A Portrait of Frederick County
Census 2000
Population Distribution Characteristics

Welcome to the first section of "A Portrait of Frederick County." Every month a new topic will be discussed. For the November section, Population Distribution was chosen. Using the responses given from the 2000 US Census, a portrait of Frederick County will be created.

According to the US Census, Frederick County is the 6th largest county in the state of Maryland. Frederick County had a total population of 195,277 out of Maryland's 5,296,486 according to the 2000 US Census. Currently, the population of Frederick County is estimated to be 213, 935, a growth of 9.5% in about 3 years. Figure 1 depicts the population of each census tract. The actual population density (how many people per square mile) is shown in Figure 2. As would be expected, the population density of Frederick County is mainly concentrated in Frederick City. The population density for the whole county is 292 persons per square mile. 60 % of the population in 2000 lived outside of the municipalities in Frederick County (Figure 3).

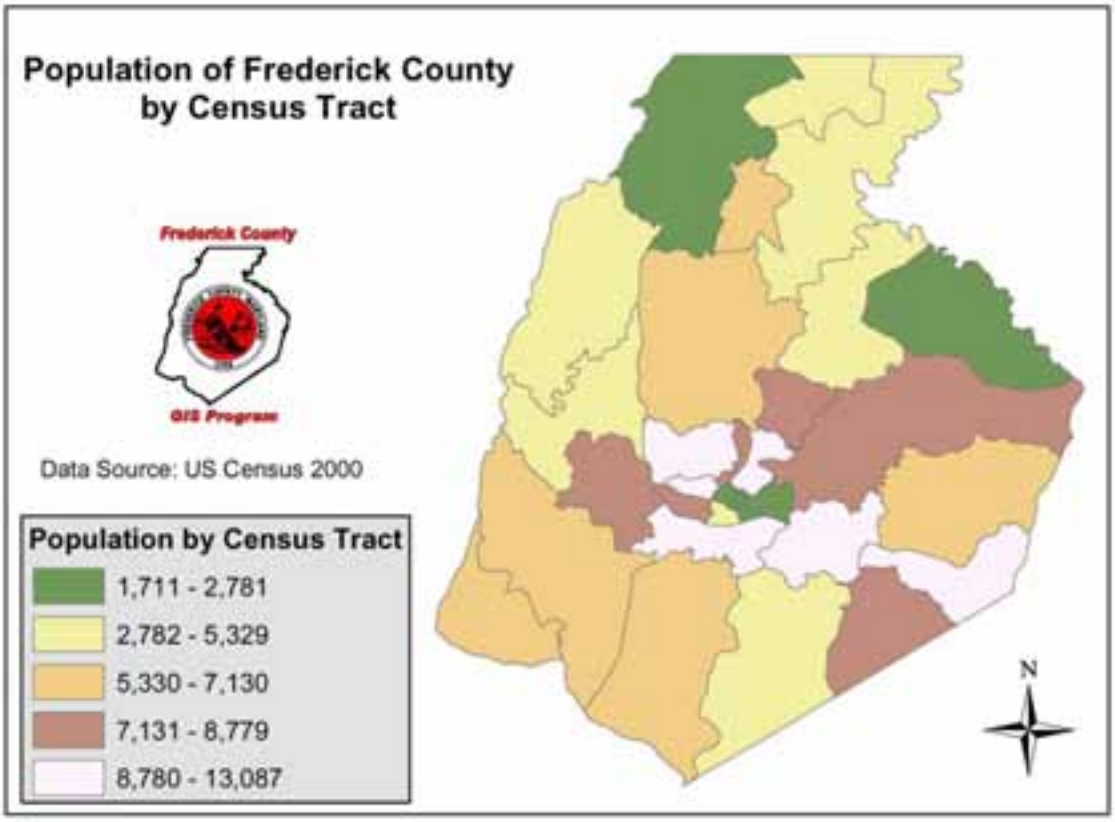


Figure 1.

