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More than 100 businesses moved to or expanded in Loudoun in FY17. Beyond the groundbreakings and ribbon-cuttings, there are stories that mean more than 3,000 new jobs in job growth. These stories are from a wide range of industries, including aviation, aerospace, health IT, pharma, cybersecurity, logistics, agriculture and retail.

On the flip side, you'll find a few new stories in Loudoun this year.
Loudoun is building a world-class, diverse economy. As we prepare for the Silver Line Metro, Loudoun continues to invest in a multimodal transportation network. By 2020, the county will have added 86 miles of new roads in four years, plus countless sidewalks and trails. Washington-Dulles International Airport continues to give Loudoun access to the world, and gives the world access to Loudoun. As home to the world’s best digital infrastructure, Loudoun supports the companies supporting Virginia’s new economy.

On the flip side, find more on Loudoun’s “record” year.
Businesses Recruited/Retained
FY 16: 71
FY 17: 104

Investment
FY 16: $2.32 Billion
FY 17: $3.3 Billion

Jobs Recruited/Retained
FY 16: 2,827
FY 17: 3,167

Square Feet of Businesses Recruited/Retained
FY 16: 5.1 Million
FY 17: 6.1 Million

Companies Worked With
FY 16: 942
FY 17: 1,080

OFF THE CHARTS
Loudoun is committed to making your business dreams
a reality. If you're looking for class-A office space in one of our new walkable, mixed-use developments, or looking to grow an ag-based business in our vibrant rural economy, or want to start a robust ecosystem to support your startup vision, Loudoun Economic Development is here to help. Need a highly trained, technical workforce? Loudoun has one of the highest concentrations of workers with a bachelor's degree or higher. On the flip side, more ways to do business are here. Loudoun County is #1.
Most business investment for counties of its size in America.

Highest U.S. household income ($125,000) for the ninth year in a row.

Safest county in the D.C. metro area.

Healthiest county in Virginia.

Largest and fastest-growing data center market in the world.

Largest equine industry in Virginia.

Healthiest county in Virginia.

Most wineries (40+) and breweries (20+) in Virginia.

Happiest county in America.