

# THERE'S ONLY ONE **DC**



WE ARE **DC** GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
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## EDUCATION AND RESEARCH

Washington, DC and the surrounding metro area is a national force in higher education and social and economic research. Home to four universities ranked in the nation's top 100, the District offers a robust talent pipeline to both the public and private sectors of the region. Washington, DC is also home to 'Think Tank Row' and has over 14 times the concentration of economists and the average metro area.

### RECENT INVESTMENTS

**Indiana University:** In early 2025, Indiana University completed the purchase of a 56,000 SF property in Washington, DC. The property will contain academic, meeting and event spaces, as well as student residences.

In 2024, **Brown University** opened the doors of it's Pandemic Center at the Brown University School of Public Health in the National Press Building in Downtown Washington, DC.

**The Helix:** Booz Allen's Center for Innovation opened in 2022 in Downtown DC to focus on artificial intelligence (AI), 5G, cyber, space, tech scouting, digital twin, and edge computing.

In 2024, **George Washington University** expanded it's DC footprint through the acquisition of an additional 160,000 SF downtown property. The building will help the university continue to expand its academic offerings and research programs.

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**Most Educated City in the United States<sup>1</sup>**

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**Location for Professional Organizations<sup>2</sup>**

# #3

**Metro area for Education and Research density<sup>3</sup>**

### SUBSECTORS



**COLLEGES, UNIVERSITIES, AND PROFESSIONAL SCHOOLS**



**EDUCATION AND SUPPORT SERVICES**



**PROGRESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**



**RESEARCH ORGANIZATIONS**

1. Esri Market Profile. (2024). Based on a comparison of the top 25 most populous metropolitan areas. Based on a comparison of the top 25 most populous metropolitan areas. 2. Destination DC. 3. JobsEQ 2024 Q3 data, comparison of top 25 MSA LQ. LQ = concentration of industry professionals relative to national MSAs average.

MAJOR EMPLOYERS



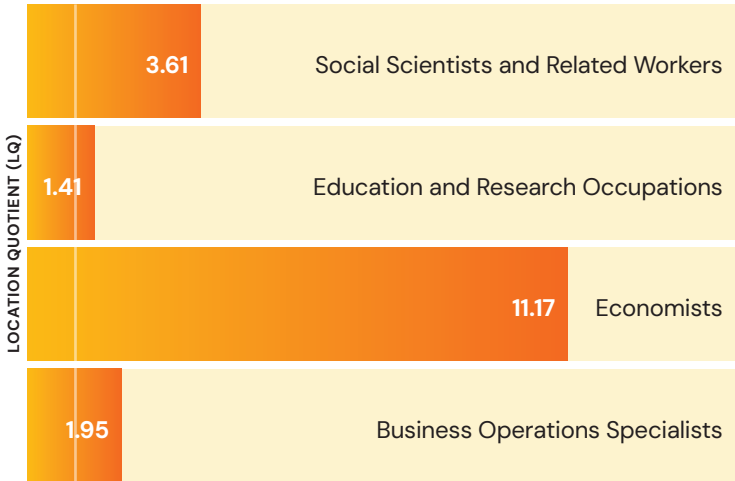




TALENT PIPELINE

The Washington, DC metro area offers employees with specialized and highly credentialed talent in critical education and research & development fields.

Home to  
**75+**  
Universities with a  
presence in the DC  
Metro Area.



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RESOURCES

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Company Spotlight



The Historically Black College & University (HBCU) will build a National Research Center for Health Disparities that will provide a home to pharmaceutical companies and biomedical research organization specializing in chronic illnesses with an emphasis on solutions for communities of color. In 2025, Howard also became recognized as the 5th R1 university in DC. R1 universities represent the pinnacle of research activity in the United States, playing a crucial role in advancing knowledge across various disciplines.

Colleges & Universities whose Main Campus is located in Washington, DC:



Colleges & Universities with Satellite Campuses in Washington, DC:



...and more!