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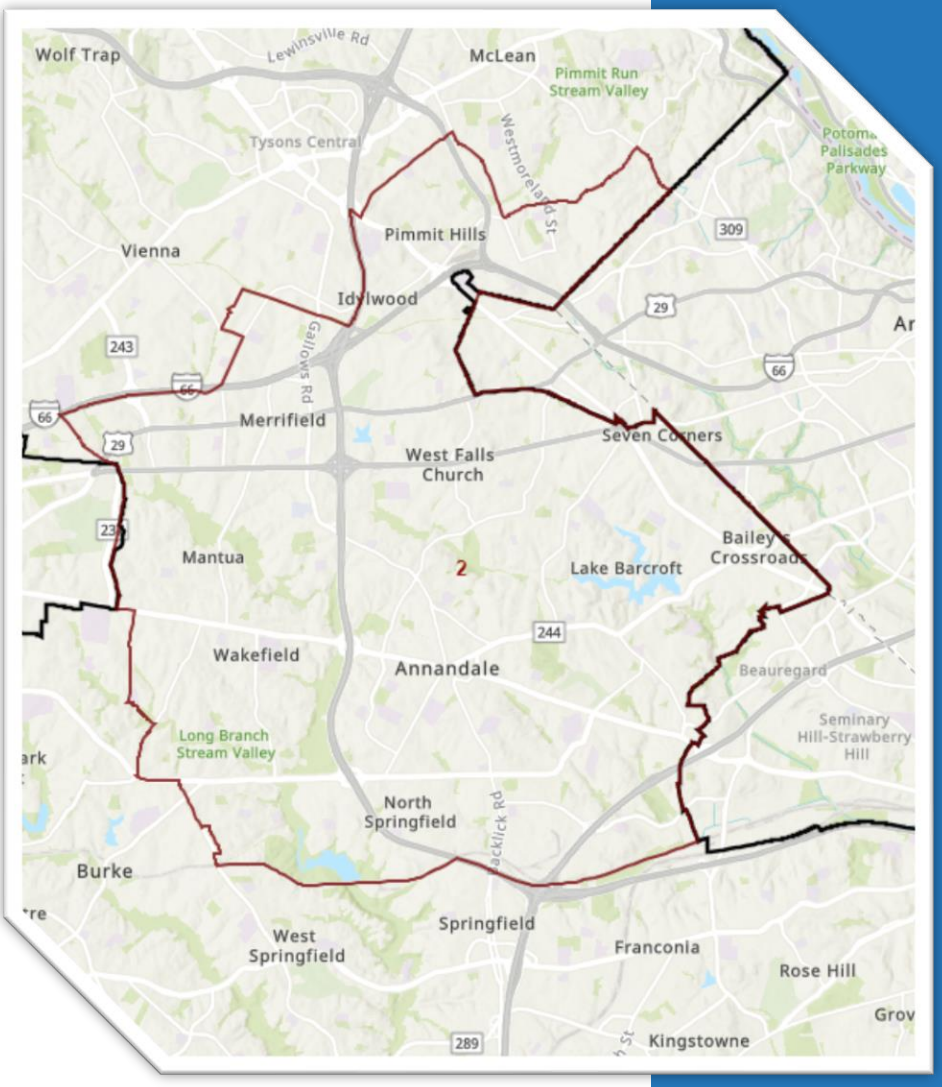
Community Profile - Human Services Region 2 Eastern Fairfax County



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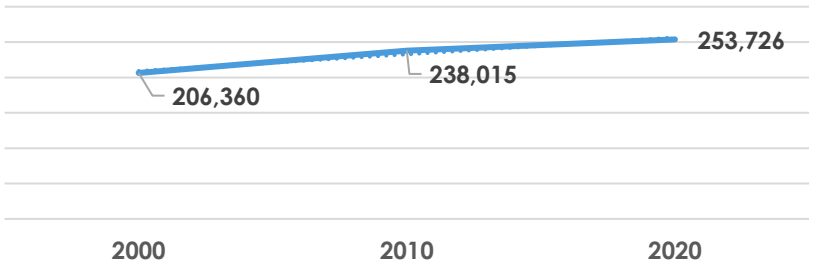
Introduction

