



2000 Fairfax-Falls Church Community Assessment: Poverty Status Data

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 provides detailed tables of Poverty Status Data for persons and households in the Fairfax-Falls Church Community. Poverty status is determined using the Federal poverty guidelines for 2000 income, with adjustments for family size. Poverty status considers money income only, excluding non-cash benefits, real property, capital gains, and other assets or forms of wealth. Both the distribution of characteristics by poverty status and the rate for each characteristic across income groups are shown on the attached tables.

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Profile of Persons

	<u>Distributions by Poverty Status*</u>			<u>Poverty Rates by Characteristic**</u>		
	At or Below Poverty	101% to 200% of Poverty	Above 200% of Poverty	At or Below Poverty	101% to 200% of Poverty	Above 200% of Poverty
Total Household Population	31,739	69,626	889,364	3.2%	7.0%	89.8%
Under 5 years old	8.3%	11.2%	7.1%	3.6%	10.6%	85.8%
5 to 9 years old	10.5%	13.1%	7.3%	4.3%	11.8%	83.9%
10 to 14 years old	11.8%	9.7%	7.1%	5.0%	9.1%	85.8%
15 to 19 years old	9.1%	7.6%	5.6%	5.0%	9.1%	86.0%
20 to 24 years old	7.5%	5.8%	4.3%	5.4%	9.0%	85.6%
25 to 34 years old	12.3%	15.2%	15.2%	2.6%	7.1%	90.3%
35 to 44 years old	10.6%	15.8%	19.5%	1.8%	5.8%	92.4%
45 to 54 years old	13.6%	8.0%	17.1%	2.7%	3.4%	93.9%
55 to 64 years old	5.9%	4.2%	9.6%	2.1%	3.2%	94.7%
65 years and older	10.4%	9.7%	7.3%	4.4%	9.0%	86.6%
Location of Persons:						
Fairfax County						
<i>Human Services Region 1</i>	17.9%	26.0%	15.6%	3.5%	11.2%	85.3%
<i>Human Services Region 2</i>	26.8%	21.9%	14.4%	5.6%	10.0%	84.4%
<i>Human Services Region 3</i>	16.9%	11.3%	22.6%	2.5%	3.7%	93.8%
<i>Human Services Region 4</i>	18.7%	20.1%	25.5%	2.4%	5.7%	91.9%
<i>Human Services Region 5</i>	16.6%	17.2%	18.8%	2.9%	6.5%	90.7%
City of Falls Church	1.0%	0.9%	1.1%	3.2%	5.9%	90.9%
City of Fairfax	2.1%	2.6%	2.0%	3.2%	8.9%	87.9%
Sex:						
Male	42.2%	44.2%	48.8%	2.7%	6.4%	90.9%
Female	57.8%	55.8%	51.2%	3.4%	7.5%	89.0%
Race:						
Asian	22.8%	18.1%	12.4%	5.5%	9.7%	84.8%
Black	19.2%	14.3%	7.2%	7.7%	12.5%	79.8%
Hispanic	24.9%	33.2%	9.1%	7.1%	20.7%	72.2%
White	22.2%	28.5%	66.2%	1.1%	3.2%	95.6%
Other/Multi-racial	10.9%	5.9%	5.1%	6.5%	7.7%	85.8%
English Proficiency - Persons 5 Years and Older:						
Speaks no English	5.7%	5.5%	1.1%	11.3%	23.5%	65.2%
Does not speak English well	17.1%	14.7%	3.2%	11.9%	22.1%	66.0%
Speaks English well	21.6%	25.8%	11.0%	5.3%	13.8%	80.9%
Speaks English very well	55.6%	53.9%	84.7%	2.1%	4.3%	93.6%
Educational Attainment - Persons 25 Years and Older:						
Less than High School Diploma	34.9%	35.4%	6.0%	9.6%	23.4%	67.0%
High School Diploma or GED	27.2%	17.9%	9.8%	5.8%	9.2%	85.0%
Some College or Associate Degree	20.0%	26.8%	21.1%	2.1%	6.9%	91.0%
Bachelor's Degree	10.4%	13.6%	30.0%	0.8%	2.6%	96.6%
Post Graduate or more education	5.9%	5.4%	32.4%	0.4%	1.0%	98.6%
Other	1.6%	0.9%	0.7%	<i>Insufficient observations</i>		
Employment Status - Persons 16 Years and Older:						
Full-time work	24.3%	43.6%	66.4%	1.0%	4.0%	95.0%
Part-time work	15.9%	16.8%	11.4%	3.6%	8.3%	88.1%
Unemployed, seeking work	17.0%	10.4%	2.9%	12.3%	16.6%	71.1%
Unemployed, not seeking work	42.9%	29.2%	19.3%	5.6%	8.4%	86.0%
Number of Employers - Employed Persons 16 Years and Older:						
One	84.8%	77.1%	89.8%	1.3%	4.0%	94.6%
Two	11.7%	18.2%	7.7%	2.0%	10.2%	87.8%
Three or more	3.5%	4.7%	2.4%	1.9%	8.4%	89.6%

