## Community Assessment: Children 18 Years and Under

In 2000, a Community Assessment was conducted jointly by Fairfax County, the City of Fairfax, the City of Falls Church, and the Fairfax-Falls Church United Way to gather information about people in our community and to assist in human services planning. In September 2000, the survey was mailed to 11,200 households in the two Cities and the County. The response rate was 6,859 households or 63 percent after compensating for vacant housing and incorrect addresses. This was the second Community Assessment; the first survey was conducted in 1995.

This publication profiles children, age 18 years or younger, and households containing children in the five Human Services Regions, the
 Cities of Fairfax and Falls Church, and the Total Area. The tables contain person level data about age, sex, race/ethnicity, English proficiency, day care status, poverty rates, health insurance coverage, and mental health issues. The tables also contain household information to include family structure, language spoken at home, Internet access, income, financial need, housing costs, and percent of income spent on housing.

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Profile of Children

|  | Fairfax County Human Service Region |  |  |  |  | City of Falls Church | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Fairfax } \\ \text { City } \\ \hline \end{array}$ | Area <br> Total |
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|  | Region 1 | Region 2 | Region 3 | Region 4 | Region 5 |  |  |  |
| Total Household Population | 159,863 | 151,666 | 218,060 | 244,841 | 185,023 | 10,306 | 20,970 | 990,729 |
| Under 5 years old | 8.6\% | 6.8\% | 6.4\% | 8.6\% | 6.1\% | 4.9\% | 6.1\% | 7.3\% |
| 5 to 12 years old | 11.3\% | 10.6\% | 11.2\% | 12.3\% | 14.7\% | 10.4\% | 8.8\% | 12.0\% |
| 13 to 18 years old | 6.2\% | 6.3\% | 8.6\% | 8.2\% | 10.5\% | 9.0\% | 6.9\% | 8.1\% |
| 19 years and older | 73.9\% | 76.4\% | 73.8\% | 70.8\% | 68.7\% | 75.7\% | 78.2\% | 72.6\% |
| Children 18 Years and Younger | 41,746 | 35,736 | 57,058 | 71,335 | 57,953 | 2,499 | 4,562 | 270,889 |
| Age: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Under 5 years old | 33.0\% | 28.6\% | 24.6\% | 29.5\% | 19.3\% | 20.2\% | 28.0\% | 26.6\% |
| 5 to 12 years old | 43.4\% | 44.8\% | 42.6\% | 42.3\% | 47.0\% | 42.8\% | 40.4\% | 43.8\% |
| 13 to 18 years old | 23.7\% | 26.6\% | 32.9\% | 28.1\% | 33.7\% | 37.0\% | 31.5\% | 29.6\% |

Sex:
Male
Female

| $50.7 \%$ | $52.4 \%$ | $50.3 \%$ | $51.7 \%$ | $49.3 \%$ | $50.8 \%$ | $52.9 \%$ | $50.8 \%$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $49.3 \%$ | $47.7 \%$ | $49.7 \%$ | $48.3 \%$ | $50.7 \%$ | $49.2 \%$ | $47.1 \%$ | $49.2 \%$ |

Race/Ethnicity:
Asian
Black
Hispanic
White
Other/Multi-racial

| $6.6 \%$ | $15.6 \%$ | $12.5 \%$ | $12.7 \%$ | $12.5 \%$ | $5.0 \%$ | $11.2 \%$ | $11.9 \%$ |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $22.5 \%$ | $7.1 \%$ | $5.4 \%$ | $6.4 \%$ | $8.9 \%$ | $2.1 \%$ | $5.4 \%$ | $9.2 \%$ |
| $14.7 \%$ | $24.5 \%$ | $11.0 \%$ | $7.5 \%$ | $10.0 \%$ | $9.5 \%$ | $18.1 \%$ | $12.3 \%$ |
| $46.9 \%$ | $41.8 \%$ | $60.0 \%$ | $65.0 \%$ | $58.7 \%$ | $72.1 \%$ | $58.3 \%$ | $56.7 \%$ |
| $9.3 \%$ | $11.0 \%$ | $11.1 \%$ | $8.5 \%$ | $9.9 \%$ | $11.4 \%$ | $7.0 \%$ | $9.8 \%$ |

Speak English Not Well or Not at All:
5 to 12 years old
13 to 18 years old

| $2.3 \%$ | $11.6 \%$ | $2.1 \%$ | $2.2 \%$ | $2.4 \%$ | $3.1 \%$ | $5.2 \%$ | $3.6 \%$ |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $3.2 \%$ | $6.7 \%$ | $2.4 \%$ | $*$ | $*$ | $1.2 \%$ | $*$ | $2.2 \%$ |

