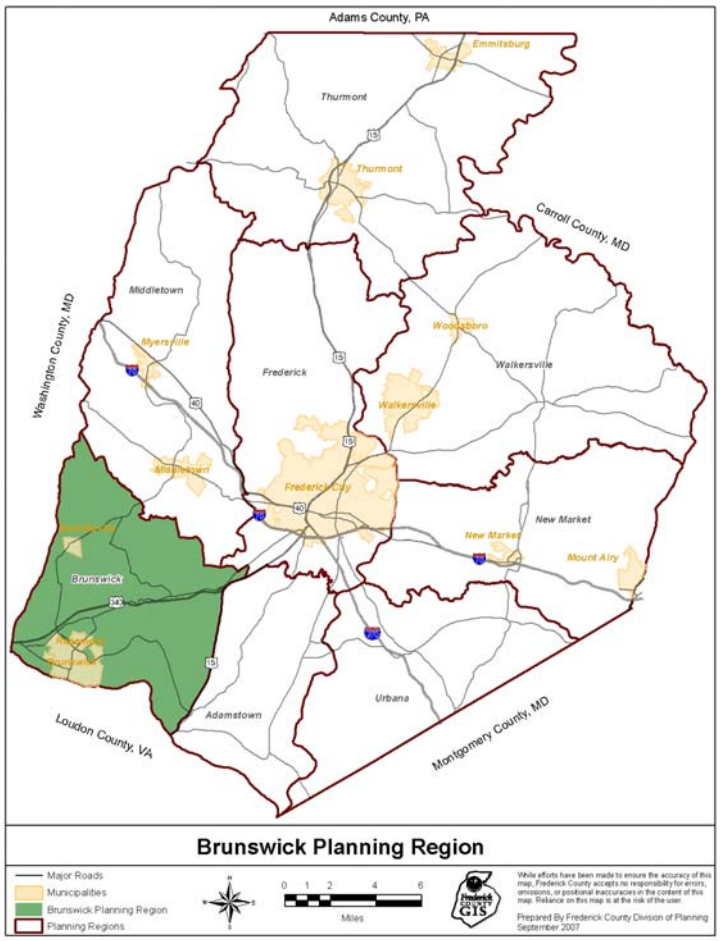
A Demographic Exploration of Frederick County
Brunswick Planning Region Profile

Welcome to the October, 2007 edition of "A Demographic Exploration of Frederick County." The Brunswick Planning Region comprehensive planning update is about to kick off. 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 consistency in data collection. For further information on the demographics and other statistics of Frederick County, please visit http://www.co.frederick.md.us/planning

The Brunswick Planning Region is located in the southwestern portion of Frederick County. The western edge is Washington County and the Southern extent borders Loudon County, Virginia. To the north, the boundary mainly follows Middle Creek. And the entire eastern boundary follows US 15. There are three incorporated municipalities in this Planning Region, Burkittsville, Rosemont, and Brunswick.



As of July 1, 2007, the Frederick County Planning Division estimates that the Brunswick Planning Region has 16,098 people and a population density of 235 people per square mile. The Brunswick Planning Region has the second lowest population in Frederick County. According to the US Census from 1990 to 2000 the population of the Brunswick Region increased by 17%, going from 12,145 people to 14,201.

The general demographic face of this Planning Region has changed from 1990 to 2000. The male population grew slightly more than the female population during this decade. Males increased by 20% while females only had a 14% population increase. Brunswick is one of three Planning Regions that had a decrease in the children under 5 years old from 1990 to 2000. There was a 12% decrease in this age cohort. The residents between the ages of 5 and 18 grew by 26%. So even though there were fewer toddlers, the school-aged population did increase significantly within this decade.

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, Brunswick is becoming a more diverse region. From 1990 to 2000, there was only an increase of 17% of White Alone in the region, the 5th highest increase in the County. However, there was a significant decrease in the Black or African American Alone population. Brunswick is one of two planning regions that had a decrease in this segment of the population. From 1990 to 2000, Brunswick had a decrease of 19% (616 to 499) in the Black population. Brunswick did have the highest increase in American Indian/Alaskan Native and Asian and Pacific Islander population in the County, 315% and 789% respectively.

In regards to the economic characteristics, the Brunswick Planning Region has second lowest percentages of workers in the County. Only 70% of the population 16 and older is in the labor force. Of the 7,484 workers in Brunswick, 55% of them work and live in Frederick County. The time it takes workers to get to work has increased within Frederick County. In Brunswick there was an 88% increase in workers that traveled more than 90 minutes to work each day, going from 300 workers in 1990 to 563 in 2000. Brunswick had the third lowest average median household income in the County in 2000. However, this planning region had the greatest increase in average household median income from 1990 to 2000. Brunswick increased its' income by 64%, going from $40,006 in 1990 to $65,700 in 2000. This significant increase in median household income for the region had a beneficial impact on the number of people below the poverty level. From 1990 to 2000, Brunswick lowered the number of people below the poverty level by 14%, the second largest decrease in poverty in the County.

