

COG Region Population Between 35 and 54 Years Rises 27 Percent



Welcome to the second in a series of COG Census 2000 reports.

The second issue of "Our Changing Region" is based on the Profiles of General Demographic Characteristics from Census 2000, which is the information compiled from the questions asked of all people and about every housing unit. The Profiles of General Demographic Characteristics population items include sex, age, race, Hispanic or Latino, household relationship, household type, group quarters population, housing occupancy, and housing tenure.

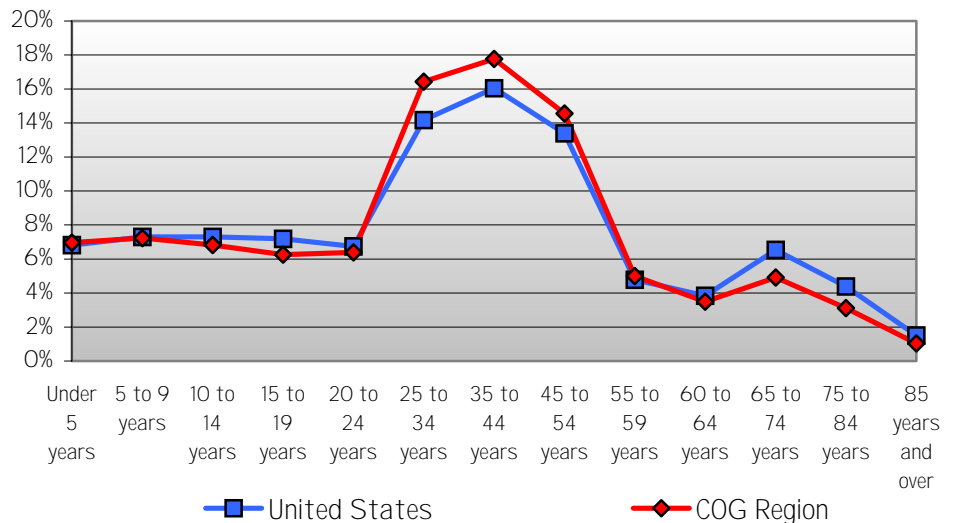
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Age Distribution—COG Region and the United States



Age Distribution - COG Region

Age	2000		1990		Change 1990 to 2000 Population
	Population	Percentage	Population	Percentage	
Under 5 years	293,173	7.0%	264,639	7.2%	28,534
5 to 9 years	304,774	7.2%	238,376	6.5%	66,398
10 to 14 years	287,438	6.8%	216,372	5.9%	71,066
15 to 19 years	263,816	6.3%	234,347	6.4%	29,469
20 to 24 years	269,276	6.4%	305,611	8.3%	-36,335
25 to 34 years	692,240	16.4%	751,743	20.5%	-59,503
35 to 44 years	748,337	17.8%	646,545	17.6%	101,792
45 to 54 years	613,118	14.6%	422,761	11.5%	190,357
55 to 59 years	210,599	5.0%	146,869	4.0%	63,730
60 to 64 years	147,140	3.5%	128,278	3.5%	18,862
65 to 74 years	207,224	4.9%	195,463	5.3%	11,761
75 to 84 years	131,278	3.1%	95,424	2.6%	35,854
85 years and over	43,551	1.0%	28,693	0.8%	14,858
Total Population	4,211,964	100.0%	3,675,121	100.0%	536,843

The population of the COG region increased nearly 15 percent from 1990 to 2000, totaling 4,211,964 people. There were population increases in almost every age cohort, except for people between 20 to 24 years and 25 to 34 years, which declined by more than 36,000 and 59,000 people, respectively. The greatest increases were within the age cohorts of the prime working years, 35 to 44 years and 45 to 54 years, which added more than 101,000 and 190,000 people, respectively. These two age cohorts increased by more than 27 percent between 1990 and 2000. In 2000, the COG region had a greater percentage of population (nearly 54 percent) between the ages of 25 and 59, compared to the United States, which had more than 48 percent of the population within these age cohorts.

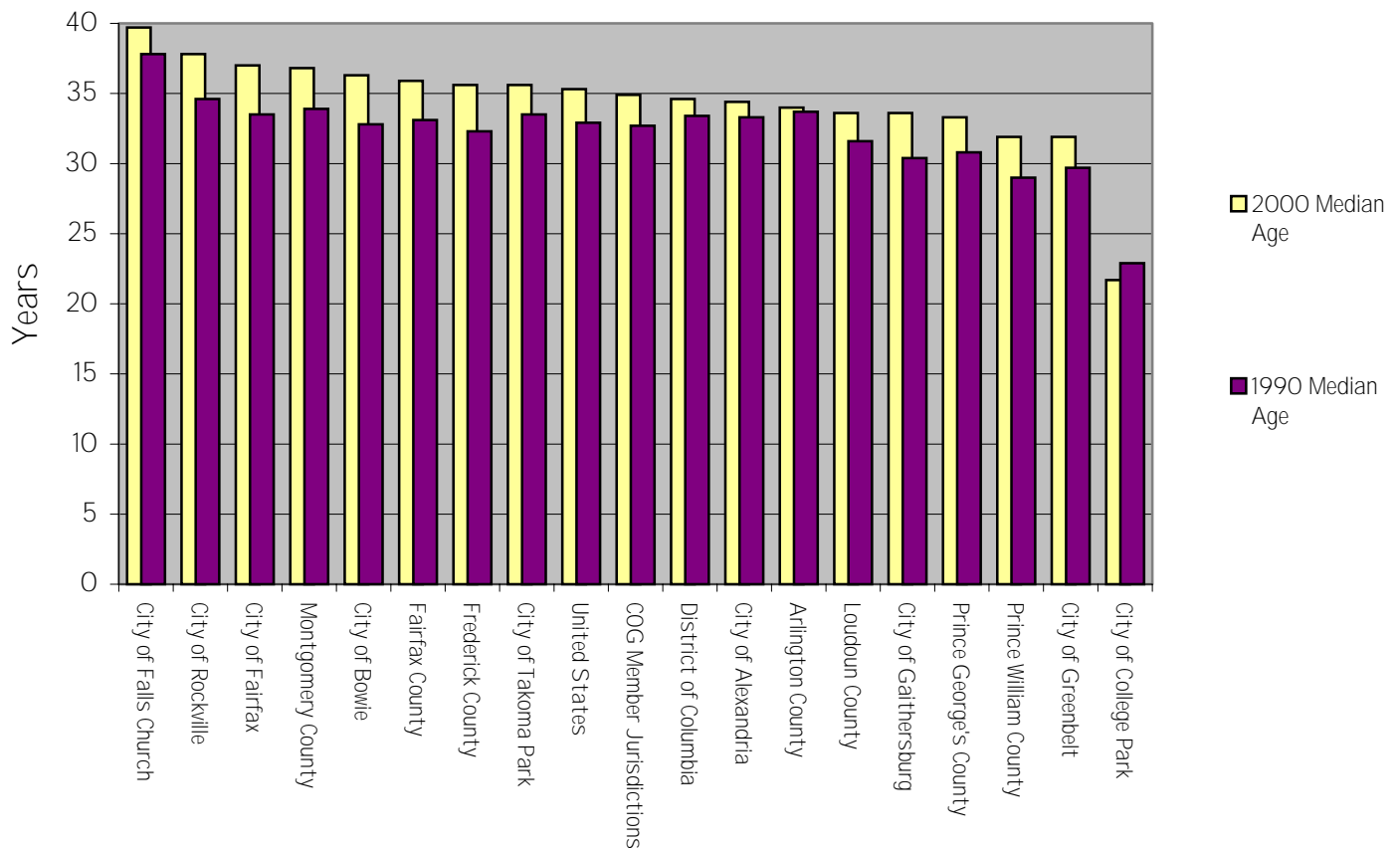
COG Region's Median Age Rises to 34.9 Years

