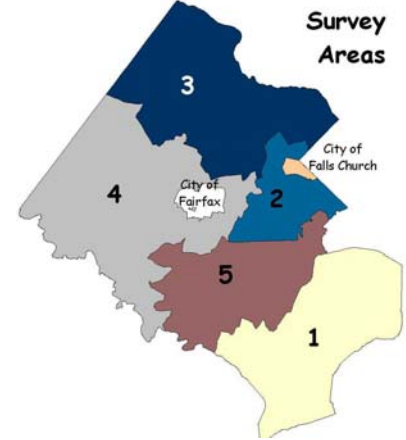




# 2000 Fairfax-Falls Church Community Assessment: Persons 65 Years and Older

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 persons, age 65 and older, and households containing persons, age 65 and older, 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, adult day care needs, health insurance coverage, mental health issues, long-lasting conditions, and poverty levels. The tables also contain household data on household size, language spoken at home, Internet access, income, housing type and tenure, housing costs, financial difficulties, and moving a senior or disabled person here from outside the area.

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# Profile of Persons 65 years and Older

						Falls		
	Region 1	Region 2	Region 3	Region 4	Region 5	Church City	Fairfax City	Area Total
<b>Total Household Population</b>	<b>159,863</b>	<b>151,666</b>	<b>218,060</b>	<b>244,841</b>	<b>185,023</b>	<b>10,306</b>	<b>20,970</b>	<b>990,729</b>
Under 19 years old	26.1%	23.6%	26.2%	29.2%	31.3%	24.3%	21.8%	27.4%
19 to 34 years old	22.5%	23.5%	16.4%	22.2%	14.5%	18.7%	22.9%	19.7%
35 to 64 years old	43.2%	41.8%	47.5%	43.2%	47.0%	45.5%	42.7%	44.6%
65 years and older	8.2%	11.0%	9.9%	5.5%	7.2%	11.5%	12.6%	8.3%
<b>Persons 65 years of age and older</b>	<b>13,145</b>	<b>16,706</b>	<b>21,462</b>	<b>13,431</b>	<b>13,233</b>	<b>1,187</b>	<b>2,634</b>	<b>81,798</b>
<b>Sex:</b>								
Male	43.1%	41.5%	45.2%	41.6%	43.4%	36.7%	44.8%	43.1%
Female	56.9%	58.5%	54.8%	58.4%	56.6%	63.3%	55.2%	56.9%
<b>Race/Ethnicity:</b>								
Asian	7.2%	10.2%	6.8%	12.8%	12.1%	3.6%	5.5%	9.3%
Black	10.9%	1.8%	2.9%	2.3%	5.1%	2.3%	3.5%	4.2%
Hispanic	6.1%	5.3%	5.5%	10.9%	4.7%	1.6%	1.4%	6.1%
White	74.0%	77.7%	81.8%	70.0%	74.2%	89.9%	84.5%	76.7%
Other/Multi-racial	1.9%	5.0%	3.0%	4.0%	3.8%	2.6%	5.1%	3.6%
<b>English Proficiency:</b>								
Speaks no English	6.6%	5.5%	5.2%	9.9%	5.9%	3.0%	2.7%	6.3%
Does not speak English well	4.5%	6.8%	3.1%	7.2%	3.4%	1.9%	1.0%	4.7%
Speaks English well	6.1%	9.0%	6.6%	17.5%	12.3%	10.1%	12.8%	10.0%
Speaks English very well	82.8%	78.7%	85.1%	65.4%	78.4%	85.0%	83.6%	79.0%
<b>Educational Attainment:</b>								
Less than High School Diploma	22.0%	18.4%	10.1%	25.1%	22.3%	17.2%	17.5%	18.5%
High School Diploma or GED	18.9%	18.1%	14.6%	17.4%	15.7%	18.4%	21.0%	16.9%
Some College or Associate Degree	22.9%	18.7%	21.2%	20.8%	25.8%	26.7%	30.2%	22.0%
Bachelor's Degree	14.0%	18.8%	19.9%	17.2%	12.1%	15.2%	16.1%	16.8%
Post Graduate or more Education	20.4%	24.9%	33.2%	18.9%	23.9%	21.0%	13.8%	24.8%
Other	1.8%	1.1%	0.9%	0.6%	0.3%	1.6%	1.3%	1.0%
<b>Employment Status:</b>								
Full-time work	8.5%	11.7%	12.0%	6.8%	10.0%	10.5%	7.5%	10.0%
Part-time work	11.9%	10.6%	7.5%	9.2%	5.8%	8.7%	9.5%	8.9%
Unemployed, seeking work	1.3%	1.5%	0.2%	1.2%	1.0%	0.5%	0.8%	1.0%
Unemployed, not seeking work	78.3%	76.2%	80.3%	82.8%	83.3%	80.3%	82.2%	80.1%
<b>By Adult Day Care Needs:</b>								
Currently in adult day care	0.8%	0.6%	0.7%	4.5%	0.6%	1.1%	0.2%	1.3%
Not in adult day care, but need it	1.1%	1.7%	1.4%	5.5%	2.8%	1.4%	0.6%	2.3%
Not in adult day care and do not need it	98.1%	97.7%	98.0%	89.9%	96.6%	97.5%	99.2%	96.4%
<b>With Health Insurance Coverage:</b>	94.3%	93.2%	92.8%	87.4%	95.8%	96.7%	97.4%	92.9%
<b>Experiencing Mental/Emotional/Anxiety Problems to the Point of Needing Help:</b>	5.3%	7.3%	8.5%	12.6%	4.4%	10.8%	5.3%	7.7%
<b>Long-Lasting Conditions:</b>								
<i>(Percents may sum to more than 100 because persons could select more than one category.)</i>								
No long-lasting conditions	73.4%	75.9%	76.7%	67.9%	75.9%	72.0%	77.1%	74.4%
Substantial physical limitations	19.7%	13.0%	15.7%	26.1%	17.2%	19.6%	17.7%	17.9%
Severe vision/hearing impairment	9.3%	13.3%	8.2%	7.6%	11.4%	12.7%	9.7%	9.9%
Severe learning/memory problems	3.7%	2.0%	2.5%	6.9%	3.4%	3.2%	1.0%	3.4%
<b>At or Below Poverty:</b>								
All persons	3.5%	5.6%	2.5%	2.4%	2.9%	3.2%	3.2%	3.2%
Persons 65 years and older	3.7%	7.2%	4.7%	2.8%	2.7%	7.0%	3.0%	4.4%
<b>At or Below 200 Percent of Poverty:</b>								
All persons	14.7%	15.6%	6.2%	8.1%	9.3%	9.1%	12.1%	10.2%
Persons 65 years and older	17.1%	14.7%	9.4%	14.3%	14.4%	13.3%	9.8%	13.4%