Profile of Persons

	Distributions by Poverty Status*			Poverty Rates by Characteristic**		
	At or Below Poverty	101% to 200% of Poverty	Above 200% of Poverty	At or Below Poverty	101% to 200% of Poverty	Above 200% of Poverty
Health Insurance Coverage:						
With health insurance	61.2%	63.7%	94.7%	2.0%	4.9%	93.1%
Without health insurance	38.8%	36.3%	5.3%	13.9%	30.0%	56.1%
Experiencing Mental/Emotional/ Anxiety Problems to the Point of Needing Help:						
Experiencing problems	17.8%	13.9%	8.7%	5.8%	10.2%	84.0%
Not experiencing problems	82.2%	86.1%	91.3%	2.8%	6.6%	90.7%
Long-Lasting Conditions:						
<i>(Distribution percents may sum to more than 100 because persons could select more than one category.)</i>						
No long-lasting conditions	84.8%	90.4%	95.0%	2.7%	6.6%	90.7%
Substantial physical limitations	9.5%	5.8%	2.5%	9.9%	13.7%	76.5%
Severe vision/hearing impairment	4.0%	3.5%	2.1%	5.3%	10.7%	83.9%
Severe learning/memory problems	5.6%	1.6%	1.1%	13.3%	8.6%	78.1%

Profile of Households

The household figures only include one-person and family households, excluding nonfamily households with more than one member (roommate/boarder households). This is because the poverty status of a roommate/boarder household may be mixed among categories. Approximately 11% of persons who are at or below poverty live in roommate/boarder households and 4% of persons who are above poverty to 200% of poverty live in roommate/boarder households.

