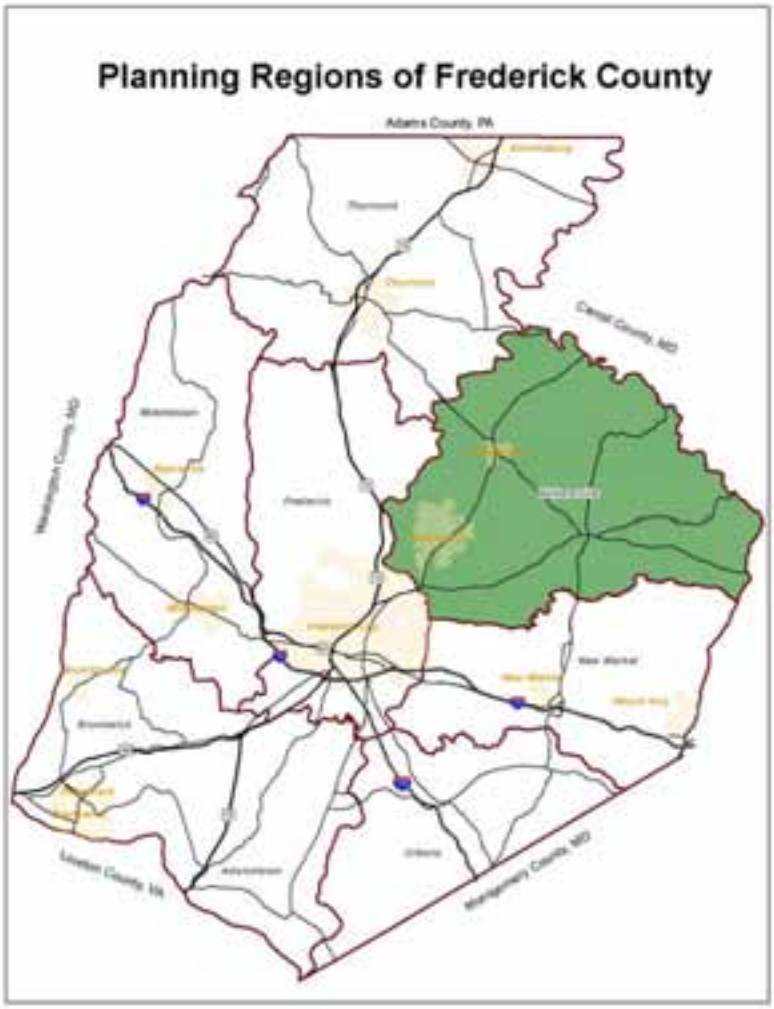
A Demographic Exploration of Frederick County
Walkersville Planning Region Profile

Welcome to the November, 2006 edition of "A Demographic Exploration of Frederick County." The Walkersville Planning Region update was adopted in October 2006. In its' honor, this month's article will focus on the 2000 SF3 and 1990 STF3 census tract data. The planning region boundaries changed on September 25th, 2006, to more closely match a census tract, wherever possible, for future consistency and continuity in data collection. For further information on the demographics and other statistics of Frederick County, please visit http://www.co.frederick.md.us/planning/Demographics/Demographics.htm

The Walkersville Planning Region is located in the northeastern portion of Frederick County. The north and west boundaries of the region are defined by the Monocacy River. The southwestern extent is the city limits of Frederick and Gas House Pike. The rest of the southern boundary is Linganore Creek. The Carroll and Frederick County borders define the eastern extent of the Walkersville Planning Region.



Geographically, the Walkersville Region is the second largest in the County. In regards to the population, Walkersville has the third highest population, 22,605. According to the US Census from 1990 to 2000 the population of the Walkersville Region increased by 17%.

The general demographic characteristics did not change substantially from 1990 to 2000. The male and female segments of the population had the same amount of growth at 17%. The ratio of males to females is about half and half. In 2000, males made up 49.9% of the total population. There were only three planning regions in the County, Walkersville being one of them, which had losses in the segment of the population under 5 years old. From 1990 to 2000, Walkersville Planning Region decreased the population under 5 years old by 9% and gained 28% in the 65 and older age cohort. However, there were still significant gains in the school aged children (ages 5 to 18) which rose by 21% or 964 children.

From 1990 to 2000, there was a change in the racial classifications given on the census forms. Due to this it is somewhat difficult to make a direct correlation between these two decades. However, it does seem that like the County as a whole, Walkersville is becoming a more diverse planning region. From 1990 to 2000, there was only an increase of 15% of White Alone in the region. The racial/origin classifications that saw the most increase in this region were Hispanic or Latino (476%), some other race alone (459%) and American Indian/Alaska native alone (291%). As stated previously, the large increase may be due to the different reporting methods from the 1990 and 2000 US Census.