Live in a Household Where All Adults
Age 20 or Older Are in the Labor Force:
Under 5 years old
5 to 12 years old
13 to 18 years old

| $66.5 \%$ | $61.5 \%$ | $67.3 \%$ | $68.0 \%$ | $60.3 \%$ | $61.7 \%$ | $69.7 \%$ | $65.5 \%$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $78.0 \%$ | $71.2 \%$ | $64.1 \%$ | $59.8 \%$ | $62.0 \%$ | $76.4 \%$ | $71.2 \%$ | $65.8 \%$ |
| $79.1 \%$ | $76.7 \%$ | $69.8 \%$ | $68.5 \%$ | $70.4 \%$ | $73.0 \%$ | $71.4 \%$ | $71.6 \%$ |

Day Care Status - 0 to 12 Years:
Currently in day care
Not in day care, but need it
Not in day care and do not need it

| $33.2 \%$ | $26.5 \%$ | $26.9 \%$ | $27.3 \%$ | $24.3 \%$ | $38.7 \%$ | $31.5 \%$ | $27.6 \%$ |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $5.2 \%$ | $8.1 \%$ | $3.1 \%$ | $4.8 \%$ | $5.2 \%$ | $5.3 \%$ | $6.5 \%$ | $5.1 \%$ |
| $61.6 \%$ | $65.3 \%$ | $69.9 \%$ | $68.0 \%$ | $70.5 \%$ | $56.0 \%$ | $62.0 \%$ | $67.3 \%$ |

At or Below Poverty:
All Persons
Under 5 years old
5 to 12 years old
13 to 18 years old

| $3.5 \%$ | $5.6 \%$ | $2.5 \%$ | $2.4 \%$ | $2.9 \%$ | $3.2 \%$ | $3.2 \%$ | $3.2 \%$ |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $5.5 \%$ | $8.5 \%$ | $*$ | $2.0 \%$ | $3.0 \%$ | $*$ | $4.5 \%$ | $3.6 \%$ |
| $6.1 \%$ | $8.5 \%$ | $1.7 \%$ | $3.6 \%$ | $4.7 \%$ | $2.5 \%$ | $5.6 \%$ | $4.6 \%$ |
| $4.4 \%$ | $8.4 \%$ | $5.0 \%$ | $2.2 \%$ | $5.3 \%$ | $2.3 \%$ | $2.9 \%$ | $4.7 \%$ |

At or Below 200 Percent of Poverty:
All Persons
Under 5 years old
5 to 12 years old
13 to 18 years old

| $14.7 \%$ | $15.6 \%$ | $6.2 \%$ | $8.1 \%$ | $9.3 \%$ | $9.1 \%$ | $12.1 \%$ | $10.2 \%$ |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $26.0 \%$ | $21.5 \%$ | $6.7 \%$ | $8.6 \%$ | $12.8 \%$ | $3.5 \%$ | $13.7 \%$ | $14.2 \%$ |
| $22.5 \%$ | $28.4 \%$ | $7.7 \%$ | $11.0 \%$ | $14.8 \%$ | $9.7 \%$ | $22.1 \%$ | $15.6 \%$ |
| $20.5 \%$ | $28.0 \%$ | $8.9 \%$ | $9.9 \%$ | $9.9 \%$ | $9.1 \%$ | $22.0 \%$ | $13.3 \%$ |

## No Health Insurance Coverage:

All Persons
Under 5 years old
5 to 12 years old
13 to 18 years old

| $10.2 \%$ | $14.4 \%$ | $5.5 \%$ | $6.6 \%$ | $6.8 \%$ | $7.0 \%$ | $11.5 \%$ | $8.3 \%$ |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $11.3 \%$ | $7.4 \%$ | $2.9 \%$ | $4.6 \%$ | $3.5 \%$ | $1.0 \%$ | $10.6 \%$ | $5.9 \%$ |
| $12.4 \%$ | $11.8 \%$ | $4.4 \%$ | $4.1 \%$ | $5.7 \%$ | $6.3 \%$ | $14.5 \%$ | $7.0 \%$ |
| $7.4 \%$ | $22.0 \%$ | $5.0 \%$ | $7.1 \%$ | $5.0 \%$ | $9.0 \%$ | $17.7 \%$ | $8.1 \%$ |

