistead	55.31	8.96	35.73	13.94
10	Clifton-Berea	44.19	9.76	45.94	18.06
11	Cross-Country/Cheswolde	72.75	2.78	24.47	3.68
12	Dickeyville/Franklintown	60.50	4.55	34.95	6.99
13	Dorchester/Ashburton	59.98	8.31	31.72	12.17
14	Downtown/Seton Hill	44.66	6.59	48.27	12.74
15	Edmondson Village	56.91	10.46	32.62	15.53
16	Fells Point	72.65	4.25	22.67	5.50
17	Forest Park/Walbrook	55.78	7.97	36.19	12.49
18	Glen-Falstaff	65.58	5.61	28.59	7.86
19	Greater Charles Village/Barclay	59.80	3.78	36.42	5.94
20	Greater Govans	59.62	9.59	30.79	13.85
21	Greater Mondawmin	53.83	9.10	36.96	14.44
22	Greater Roland Park/Poplar Hill	76.09	3.49	20.42	4.38
23	Greater Rosemont	51.70	11.51	36.79	18.21
24	Greenmount East	41.87	10.91	47.22	20.67
25	Hamilton	74.62	1.99	23.39	2.60
26	Harford/Echodale	70.43	4.36	25.21	5.83
27	Highlandtown	66.73	3.90	29.23	5.51
28	Howard Park/West Arlington	58.75	7.50	33.55	11.29
29	Inner Harbor/Federal Hill	75.05	3.29	21.57	4.19
30	Jonestown/Oldtown	36.50	10.57	52.93	22.46
31	Lauraville	72.33	6.05	21.62	7.71
32	Loch Raven	71.67	4.42	23.90	5.81
33	Madison/East End	43.36	13.81	42.83	24.16
34	Medfield/Hampden/Woodberry/Remington	71.15	4.74	24.02	6.24
35	Midtown	60.67	4.56	34.77	6.99
36	Midway/Coldstream	49.08	10.55	40.37	17.70
37	Morrell Park/Violetville	66.52	4.35	29.13	6.14
38	Mount Washington/Coldspring	80.44	1.82	17.54	2.20
39	North Baltimore/Guilford/Homeland	32.24	4.55	33.12	6.81
40	Northwood	62.49	8.79	28.64	12.31
41	Orangeville/East Highlandtown	58.55	3.48	37.63	5.57
42	Patterson Park North & East	57.61	7.10	35.21	10.96
43	Penn North/Reservoir Hill	51.91	12.55	35.54	19.47
44	Perkins/Middle East	45.00	13.97	41.03	23.69
45	Pimlico/Arlington/Hilltop	53.72	8.61	37.47	13.77
46	Poppleton/The Terraces/Hollins Market	42.53	9.52	47.61	18.16
47	Sandtown-Winchester/Harlem Park	45.95	10.49	43.37	18.52
48	South Baltimore	68.77	5.35	25.88	7.22
49	Southeastern	56.49	10.18	32.90	15.17
50	Southern Park Heights	47.89	8.79	43.32	15.51
51	Southwest Baltimore	46.10	11.29	42.62	19.67
52	The Waverlies	59.34	8.04	32.28	11.87
53	Upton/Druid Heights	45.70	12.28	42.03	21.17
54	Washington Village/Pigtown	51.21	6.21	42.26	10.75
55	Westport/Mount Winans/Lakeland	56.31	9.09	34.47	13.88
Baltimore City		**58.63**	**7.15**	**34.11**	**10.86**
	Baltimore City - 2006 Update	**53.91**	**6.46**	**39.58**	**10.70**
	Baltimore City - 2007 Update	**54.09**	**6.06**	**39.76**	**10.10**
	Baltimore City - 2008 Update	**57.30**	**6.20**	**36.40**	**9.80**

	Community Statistical Area	Percent of population ages 25-64 that have a high school diploma or equivilent ONLY	Percent of population age 25-64 that have some college and above
		2000	2000
1	Allendale/Irvington/South Hilton	34.92	40.24
2	Beechfield/Ten Hills/West Hills	25.45	61.63
3	Belair-Edison	34.11	44.19
4	Brooklyn/Curtis Bay/Hawkins Point	36.28	26.26
5	Canton	16.23	66.92
6	Cedonia/Frankford	34.51	46.10
7	Cherry Hill	41.15	24.27
8	Chinquapin Park/Belvedere	20.85	58.86
9	Claremont/Armistead	41.37	27.38