Even with the increase in different races in the region, in regards to other areas of Frederick County the Walkersville Planning Region is one of the least diverse regions. It has the third highest percentage of White Alone population (96%) and the third lowest percentage of the population claiming Black/African American (2%). It does; however, have the third highest percentage of Hispanic population (1.9%) in the County. The population that was foreign born grew 233% from 1990 to 2000 going from 206 people to 686. This is the second highest increase in foreign born within all of the planning regions in Frederick County. Walkersville Region claims the third highest percentage of the population that is foreign born (3%). Although Walkersville had the third highest growth (137%) of population who speak a language other than English at home, it still has the sixth lowest (4%) percentage of the population that does not speak English at home.

In regards to the economic characteristics, the Walkersville Planning Region has the third highest percentage of workers in the County. 75% of the population 16 and older, are in the labor force. The Walkersville Region has the second highest percentage of workers living in and working in the County (62%). Only 4% of the Labor Force has a commuting time of 90 minutes or more to work. Walkersville had a 5% decrease in the number of individuals below the poverty line. The median household income in 2000 was $61,034 and the median family income was $65,708. These represent the fifth highest level of income in the County.

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	1990		2000		Change 1990 to 2000	
General Characteristics	**Number**	**Percent**	**Number**	**Percent**	**Number**	**Percent**
Total Population	19,344	100.0%	22,605	100.0%	3,261	16.9%
Population Density (persons per square mile)	166.6	x	194.7	x	28.1	x
Male	9,655	49.9%	11,283	49.9%	1,628	16.9%
Female	9,689	50.1%	11,322	50.1%	1,633	16.9%
Under 5 Years	1,600	8.3%	1,452	6.4%	-148	-9.3%
5 to 18 Years Old	4,535	23.4%	5,499	24.3%	964	21.3%
18 Years and Over	13,485	69.7%	15,984	70.7%	2,499	18.5%
65 Years and Over	1,489	7.7%	1,906	8.4%	417	28.0%
White Alone	18,790	97.1%	21,581	95.5%	2,791	14.9%
Black or African American Alone	442	2.3%	503	2.2%	61	13.8%
American Indian/Alaska Native Alone	11	0.1%	43	0.2%	32	290.9%
Asian and Pacific Islander	72	0.4%	148	0.7%	76	105.6%
Some Other Race Alone	29	0.1%	162	0.7%	133	458.6%
2 or More Races	NA	NA	168	0.7%	NA	NA
Hispanic or Latino	74	0.4%	426	1.9%	352	475.7%
Social Characteristics						
High School Graduate or Higher	9,525	80.2%	12,565	87.1%	3,040	31.9%
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	2,359	19.9%	3,612	25.0%	1,253	53.1%
Foreign Born	206	1.1%	686	3.0%	480	233.0%
Never Married	2,907	20.2%	3,706	21.5%	799	27.5%
Now Married	10,046	69.9%	11,509	66.9%	1,463	14.6%
Widowed/Divorced	1,426	9.9%	1,983	11.5%	557	39.1%
Speak a Language Other Than English at Home	334	1.9%	792	3.7%	458	137.1%
Household Characteristics						
Households	6,362	100.0%	7,605	100.0%	1,243	19.5%
Family Households	5,363	84.3%	6,315	83.0%	952	17.8%
Married-Couple Family Households	4,701	87.7%	5,425	85.9%	724	15.4%
Married-Couple Families with Own Children Under 18	2,633	56.0%	2,797	51.6%	164	6.2%
Male Householders (No Wife Present)	251	4.7%	311	4.9%	60	23.9%
Male Householders With Own Children Under 18	159	63.3%	192	61.7%	33	20.8%
Female Householders (No Wife Present)	411	7.7%	579	9.2%	168	40.9%
Female Householders With Own Children Under 18	187	45.5%	342	59.1%	155	82.9%
NonFamily Households	999	15.7%	1,290	17.0%	291	29.1%

Economic Characteristics

Workers	10,360	73.6%	12,567	74.9%	2,207	21.3%
Live and Work in Frederick County	6,792	65.6%	7,818	62.2%	1,026	15.1%
Travel More Than 30 Minutes to Work	4,024	38.8%	5,229	41.6%	1,205	29.9%
Travel More Than 90 Minutes to Work	264	2.5%	556	4.4%	292	110.6%
Individuals Below Poverty Level	863	4.5%	823	3.4%	-40	-4.6%
Averaged Median Household Income	$42,984	x	$61,034	x	18,050	42.0%
Averaged Median Family Income	$44,802	x	$65,708	x	20,906	46.7%

Housing Characteristics

Total Housing Units	6,569	100.0%	7,875	100.0%	1,306	19.9%
Occupied Housing Units	6,374	97.0%	7,615	96.7%	1,241	19.5%
Vacant Housing Units	195	3.0%	260	3.3%	65	33.3%
Owner-occupied Housing Units	5,048	79.2%	6,450	84.7%	1,402	27.8%
Renter-occupied Housing Units	1,326	20.8%	1,165	15.3%	-161	-12.1%

* Due to discrepancies in the census tract and Planning Region boundaries the area north and west of Linganore Creek, south of Gas House Pike, and east of the Monocacy River are included in the Walkersville Planning Region Demographic Profile not in the New Market or Frederick Planning Regions. Population density is based on the land mass and population of census tract not the planning region.