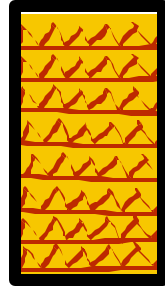


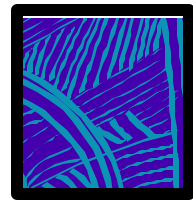
Community Strengths



100% Feel it is important for their children to graduate from high school.

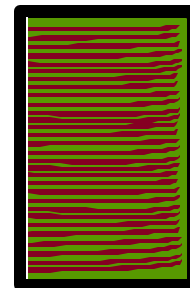
100% Feel it is important for their children to attend college.

65.4% Know most of their children's friends very well.

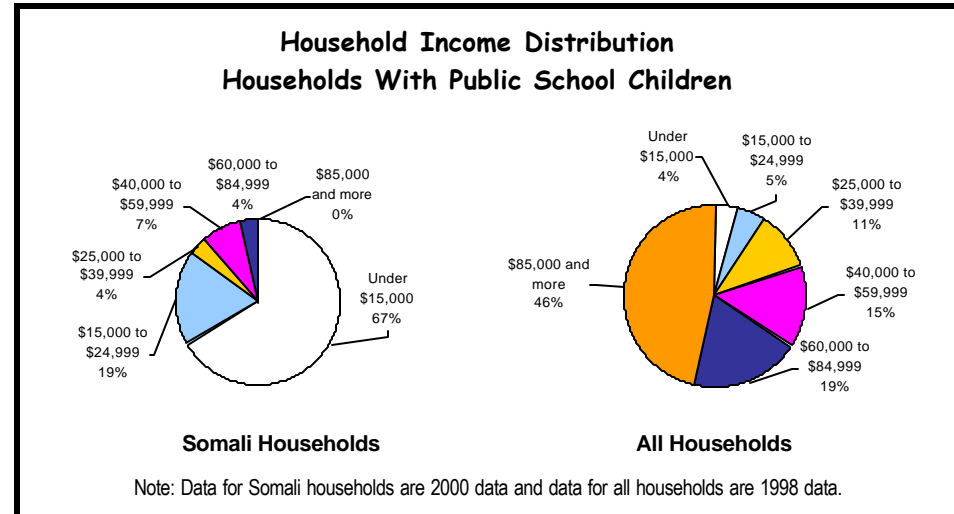
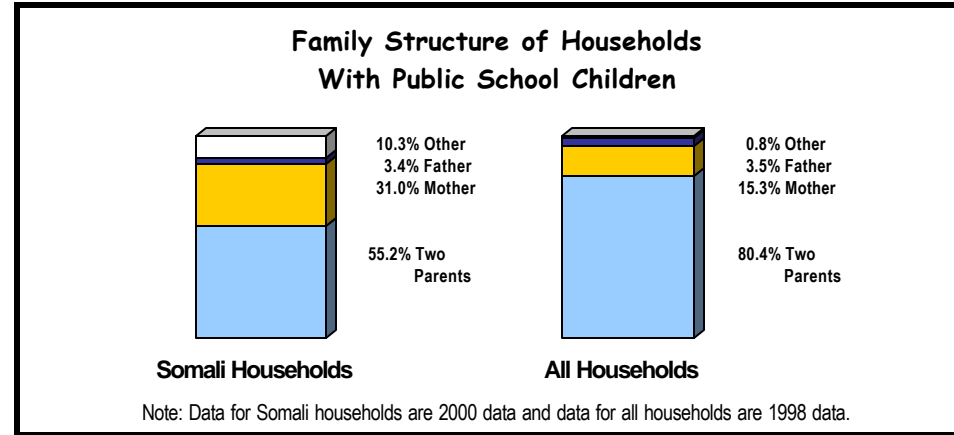


92.6% Believe the people of the United States make their family feel welcome.

93.1% Feel Fairfax County is their home.



96.6% Would be willing to volunteer some of their time to improve their neighborhood.