## Profile of Households with Person(s) 65 Years and Older

	Region 1	Region 2	Region 3	Region 4	Region 5	Falls Church City	Fairfax City	Area Total
<b>Total Households</b>	<b>65,133</b>	<b>52,567</b>	<b>79,840</b>	<b>89,972</b>	<b>63,201</b>	<b>4,471</b>	<b>8,035</b>	<b>363,219</b>
<b>Households with Person(s) 65 Years and Older</b>	<b>10,179</b>	<b>11,149</b>	<b>14,806</b>	<b>10,585</b>	<b>10,040</b>	<b>927</b>	<b>1,877</b>	<b>59,563</b>
<b>Household Size:</b>								
One-Person Household	34.2%	40.0%	27.0%	21.5%	21.4%	55.2%	31.5%	29.3%
Two-Person Household	39.3%	40.6%	51.7%	40.2%	46.1%	33.3%	48.2%	44.1%
Three-Person Household	13.1%	9.6%	7.4%	8.1%	9.3%	5.0%	6.6%	9.1%
Four-Person Household	5.2%	4.9%	3.7%	10.1%	6.8%	4.5%	5.9%	5.9%
Five or more Person Household	8.2%	4.8%	10.2%	20.2%	16.4%	2.0%	7.8%	11.5%
<b>Family Structure:</b>								
Family Households								
<i>Living with spouse only</i>	30.0%	34.9%	46.0%	30.9%	36.4%	28.7%	40.9%	36.4%
Living with family other than spouse - spouse may or may not be present								
<i>All family members 18 years and older</i>	18.9%	17.5%	15.6%	18.9%	18.3%	9.0%	14.3%	17.4%
<i>Some family members under 18 years old</i>	15.1%	5.9%	10.9%	27.7%	22.6%	5.9%	11.6%	15.6%
Nonfamily Households								
<i>One-person household</i>	34.3%	40.5%	27.2%	22.2%	21.9%	55.9%	32.5%	29.8%
<i>Roommate/boarder household</i>	1.6%	1.2%	0.3%	0.4%	0.8%	0.5%	0.8%	0.8%
<b>Language Spoken at Home:</b>								
English only	79.2%	75.5%	75.7%	64.5%	76.0%	88.0%	83.8%	74.8%
English and another language	15.4%	14.3%	18.8%	26.2%	13.9%	7.8%	13.4%	17.5%
Other language only	5.4%	10.2%	5.5%	9.2%	10.1%	4.2%	2.8%	7.7%
<b>With Internet Access</b>								
All Households	69.9%	69.5%	83.3%	86.3%	80.4%	68.9%	73.3%	78.7%
Households with person(s) 65 years and older	53.5%	47.8%	68.6%	61.7%	58.4%	35.1%	51.0%	58.1%
<b>Household Income:</b>								
Less than \$25,000	15.8%	18.2%	12.1%	12.9%	12.3%	22.9%	12.7%	14.2%
\$25,000-\$49,999	28.5%	31.0%	20.9%	17.6%	22.3%	32.4%	28.8%	24.1%
\$50,000-\$74,999	24.6%	18.2%	26.6%	25.2%	18.5%	23.3%	24.4%	23.0%
\$75,000-\$99,999	10.3%	8.9%	9.4%	11.9%	11.9%	6.9%	16.8%	10.5%
\$100,000-\$124,999	10.5%	11.7%	14.4%	12.3%	20.5%	8.4%	10.5%	13.6%
\$125,000-\$149,999	4.3%	7.4%	3.3%	9.8%	4.4%	3.8%	2.2%	5.6%
\$150,000 or more	6.0%	4.5%	13.4%	10.4%	10.1%	2.2%	4.6%	8.9%
<b>Median Household Income</b>								
All Households	\$68,000	\$70,000	\$96,000	\$95,000	\$87,000	\$70,000	\$69,000	\$81,000