Jurisdiction	2000 Median Age	1990 Median Age	Change 1990 to 2000
District of Columbia	34.6	33.4	1.2
Frederick County	35.6	32.3	3.3
Montgomery County	36.8	33.9	2.9
City of Gaithersburg ¹	33.6	30.4	3.2
City of Rockville ¹	37.8	34.6	3.2
City of Takoma Park ¹	35.6	33.5	2.1
Prince George's County	33.3	30.8	2.5
City of Bowie ¹	36.3	32.8	3.5
City of College Park ¹	21.7	22.9	-1.2
City of Greenbelt ¹	31.9	29.7	2.2
Maryland Suburbs	35.2	32.5	2.7
Arlington County	34.0	33.7	0.3
Fairfax County	35.9	33.1	2.8
Loudoun County	33.6	31.6	2.0
Prince William County	31.9	29.0	2.9
City of Alexandria	34.4	33.3	1.1
City of Fairfax	37.0	33.5	3.5
City of Falls Church	39.7	37.8	1.9
Northern Virginia	34.7	32.6	2.1
COG Member Jurisdictions	34.9	32.7	2.2

The COG region's median age increased 2.2 years over the past decade, from 32.7 years in 1990 to 34.9 in 2000. Almost every jurisdiction experienced an increase, except for the City of College Park, which decreased 1.2 years to 21.7 years, making it the jurisdiction with the youngest median age. The Cities of Bowie and Fairfax both had a 3.5 year increase, the largest in the region. The oldest median age in the region is in the City of Falls Church (39.7 years), followed by the City of Rockville (37.8 years) and the City of Fairfax (37.0 years).

The median age in the Maryland suburbs of the COG region increased 2.7 years from 32.5 years in 1990 to 35.2 years in 2000. Northern Virginia also experienced an increase in median age, from 32.8 years in 1990 to 34.7 years in 2000. In comparison, the United States population increased its median age 2.4 years from 32.9 years in 1990 to 35.3 years in 2000.

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Majority Female Population in COG Region

Population by Gender - COG Region

Jurisdiction	Total Population	Male	Percent Male	Percent Regional Share Male	Female	Percent Female	Percent Regional Share Female
District of Columbia	572,059	269,366	47.1%	13.2%	302,693	52.9%	14.0%
Frederick County	195,277	96,079	49.2%	4.7%	99,198	50.8%	4.6%
Montgomery County	873,341	418,622	47.9%	20.5%	454,719	52.1%	21.0%
City of Gaithersburg ¹	52,613	25,647	48.7%	1.3%	26,966	51.3%	1.2%
City of Rockville ¹	47,388	23,106	48.8%	1.1%	24,282	51.2%	1.1%
City of Takoma Park ¹	17,299	8,149	47.1%	0.4%	9,150	52.9%	0.4%
Prince George's County	801,515	383,050	47.8%	18.7%	418,465	52.2%	19.3%
City of Bowie ¹	50,269	24,014	47.8%	1.2%	26,255	52.2%	1.2%
City of College Park ¹	24,657	12,931	52.4%	0.6%	11,726	47.6%	0.5%
City of Greenbelt ¹	21,456	10,272	47.9%	0.5%	11,184	52.1%	0.5%
Maryland Suburbs	1,870,133	897,751	48.0%	43.9%	972,382	52.0%	44.9%
Arlington County	189,453	95,443	50.4%	4.7%	94,010	49.6%	4.3%
Fairfax County	969,749	481,373	49.6%	23.5%	488,376	50.4%	22.5%
Loudoun County	169,599	83,837	49.4%	4.1%	85,762	50.6%	4.0%
Prince William County	280,813	140,067	49.9%	6.8%	140,746	50.1%	6.5%
City of Alexandria	128,283	61,974	48.3%	3.0%	66,309	51.7%	3.1%
City of Fairfax	21,498	10,484	48.8%	0.5%	11,014	51.2%	0.5%
City of Falls Church	10,377	5,049	48.7%	0.2%	5,328	51.3%	0.2%
Northern Virginia	1,769,772	878,227	49.6%	42.9%	891,545	50.4%	41.1%
COG Member Jurisdictions	4,211,964	2,045,344	48.6%	100.0%	2,166,620	51.4%	100.0%

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According to Census 2000, the COG region has a population comprised of 48.6 percent male and 51.4 percent female.

The District of Columbia and the City of Takoma Park have the highest proportions of female population: 52.9 percent.

Almost every jurisdiction in the COG Region has slightly more women than men. Two exceptions are the City of College Park and Arlington County, which have male populations that are 52.4 percent and 50.4 percent, respectively.

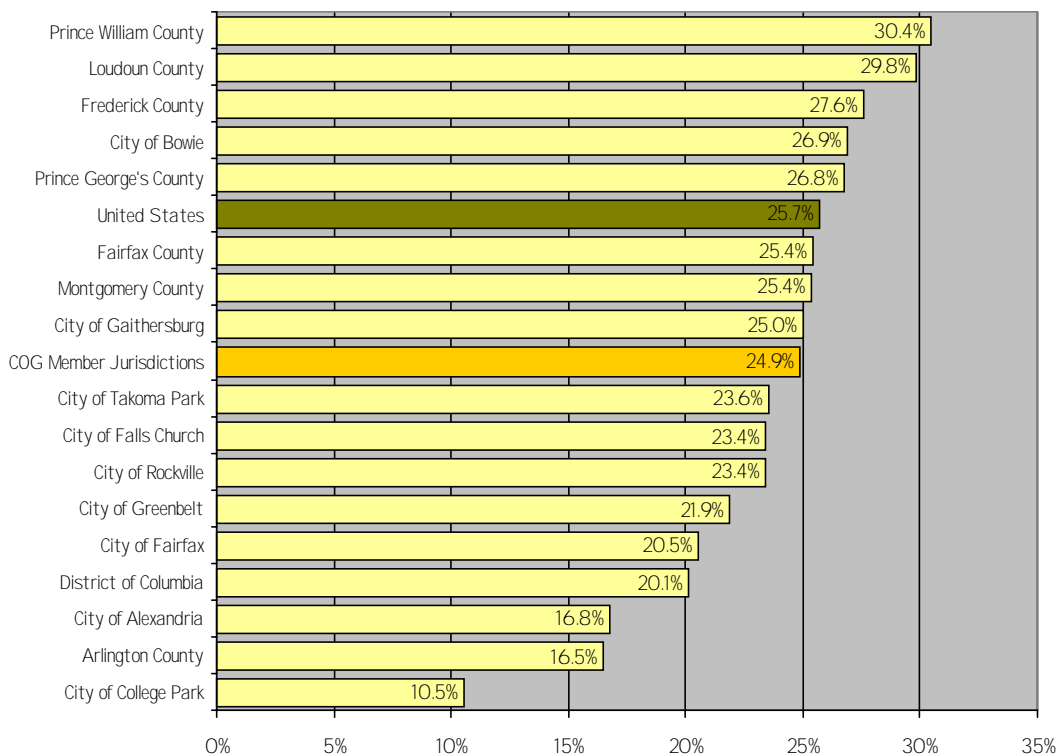
COG Region's Population Under 18 Years Increases to 24.9 Percent