This report offers a detailed analysis of demographic and socio-economic trends in Fairfax County Human Services Region 2. It examines population dynamics, family structures, and household compositions, which are vital for effective planning and resource allocation. The report highlights the foreign-born population and the diversity of languages spoken at home, illustrating the region's multicultural character. It also explores racial and ethnic characteristics, age distribution, income levels, and poverty rates to identify economic disparities. Additionally, it assesses disability status and health insurance coverage to gauge residents' well-being. Transportation patterns, particularly commuting, are discussed in the context of infrastructure needs, while educational attainment and technology use are analyzed for workforce development. The report further examines housing characteristics, employment statistics, basic needs requests, crime statistics, and vulnerability analysis to inform policies that enhance community quality of life. This comprehensive approach aims to support stakeholders in addressing community challenges.

Population Trend

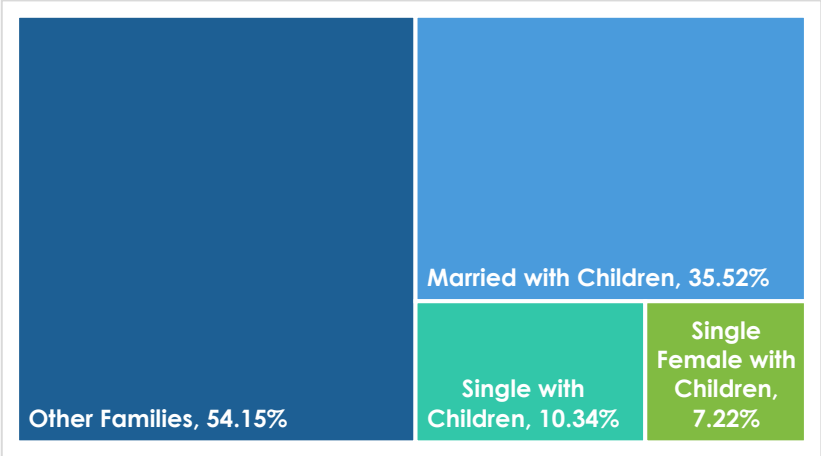
As of the period 2020, this area was home to an estimated 253,726 people. The population grew by 6.60% between 2010 and 2020.

90,503 of Households live in this area.



Families and Households

The composition of the 59,783 families who reside in the study area is shown in the chart. Families are groups of related people who live together, whereas households refer to the person or group of people living in anyone housing unit. Generally, households that do not contain a family are made up of unrelated people living together (ex. roommates) or people living alone. While it is possible for two families to share a household, the difference between the number of households and the number of families in an area shows, approximately, the number of non-family households in a place.

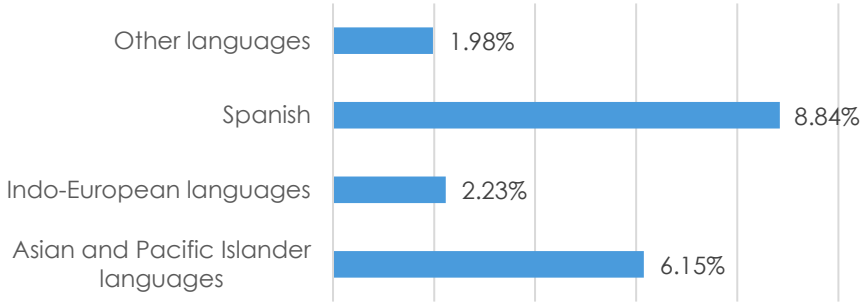


Foreign Born

Data from the U.S. Census Bureau for 2018-2022 indicate that 93,398 people or 37.39% of the population living in this area were "foreign born". Census defines foreign born as anyone who is not a U.S. citizen at birth.

Languages spoken at home

Percent of the population age 5 years and above who speak English less than very well.