Household Size

	Somali Hhlds.	All Hhlds.
Two Person	0.0%	5.9%
Three Person	0.0%	27.4%
Four Person	10.7%	41.8%
Five Person	35.7%	16.4%
Six Person or More	53.6%	8.4%
Average Size	6.61	3.98
Average Number of Persons Under 19	4.04	1.87
Average Number of Persons 19 yrs +	2.59	2.12

Housing

	Somali Hhlds.	All Hhlds.
Monthly Cost		
Under \$500	39.1%	3.7%
\$500 to \$774	21.7%	11.3%
\$775 to \$999	26.1%	13.4%
\$1,000 to \$1,249	0.0%	19.3%
\$1,250 to \$1,499	0.0%	16.0%
\$1,500 or more	13.0%	36.4%
Average Rent	\$ 541	\$ 966
Average Owner Cost	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,548
Owner Occupied	7.0%	72.6%

Note: Data for Somali households are 2000 data and data for all households are 1998 data.

Profile of Somali Parents and Guardians

Employment Status

	Men	Women
Employed	66.7%	28.0%
Unemployed	27.8%	60.0%
Not in Labor Market	5.6%	12.0%

Hours Worked Per Week

	Men	Women
20 or Fewer Hours	18.2%	28.6%
21 to 30 Hours	9.1%	0.0%
31 to 40 Hours	36.4%	42.9%
41 to 50 Hours	27.3%	28.6%
More Than 50 Hours	9.1%	0.0%

Working Multiple Jobs

	Men	Women
Work Multiple Jobs	8.3%	14.3%

Citizenship

	Men	Women
Citizen	33.3%	10.7%
Desire Citizenship	61.1%	82.1%
Don't Want Citizenship	5.6%	7.1%

Educational Attainment

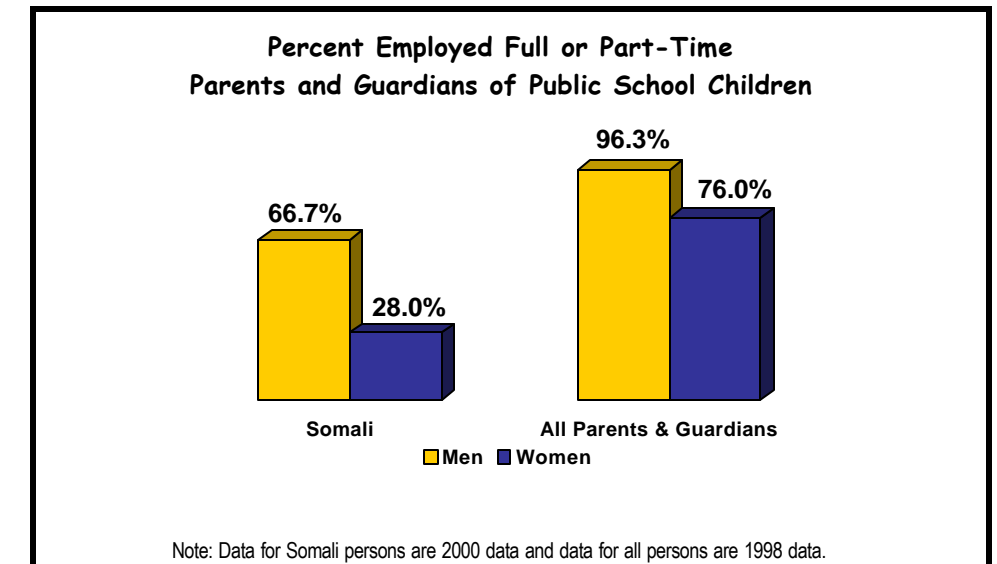
	Men	Women
Less Than 7th Grade	11.8%	32.1%
7th to 12th Grade	17.6%	7.1%
HS Degree or GED	23.5%	32.1%
Some College	0.0%	7.1%
Associate Degree	0.0%	7.1%
BS Degree	41.2%	10.7%
Post Graduate	5.9%	3.6%
Other	0.0%	0.0%