Population Under 18 Years

Jurisdiction	2000		1990		Change 1990 to 2000		
	Under 18 Years	Percent Under 18 Years	Under 18 Years	Percent Under 18 Years	Number	Percent	Share of Regional Growth
District of Columbia	114,992	20.1%	116,873	19.3%	-1,881	-1.6%	-1.0%
Frederick County	53,887	27.6%	39,717	26.4%	14,170	35.7%	7.2%
Montgomery County	221,758	25.4%	178,244	23.5%	43,514	24.4%	22.1%
City of Gaithersburg ¹	13,164	25.0%	9,750	24.7%	3,414	35.0%	1.7%
City of Rockville ¹	11,081	23.4%	10,373	23.1%	708	6.8%	0.4%
City of Takoma Park ¹	4,075	23.6%	3,519	21.1%	556	15.8%	0.3%
Prince George's County	214,602	26.8%	177,821	24.4%	36,781	20.7%	18.7%
City of Bowie ¹	13,530	26.9%	9,115	24.2%	4,415	48.4%	2.2%
City of College Park ¹	2,601	10.5%	2,418	11.0%	183	7.6%	0.1%
City of Greenbelt ¹	4,696	21.9%	3,503	16.6%	1,193	34.1%	0.6%
Maryland Suburbs	490,247	26.2%	395,782	24.2%	94,465	23.9%	48.0%
Arlington County	31,239	16.5%	25,837	15.1%	5,402	20.9%	2.7%
Fairfax County	246,264	25.4%	199,971	24.4%	46,293	23.1%	23.5%
Loudoun County	50,555	29.8%	23,268	27.0%	27,287	117.3%	13.9%
Prince William County	85,449	30.4%	65,863	30.5%	19,586	29.7%	10.0%
City of Alexandria	21,537	16.8%	17,110	15.4%	4,427	25.9%	2.2%
City of Fairfax	4,416	20.5%	3,757	19.1%	659	17.5%	0.3%
City of Falls Church	2,430	23.4%	1,863	19.5%	567	30.4%	0.3%
Northern Virginia	441,890	25.0%	337,669	23.6%	104,221	30.9%	53.0%
COG Member Jurisdictions	1,047,129	24.9%	850,324	23.1%	196,805	23.1%	100.0%

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Percent Population Under 18 Years



The share of the COG region's population under 18 years of age increased from 23.1 percent in 1990 to 24.9 percent in 2000.

Prince William County has the largest percentage of people under 18 years (30.4 percent), followed by Loudoun County (29.8 percent), and Frederick County (27.6 percent).

Loudoun County has experienced the greatest percent change over the past decade, 117.3 percent, reflecting the County's rapid population growth. The City of Bowie and Frederick County also had significant increases in their populations under 18 years of age, 48.4 percent and 35.7 percent, respectively.

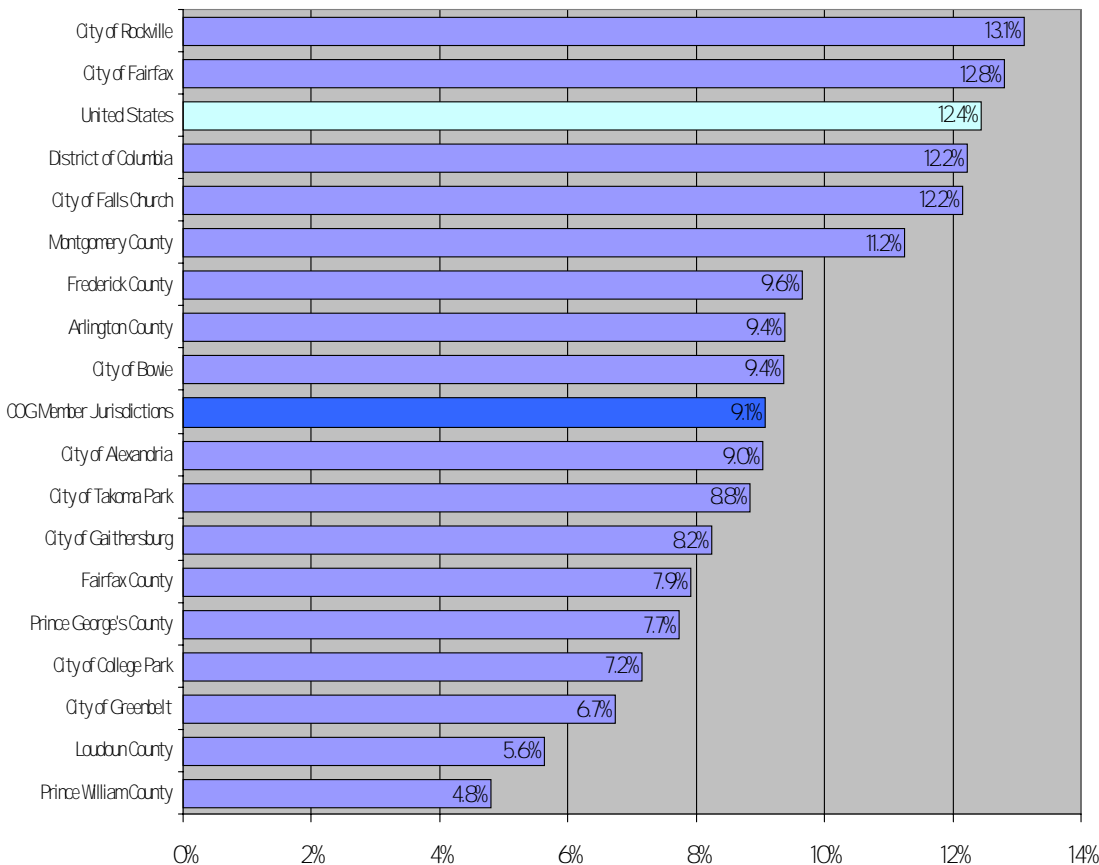
9.1 Percent of COG Region's Population 65 Years and Older