10	Clifton-Berea	37.68	21.78
11	Cross-Country/Cheswolde	13.13	80.23
12	Dickeyville/Franklintown	31.81	50.99
13	Dorchester/Ashburton	29.09	47.60
14	Downtown/Seton Hill	17.15	53.28
15	Edmondson Village	35.63	34.28
16	Fells Point	16.86	63.67
17	Forest Park/Walbrook	35.21	43.71
18	Glen-Falstaff	28.87	55.67
19	Greater Charles Village/Barclay	19.55	65.84
20	Greater Govans	33.48	39.59
21	Greater Mondawmin	34.36	33.74
22	Greater Roland Park/Poplar Hill	4.53	92.73
23	Greater Rosemont	37.93	31.88
24	Greenmount East	34.64	26.83
25	Hamilton	30.66	52.92
26	Harford/Echodale	30.32	53.20
27	Highlandtown	31.27	40.50
28	Howard Park/West Arlington	33.43	47.67
29	Inner Harbor/Federal Hill	14.84	72.56
30	Jonestown/Oldtown	30.20	31.82
31	Lauraville	26.01	61.47
32	Loch Raven	28.37	56.67
33	Madison/East End	36.00	22.64
34	Medfield/Hampden/Woodberry/Remington	28.70	45.99
35	Midtown	14.54	70.21
36	Midway/Coldstream	39.02	24.13
37	Morrell Park/Violetville	37.55	25.28
38	Mount Washington/Coldspring	5.00	91.58
39	North Baltimore/Guilford/Homeland	8.56	86.74
40	Northwood	27.67	59.66
41	Orangeville/East Highlandtown	32.94	33.08
42	Patterson Park North & East	27.61	33.17
43	Penn North/Reservoir Hill	32.29	37.67
44	Perkins/Middle East	38.40	30.15
45	Pimlico/Arlington/Hilltop	36.52	32.88
46	Poppleton/The Terraces/Hollins Market	27.96	29.10
47	Sandtown-Winchester/Harlem Park	35.08	24.92
48	South Baltimore	30.11	39.63
49	Southeastern	38.10	27.36
50	Southern Park Heights	36.57	27.12
51	Southwest Baltimore	32.63	22.98
52	The Waverlies	31.22	41.67
53	Upton/Druid Heights	30.42	28.68
54	Washington Village/Pigtown	35.82	26.38
55	Westport/Mount Winans/Lakeland	36.62	28.87
Baltimore City		**29.39**	**45.09**
	Baltimore City - 2006 Update	**29.45**	**44.73**
	Baltimore City - 2007 Update	**29.44**	**45.94**
	Baltimore City - 2008 Update	**30.33**	**50.86**

	Community Statistical Area	Total Commercial Properties				Percent of commercial properties with building permits for rehab above $5,000 *			
		2003	2007	2008	% Change 2003-2008	2003	2007	2008	Change 2003-2008
1	Allendale/Irvington/South Hilton	190	230	228	20.00	2.63	10.00	10.09	7.46
2	Beechfield/Ten Hills/West Hills	6	40	44	633.33	0.00	22.50	25.00	25.00
3	Belair-Edison	155	172	157	1.29	2.58	10.47	7.64	5.06
4	Brooklyn/Curtis Bay/Hawkins Point	488	692	695	42.42	1.23	23.27	7.19	5.96
5	Canton	744	227	214	-71.24	7.26	17.18	19.16	11.90
6	Cedonia/Frankford	203	280	207	1.97	3.45	9.64	12.08	8.63
7	Cherry Hill	14	75	75	435.71	21.43	26.67	9.33	-12.10
8	Chinquapin Park/Belvedere	38	67	49	28.95	5.26	4.48	16.33	11.07
9	Claremont/Armistead	32	162	152	375.00	3.13	15.43	16.45	13.32
10	Clifton-Berea	237	157	160	-32.49	0.84	13.38	8.75	7.91
11	Cross-Country/Cheswolde	0	27	21	N/A	0.00	7.41	33.33	33.33
12	Dickeyville/Franklintown	3	23	24	700.00	0.00	8.70	50.00	50.00
13	Dorchester/Ashburton	60	97	91	51.67	8.33	12.37	8.79	0.46
14	Downtown/Seton Hill	1,638	1,618	1,543	-5.80	7.81	28.68	20.67	12.86