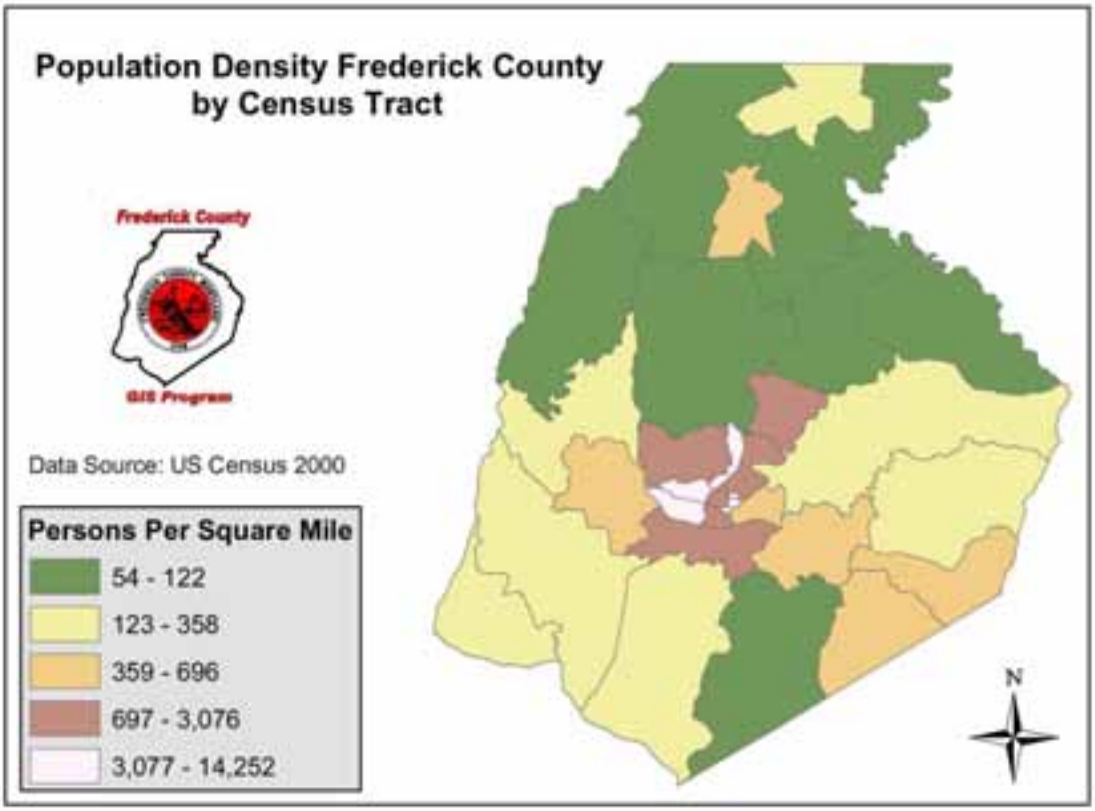


Figure 2.

Population Change
Frederick County and Municipalities

Municipality	1980 Census	1990 Census	2000 Census	Number Increase 1980 To 1990	Percent Increase 1980 To 1990	Number Increase 1990 To 2000	Percent Increase 1990 To 2000
Brunswick	4,572	5,117	4,894	545	12%	-223	-4%
Burkittsville	202	194	171	-8	-4%	-23	-12%
Emmitsburg	1,552	1,688	2,290	136	9%	602	36%
Frederick City	28,086	40,148	52,767	12,062	43%	12,619	31%
Middletown	1,748	1,834	2,668	86	5%	834	45%
Mount Airy	540	1,497	2,184	957	177%	687	46%
Myersville	432	464	1,382	32	7%	918	198%
New Market	306	328	427	22	7%	99	30%
Rosemont	305	256	284	-49	-16%	28	11%
Thurmont	2,934	3,398	5,588	464	16%	2,190	64%
Walkersville	2,212	4,145	5,192	1,933	87%	1,047	25%
Woodsboro	506	513	846	7	1%	333	65%
Municipal	43,395	59,582	78,693	16,187	37%	19,111	32%
Non-Municipal	71,397	90,626	116,584	19,229	27%	25,958	29%
Frederick County	114,792	150,208	195,277	35,416	31%	45,069	30%

Data Source: US Census and Frederick County Planning Department

Figure 3.

In 2000, 40% of the total Frederick County population lived in municipalities. In 18 out of the 35 (52%) census tracts more than 81% of the population was living in an

urban setting (Figure 4), and 26% of the census tracts had no rural population recorded.

