

2000 Fairfax-Falls Church Community Assessment: Language Spoken at Home

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 people and households by language spoken at home in the five Human Services Regions, the Cities of Fairfax and Falls Church, and the Total Area. The tables contain person level data about sex, race/ethnicity, English proficiency, educational attainment, employment status, health insurance coverage, mental health issues, and poverty levels. Tables also contain household data on household size, language spoken at home, Internet access, income, housing type and tenure, housing costs, percentage of income spent on housing, and financial difficulties. Both the distribution of characteristics by language spoken at home and the rate for each characteristic across language groups are shown on the attached tables.



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Profile of Persons

	Distributions by Language Spoken at Home*			Rates by Characteristic**		
	English Only	English & Other Language	Other Language Only	English Only	English & Other Language	Other Language Only
Total Household Population	643,518	253,280	93,931	65.0%	25.6%	9.5%
Under 10 years old	14.3%	15.8%	16.4%	62.3%	27.2%	10.5%
10 to 19 years old	12.4%	15.4%	13.6%	60.5%	29.8%	9.7%
20 to 34 years old	16.5%	23.0%	24.5%	56.7%	31.0%	12.3%
35 to 54 years old	36.2%	33.4%	32.1%	67.0%	24.3%	8.7%
55 to 64 years old	10.9%	6.9%	6.9%	74.7%	18.5%	6.9%
65 years and older	9.6%	5.5%	6.4%	75.7%	17.0%	7.3%
Location of Persons:						
Fairfax County						
<i>Human Services Region 1</i>	17.0%	15.0%	13.9%	68.2%	23.7%	8.1%
<i>Human Services Region 2</i>	12.2%	17.8%	29.7%	51.8%	29.8%	18.4%
<i>Human Services Region 3</i>	23.1%	21.8%	14.9%	68.2%	25.4%	6.4%
<i>Human Services Region 4</i>	26.5%	23.8%	16.0%	69.3%	24.6%	6.1%
<i>Human Services Region 5</i>	17.9%	18.6%	23.0%	62.6%	25.6%	11.7%
City of Falls Church	1.2%	0.8%	0.5%	76.0%	19.7%	4.3%
City of Fairfax	2.1%	2.1%	2.1%	65.3%	25.4%	9.3%
Sex:						
Male	47.9%	48.7%	50.7%	64.6%	25.7%	9.7%
Female	52.1%	51.3%	49.3%	65.7%	25.4%	8.9%
Race/Ethnicity:						
Asian	2.2%	27.5%	45.2%	11.1%	55.2%	33.7%
Black	9.2%	5.6%	5.5%	75.4%	18.1%	6.5%
Hispanic	1.0%	25.8%	34.8%	6.1%	62.5%	31.3%
White	82.1%	32.0%	10.2%	85.4%	13.1%	1.5%
Other/Multi-racial	5.5%	9.1%	4.4%	56.5%	37.0%	6.6%
English Proficiency - Persons 5 Years and Older:						
Speaks no English	0.1%	2.3%	10.1%	3.6%	38.0%	58.4%
Does not speak English well	0.3%	6.7%	24.6%	4.4%	41.5%	54.1%
Speaks English well	4.2%	23.0%	37.1%	23.5%	48.5%	28.0%
Speaks English very well	95.4%	68.0%	28.2%	76.2%	20.7%	3.1%
Educational Attainment - Persons 25 Years and Older:						
Less than High School Diploma	3.9%	11.3%	33.9%	31.8%	32.5%	35.7%
High School Diploma or GED	9.8%	11.8%	14.2%	61.9%	26.5%	11.6%
Some College or Associate Degree	21.2%	23.0%	18.7%	66.7%	25.7%	7.6%
Bachelor's Degree	31.1%	23.9%	18.7%	74.1%	20.1%	5.8%
Post Graduate or more education	33.2%	29.2%	14.0%	73.2%	22.8%	4.0%
Other	0.8%	0.8%	0.4%	<i>Insufficient observations</i>		
Employment Status - Persons 16 Years and Older:						
Full-time work	63.4%	63.5%	60.8%	66.2%	25.0%	8.7%
Part-time work	11.1%	13.7%	11.5%	62.3%	28.8%	8.9%
Unemployed, seeking work	2.6%	4.7%	7.4%	47.8%	33.3%	18.9%
Unemployed, not seeking work	22.9%	18.1%	20.3%	70.4%	21.0%	8.6%
Number of Employers - Employed Persons 16 Years and Older:						
One	91.0%	87.3%	85.8%	66.9%	25.0%	8.1%
Two	7.1%	9.8%	8.1%	59.4%	31.8%	8.8%
Three or more	1.9%	2.9%	6.0%	50.1%	29.6%	20.4%
With Health Insurance Coverage:	96.7%	86.6%	70.5%	68.8%	24.1%	7.1%

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Total Household Population	643,518	253,280	93,931	65.0%	25.6%	9.5%
Experiencing Mental/Emotional/ Anxiety Problems to the Point of Needing Help:	9.3%	8.4%	6.9%	68.6%	24.3%	7.1%
At or Below Poverty:	1.7%	4.5%	9.2%	33.7%	37.6%	28.6%
At or Below 200% of Poverty:	4.9%	15.7%	30.0%	30.2%	40.6%	29.2%