15	Edmondson Village	1	21	22	2,100.00	0.00	0.00	18.18	18.18
16	Fells Point	1,449	540	522	-63.98	6.07	14.81	12.64	6.57
17	Forest Park/Walbrook	14	40	44	214.29	0.00	5.00	27.27	27.27
18	Glen-Falstaff	229	325	291	27.07	6.99	9.85	13.75	6.76
19	Greater Charles Village/Barclay	687	708	610	-11.21	3.78	14.97	14.92	11.14
20	Greater Govans	98	131	94	-4.08	1.02	6.87	23.40	22.38
21	Greater Mondawmin	206	179	139	-32.52	1.94	21.79	9.35	7.41
22	Greater Roland Park/Poplar Hill	42	113	103	145.24	9.52	15.93	33.98	24.46
23	Greater Rosemont	318	284	276	-13.21	2.83	5.63	11.96	9.13
24	Greenmount East	345	182	179	-48.12	0.29	7.69	7.26	6.97
25	Hamilton	206	225	212	2.91	2.43	6.67	7.08	4.65
26	Harford/Echodale	184	125	168	-8.70	3.80	9.60	7.74	3.94
27	Highlandtown	1,044	386	373	-64.27	3.07	18.65	10.72	7.65
28	Howard Park/West Arlington	56	142	147	162.50	5.36	14.79	9.52	4.16
29	Inner Harbor/Federal Hill	998	560	527	-47.19	6.91	26.79	23.72	16.81
30	Jonestown/Oldtown	1,520	833	863	-43.22	2.76	20.17	10.43	7.67
31	Lauraville	236	108	114	-51.69	5.51	6.48	7.02	1.51
32	Loch Raven	6	40	39	550.00	0.00	30.00	20.51	20.51
33	Madison/East End	320	184	175	-45.31	2.50	5.98	8.00	5.50
34	Medfield/Hampden/Woodberry/Remington	512	476	495	-3.32	3.52	14.50	9.29	5.77
35	Midtown	924	1,027	1,082	17.10	3.79	13.44	14.97	11.18
36	Midway/Coldstream	331	210	229	-30.82	1.81	5.71	3.06	1.25
37	Morrell Park/Violetville	125	353	355	184.00	1.60	15.01	13.24	11.64
38	Mount Washington/Coldspring	38	73	77	102.63	2.63	23.29	23.38	20.75
39	North Baltimore/Guilford/Homeland	114	131	238	108.77	0.88	31.30	17.23	16.35
40	Northwood	12	34	43	258.33	0.00	32.35	18.60	18.60
41	Orangeville/East Highlandtown	253	449	494	95.26	2.77	21.38	12.75	9.98
42	Patterson Park North & East	338	132	137	-59.47	6.21	14.39	13.87	7.66
43	Penn North/Reservoir Hill	345	140	155	-55.07	2.03	10.71	6.45	4.42
44	Perkins/Middle East	181	188	203	12.15	2.76	42.55	64.53	61.77
45	Pimlico/Arlington/Hilltop	223	174	208	-6.73	3.59	22.41	13.94	10.35
46	Poppleton/The Terraces/Hollins Market	543	255	251	-53.78	0.55	12.16	11.55	11.00
47	Sandtown-Winchester/Harlem Park	498	206	195	-60.84	5.82	10.68	21.54	15.72
48	South Baltimore	200	185	200	0.00	7.50	18.92	24.00	16.50
49	Southeastern	65	283	304	367.69	3.08	29.33	23.36	20.28
50	Southern Park Heights	134	166	170	26.87	3.73	5.42	8.82	5.09
51	Southwest Baltimore	656	659	663	1.07	1.98	4.40	5.73	3.75
52	The Waverlies	115	111	135	17.39	2.61	11.71	12.59	9.98
53	Upton/Druid Heights	259	264	284	9.65	2.70	14.39	13.73	11.03
54	Washington Village/Pigtown	143	301	305	113.29	4.90	14.62	5.57	0.67
55	Westport/Mount Winans/Lakeland	45	174	174	286.67	4.44	18.39	32.76	28.32
	Baltimore City	**17,861**	**16,448**	**16,533**	**-7.44**	**4.17**	**15.58**	**13.29**	**9.12**

NOTES:
See the EXPLANATIONS after this table for calculation considerations and definitions of these *Vital Signs*
* The previously reported dataset of Commercial Vacancies has been discontinued due to a lack of a source for the data.

