



Master Establishment File: Overview

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- **What is the Master Establishment File?**
 - A point-level spatial inventory of businesses and organizations operating in the Baltimore region
- **How is it developed?**
 - Uses the point-level QCEW file as a base
 - Geocoded by BMC staff
 - Reviewed / edited by local jurisdictions
 - Returned to BMC – edited files reintegrated to form MEF

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- What is the MEF Used for?
 - Assists with Employment Allocation
 - Development of model inputs

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- **How to get started - Logistics**
 - Confidentiality Agreement
 - QCEW File contains confidential information
 - Users must review, understand, and sign the agreement
 - File Transfer
 - QCEW file is located on a password protected FTP site
 - After BMC receipt of signed confidentiality agreement, staff will contact CFG members individually to supply access to the file

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- **QCEW Review/File Cleaning – Focus Areas**
 - Government Records
 - Example: Fire and Police
 - Public Schools
 - Employment allocated to each school
 - Large Employers (100+ Employees)
 - Verify presence, location, employment
 - Whatever else you can do
 - As resources permit

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- QCEW File – Employment Summary

Employment by Jurisdiction

QCEW 2Q 2019

Jurisdiction	Records	Emp
Anne Arundel	13,881	262,128
Baltimore City	12,945	339,025
Baltimore County	20,683	372,295
Carroll	4,130	56,728
Harford	5,577	91,933
Howard	9,714	170,883
Queen Anne's	1,370	15,357
Region	68,300	1,308,349

Note: Table reflects records that were BMC geocoded.

Source: QCEW (Maryland Department of Labor);

Baltimore Metropolitan Council.

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- QCEW File – Large Employers

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Jurisdiction	Records	Share of Jur Total	Emp
Anne Arundel	3%	47%	
Baltimore City	4%	64%	
Baltimore County	3%	48%	
Carroll	2%	35%	
Harford	3%	47%	
Howard	3%	45%	
Queen Anne's	2%	28%	
Region	3%	51%	

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