A Demographic Exploration of Frederick County
Census 2000
Asian-Pacfic Islanders

Welcome to the May, 2005 edition of "A Demographic Exploration of Frederick County." May is Asian Pacific American Month. In honor of this observance, this month's article focuses on the Asian Pacific American population. 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 and other statistics of Frederick County, please visit http://www.co.frederick.md.us/planning/Demographics/DemographicsHome.html

The information presented in this month's article comes directly from the responses received from the US Census questionnaires. Prior to the 2000 US Census there was only one race category for the Asian population, Asian or Pacific Islander. Starting in the 2000 Census, there were two Asian race categories, Asian and Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander. This is an important discrepancy to keep in mind when comparing the historical information that is presented throughout this article. The Census 2000 information presented throughout this article will be combining the two race categories.

With only 3,372 Asian Pacific Islander in Frederick County, it is the 6th highest concentration in the state of Maryland. Since 1990, the Asian population grew 145%. In 1990, 1 in every 109 people was Asian in Frederick County. In 2000, 1 in every 58 people was Asian. This is a significant gain in the 10-year time span. 80% of the Asian population lives in a Census Designated Place (CDPs). The top three CDPs are 1. Frederick City 2. Ballenger Creek and 3. Linganore-Bartonsville. In Burkittsville, there are 7 Asians living in this CDP, however there are only 171 total Burkittsville residents. These close ratios make Burkittsville the highest concentration, 4% of the total population, of Asian Pacific Islanders in all of Frederick County's Census Designated Places. In the County as a whole most of the Asian population lives around the west and southern areas of Frederick City (See Figure 1).

In both 1990 and 2000, there were more female Asian Pacific Islanders living in Frederick County than there are males. 53% in 2000 and 54% in 1990 of the Asian population was female. In 1990 and 2000, females outnumbered males in every age cohort except 5-17 year olds. In 2000, 1 in every 12 Asians is under the age of 5 and 1 in every 15 were above the age of 64 (see Figure 2.)

Of the 3,372 Asians living in Frederick County, 72% of them were born in another country. The top 3 places of birth for the foreign-born Asian population is 1. China 2. Korea and 3. Philippines. Of the Asian foreign-born population living in Frederick County only 49% of them are naturalized citizens. There are 946 native Asian Pacific Islanders living in Frederick County. 41% of the Frederick County native Asian population was born in Maryland (see Figure 3.)

