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.


Other museums in the District include the Art Museum of the Americas, the George Washington University Museum Textile Museum, the U.S. Navy Museum, and the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

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.

Cathedral 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

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, Howard 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
- Virginia Commonwealth University National Rehabilitation Hospital: 137 rehabilitation services beds

Hospitals for Sick Children: 130 specialty service beds
- Psychiatric Institute of Washington: 124 behavioral health beds
- BridgePoint Hospital Capital 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

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