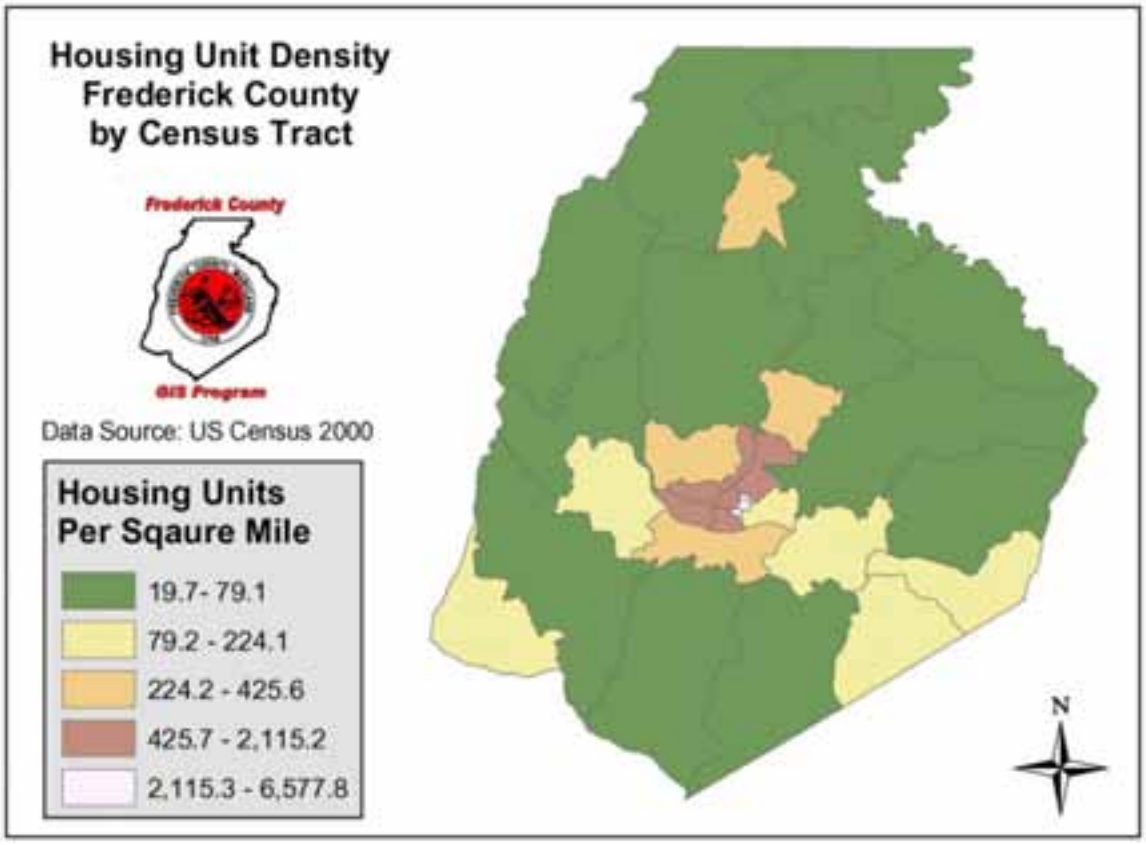
A Portrait of Frederick County
Census 2000
Housing Units Characteristics

Welcome to the second section of "A Portrait of Frederick County." Every month a new topic will be discussed. For the December section, Housing Units Characteristics was chosen. The number of housing units and the average household size are some of the housing characteristics used to estimate the population in Frederick County. Using the responses from the 2000 US Census, these attributes will be explored in this months "A Portrait of Frederick County."

According to the 2000 US Census, Frederick County had 3 % of Maryland's 2,145,283 housing units. Frederick County has a housing density of 110 housing units per square mile. As would be expected, the largest concentration of housing units within the county are in the city of Frederick (Figure 1). Most of the housing units within Frederick County are located in the following five census designated places: 1. Frederick City, 2. Ballenger Creek, 3. Linganore-Bartonsville, 4. Green Valley, and 5. Thurmont (Figure 2 and Figure 3).