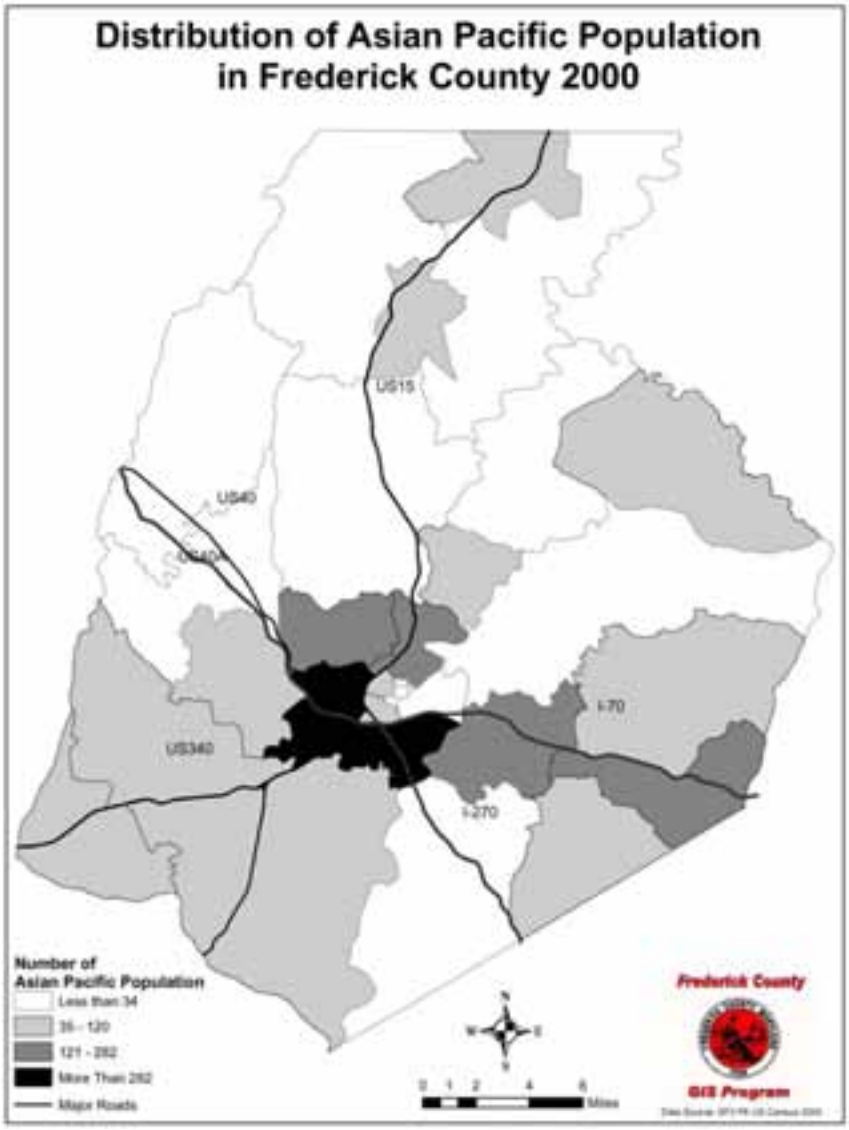

Figure 1.

Age by Gender for the Asian Pacific Islander Population Frederick County 2000			
	Total	**Male**	**Female**
Under 5 Years Old	280	118	162
5 – 17 Years Old	673	401	272
18 – 24 Years Old	286	129	157
25 – 44 Years Old	1,224	596	628
45 – 64 Years Old	693	241	452
Over 65 Years Old	216	97	119
Total	3,372	1,582	1,790

Figure 2.

Place of Birth by Citizenship Status for Asian Population Frederick County 2000		
	Number	**Percentage of Total Population**
Total:	3,372	100%
Native:	946	28%
Born in Maryland	392	12%
Born in the Northeast	220	7%
Born in the Midwest	75	2%
Born in the South	131	4%
Born in the West	99	3%
Born outside US	29	1%
Foreign Born:	2,426	72%
Naturalized Citizen	1,178	35%
Not a Citizen	1,248	37%

Figure 3.

There were 2,201 (or 71%) people over the age of 5 years old that claimed they spoke an Asian or Pacific Island language at home. 9 of these people, all of them over the age of 65, claimed they did not speak any English. 8% of the people who speak an Asian or Pacific Island language at home did not speak English very well. There were 906 households in Frederick County that speak an Asian or Pacific Island language at home. 1 in every 6 of these households was linguistically isolated in 2000.

Most of the Asian Pacific Islander population lives in family households. 80% of the households headed by an Asian or Pacific Islander are family households. 93% of these family households are married-couple families. Only 45 (5%) households have 1 parent with children under the age of 18 years old present. This is significantly lower then the County totals of 5,227 (7%) households with only 1 parent with children under the age of 18 years old (see Figure 4.)

Type of Households Frederick County and the Asian Pacific Islander Population 2000		
	Total Frederick County	**Asian Pacific Island Population**
Total Households	70,115 (100%)	846 (100%)
Family Households:	52,278 (75%)	679 (80%)
Married-Couple Families	43,698 (84%)	631 (93%)
Male Householder, no wife with children under 18	1,593 (3%)	5 (1%)

Female householder no husband with children under 18	3,634 (7%)	40 (6%)
NonFamily households:	17,837 (25%)	167 (20%)
Householder living alone	14,056 (79%)	146 (87%)

Figure 4.

The Asian Pacific Islander race category has the highest education level in Frederick County. 25% of the population over the age of 25 years old has received a Bachelor's Degree and 30% have received a Graduate or professional degree. Comparatively, the White race of Frederick County has only 20% and 11% of the population receiving Bachelor's and Graduate Degrees respectively. The Black population has only 8% of the population receiving Bachelor's and 4% of the population receiving Graduate degrees. Even though the Asian population is more educated they earn less money. The Frederick County median household income is $60,276; the average median income for Asian and Pacific Islanders is $49,664. This is $10,612 less then the median 1999 income for the entire County.

Of the 2,550 Asian Pacific Islanders over the age of 16 years old, 67% of them are in the labor force. 65% of the Asian population is employed in either civilian jobs or in the Armed Forces. 75% of the male Asian population is in the Labor Force, compared to 60% of the female population.

The Asian Pacific Island population of Frederick County has continued to rise throughout the past 20 years. A majority of the Asian population is female and born in another country besides the United States. Most Asians speak a language other than English at home, however, very few of the households are actually linguistically isolated. Even though the Asian Pacific Island population is highly educated, and have a fair labor force participation rate, they still make less money then the average Frederick County resident. Most of the households are made of married-couple families, and very few of the Asian Pacific Island population live in a single, unwed parent families with children under the ages of 18 years old.