

# Wages and Housing in Northern Virginia: Who's left out in the cold

Arlington County, Clarke County, Fairfax County, Fauquier County,  
Loudoun County, Prince William County, Spotsylvania County,  
Stafford County, Warren County, City of Alexandria, City of Fairfax, City of Falls Church,  
City of Fredericksburg, City of Manassas, City of Manassas Park

Occupational Title	Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Salary for Fulltime Worker	Number of Workers	Affordable Housing Budget*	Surplus/Shortfall from FMR, 2-Bedroom Apartment
Registered Nurses	\$34.92	\$72,632	15,040	\$1,816	\$528
Middle School Teachers, except Special & Vocational Ed.	N/A	\$71,456	4,960	\$1,786	\$498
Police & Sheriff's Patrol Officers	\$29.22	\$60,780	4,760	\$1,519	\$231
Paralegals and Legal Assistants	\$26.96	\$56,061	3,240	\$1,402	\$114
Child, Family, & School Social Workers	\$25.93	\$53,927	2,110	\$1,348	\$60
Fair Market Rent for a 2-bedroom apartment in this area is \$1,288. A fulltime worker would have to earn \$24.77 per hour to afford this rent—the workers below this line do not.					
Fair Market Rent for a 1-bedroom apartment in this area is \$1,131. A fulltime worker would have to earn \$21.75 per hour to afford this rent—the workers below this line do not.					
Fair Market Rent for a 0-bedroom apartment in this area is \$1,002. A fulltime worker would have to earn \$19.27 per hour to afford this rent—the workers below this line do not.					
Dental Assistants	\$17.76	\$36,937	3,160	\$923	-\$365
Truck Drivers, Light or Delivery Services	\$15.15	\$31,525	6,500	\$788	-\$500
Security Guards	\$14.40	\$29,937	14,030	\$748	-\$540
Construction Laborers	\$13.75	\$28,611	9,540	\$715	-\$573
File Clerks	\$13.57	\$28,215	1,650	\$705	-\$583
Teacher Assistants	N/A	\$28,104	8,840	\$703	-\$585
Preschool Teachers, except Special Ed.	\$12.99	\$27,024	6,210	\$676	-\$612
Nursing Aides, Orderlies & Attendants	\$12.58	\$26,172	6,570	\$654	-\$634
Hotel, Motel & Resort Desk Clerks	\$11.72	\$24,382	1,870	\$610	-\$678
Janitors and Cleaners, except Maids & Housekeeping Cleaners	\$10.27	\$21,375	23,860	\$534	-\$754
Retail Salespersons	\$10.20	\$21,216	46,090	\$530	-\$758
Cashiers	\$9.40	\$19,558	31,800	\$489	-\$799
Waiters and Waitresses	\$9.11	\$18,960	19,840	\$474	-\$814
Cooks, Fast Food	\$8.47	\$17,622	2,920	\$441	-\$847
Sources: VEC Occupational Employment Survey, May 2008 Data National Low Income Housing Coalition: <i>Out of Reach 2009</i>					

\*National standards suggest that no more than 30% of gross income should be spent on housing costs

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