	Distributions by Poverty Status*			Poverty Rates by Characteristic**		
	At or Below Poverty	101% to 200% of Poverty	Above 200% of Poverty	At or Below Poverty	101% to 200% of Poverty	Above 200% of Poverty
One-Person & Family Households	8,703	20,358	317,661	2.5%	5.9%	91.6%
Household Size:						
One-person household	22.9%	18.4%	23.0%	2.5%	4.8%	92.7%
Two-person household	29.2%	17.3%	29.5%	2.5%	3.5%	93.9%
Three-person household	11.8%	18.9%	18.6%	1.6%	6.0%	92.4%
Four-person household	20.8%	22.6%	18.6%	2.8%	7.0%	90.2%
Five or more person household	15.4%	22.8%	10.3%	3.5%	12.0%	84.6%
Household Structure:						
Family households						
Married-couple, no children under 18 yrs	17.8%	11.7%	30.8%	1.5%	2.3%	96.1%
Married-couple, own children under 18 yrs	18.7%	39.9%	36.0%	1.3%	6.5%	92.1%
Single mother, own children under 18 yrs	32.5%	21.5%	3.8%	14.7%	22.7%	62.6%
Single father, own children under 18 yrs	0.6%	2.7%	1.3%	1.2%	11.5%	87.3%
Other family household	7.5%	5.7%	5.1%	3.6%	6.5%	89.9%
Nonfamily households						
One-person household	22.9%	18.4%	23.0%	2.5%	4.8%	92.7%
Location of One-Person and Family Households:						
Fairfax County						
Human Services Region 1	18.9%	26.1%	17.5%	2.6%	8.5%	88.9%
Human Services Region 2	28.1%	21.0%	13.5%	4.9%	8.6%	86.5%
Human Services Region 3	16.7%	13.3%	22.5%	1.9%	3.6%	94.5%
Human Services Region 4	16.4%	20.8%	25.4%	1.7%	4.9%	93.4%
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Race of Household Head:						
Asian	23.5%	18.1%	10.0%	5.4%	9.8%	84.7%
Black	19.9%	14.0%	7.6%	6.1%	10.0%	84.0%
Hispanic	24.7%	29.0%	7.7%	6.6%	18.1%	75.3%
White	28.8%	36.6%	71.3%	1.1%	3.1%	95.8%
Other/Multi-racial	3.2%	2.3%	3.3%	2.4%	4.0%	93.5%
Age of Household Head:						
Under 35 years	19.7%	23.9%	19.3%	2.5%	7.2%	90.3%
35 to 44 years	18.6%	30.1%	29.5%	1.6%	6.0%	92.4%
45 to 54 years	30.3%	18.0%	25.7%	3.0%	4.2%	92.8%
55 to 64 years	8.5%	9.0%	14.7%	1.5%	3.7%	94.8%
65 years and older	23.0%	18.9%	10.9%	5.0%	9.5%	85.5%
Language Spoken at Home:						
English only	39.4%	38.3%	72.5%	1.4%	3.2%	95.4%
English and another language	29.6%	35.4%	21.5%	3.3%	9.2%	87.5%
Other language only	31.0%	26.3%	6.0%	10.0%	19.8%	70.2%
Housing Type:						
Single Family	21.3%	26.9%	54.0%	1.0%	3.1%	95.9%
Townhome	17.8%	20.3%	22.9%	2.0%	5.3%	92.8%
Multifamily	59.5%	51.7%	22.8%	5.9%	11.9%	82.2%
Mobile Home	1.4%	1.1%	0.3%	8.4%	15.3%	76.3%
Tenure:						
Renters	67.6%	53.5%	21.8%	6.8%	12.6%	80.5%
Owners	32.4%	46.5%	78.2%	1.1%	3.6%	95.3%
Monthly Housing Costs:						
Under \$700	59.0%	28.9%	11.5%	10.6%	12.3%	77.1%
\$700 to \$999	16.0%	32.4%	18.6%	2.0%	9.8%	88.2%
\$1,000 to \$1,249	12.1%	20.3%	18.3%	1.6%	6.5%	91.9%
\$1,250 or more	12.9%	18.5%	51.7%	0.6%	2.2%	97.2%
Housing Costs as a Percent of Household Income:						
Under 30 percent of income	26.7%	19.7%	86.5%	0.8%	1.4%	97.8%
30 to 49 percent of income	15.9%	44.9%	11.4%	2.7%	19.2%	78.0%
50 percent or more of income	57.4%	35.4%	2.1%	25.1%	38.7%	36.2%
Ran Out of Money for Rent or Mortgage, Utilities, Food or Medicine:						
Did not run out of money last year	43.4%	55.5%	88.1%	1.3%	3.9%	94.9%
Ran out 1 or 2 times last year	27.8%	29.7%	9.2%	6.4%	16.2%	77.5%
Ran out 3 or more times last year	28.8%	14.7%	2.8%	17.5%	21.2%	61.4%

Notes: Percents may not sum to 100 due to rounding. Household population excludes persons living in group quarters such as correctional facilities, nursing homes, and college dormitories.

* **Distributions by Poverty Status** profile persons and households within a poverty status group. For example, the distributions show what percent of persons at or below poverty fall into different age groups. The distribution percentages will sum to 100 percent going down the columns of information for each characteristic.

** **Poverty Rates by Characteristic** provide the percent of persons or households within a characteristic class that comprise each poverty status group. For example, the poverty rates show the percent of persons under 5 years old at or below poverty. The poverty rate percentages will sum to 100 percent going across the rows of information for each characteristic.