Population 65 Years and Older

Jurisdiction	2000		1990		Change 1990 to 2000		
	Age 65 and Older	Percent Age 65 and Older	Age 65 and Older	Percent Age 65 and Older	Number	Percent	Share of Regional Growth
District of Columbia	69,898	12.2%	77,847	12.8%	-7,949	-10%	-13%
Frederick County	18,836	9.6%	14,209	9.5%	4,627	33%	7%
Montgomery County	98,157	11.2%	77,491	10.2%	20,666	27%	33%
City of Gaithersburg ¹	4,340	8.2%	2,532	6.4%	1,808	71%	3%
City of Rockville ¹	6,215	13.1%	4,687	10.5%	1,528	33%	2%
City of Takoma Park ¹	1,529	8.8%	1,773	10.6%	-244	-14%	0%
Prince George's County	61,951	7.7%	50,343	6.9%	11,608	23%	19%
City of Bowie ¹	4,706	9.4%	2,384	6.3%	2,322	97%	4%
City of College Park ¹	1,764	7.2%	1,825	8.3%	-61	-3%	0%
City of Greenbelt ¹	1,444	6.7%	1,378	6.5%	66	5%	0%
Maryland Suburbs	178,944	9.6%	142,043	8.7%	36,901	26%	59%
Arlington County	17,762	9.4%	19,409	11.4%	-1,647	-8%	-3%
Fairfax County	76,818	7.9%	53,544	6.5%	23,274	43%	37%
Loudoun County	9,538	5.6%	5,223	6.1%	4,315	83%	7%
Prince William County	13,473	4.8%	6,534	3.0%	6,939	106%	11%
City of Alexandria	11,605	9.0%	11,406	10.3%	199	2%	0%
City of Fairfax	2,753	12.8%	2,135	10.9%	618	29%	1%
City of Falls Church	1,262	12.2%	1,439	15.0%	-177	-12%	0%
Northern Virginia	133,211	7.5%	99,690	7.0%	33,521	34%	54%
COG Member Jurisdictions	382,053	9.1%	319,580	8.7%	62,473	20%	100%

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Percent of Population Age 65 and Older



The proportion of the COG region's senior population (persons aged 65 and older) increased from 8.7 percent in 1990 to 9.1 percent in 2000. In comparison, 12.4 percent of the U.S. population is age 65 years and older.

The City of Rockville has the highest local share of senior citizens (13.1 percent), followed by the City of Fairfax (12.8 percent) and the District of Columbia (12.2 percent). Prince William and Loudoun counties have the smallest percentages of population 65 and over, 4.8 percent and 5.6 percent, respectively.

While most jurisdictions in the COG region experienced an increase in the number of people age 65 and older, several jurisdictions experienced a decrease in this age category. These include the Cities of College Park, Falls Church and Takoma Park; the District of Columbia and Arlington County.

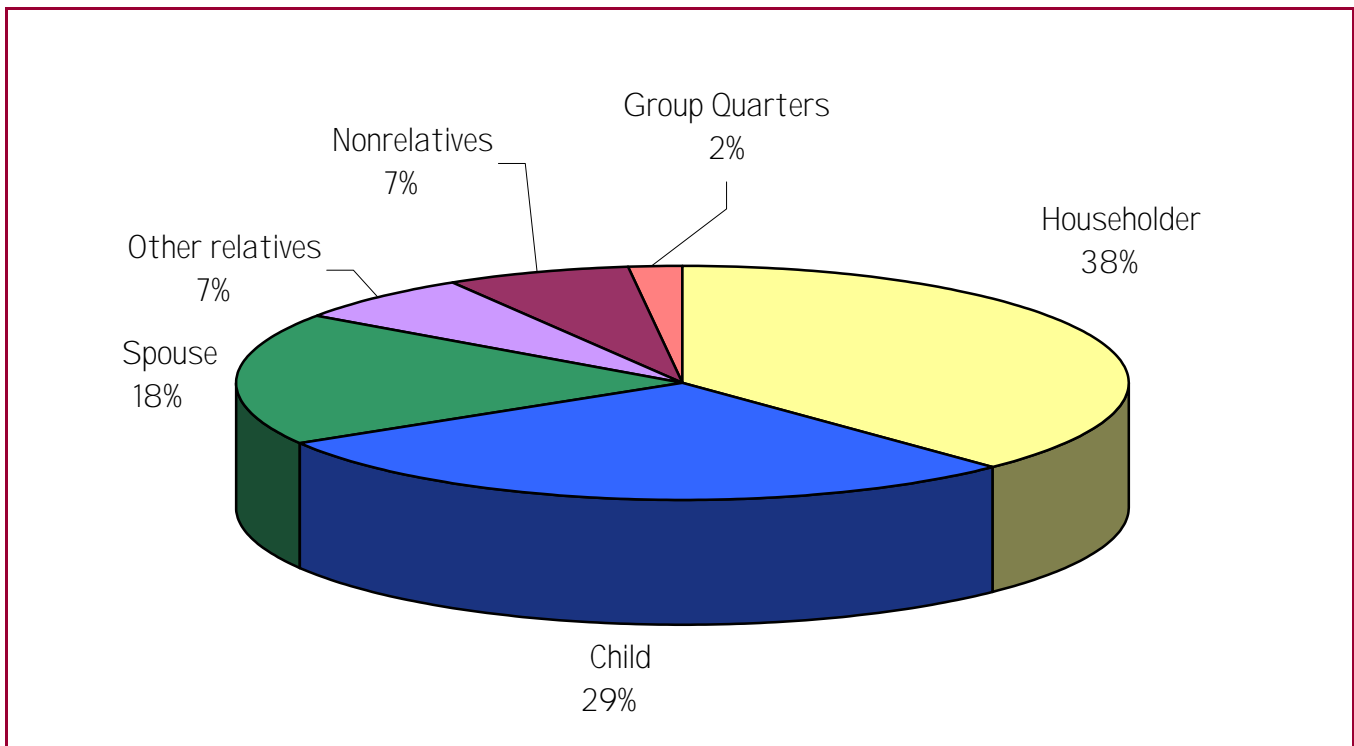
Population Relationships in the COG Region

More than 4.1 million people (97.8 percent) in the COG region are counted as being a part of a household. (A household includes all of the people who occupy a housing unit.)

In the COG region, householders (typically the person, or one of the people, in whose name the home is owned or rented) account for 37 percent of the population. Children living in a household, regardless of age, comprise 29 percent of the population. Spouses in households account for 18 percent of the population. Other population relationships in households include other relatives and nonrelatives, which each contribute 7 percent of the population.

Those not living in households are otherwise part of the group quarters population. There are two general categories of people in group quarters: 1) the institutionalized population (such as correctional institutions, nursing homes, and juvenile institutions) and 2) the noninstitutionalized population (such as college dormitories, military quarters, and group homes). In the COG region, 87,200 people or 2.1 percent of the population are included in group quarters.

	Number	Percent
In Households	4,124,764	97.9%
Householder	1,595,504	37.9%
Spouse	766,417	18.2%
Child	1,206,350	28.6%
Own Child under 18 years	934,177	22.2%
Other Relatives	277,565	6.6%
Under 18 years	91,352	2.2%
Nonrelatives	278,928	6.6%
Unmarried partner	78,767	1.9%
In group quarters	87,200	2.1%
Institutionalized population	31,356	0.7%
Noninstitutionalized population	55,844	1.3%
Total Population	4,211,964	100.0%



Households in COG Region Totals 1,595,504

Family households comprise 64.7 percent of all households in the COG region. Prince William County (76.9 percent), Loudoun County (75.2 percent) and the City of Bowie (74.6 percent) have the highest proportions of family households in the region.

