

# The economy is booming in Prince George's County, job growth passes Montgomery County

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PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, Md. (ABC7) — Victoria Ballestero is a professional engineer and the operations manager for the engineering firm ATCS she does site work on development projects.

Her office is in Largo and she says her company sees a bright future in Prince George's County and she is hiring.

"We see the potential for the kind of work that we do as professional engineers here in the county and we're excited to be here," explains Ballestero.

ATCS is just one of many with the help wanted signs out in the county.

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Both professionals say they are not surprised to hear that according to new data from George Mason University, first reported by the Washington Post, Prince George's County has now passed Montgomery when it comes to job creation over the last several years.

County Executive Angela Alsobrooks says there are many reasons. "We have not only human capital we have highly educated people," she says, "We have most undeveloped land we have great transportation with 15 metro stations we have university of Maryland College Park."

Development is booming around those Metro stations.

The new University of Maryland Regional Health Center in Largo just one example. It is the kind of work which brought Victoria Ballestero and ATCS to the county. "We're open for business," Says Ballestero, "The sign is up and we are hiring!"