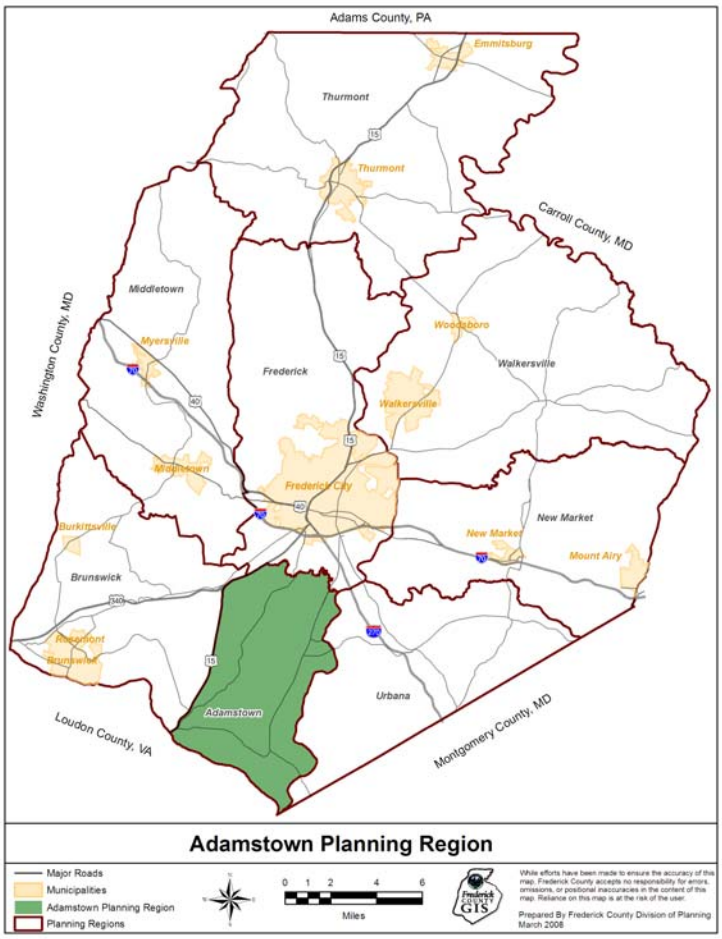
A Demographic Exploration of Frederick County
Adamstown Planning Region Profile

Welcome to the March, 2007 edition of "A Demographic Exploration of Frederick County" where we will explore the Adamstown Planning Region. 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/

The Adamstown Planning Region is located in the southern portion of Frederick County. It is bordered on three side by water features; The Potomac River to the south, Monocacy River to the east, and Ballenger Creek to the north. The western extent is US 15.



The Adamstown Planning Region is the smallest Planning Region, geographically, and has the second lowest population density, 149.1 persons per square miles, in the Frederick County. According to the US Census from 1990 to 2000 the

population of the Adamstown Region increased by 39%, the second highest in the County. In 1990 there were 4,919 people in the Adamstown Region compared to the 6,825 people represented in the 2000 census. According to current Frederick County Division of Planning figures, the 2008 population estimate for the region is 10,618.

Due to the steep increase in the population from 1990 to 2000 most segments of the population had substantial growth. In regards to gender, there was an increase in the percentage of the population that is female. In 1990 48% of the population was female and 52% were male. In 2000, the female segment of the population grew to 51% of the population and the male segment decreased to 49%. Of the different age cohorts represented in the demographic profile the largest increase occurred in the population 65 and older. There was an increase of 58% within this age cohort going from 3,441 in 1990 to 4,748 in 2000. The school aged children cohort (5 to 18 years old) had the second highest increase. This segment of the population increased by 56% between 1990 and 2000, going from 1,030 to 1,607 within the ten-year span. The slowest growth occurred in the segment of the population that is Under 5 years old. There was only a 15% in crease in this age cohort. In 2000, the percentage of the total population Under 5 years old decreased from 10% in 1990 to only 8% in 2000.

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, Adamstown is becoming a more diverse planning region. From 1990 to 2000, there was only an increase of 31% of White Alone in the region. The racial/origin classifications that saw the most increase in this region were, Hispanic or Latino (228%), Asian and Pacific Islander (136%), and Black or African American Alone (97%). As stated previously, the large increase may be due to the different reporting methods from the 1990 and 2000 US Census.

With the increase in different races in the region, comes a more diverse Adamstown Planning Region. In 1990, the Adamstown region had the third highest percentage of the population that is White Alone (97%), in 2000 this decreased to the seventh highest (92%). Adamstown has the second highest percentage of the population, which is Hispanic or Latino (2.4%), and the third highest percentage of Black or African American and Asian and Pacific Islander population (3.3% and 1.0% respectively). The population that was foreign born grew 164% from 1990 to 2000 going from 74 people to 195, the fifth highest increase in the County. Although, Adamstown also had the second highest increase (150%) in the population that spoke a language other than English at home. With such a high increase in this segment of the population Adamstown now has the third highest concentration of people who speak a language other than English at home.