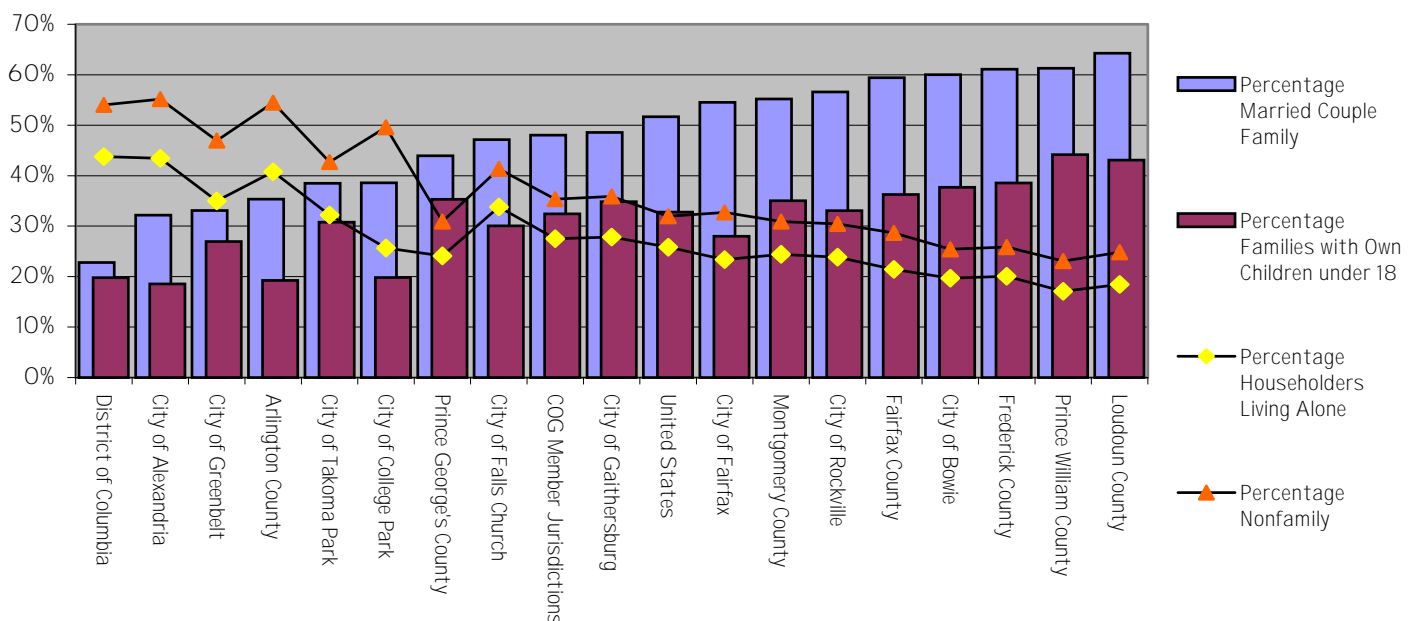
Families living with their own children under age 18 account for 32.4 percent of households in the COG region. Married couple families account for 48.0 percent of households. Prince William, Loudoun and Frederick counties have the highest proportions of these two household types in the region.

Nonfamily households compose 35.3 percent of total households in the region. A majority of this household type are householders who live alone. In the COG region that amounts to 27.5 percent of all households. The City of Alexandria (55.2 percent), Arlington County (54.5 percent) and the District of Columbia (54.0 percent) have the highest proportions of nonfamily households in the region.

Household by Type

Jurisdiction	Total Households	Family Households	Families with own children under 18	Married-couple Family	Female Householder with own children under 18	Nonfamily Households	Householder Living Alone
District of Columbia	248,338	46.0%	19.8%	22.8%	9.9%	54.0%	43.8%
Frederick County	70,060	74.1%	38.6%	61.1%	5.7%	25.9%	20.1%
Montgomery County	324,565	69.1%	35.0%	55.2%	5.9%	30.9%	24.4%
City of Gaithersburg ¹	19,621	64.1%	34.8%	48.6%	6.6%	35.9%	27.8%
City of Rockville ¹	17,247	69.6%	33.0%	56.6%	5.0%	30.4%	23.8%
City of Takoma Park ¹	6,893	57.3%	30.8%	38.5%	8.2%	42.7%	32.2%
Prince George's County	286,610	69.1%	35.3%	44.0%	11.3%	30.9%	24.1%
City of Bowie ¹	18,188	74.6%	37.7%	60.0%	6.0%	25.4%	19.7%
City of College Park ¹	6,030	50.4%	19.8%	38.6%	3.2%	49.6%	25.7%
City of Greenbelt ¹	9,368	53.0%	26.9%	33.1%	8.9%	47.0%	35.0%
Maryland Suburbs	681,235	69.6%	35.5%	51.1%	8.1%	30.4%	23.8%
Arlington County	86,352	45.5%	19.3%	35.3%	3.4%	54.5%	40.8%
Fairfax County	350,714	71.4%	36.3%	59.4%	4.8%	28.6%	21.4%
Loudoun County	59,900	75.2%	43.1%	64.3%	4.9%	24.8%	18.4%
Prince William County	94,570	76.9%	44.2%	61.3%	7.5%	23.1%	17.1%
City of Alexandria	61,889	44.8%	18.6%	32.2%	5.0%	55.2%	43.4%
City of Fairfax	8,035	67.3%	28.0%	54.5%	4.1%	32.7%	23.4%
City of Falls Church	4,471	58.6%	30.1%	47.1%	5.0%	41.4%	33.8%
Northern Virginia	665,931	66.5%	34.0%	54.3%	5.0%	33.5%	25.2%
COG Member Jurisdictions	1,595,504	64.7%	32.4%	48.0%	7.1%	35.3%	27.5%

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Households in Region Increase Nearly 16 Percent in Last Decade

The number of households in the region increased by 217,160 households (15.8 percent) to total 1,595,504 households.

During the 1990s the region saw a 23 percent increase in the number of householders living alone. In 2000, the number of householders living alone totaled 439,036, comprising 27.5 percent of all households. The number of “seniors” living alone increased by 18.3 percent in the last decade to nearly 102,000 households.

Married couples with children under 18 accounted for more than 377,000 households or 23.6 percent of total households. This household type grew by 9.4 percent during the last decade.