Profile of Households

	Distributions by Language Spoken at Home*			Rates by Characteristic**		
	English Only	English & Other Language	Other Language Only	English Only	English & Other Language	Other Language Only
Total Households	258,859	78,120	26,239	71.3%	21.5%	7.2%
Household Size:						
One-person household	25.3%	12.2%	10.4%	84.2%	12.3%	3.5%
Two-person household	35.4%	25.8%	20.4%	78.2%	17.2%	4.6%
Three-person household	16.4%	21.9%	21.3%	65.1%	26.3%	8.6%
Four-person household	16.2%	21.9%	24.3%	64.1%	26.1%	9.7%
Five or more person household	6.7%	18.1%	23.6%	45.9%	37.6%	16.4%
Household Structure:						
Family households						
<i>Married-couple, no children under 18 yrs</i>	30.3%	25.4%	24.1%	74.9%	19.0%	6.1%
<i>Married-couple, own children under 18 yrs</i>	28.7%	45.6%	47.5%	60.7%	29.1%	10.2%
<i>Single mother, own children under 18 yrs</i>	4.8%	5.3%	5.1%	69.5%	22.9%	7.5%
<i>Single father, own children under 18 yrs</i>	1.2%	1.2%	2.0%	<i>Insufficient observations</i>		
<i>Other family household</i>	4.4%	6.0%	8.6%	61.8%	25.7%	12.4%
Nonfamily households						
<i>One-person household</i>	25.7%	12.4%	10.5%	84.2%	12.3%	3.5%
<i>Roommate/boarder household</i>	4.9%	4.1%	2.2%	77.2%	19.3%	3.5%
Language Spoken at Home:						
<i>(Distribution percents may sum to more than 100 because households could select more than one category.)</i>						
Arabic	NA	6.7%	4.0%	NA	83.3%	16.7%
Chinese	NA	5.5%	7.0%	NA	70.2%	29.8%
Korean	NA	5.4%	11.7%	NA	57.7%	42.3%
Spanish	NA	41.8%	33.6%	NA	78.8%	21.2%
Vietnamese	NA	5.4%	15.7%	NA	50.6%	49.4%
Other Language	NA	46.5%	29.4%	NA	82.5%	17.5%
Households with Internet Access:	79.8%	81.1%	61.0%	72.1%	22.3%	5.6%
Housing Type:						
Single Family	55.4%	44.0%	35.8%	76.6%	18.4%	5.0%
Townhome	22.1%	25.4%	18.6%	69.8%	24.2%	5.9%
Multifamily	22.0%	30.2%	45.2%	61.6%	25.6%	12.8%
Mobile Home	0.4%	0.3%	0.4%	<i>Insufficient observations</i>		
Tenure:						
Renters	22.0%	30.7%	46.7%	61.1%	25.7%	13.2%
Owners	78.0%	69.3%	53.3%	74.8%	20.1%	5.2%

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Total Households	258,859	78,120	26,239	71.3%	21.5%	7.2%
Household Income:						
Less than \$25,000	5.0%	7.2%	18.8%	53.8%	24.6%	21.7%
\$25,000-\$49,999	14.4%	19.3%	26.6%	61.5%	26.2%	12.2%
\$50,000-\$74,999	20.2%	23.1%	22.7%	67.4%	24.5%	8.1%
\$75,000-\$99,999	16.8%	14.8%	13.7%	73.1%	20.5%	6.4%
\$100,000-\$124,999	17.3%	14.0%	9.2%	76.1%	19.6%	4.4%
\$125,000 or more	26.3%	21.7%	9.0%	77.0%	20.2%	2.8%
Median Household Income:	\$ 88,000	\$ 75,000	\$ 54,000			
Monthly Housing Costs:						
Under \$700	15.4%	8.9%	14.3%	78.6%	13.9%	7.5%
\$700 to \$999	17.8%	21.4%	27.3%	65.6%	24.1%	10.3%
\$1,000 to \$1,249	18.3%	18.9%	20.9%	69.7%	22.1%	8.2%
\$1,250 to \$1,499	12.8%	13.1%	11.9%	71.0%	22.2%	6.8%
\$1,500 to \$1,999	17.5%	18.2%	14.4%	71.3%	22.7%	6.0%
\$2,000 or more	18.6%	19.5%	11.2%	71.9%	23.6%	4.5%
Average Monthly Housing Costs:	\$ 1,377	\$ 1,446	\$ 1,237			
Housing Costs as a Percent of Household Income:						
Under 20 percent of income	61.1%	50.0%	34.8%	75.6%	19.7%	4.6%
20 to 29 percent of income	25.2%	24.8%	26.9%	70.0%	21.9%	8.1%
30 to 49 percent of income	10.3%	17.1%	25.7%	55.5%	29.5%	15.0%
50 percent or more of income	3.5%	8.1%	12.6%	46.8%	34.7%	18.4%
Ran Out of Money for Rent or Mortgage, Utilities, Food or Medicine:						
Did not run out of money last year	88.2%	81.0%	75.3%	73.3%	20.4%	6.3%
Ran out 1 or 2 times last year	8.5%	14.7%	17.1%	57.8%	30.4%	11.8%
Ran out 3 or more times last year	3.3%	4.4%	7.6%	61.2%	24.5%	14.3%

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 Language Spoken at Home** profile persons and households within a language group. For example, the distributions show what percent of persons who speak only English at home fall into different age groups. The distribution percentages will sum to 100 percent going down the columns of information for each characteristic.

** **Rates by Characteristic** provide the percent of persons or households within a characteristic class that comprise each language group. For example, the rates show the percent of persons under 5 years old who live in a household where only English is spoken at home. The rate percentages will sum to 100 percent going across the rows of information for each characteristic.