A Demographic Exploration of Frederick County
Census 2000
Veterans

Welcome to the November, 2004 edition of "A Demographic Exploration of Frederick County." This month, the veteran population of Frederick County will be highlighted. Using the responses from the 2000 US Census, these attributes will be examined in order to create "A Demographic Exploration of Frederick County." For further information on the demographics of Frederick County, please visit http://www.co.frederick.md.us/planning/Demographics/DemographicsHome.html

A civilian veteran is described by the US Census as, "Someone 18 and older who is not currently on active duty, but who once served on active duty in the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corp, or Coast Guard, or who served in the Merchant Marine during World War II. This definition includes people who served for even a short time." In the United States, within the past 20 years, there have progressively been fewer civilian veterans. This is due to the vast number of people that served during the Koran War, World War II, and World War I that have become aged and passed away.

This decreasing veteran population trend is the same in Frederick County, where since 1980, fewer veterans have been reported. In 1980, 17% of the County's residents were veterans; this decreased to 15% in 1990, and 14% in 2000. As of 2000, there were 20,030 veterans living in Frederick County. The highest percentage of which lived in Clover Hill (Figure 1).

Census Designated Place	Percentage of the Population that are Veterans
1. Clover Hill	20.3%
2. New Market	18.7%
3. Walkersville	18.5%
4. Discovery-Spring Garden	17.1%
5. Rosemont	16.0%

Figure 1.

After 2000, this decreasing trend may be reversed. As of the 2000 US Census, only 17% (1 in every 6) of the veterans in Frederick County are over the age of 65. In 1990, 19% (1 in every 5) of the veteran population was over 65. This could mean that fewer veterans are less likely to pass away in the coming years and with the Iraq conflict more veterans are likely to join the population in the 2010 US Census.

Even though there has been a decreasing veteran population for the past 20 years there has been an upswing of the over all female veteran population. From 1990 to 2000, 360 more females have become veterans in Frederick County. This is a 39% increase in

10 years. In 2000, there were 11 out of 18 Census Designated Places in Frederick County that have more than 25 female veterans. This is up from 6 of them in 1990 (Figure 2).

Census Designated Place	Number of Female Veterans 1990	Number of Female Veterans 2000	Change 1990 - 2000
Ballenger Creek	28	167	139
Braddock Heights	29	33	4
Brunswick	40	27	-13
Burkittsville	0	0	0
Clover Hill	26	39	13
Discovery- Spring Garden	16	62	46
Emmitsburg	2	22	20
Frederick City	353	568	215
Green Valley	52	124	72
Linganore-Bartonsville	0	124	124
Middletown	15	5	-10
Mount Airy	25	41	16
Myersville	0	4	4
New Market	0	5	5
Rosemont	0	1	1
Thurmont	6	13	7
Walkersville	18	51	33
Woodsboro	9	7	-2
Total	**619**	**1,293**	**674**

Figure 2.

Most new female veterans are between the ages of 18 and 64 years old. In this age cohort there was a 60% increase in veteran population. In 2000, 1 in every 17 veterans in Frederick County were females between the ages of 18 and 64. From 1990 to 2000, however, there was a 35% decrease in the number of female veterans over the age of 65. Frederick City, Green Valley, and Clover Hill are the top three Census Designated Places with female veteran population over 65 years old. Frederick City, Ballenger Creek, and Linganore-Bartonsville have the most female veterans between the ages of 18 and 64 years old.

In 2000, 89% of the veterans in Frederick County were white. However, only 14% of the total white population was veterans, compared to 23% of the American Indian and Alaskan Native population. In regards to total percentage of the population there were 3 groups of minorities that had a higher veteran rate than whites; American Indian and Alaskan Native, Black or African American, and two or more races (Figure 3).

Race/Origin	Total Number of Veterans	Percentage of the Total Population
White	17,915	14.0%
Black or African American	1,589	19.0%
American Indian and Alaskan Native	88	23.0%
Asian	94	4.0%
Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander	6	13.3
Some Other Race	125	9.9%
Two or More Races	213	14.5%
Hispanic or Latino	271	9.3%

Figure 3.

According to the 2000 Census, 82% of the veterans in Frederick County were white males and only 7% were white females. Of the eight race/origin classifications given by the US Census only 1 of them has a lower rate of female veterans than Whites, Asian. There are no Asian women that reported being veterans in Frederick County during 2000. All of the 94 Asian veterans were male. The other six race/origin classification have a significant number of female veterans (Figure 4.)

Race/Origin	Total Number of Female Veterans	Percentage of Veteran Population
White	1,394	8%
Black or African American	250	16%
American Indian and Alaskan Native	15	17%
Asian	0	0%
Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander	6	100%
Some Other Race	12	10%
Two or More Races	37	17%
Hispanic or Latino	32	12%

Figure 4.

The veteran population of Frederick County has experienced a decrease within the past 20 years. This trend will most likely reverse by the next Census in 2010 due to a decreasing number of veterans over the age of 65. Even though the total veteran population has been decreasing the number of female veterans has been on the rise. In Frederick County, white males out number minorities in their previous United States military service. However, there is a significant amount of minorities who have contributed to our nation's military efforts.