	Community Statistical Area	Total businesses as of the 4th quarter of year	Total number of Employees	Total retail sales	Number of Businesses with under 50 employees	Number of Businesses with 50 to 100 Employees	Percent of All Businesses over 4 years old as of the 4th quarter of year	Percent of all businesses with 50 employees or less that are more than 4 years old
		2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008
1	Allendale/Irvington/South Hilton	288	2,320	$100,292,017	275	8	22.57	22.18
2	Beechfield/Ten Hills/West Hills	173	1,143	$90,462	170	1	17.34	17.06
3	Belair-Edison	239	1,315	$292,746	231	7	23.85	23.81
4	Brooklyn/Curtis Bay/Hawkins Point	663	8,367	$3,428,389	625	19	28.36	28.32
5	Canton	396	3,241	$561,658	381	10	24.24	24.41
6	Cedonia/Frankford	414	2,476	$588,492	405	5	33.33	33.83
7	Cherry Hill	175	2,813	$148,380	172	2	25.14	25.00
8	Chinquapin Park/Belvedere	129	1,055	$139,741	122	3	34.11	34.43
9	Claremont/Armistead	218	2,783	$675,012	205	10	25.23	25.85
10	Clifton-Berea	185	1,077	$110,269	172	13	28.11	26.74
11	Cross-Country/Cheswolde	201	591	$108,370	198	3	29.35	29.80
12	Dickeyville/Franklintown	65	804	$26,622	64	1	29.23	29.69
13	Dorchester/Ashburton	158	1,055	$62,859	150	4	31.01	30.67
14	Downtown/Seton Hill	5,229	59,192	$807,070,374	5,075	68	33.56	33.50
15	Edmondson Village	68	458	$25,199	65	3	69.12	69.23
16	Fells Point	522	5,626	$660,796	505	12	63.22	62.77
17	Forest Park/Walbrook	148	641	$92,485	146	1	59.46	58.90
18	Glen-Falstaff	746	7,996	$910,169	722	16	63.94	63.71
19	Greater Charles Village/Barclay	1,085	10,686	$1,134,339	1,064	6	48.11	48.12
20	Greater Govans	150	714	$61,148	149	0	21.33	21.48
21	Greater Mondawmin	230	2,145	$254,884	216	11	39.57	40.74
22	Greater Roland Park/Poplar Hill	418	3,433	$339,353	402	10	62.68	61.44
23	Greater Rosemont	340	1,902	$667,538	325	11	54.12	53.85
24	Greenmount East	225	1,314	$107,791	222	3	65.33	65.77
25	Hamilton	269	1,799	$285,094	260	6	60.97	60.77
26	Harford/Echodale	369	3,203	$417,703	356	8	57.45	57.58
27	Highlandtown	468	2,830	$650,043	455	11	60.04	59.56
28	Howard Park/West Arlington	189	2,637	$307,112	177	5	63.49	61.02
29	Inner Harbor/Federal Hill	1108	18,156	$507,700,368	992	36	50.99	50.30
30	Jonestown/Oldtown	674	7,437	$938,251	654	13	41.39	41.59
31	Lauraville	230	1,607	$231,621	226	2	56.52	57.08
32	Loch Raven	342	4,256	$224,831	332	6	54.97	54.82
33	Madison/East End	219	685	$139,589	219	0	47.95	46.12
34	Medfield/Hampden/Woodberry/Remington	1,018	10,763	$2,136,481	986	18	46.95	46.75
35	Midtown	1,345	17,319	$2,341,984	1,295	32	37.84	37.14
36	Midway/Coldstream	266	1,678	$372,862	259	5	56.77	56.37
37	Morrell Park/Violetville	653	11,683	$1,703,390	618	15	61.41	61.49
38	Mount Washington/Coldspring	221	2,460	$274,931	195	23	64.25	63.59
39	North Baltimore/Guilford/Homeland	461	3,552	$344,877	450	5	63.77	63.78
40	Northwood	111	700	$46,033	105	2	45.95	47.62
41	Orangeville/East Highlandtown	629	9,836	$2,810,218	589	21	60.73	60.27
42	Patterson Park North & East	263	1,182	$146,024	258	3	58.94	58.91
43	Penn North/Reservoir Hill	187	1,733	$328,617	182	2	62.03	62.09
44	Perkins/Middle East	986	20,541	$721,243	970	13	60.65	60.62
45	Pimlico/Arlington/Hilltop	519	10,329	$390,271	510	5	58.00	57.84
46	Poppleton/The Terraces/Hollins Market	146	1,659	$414,357	137	2	58.90	56.93
47	Sandtown-Winchester/Harlem Park	279	1,469	$144,500	273	6	60.93	60.81
48	South Baltimore	242	3,873	$644,441	223	7	55.37	55.61
49	Southeastern	472	13,307	$3,295,579	422	32	63.14	61.37
50	Southern Park Heights	197	1,250	$700,179,837	191	3	60.91	60.73
51	Southwest Baltimore	528	5,640	$788,492	517	8	52.84	52.61
52	The Waverlies	181	2,199	$3,128,188	172	2	60.22	60.47
53	Upton/Druid Heights	279	2,687	$176,795	264	9	58.06	57.58
54	Washington Village/Pigtown	402	11,229	$1,375,506	347	17	65.42	63.98
55	Westport/Mount Winans/Lakeland	270	3,287	$1,114,105	248	14	50.37	50.40
	Baltimore City	**25,988**	**304,133**	**$2,151,622,436**	**24,943**	**558**	**47.16**	**46.68**

NOTES:
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* Previous versions of Vital Signs provided Workforce and Economic Development data at the zip code level.
In 2007, we switched to a new dataset that allowed us to analyze these indicators at the CSA level and are therefore noncomparable to previous versions of Vital Signs