Years in United States

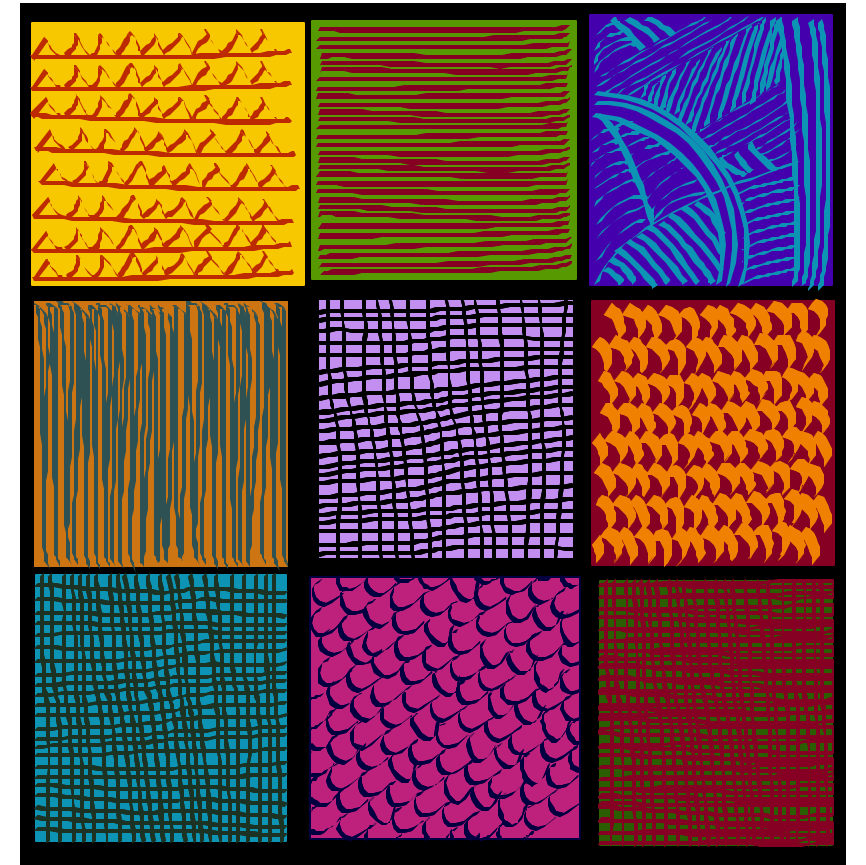
	Men	Women
Fewer Than 5 Years	50.0%	60.7%
5 To 9 Years	16.7%	28.6%
10 to 14 Years	11.1%	7.1%
15 Years or More	22.2%	3.6%

Years in Fairfax County

	Men	Women
Fewer Than 5 Years	72.2%	75.0%
5 To 9 Years	16.7%	21.4%
10 to 14 Years	11.1%	3.6%
15 Years or More	0.0%	0.0%



A Community Sampler

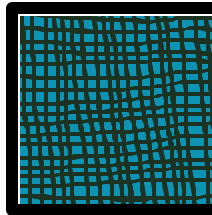


Somali Households With Public School Children

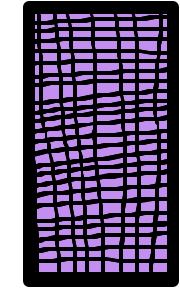
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 66.7% Have at least one parent or guardian who is employed.
7.0% Are homeowners.

59.2% Have at least one parent or guardian who speaks English very well or well.



93.1% Desire to improve the English skills of their family members.

 13.8% Are able to save money on a regular basis for future needs.

Note: The data in this report are based on a sample of 29 households. The results of this sample are representative of the approximately 44 households with children enrolled in Fairfax County Public Schools that indicated their primary language as Somali. As of January 2000, Fairfax County had a projected 353,400 households.

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