The Adamstown Region is the fourth highest educated planning region in Frederick County. 87% of the population over the age of 25 has graduated High School and 31% have a Bachelor’s Degree. From 1990 to 2000 the number of people with Bachelor’s Degrees more than doubled going from 623 to 1,334 residents.

In regards to the economic characteristics, the Adamstown Planning Region has fourth highest average median household income in the County. In 2000 the averaged median household income was $67,289 and the family income was $71,091. The Adamstown Region has the highest percentage of workers in the County, 76%. About

half of them live and work in Frederick County. A majority of the workers in Adamstown commute less than 30 minutes to work. Even with these high levels of labor force participation Adamstown has the highest percentage of individuals below the poverty line. 7% of the individuals in the Region are below the poverty threshold and this increase 66% from 1990 to 2000.

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	1990		2000		Change 1990 to 2000	
General Characteristics	**Number**	**Percent**	**Number**	**Percent**	**Number**	**Percent**
Total Population	4,919	100.0%	6,825	100.0%	1,906	38.7%
Population Density (persons per square mile)	107.4	x	149.1	x	41.7	x
Male	2,559	52.0%	3,365	49.3%	806	31.5%
Female	2,360	48.0%	3,460	50.7%	1,100	46.6%
Under 5 Years	495	10.1%	567	8.3%	72	14.5%
5 to 18 Years Old	1,030	20.9%	1,607	23.5%	577	56.0%
18 Years and Over	3,441	70.0%	4,748	69.6%	1,307	38.0%
65 Years and Over	360	7.3%	569	8.3%	209	58.1%
White Alone	4,776	97.1%	6,272	91.9%	1,496	31.3%
Black or African American Alone	115	2.3%	226	3.3%	111	96.5%
American Indian/Alaska Native Alone	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Asian and Pacific Islander	28	0.6%	66	1.0%	38	135.7%
Some Other Race Alone	0	0.0%	90	1.3%	90	x
2 or More Races	NA	NA	171	2.5%	NA	NA
Hispanic or Latino	50	1.0%	164	2.4%	114	228.0%
Social Characteristics						
High School Graduate or Higher	2,596	84.3%	3,786	87.2%	1,190	45.8%
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	623	20.2%	1,334	30.7%	711	114.1%
Foreign Born	74	1.5%	195	2.9%	121	163.5%
Never Married	655	18.0%	984	19.6%	329	50.2%
Now Married	2,480	68.2%	3,342	66.4%	862	34.8%
Widowed/Divorced	502	13.8%	707	14.0%	205	40.8%
Speak a Language Other Than English at Home	134	3.0%	335	5.4%	201	150.0%
Household Characteristics						
Households	1,664	100.0%	2,348	100.0%	684	41.1%
Family Households	1,306	78.5%	1,857	79.1%	551	42.2%
Married-Couple Family Households	1,155	88.4%	1,580	85.1%	425	36.8%
Married-Couple Families with Own Children Under 18	673	58.3%	836	52.9%	163	24.2%
Male Householders (No Wife Present)	60	4.6%	97	5.2%	37	61.7%

Male Householders With Own Children Under 18	20	33.3%	75	77.3%	55	275.0%
Female Householders (No Wife Present)	91	7.0%	180	9.7%	89	97.8%
Female Householders With Own Children Under 18	50	54.9%	113	62.8%	63	126.0%
NonFamily Households	358	21.5%	491	20.9%	133	37.2%
Economic Characteristics						
Workers	2,580	72.3%	3,762	76.2%	1,182	45.8%
Live and Work in Frederick County	1,348	52.2%	1,835	48.8%	487	36.1%
Travel More Than 30 Minutes to Work	1,150	44.6%	1,771	47.1%	621	54.0%
Travel More Than 90 Minutes to Work	41	1.6%	122	3.2%	81	197.6%
Individuals Below Poverty Level	284	5.8%	470	7.0%	186	65.5%
Averaged Median Household Income	$43,725	x	$67,289	x	23,564	53.9%
Averaged Median Family Income	$47,961	x	$71,091	x	23,130	48.2%
Housing Characteristics						
Total Housing Units	1,718	100.0%	2,594	100.0%	876	51.0%
Occupied Housing Units	1,639	95.4%	2,347	90.5%	708	43.2%
Vacant Housing Units	79	4.6%	247	9.5%	168	212.7%
Owner-occupied Housing Units	1,319	80.5%	1,965	83.7%	646	49.0%
Renter-occupied Housing Units	320	19.5%	382	16.3%	62	19.4%