Experiencing Mental/Emotional/Anxiety

## Problems to the Point of Needing Help:

All Persons
Under 5 years old
5 to 12 years old
13 to 18 years old

| $8.4 \%$ | $9.3 \%$ | $8.8 \%$ | $10.1 \%$ | $7.3 \%$ | $11.5 \%$ | $9.3 \%$ | $8.9 \%$ |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $1.1 \%$ | $*$ | $2.2 \%$ | $1.1 \%$ | $*$ | $3.3 \%$ | $*$ | $1.3 \%$ |
| $3.6 \%$ | $6.2 \%$ | $5.2 \%$ | $6.9 \%$ | $3.0 \%$ | $6.0 \%$ | $3.5 \%$ | $5.0 \%$ |
| $9.6 \%$ | $12.7 \%$ | $15.3 \%$ | $12.0 \%$ | $11.2 \%$ | $13.0 \%$ | $16.2 \%$ | $12.5 \%$ |

Profile of Households with Children

|  | Fairfax County Human Service Region |  |  |  |  | City of Falls <br> Church | Fairfax City | Area <br> Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Region 1 | Region 2 | Region 3 | Region 4 | Region 5 |  |  |  |
| Total Households | 65,133 | 52,567 | 79,840 | 89,972 | 63,201 | 4,471 | 8,035 | 363,219 |
| No children | 62.1\% | 65.4\% | 62.2\% | 53.1\% | 50.5\% | 66.6\% | 66.9\% | 58.5\% |
| Preschool children only (Under 5 years) | 9.9\% | 7.8\% | 6.4\% | 11.5\% | 6.0\% | 5.9\% | 7.4\% | 8.4\% |
| Preschool and school age children | 7.2\% | 6.2\% | 6.7\% | 7.5\% | 8.9\% | 2.9\% | 4.9\% | 7.2\% |
| School age children only (5 to 18 years) | 20.9\% | 20.5\% | 24.7\% | 27.8\% | 34.6\% | 24.6\% | 20.8\% | 25.8\% |
| Households with Children | 24,699 | 18,168 | 30,199 | 42,173 | 31,284 | 1,493 | 2,657 | 150,672 |
| Family Structure: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Two-parent | 72.4\% | 76.2\% | 84.9\% | 86.4\% | 83.0\% | 78.1\% | 73.4\% | 81.5\% |
| Father only | 3.6\% | 4.4\% | 1.2\% | 2.4\% | 4.4\% | 3.2\% | 2.3\% | 3.0\% |
| Mother only | 19.9\% | 16.2\% | 10.5\% | 8.5\% | 10.1\% | 16.8\% | 17.5\% | 12.3\% |
| Other | 4.2\% | 3.2\% | 3.4\% | 2.7\% | 2.5\% | 1.8\% | 6.7\% | 3.2\% |
| Language Spoken at Home: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| English only | 64.3\% | 43.2\% | 65.6\% | 68.8\% | 57.9\% | 72.3\% | 59.2\% | 62.0\% |
| English and another language | 25.6\% | 33.7\% | 28.5\% | 25.1\% | 29.5\% | 23.5\% | 29.8\% | 27.9\% |
| Other language only | 10.2\% | 23.1\% | 5.9\% | 6.0\% | 12.6\% | 4.2\% | 11.1\% | 10.2\% |
| Households with Internet Access: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All Households | 69.6\% | 69.5\% | 83.3\% | 86.3\% | 80.4\% | 68.9\% | 73.3\% | 78.7\% |
| Households with Children | 73.2\% | 73.5\% | 93.1\% | 92.8\% | 88.4\% | 88.8\% | 80.2\% | 86.1\% |
| Household Income: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Less than \$25,000 | 8.8\% | 10.4\% | 3.7\% | 4.1\% | 4.9\% | 5.4\% | 7.2\% | 5.8\% |
| \$25,000-\$49,999 | 21.4\% | 19.5\% | 8.1\% | 7.8\% | 12.1\% | 12.4\% | 22.1\% | 12.7\% |
| \$50,000-\$74,999 | 20.2\% | 22.6\% | 13.9\% | 18.5\% | 16.4\% | 13.7\% | 22.5\% | 17.9\% |
| \$75,000-\$99,999 | 17.7\% | 18.0\% | 11.1\% | 15.6\% | 22.3\% | 22.0\% | 20.3\% | 16.9\% |
| \$100,000-\$124,999 | 14.1\% | 10.1\% | 18.5\% | 22.8\% | 20.5\% | 21.2\% | 12.0\% | 18.3\% |
| \$125,000-\$149,999 | 6.6\% | 6.4\% | 9.7\% | 11.7\% | 9.8\% | 7.0\% | 6.9\% | 9.3\% |
| \$150,000 or more | 11.2\% | 13.0\% | 35.0\% | 19.5\% | 13.8\% | 18.3\% | 9.1\% | 19.1\% |
| Median Household Income: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All Households | \$68,000 | \$70,000 | \$96,000 | \$95,000 | \$87,000 | \$70,000 | \$69,000 | \$81,000 |
| Households with Children | \$74,000 | \$70,000 | \$120,000 | \$100,000 | \$90,000 | \$95,000 | \$70,000 | \$93,000 |
| Financial Need: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Did not run out of money last year | 71.4\% | 72.0\% | 83.8\% | 83.9\% | 85.0\% | 82.2\% | 69.4\% | 80.3\% |
| Ran out 1 or 2 times last year | 17.9\% | 20.2\% | 11.5\% | 11.8\% | 10.2\% | 11.8\% | 22.7\% | 13.6\% |
| Ran out 3 or more times last year | 10.7\% | 7.8\% | 4.7\% | 4.3\% | 4.8\% | 6.0\% | 7.9\% | 6.0\% |
| Tenure: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Owner Occupied | 68.4\% | 64.4\% | 77.5\% | 84.7\% | 82.7\% | 76.6\% | 66.7\% | 77.3\% |
| Renter Occupied | 31.6\% | 35.6\% | 22.5\% | 15.3\% | 17.3\% | 23.4\% | 33.3\% | 22.7\% |
| Monthly Housing Cost: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Less than \$700 | 10.8\% | 9.4\% | 4.2\% | 4.1\% | 2.7\% | 4.8\% | 6.0\% | 5.6\% |
| \$700-\$999 | 24.1\% | 21.5\% | 7.5\% | 9.7\% | 11.8\% | 14.4\% | 24.8\% | 13.8\% |
| \$1,000-\$1,249 | 18.9\% | 20.5\% | 11.8\% | 14.0\% | 26.3\% | 13.0\% | 20.9\% | 17.8\% |
| \$1,250-\$1,499 | 13.6\% | 14.5\% | 7.8\% | 19.7\% | 14.5\% | 21.1\% | 19.7\% | 14.6\% |
| \$1,500-\$1,999 | 17.6\% | 19.5\% | 19.9\% | 25.4\% | 24.8\% | 21.5\% | 17.6\% | 22.0\% |
| \$2,000 or more | 15.0\% | 14.5\% | 48.9\% | 27.0\% | 19.9\% | 25.1\% | 11.0\% | 26.2\% |