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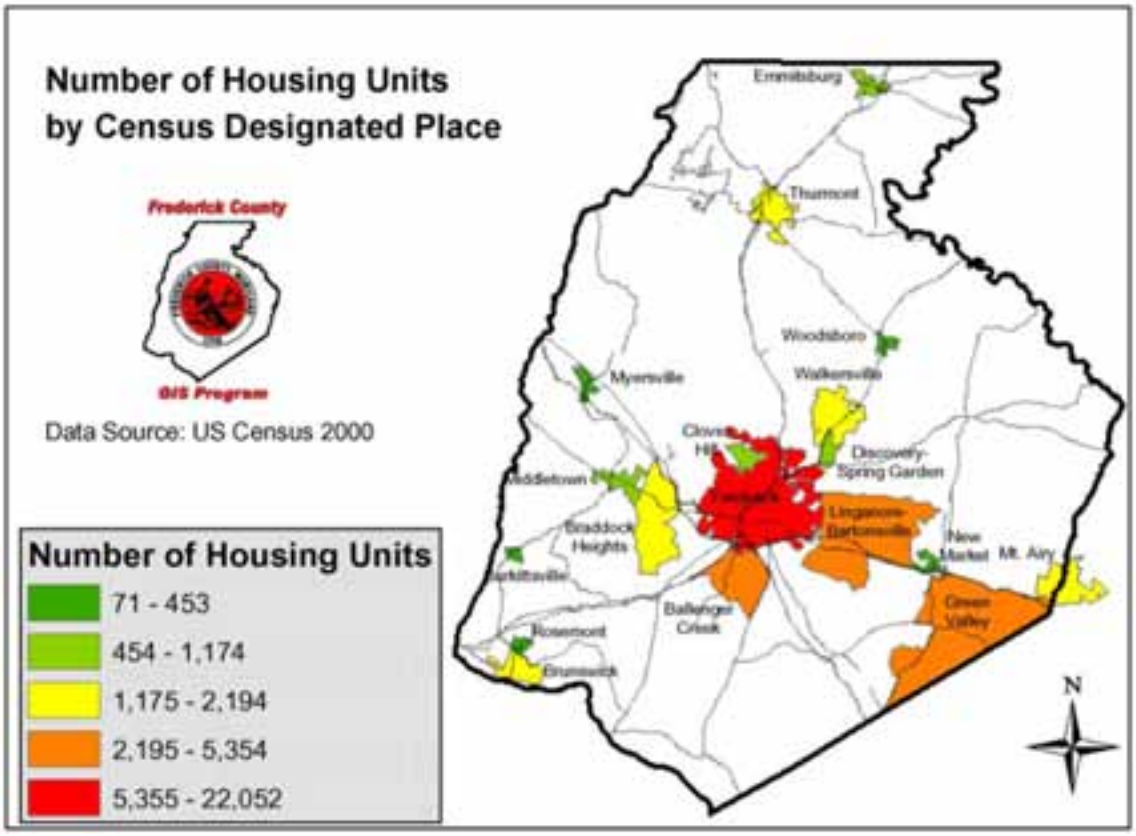

Figure 2.

Census Designated Place	Number of Housing Units
1. Frederick City	22,052
2. Ballenger Creek	5,354
3. Linganore-Bartonsville	4,237
4. Green Valley	3,944
5. Thurmont	2,194

Figure 3.

From 1990 to 2000, there was an average of 1,815 new housing units in Frederick County each year. This is a 19 % increase from 1980 to 1990. The only 2 municipalities within the county that had more growth during 1990 to 2000 than in 1980 to 1990 were Frederick City and Thurmont (Figure 3).

Housing Units For Frederick County Municipalities 1980 To 2000					
Municipality	1980 Census	1990 Census	2000 Census	Avg. Annual Increase '80-'90	Avg. Annual Increase '90-'00
Brunswick	1,624	1,865	1,957	24	9
Burkittsville	75	74	76	-0	0
Emmitsburg	503	681	862	18	18
Frederick	11,295	16,611	22,106	532	550
Middletown	671	738	981	7	24
Mt. Airy (FC Only)	178	497	723	32	23
Myersville	182	196	450	1	25
New Market	117	131	170	1	4
Rosemont	116	97	106	-2	1
Thurmont	1,144	1,387	2,193	24	81
Walkersville	767	1,434	1,793	67	36
Woodsboro	191	206	295	2	9
Total Municipality	16,863	23,917	31,712	705	780
Total Non-Municipality	22,808	30,955	41,305	815	1,035
Total Frederick County	39,671	54,872	73,017	1,520	1,815
Data Source: US Census					