The Brunswick Planning Region is the seventh most populace region in Frederick County. This planning region seems to represent mainstream Frederick County. Many of the changes and the 2000 social, economic, and household characteristics are within the average for the County. The extreme characteristics represented in Brunswick are represented in the racial makeup and poverty level. Brunswick had the largest increase in American Indian/Alaskan Native and Asian and Pacific Islander and a loss in Black or African American populations. Brunswick had one of largest decreases in the population below poverty level while having the largest increase in average median household income from 1990 to 2000. Please see the detailed demographic profile below for more information regarding this Planning Region.

Brunswick Planning Region
Demographic Profile

	1990		2000		Change 1990 to 2000	
General Characteristics	**Number**	**Percent**	**Number**	**Percent**	**Number**	**Percent**
Total Population	12,145	100.0%	14,201	100.0%	2,056	16.9%
Population Density (persons per square mile)	177.2	x	207.2	x	30.0	x
Male	5,926	48.8%	7,096	50.0%	1,170	19.7%
Female	6,219	51.2%	7,105	50.0%	886	14.2%
Under 5 Years	998	8.2%	879	6.2%	-119	-11.9%
5 to 18 Years Old	2,531	20.8%	3,189	22.5%	658	26.0%
18 Years and Over	8,774	72.2%	10,304	72.6%	1,530	17.4%
65 Years and Over	1,226	10.1%	1,445	10.2%	219	17.9%
White Alone	11,465	94.4%	13,414	94.5%	1,949	17.0%
Black or African American Alone	616	5.1%	499	3.5%	-117	-19.0%
American Indian/Alaska Native Alone	13	0.1%	54	0.4%	41	315.4%
Asian and Pacific Islander	9	0.1%	80	0.6%	71	788.9%
Some Other Race Alone	42	0.3%	10	0.1%	-32	-76.2%
2 or More Races	NA	NA	144	1.0%	NA	NA
Hispanic or Latino	48	0.4%	142	1.0%	94	195.8%
Social Characteristics						
High School Graduate or Higher	5,959	76.8%	8,050	86.6%	2,091	35.1%
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	951	12.3%	1,942	20.9%	991	104.2%
Foreign Born	90	0.7%	200	1.4%	110	122.2%
Never Married	1,967	21.2%	2,359	21.6%	392	19.9%
Now Married	6,078	65.4%	7,090	64.9%	1,012	16.7%
Widowed/Divorced	1,251	13.5%	1,472	13.5%	221	17.7%
Speak a Language Other Than English at Home	221	2.0%	356	2.7%	135	61.1%
Household Characteristics						
Households	4,237	100.0%	5,153	100.0%	916	21.6%
Family Households	3,359	79.3%	3,959	76.8%	600	17.9%
Married-Couple Family Households	2,863	85.2%	3,294	83.2%	431	15.1%
Married-Couple Families with Own Children Under 18	1,507	52.6%	1,636	49.7%	129	8.6%
Male Householders (No Wife Present)	137	4.1%	251	6.3%	114	83.2%
Male Householders With Own Children Under 18	45	32.8%	90	35.9%	45	100.0%
Female Householders (No Wife Present)	359	10.7%	414	10.5%	55	15.3%
Female Householders With Own Children Under 18	153	42.6%	236	57.0%	83	54.2%
NonFamily Households	878	20.7%	1,194	23.2%	316	36.0%

Economic Characteristics						
Workers	6,222	68.4%	7,484	69.7%	1,262	20.3%
Live and Work in Frederick County	3,751	60.3%	4,103	54.8%	352	9.4%
Travel More Than 30 Minutes to Work	2,758	44.3%	3,656	48.9%	898	32.6%
Travel More Than 90 Minutes to Work	300	4.8%	563	7.5%	263	87.7%
Individuals Below Poverty Level	544	4.5%	468	3.3%	-76	-14.0%
Averaged Median Household Income	$36,297	x	$60,115	x	$23,818	65.6%
Averaged Median Family Income	$40,006	x	$65,700	x	$25,694	64.2%
Housing Characteristics						
Total Housing Units	4,388	100.0%	5,323	100.0%	935	21.3%
Occupied Housing Units	4,326	98.6%	5,129	96.4%	803	18.6%
Vacant Housing Units	62	1.4%	194	3.6%	132	212.9%
Owner-occupied Housing Units	3,347	77.4%	4,144	80.8%	797	23.8%
Renter-occupied Housing Units	889	20.6%	985	19.2%	96	10.8%