

# FACT SHEET

## Welcome to Dahlgren

*Situated along the Potomac River, Dahlgren is a beautiful and quiet Virginia town. Along with beautiful views and rich history, there are also many local events throughout the year. Whether you enjoy the arts, history, festivals, or the outdoors Dahlgren has something for you.*

### Cost of Living

- **Median Income-** Dahlgren's median household income is \$76,719 – 28% higher than the national average. MDA employees in Dahlgren have the same pay grade structure as those working in Washington D.C.
- **Housing-** Dahlgren's median home price is \$231,700, \$20,000 less than the average home price in Virginia, and \$300,000 less than the average in nearby Washington, D.C. Crime is 62% below the national average.
- **Property Tax-** Dahlgren has property tax rates 50% below the national average.
- **Fuel Prices-** Dahlgren's gas prices are 40 cents below the national average, making a commute for work or leisure much less expensive.

### Local Attractions

- **Machodoc Creek Marina-** Located on a famed fishing destination, Machodoc has over 60 boat slips. Machodoc has paddle boards, kayaks, and canoes for rent for those who want some hassle-free fun on the water.
- **Caledon State Park-** A beautiful 2,579 acre state park teeming with wildlife and breath-taking scenery. The park boasts many great hiking/cycling trails, and bald eagles can frequently be found here.
- **Virginia Beach-** Although the beautiful Virginia Beach is a little over 2 hours away, it is a very popular tourist destination with many beautiful sites and activities for visitors.
- **Belle Grove Plantation-** A sprawling, beautiful, 7,500 acre historic venue built in 1797. Belle Grove offers ghost tours, distillery tours, and can even be rented as a wedding venue.

### Local Events

- **Islands in the Park Festival-** Dahlgren is a diverse town, and the Caribbean influence in the area is the theme of the Islands in the Park Festival. Guests can enjoy authentic Caribbean food, craft beer, wine, music, and much more.
- **World Heritage Festival-** The World Heritage Festival features musical performances and dances from cultures around the globe.
- **Thunderground-** Based in the beautiful Colonial Beach area, Thunderground is a motorsports event featuring vendors, a car show, a "Burnout Battle", and musicians.
- **Cigar, Bourbon, and Beer Festival-** This festival in nearby Fredericksburg features bourbon from all over the country, local and regional craft breweries, and fine cigars.

### Schools

- **Elementary Schools and Middle Schools-** Potomac Elementary school received an "A" rating from Niche.com for having 82% of students testing at or above proficiency levels in reading and 89% in math. King George Middle School received a "B" rating for good performance in math and reading.
- **High Schools-** King George High School received a "B" rating as well for having good performance in math and reading.
- **Colleges/Universities-** There are 35 colleges and universities within a 50 mile radius of Dahlgren. Within a 40 minute drive of Dahlgren is the University of Mary Washington, ranked the 19th best public school in the region by usnews.com. St. Mary's College of Maryland, the state's designated honors college, is just over an hour away.

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