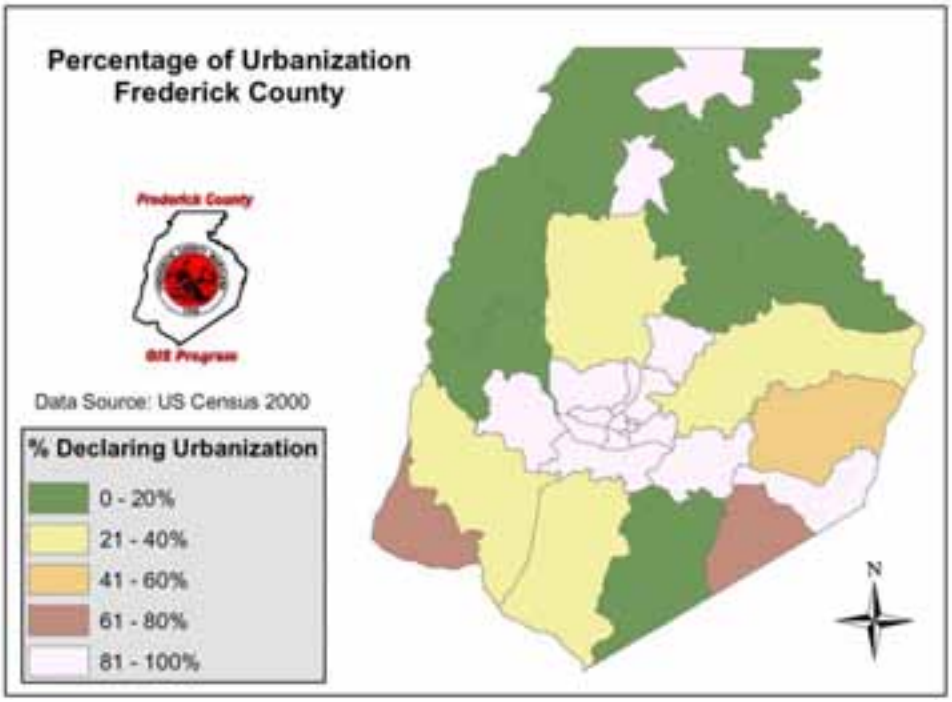
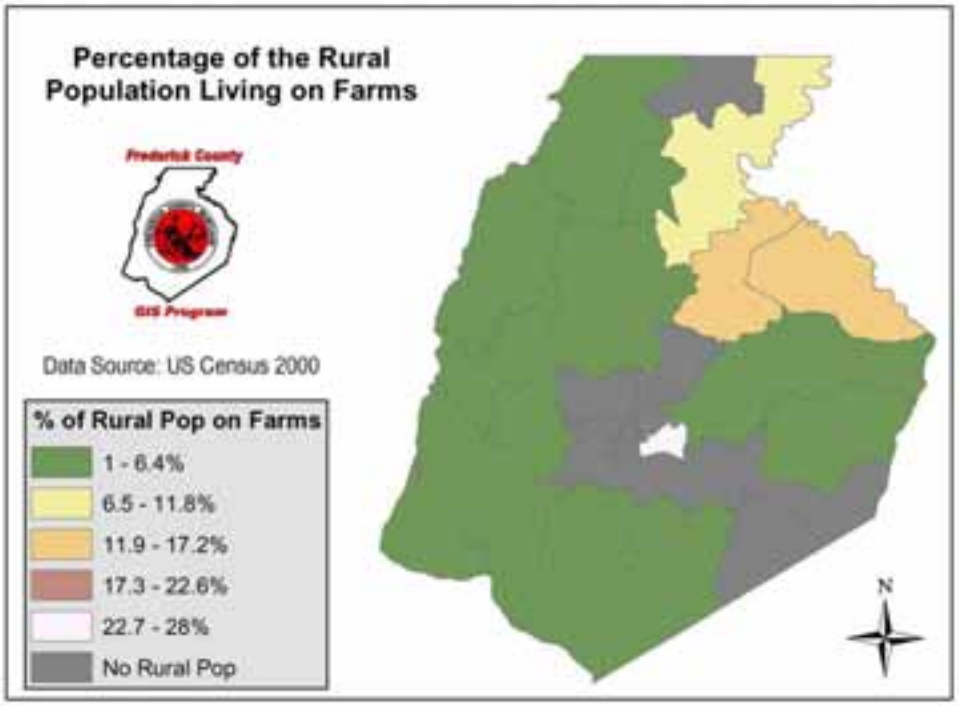


Figure 4.

66% of the census tracts have a portion of the population living in rural areas. However, only 3% (1 out of the 35) census tracts have more than 20% of the rural population living on a farm (Figure 5).



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