Household by Type - COG Region

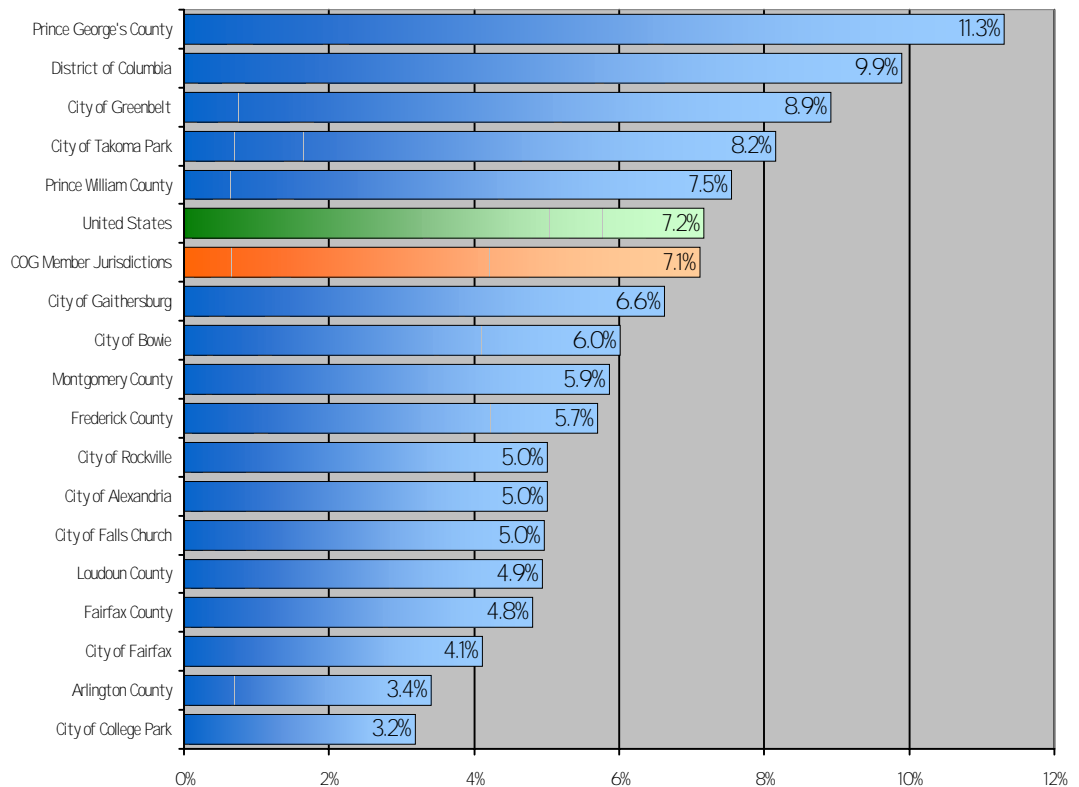
	2000		1990		Change 1990 to 2000	
	Households	Percent of Households	Households	Percent of Households	Households	Percent of Households
Family Households	1,031,544	64.7%	905,055	65.7%	126,489	14.0%
Married Couple Family with own children under 18 yrs	377,001	23.6%	344,500	25.0%	32,501	9.4%
Female Householder with own children under 18 yrs	113,565	7.1%	103,721	7.5%	9,844	9.5%
Nonfamily Households	563,960	35.3%	473,289	34.3%	90,671	19.2%
Householder living alone	439,036	27.5%	357,049	25.9%	81,987	23.0%
Householder 65 years and over living alone	101,980	6.4%	86,182	6.3%	15,798	18.3%
Total Households	1,595,504	100.0%	1,378,344	100.0%	217,160	15.8%

Single Mothers
(Percent of Total Households)

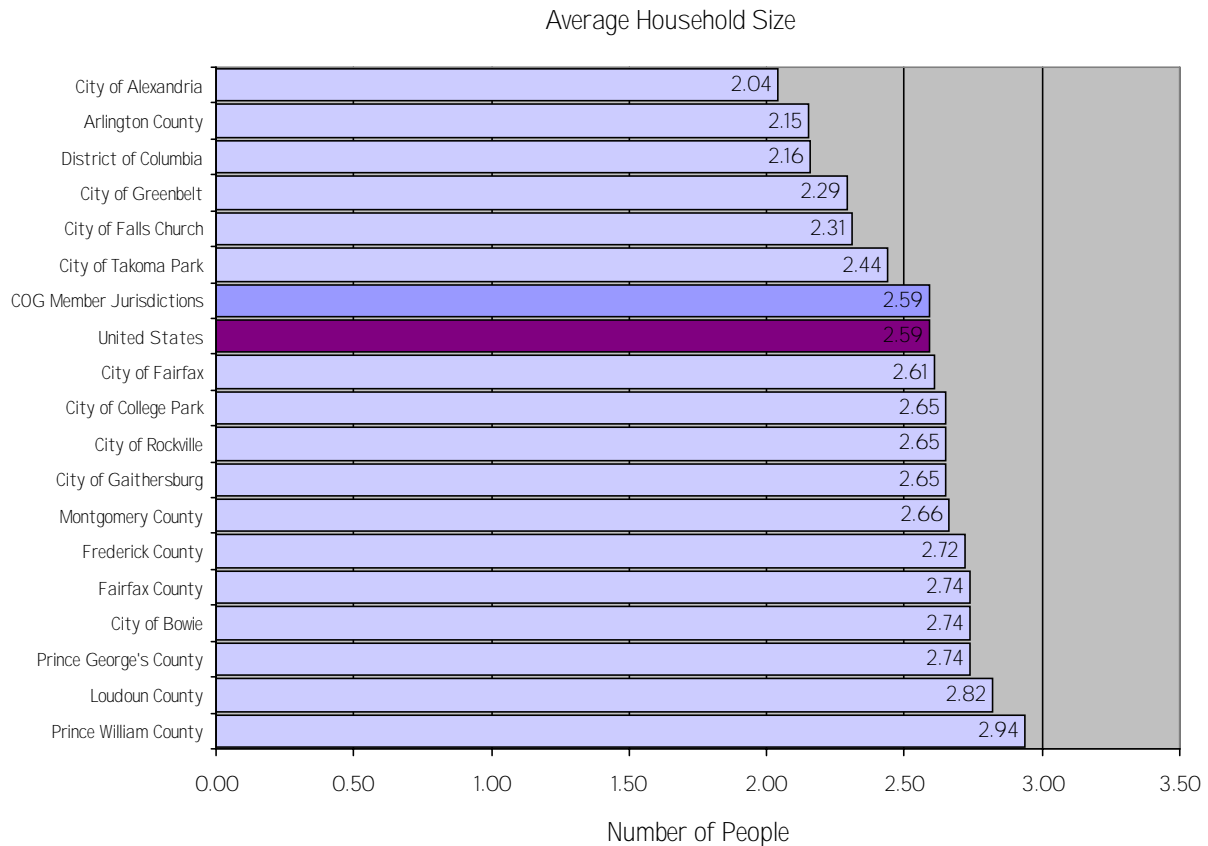
During the 1990s, female householders living with their own children (under 18 years) grew by 9.5 percent, totaling 113,565 households in the region in 2000.

In 2000, female headed households with children comprised 7.1 percent of total households in the region. In comparison, 7.2 percent of all U.S. households make up this household type.

Prince George’s County has the largest percent of female-headed households with children, 11.3 percent, followed by the District of Columbia (9.9 percent) and the City of Greenbelt (8.9 percent).



