



# Fairfax County Footprint

## Fast Facts

- George Mason is the largest public research university in Virginia with **40,449** students from all 50 states and 130 countries.
- George Mason produces more tech graduates than any other four-year institution in Virginia.
- George Mason's entrepreneur and small business programs have had an estimated economic impact in Virginia of more than **\$1.6 billion**.
- Approximately **10,514** Mason students and **60,905** alumni reside in Fairfax County.

## Fairfax County Engagement

### Education

- **ADVANCE** - Partnership with NOVA Community College to increase graduation rates among transfer students.
- **Early Identification Program** - Partnership with local public schools to prepare first-generation students for college. There are **339** Fairfax County Public School students participating in EIP.
- **Dream Catchers** – Mentorship program utilizing the George Mason community to support students enrolled in Fairfax County Public Schools' Nontraditional School Programs.
- **Environmental Research and Education** - Over **40,000** K-12 students have received environmental instruction at the Potomac Science Center since 2009.

### Business

- **Small Business Development Centers (SBDCs)** - In 2024, **1,395** businesses located in Fairfax County were served by Mason SBDCs. Thirty-three (**33**) **new businesses** were established with assistance from Mason SBDC. The centers helped to create **246 new jobs** and **retain 472 jobs**.
- **Mason Virginia Promise** - George Mason provides a guaranteed pathway to a bachelor's degree or help to start a business.

### Health

- **MAP Clinics** - Over **5,000** unique patients received FREE healthcare, school physicals, screenings, and mental health services.
- **Center for Community and Mental Health** - Provides evidence-based, accessible, affordable and culturally sensitive therapy and testing services.

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## Community Services

- **Camps & Youth Programs** - George Mason hosts a variety of camps and youth programs with a wide array of topics and themes.
- **Mason Speakers** - George Mason experts volunteer to provide lectures and guest presentations to organizations and businesses.

## Community Assets

- **Center for the Arts** - The Center for the Arts is the heart of performing arts on George Mason's Fairfax Campus. The center showcases national and international artists.
- **EagleBank Arena** - George Mason's sports and entertainment venue hosts family-friendly events year-round. EagleBank Arena hosts over 150+ events per year.
- **Point of View** - Point of View is a tranquil 10,000 sq. ft. retreat and research center with event space to rent.
- **Mason Observatory** - The Mason Observatory hosts night sky viewing sessions for individuals and community groups.