Average Monthly Housing Cost:
All Households

| $\$$ | 1,178 | $\$$ | 1,147 | $\$$ | 1,668 | $\$$ | 1,438 | $\$$ | 1,374 | $\$$ | 1,279 | $\$$ | 1,166 | $\$$ | 1,382 |
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| $\$$ | 1,318 | $\$$ | 1,345 | $\$$ | 2,121 | $\$$ | 1,651 | $\$$ | 1,558 | $\$$ | 1,564 | $\$$ | 1,284 | $\$$ | 1,628 |

Percent of Income Spent on Housing:
Less than 20 percent
20 to 29 percent
30 to 49 percent
50 percent or more

| $48.6 \%$ | $44.1 \%$ | $54.8 \%$ | $58.0 \%$ | $47.9 \%$ | $53.4 \%$ | $47.9 \%$ | $51.8 \%$ |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $27.8 \%$ | $30.6 \%$ | $24.2 \%$ | $26.2 \%$ | $32.9 \%$ | $26.5 \%$ | $27.0 \%$ | $28.0 \%$ |
| $15.0 \%$ | $19.2 \%$ | $16.4 \%$ | $10.4 \%$ | $13.6 \%$ | $12.3 \%$ | $20.3 \%$ | $14.3 \%$ |
| $8.6 \%$ | $6.1 \%$ | $4.6 \%$ | $5.3 \%$ | $5.5 \%$ | $7.8 \%$ | $4.8 \%$ | $5.9 \%$ |

Note: Percentages may add to more than 100 due to rounding. Household population excludes persons living in group quarters such as correctional facilities, nursing homes, and college dormitories. Unless otherwise noted, person-level data are based on those age 18 and younger and household data are based on those households where at least one member is age 18 or younger.
*Less than one percent.