Average Household Size in Region: 2.59 Persons



Household Size

Jurisdiction	Average Household Size
District of Columbia	2.16
Frederick County	2.72
Montgomery County	2.66
City of Gaithersburg ¹	2.65
City of Rockville ¹	2.65
City of Takoma Park ¹	2.44
Prince George's County	2.74
City of Bowie ¹	2.74
City of College Park ¹	2.65
City of Greenbelt ¹	2.29
Maryland Suburbs	2.70
Arlington County	2.15
Fairfax County	2.74
Loudoun County	2.82
Prince William County	2.94
City of Alexandria	2.04
City of Fairfax	2.61
City of Falls Church	2.31
Northern Virginia	2.63
COG Member Jurisdictions	2.59

- Census 2000 reveals that the average household size in the COG region is 2.59 persons (which is also the same figure for the U.S. average household size).
- The outer jurisdictions of Prince William and Loudoun counties have the highest average household size in the region, respectively, 2.94 persons and 2.82 persons.
- In comparison, the central jurisdictions have a low average household size, 2.04 persons in the City of Alexandria and 2.15 persons in Arlington County.
- The Maryland suburbs have an average household size of 2.70 persons, followed by Northern Virginia with 2.63 persons. The District of Columbia is significantly lower with an average of 2.16 persons per household.

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COG Region Housing Units Total 1,672,101

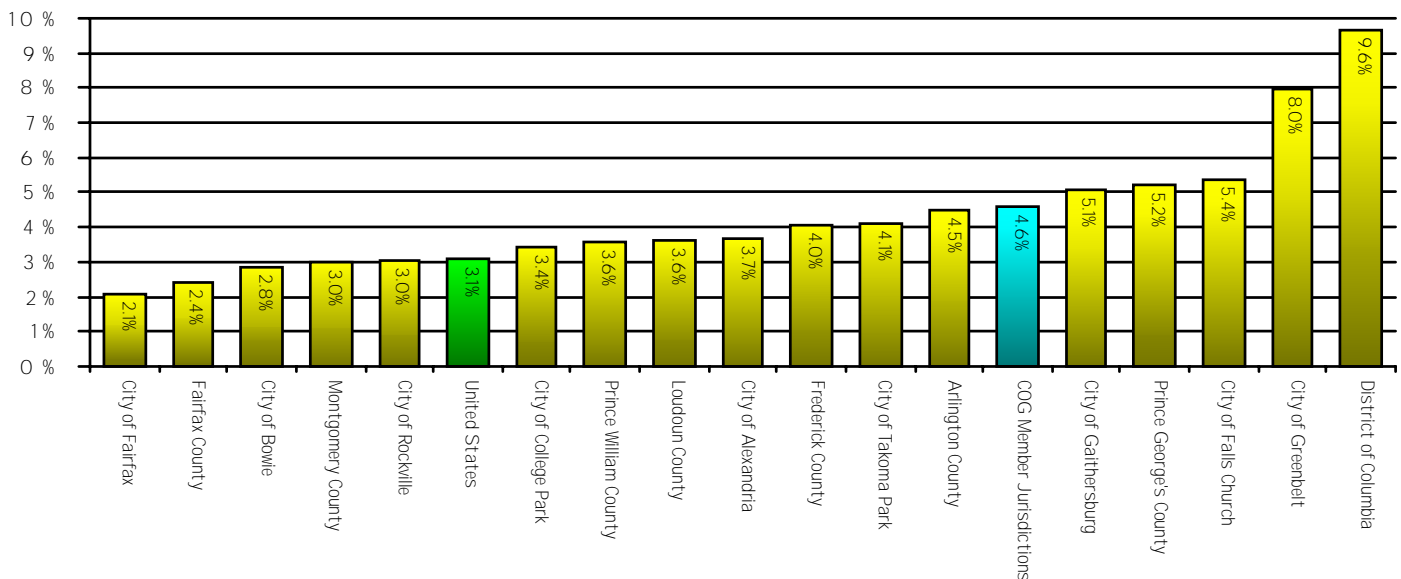
- Of the 1,672,101 housing units in the region, 76,597 or 4.6 percent of these units are vacant. In comparison, the United States has a 3.1 percent housing vacancy rate.
- Nearly 35 percent of the region’s vacant housing units are located in the District of Columbia. The District’s housing vacancy rate is 9.6 percent, followed by the City of Greenbelt (8.0 percent) and the City of Falls Church (5.4 percent).
- Jurisdictions in the region which experienced the lowest vacancy rates include the City of Fairfax (2.1 percent), Fairfax County (2.4 percent) and the City of Bowie (2.8 percent).

Housing Occupancy

Jurisdiction	Total housing units	Occupied housing units	Percent Occupied housing units	Vacant housing units	Percent Vacant housing units
District of Columbia	274,845	248,338	90.4%	26,507	9.6%
Frederick County	73,017	70,060	96.0%	2,957	4.0%
Montgomery County	334,632	324,565	97.0%	10,067	3.0%
City of Gaithersburg ¹	20,674	19,621	94.9%	1,053	5.1%
City of Rockville ¹	17,786	17,247	97.0%	539	3.0%
City of Takoma Park ¹	7,187	6,893	95.9%	294	4.1%
Prince George’s County	302,378	286,610	94.8%	15,768	5.2%
City of Bowie ¹	18,718	18,188	97.2%	530	2.8%
City of College Park ¹	6,245	6,030	96.6%	215	3.4%
City of Greenbelt ¹	10,180	9,368	92.0%	812	8.0%
Maryland Suburbs	710,027	681,235	95.9%	28,792	4.1%
Arlington County	90,426	86,352	95.5%	4,074	4.5%
Fairfax County	359,411	350,714	97.6%	8,697	2.4%
Loudoun County	62,160	59,900	96.4%	2,260	3.6%
Prince William County	98,052	94,570	96.4%	3,482	3.6%
City of Alexandria	64,251	61,889	96.3%	2,362	3.7%
City of Fairfax	8,204	8,035	97.9%	169	2.1%
City of Falls Church	4,725	4,471	94.6%	254	5.4%
Northern Virginia	687,229	665,931	96.9%	21,298	3.1%
COG Member Jurisdictions	1,672,101	1,595,504	95.4%	76,597	4.6%

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Percent Vacant Housing Units



