

Vulnerability Index

Fairfax County is home to over 1.2 million people in over 400,000 households. We are the most populous jurisdiction in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the most populous jurisdiction in the DC/MD/VA Metropolitan Statistical Area. The [Fairfax County General Overview](#) provides more information about the demographic, economic, and housing characteristics of the county.

Before Coronavirus, some communities in Fairfax were already in a state where poverty, unemployment, lack of access to healthcare and transportation, and other factors made people more vulnerable. The pandemic exacerbated those vulnerabilities.

The Vulnerability Index is calculated based on race, language, income, education, housing, transportation, and health insurance. You can explore each component and how these characteristics are distributed in the county by using the [interactive mapping tool](#).

Darker colors in the map show communities that are more vulnerable to the negative outcomes of the pandemic like economic hardship, housing and food insecurity.