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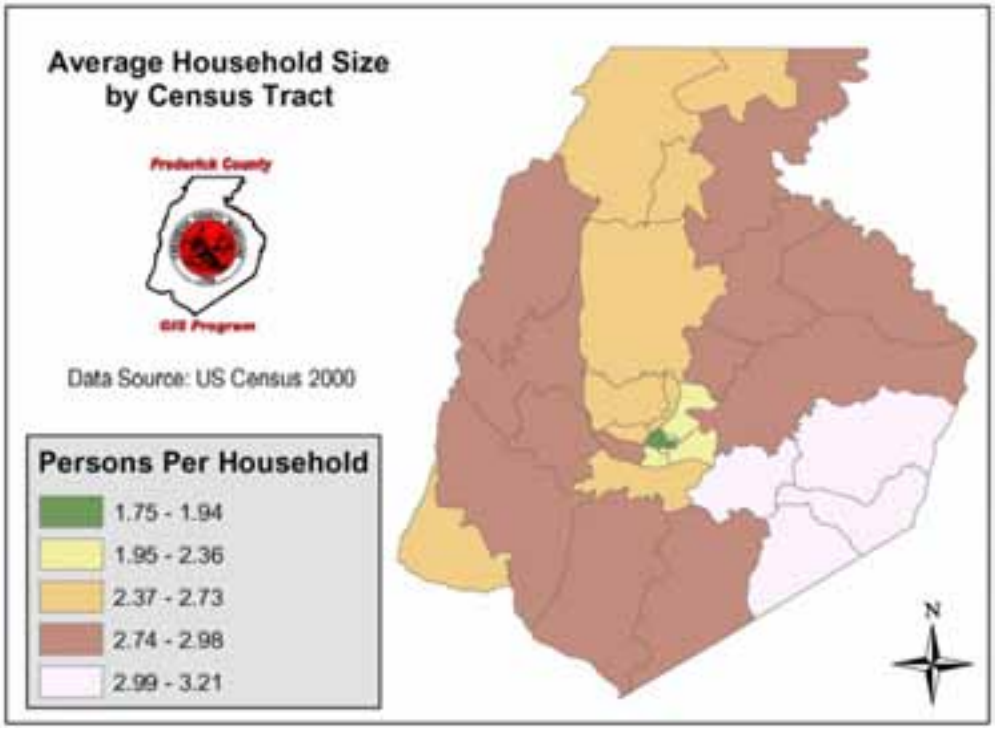
On average, Frederick City had more housing units per square mile; however, most of the city had a lower rate of people per household, according to the 2000 Census (Figure 4 and Figure 5). This is due to the large number of residents living alone (1 in 3 households) and smaller family sizes within Frederick City.



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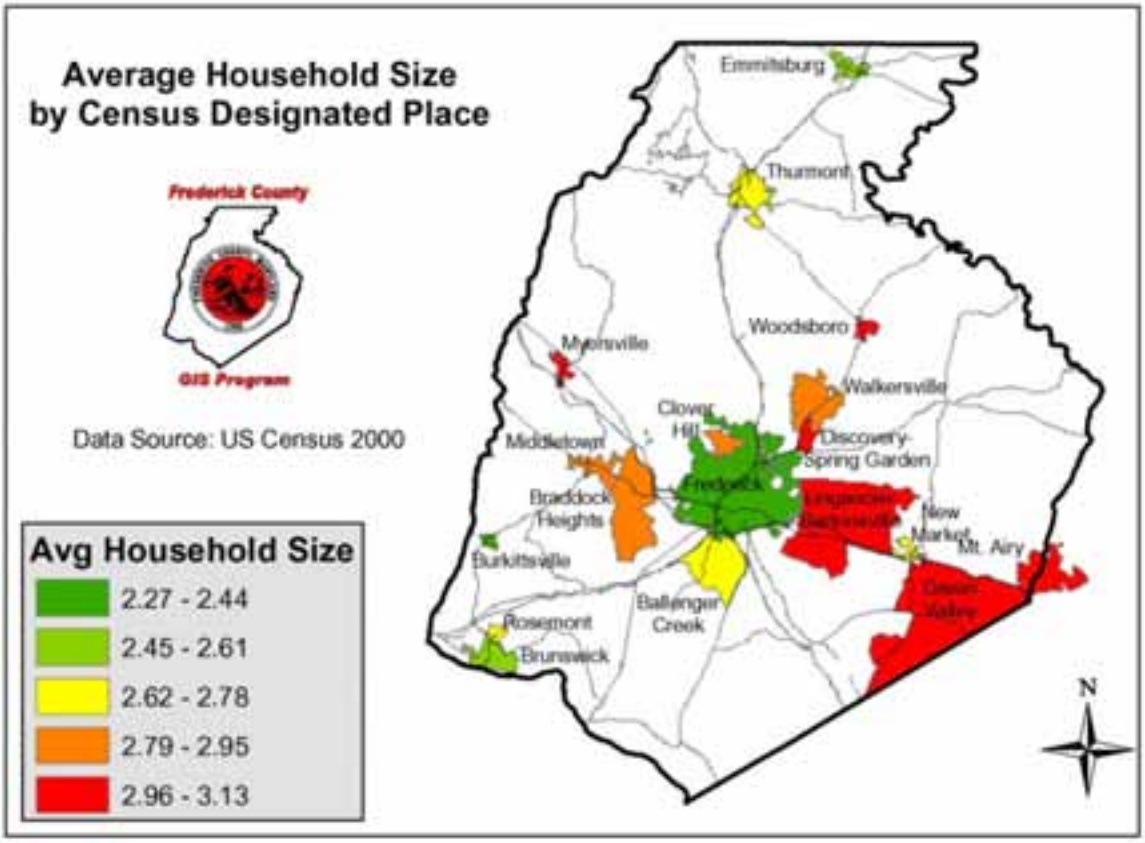

Figure 5.

The five largest households are found in the following census designated places:

Census Designated Place	Average Household Size
1. Myersville	3.13
2. Green Valley	3.12
3. Discovery-Spring Garden	3.09
4. Woodsboro	3.05
5. Linganore-Bartonsville	3.03