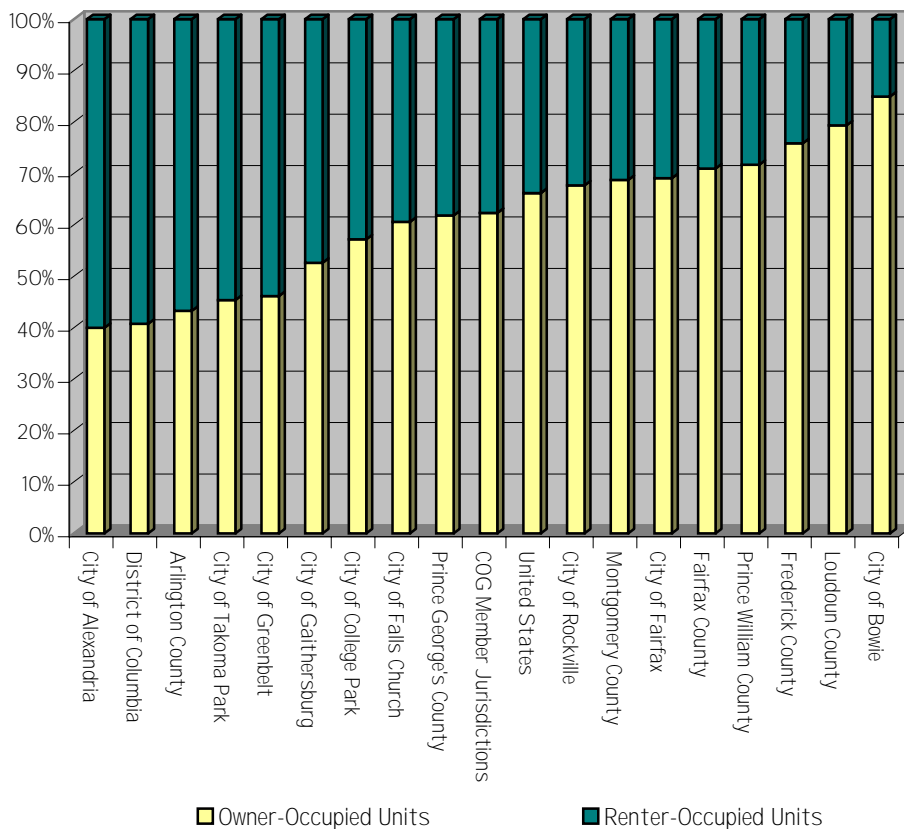
Owner-Occupied Housing Totals 989,085 Units in Region

Housing Tenure

Jurisdiction	Owner-occupied housing units	Renter-occupied housing units	Total Occupied Housing Units	Percentage Owner Occupied	Percentage Renter Occupied
District of Columbia	101,214	147,124	248,338	41%	59%
Frederick County	53,158	16,902	70,060	76%	24%
Montgomery County	223,017	101,548	324,565	69%	31%
City of Gaithersburg ¹	10,326	9,295	19,621	53%	47%
City of Rockville ¹	11,669	5,578	17,247	68%	32%
City of Takoma Park ¹	3,128	3,765	6,893	45%	55%
Prince George's County	177,177	109,433	286,610	62%	38%
City of Bowie ¹	15,455	2,733	18,188	85%	15%
City of College Park ¹	3,448	2,582	6,030	57%	43%
City of Greenbelt ¹	4,324	5,044	9,368	46%	54%
Maryland Suburbs	453,352	227,883	681,235	67%	33%
Arlington County	37,370	48,982	86,352	43%	57%
Fairfax County	248,820	101,894	350,714	71%	29%
Loudoun County	47,539	12,361	59,900	79%	21%
Prince William County	67,787	26,783	94,570	72%	28%
City of Alexandria	24,745	37,144	61,889	40%	60%
City of Fairfax	5,550	2,485	8,035	69%	31%
City of Falls Church	2,708	1,763	4,471	61%	39%
Northern Virginia	434,519	231,412	665,931	65%	35%
COG Member Jurisdictions	989,085	606,419	1,595,504	62%	38%

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Owner-Occupied and Renter-Occupied Housing Units



According to Census 2000, 62 percent of housing units are owner occupied in the region. Conversely, 38 percent of the region's dwellings are occupied by renters. The figures for the U.S. reflect a higher ownership rate: 66 percent are owner occupied versus 34 percent renter occupied.

Jurisdictions with the highest household ownership rates in the region are the City of Bowie (85 percent), Loudoun County (79 percent) and Frederick County (76 percent).

Jurisdictions with the highest renter-occupied rates include the City of Alexandria (60 percent), the District of Columbia (59 percent) and Arlington County (57 percent).

In absolute terms, Fairfax County has the greatest number of owner occupied households: 248,820 units. The District of Columbia has the greatest amount of renter occupied households: 147,124 units.



Upcoming Census 2000 Data and Products

During the next few years, the Census Bureau will release several Census 2000 data products. The content and geographic detail of each Census data file varies depending upon whether or not the information was collected from the Census "short form" (*questions that were asked of ALL households*) or "long form" (*more-detailed questions asked of one of every six households*) questionnaire. COG will prepare both summary newsletters and in-depth reports from each Census 2000 data file.

Summary File 1 (SF1)

Release Date:

June 2001 to September 2001

Contents:

Population and housing unit characteristics from questions asked of ALL households (100 % count). Population by age, race, gender, and Hispanic or Latino origin; household type and size; tenure (owned or rented unit); age and race of householder; value of unit; and amount of rent paid.

Media: Internet; CD-ROM

Geographic Detail: Census tracts; Census blocks

Summary File 2 (SF2)

Release Date:

September 2001 to December 2001

Contents:

Population and housing unit characteristics iterated for many detailed race and Hispanic or Latino categories.

Media: Internet; CD-ROM

Geographic Detail: *Census tracts*

Summary File 3 (SF3)

Release Date:

June 2002 to September 2002

Contents:

Detailed socioeconomic and housing characteristics compiled from the Census long-form (16% sample) questionnaire. Population by age, race and gender; ancestry; educational attainment, labor force and employment status; income and poverty status; commuting characteristics

Media: Internet; CD-ROM

Geographic Detail: *Census tracts ; Census block groups*

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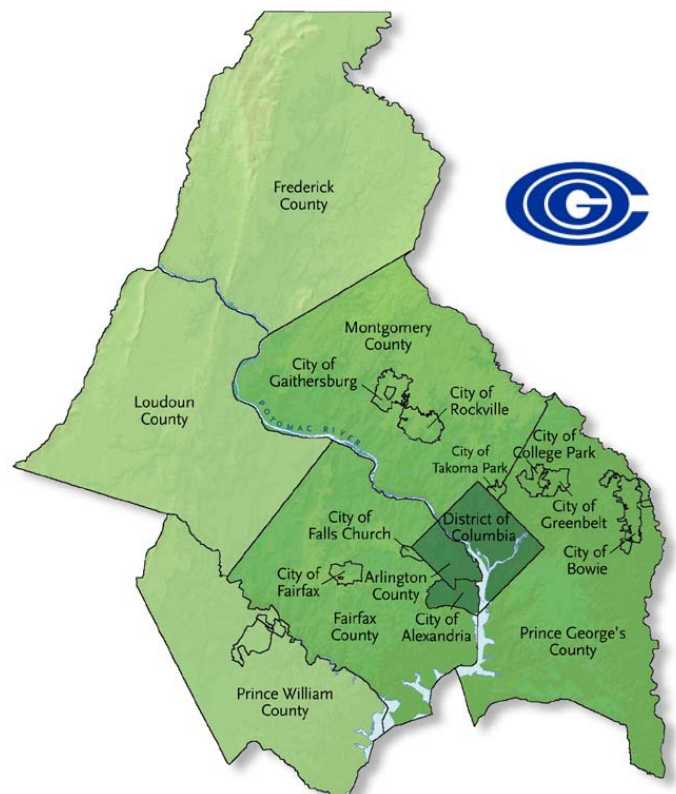
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