



# THE STEPHEN S. FULLER INSTITUTE 2018 ACTIVITY REPORT

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While 2018 began and ended with a Federal shutdown, emphasizing its outsized effects on the regional economy, the relocation of both Micron and Amazon to the region and the improved performance of the region's Advanced Industrial Clusters indicated a strengthening of the non-federal sector. The Stephen S. Fuller Institute addressed and analyzed these trends, and more, in

- 20 reports,
- 26 blog posts,
- 32 presentations including those from the Second Annual Economic Forum,
- More than 80 news articles, and
- 51 Schar School Stats published by the Washington Business Journal.

Our information on the Washington region was of national and international interest; users on our website were located in more than 168 metro areas in 50 states and the District of Columbia in the United States and 122 countries. Users took advantage of our <u>Fast Facts</u>, <u>Data</u>, and <u>Presentations</u>, as well our detailed reports and blog posts. Our most viewed and notable reports, posts and press coverage are below.

## MOST VIEWED REPORTS

- 1. The Washington Economy Watch (released monthly)
- 2. The Economic and Fiscal Impacts of Locating Amazon's HQ2 in Arlington County, VA (November 2018)
- 3. <u>Demographic Factors Affecting the Upcoming Home Sales Market (July 2018)</u>
- 4. The Washington Region's Economy in 2017 and Outlook for 2018 and Beyond (January 2018)
- 5. <u>The Changing Nature of Work in the Washington Region (series, November 2017 October 2018)</u>
- 6. Young Adults in the Washington Region: 2010-2017 (June 2018)

#### Most Viewed Posts

- 1. What Does Amazon's HQ2 Mean for the Washington Region's Housing Market? (November 2018)
- 2. What Does Amazon's HQ2 Mean for the Washington Region's Economy? (November 2018)
- 3. The Economic and Fiscal Impacts of Locating Amazon's HQ2 in Arlington County, VA (November 2018)
- 4. <u>Three Workforce-Based Reasons Why Amazon Should Located HQ2 in the Washington Region</u> (guest post, January 2018)
- 5. The Washington Region's Population Increased 1.1 Percent in 2017 (March 2018)

### **NOTABLE NEWS STORIES**

1. "<u>Is Washington's local economy in trouble?</u>" Washingtonian. Luke Mullins. January 7, 2018





- 2. "The Final jobs numbers are in. The news is not good for suburban Maryland." Washington Business Journal. Andy Medici. March 13, 2018
- 3. "The region's population is growing. But a key demographic is still leaving." Washington Business Journal. Andy Medici. March 26 2018
- 4. "Could baby boomers spur a housing bust?" Chicago Tribune. Kenneth Harney. July 17, 2018
- 5. "10 years later: Washington's ups and downs since the recession." Washington Business Journal. October 8, 2018
- 6. "Amazon's eastern headquarters going to New York City, Washington D.C. suburb." USA Today. Elizabeth Weise and Mike Snider. November 13, 2018
- 7. "Big question for Amazon's 2 chosen cities: Will it pay off?" Associated Press. Christopher Rugaber. November 14, 2018
- 8. "There's already a housing crisis in the D.C. area. Will Amazon Make It Worse?" WAMU, Ally Schweitzer. November 14, 2018
- 9. "<u>DC region lost \$1.6 billion during shutdown. Economist says.</u>" WTOP. Nick Iannelli. January 31, 2019

## **ABOUT US**

The Stephen S. Fuller Institute at the Schar School of Policy and Government at George Mason University is the premier source for information and analysis of Greater Washington's regional economy. Through consistent monitoring of regional issues and the economy, the Institute is able to identify critical conditions and trends impacting the future vitality of the Washington region's economy. Regularly communicating these findings and producing timely research on short- and long-term regional policy options ensure local business and government leaders are equipped with the data needed to make informed decisions regarding the region's future.