Households with person(s) 65 years and older	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$61,000	\$65,000	\$70,000	\$44,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
<b>Housing Type:</b>								
Multifamily	20.2%	26.5%	24.3%	19.6%	20.0%	35.7%	11.7%	22.2%
Single Family/Mobile Home	64.9%	70.6%	66.6%	67.2%	65.7%	55.1%	74.0%	67.1%
Townhome	14.9%	2.9%	9.0%	13.2%	14.3%	9.2%	14.2%	10.7%
<b>Housing Tenure:</b>								
Renters	12.7%	18.9%	16.7%	16.2%	11.8%	27.5%	14.6%	15.6%
Owners	87.3%	81.1%	83.3%	83.8%	88.2%	72.5%	85.4%	84.4%
<b>Monthly Housing Costs:</b>								
Less than \$700	39.5%	52.3%	42.2%	26.6%	33.8%	52.3%	44.5%	39.5%
\$700 to \$999	17.1%	18.5%	13.4%	20.8%	15.6%	19.2%	19.4%	16.9%
\$1,000 to \$1,249	17.9%	8.2%	13.8%	14.3%	14.0%	9.8%	9.5%	13.4%
\$1,250 to \$1,499	8.9%	3.6%	4.6%	9.3%	9.2%	7.1%	5.8%	6.8%
\$1,500 to \$1,999	9.2%	6.8%	9.3%	12.1%	11.4%	5.2%	11.1%	9.7%
\$2,000 or more	7.4%	10.7%	16.6%	17.0%	16.0%	6.4%	9.6%	13.6%
<b>Housing Cost as a percent of Household Income:</b>								
Under 20 percent of income	55.5%	54.9%	62.6%	56.1%	62.4%	49.7%	62.0%	58.5%
20 to 29 percent of income	18.0%	20.6%	18.5%	14.0%	16.2%	17.0%	17.9%	17.6%
30 to 49 percent of income	15.2%	16.5%	14.1%	19.7%	13.0%	24.7%	12.8%	15.7%
50 percent or more of income	11.3%	8.0%	4.7%	10.2%	8.4%	8.6%	7.3%	8.2%

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**Ran out of Money for Rent or Mortgage, Utilities, Food or Medicine:**

Did not run out of money last year	91.7%	92.9%	92.6%	91.5%	96.4%	92.3%	89.9%	92.8%
Ran out 1 or 2 times last year	6.1%	6.5%	7.1%	5.4%	2.6%	4.9%	8.1%	5.8%
Ran out 3 or more times last year	2.2%	0.6%	0.3%	3.1%	1.0%	2.8%	2.0%	1.4%

**Where Households that Ran Out of Money Turned for Help:**

*Percentages based on the 7.2 percent of households, containing at least one member age 65 and older, that ran out of money at least once last year. Distribution percents may sum to more than 100 percent because of multiple responses. Percentages are provided only for the entire survey region because numbers for individual areas are too small for tabulation by area.*

Family/Friends	55.8%
Government	5.8%
Religious/Community Group	7.9%
Increased Credit/Other Debt	37.9%
Other/Not applicable	13.0%

Note: Percentages 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. Unless otherwise noted, person-level data are based on those age 65 and older and household data are based on those households where at least one member is age 65 and older.