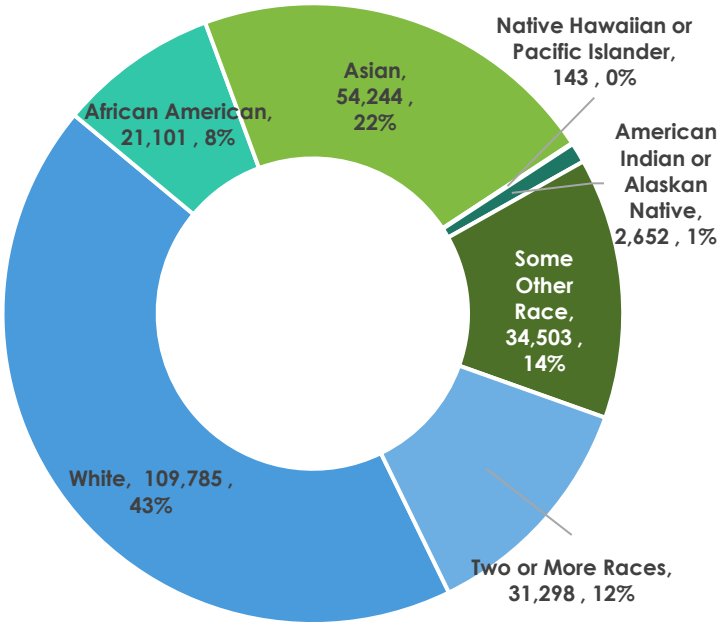


Racial and Ethnic Characteristics

Of the people living in this area in 2020, 43.27% are White, 8.32% are African American, 24.84% are Hispanic, 21.38% are Asian, 0.06% are either Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander, 1.05% are American Indian or Alaskan Native, 13.6% are of "some other race" and 12.34% are of two or more races.

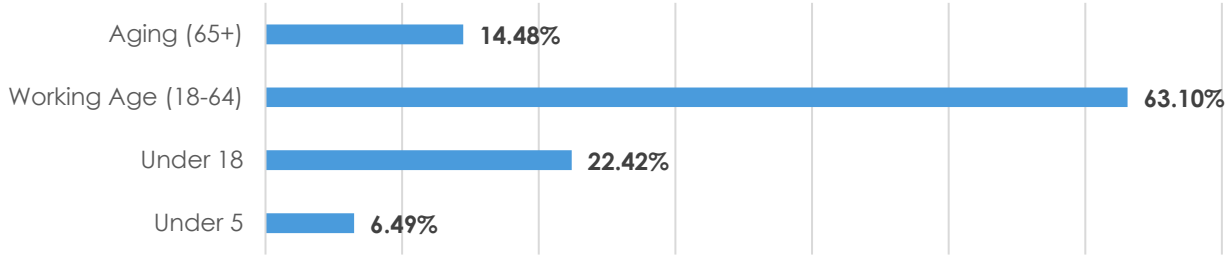
Between 2010 and 2020, the White population changed by -20.11%, the African American population by 10.91%, and Asian population by 16.17%. The number of Hispanics changed by 11.24%.

63,027 (24.84%) of the population is of Hispanic origin.



Age Distribution

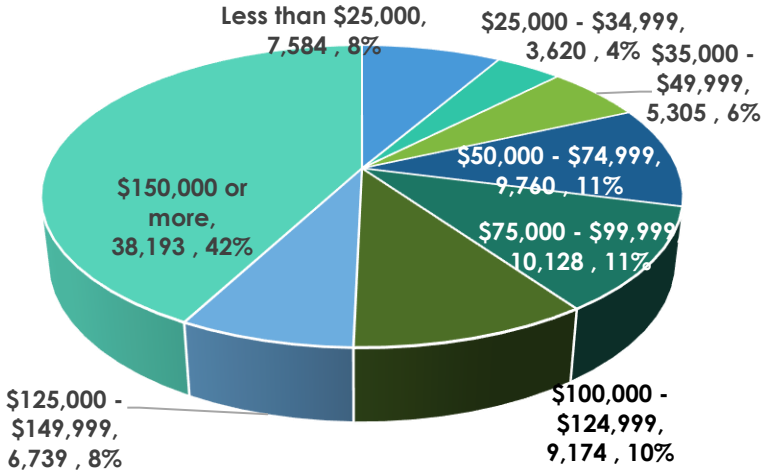
In the report area in 2018-2022, 14.48% of the population is over the age of 65. 63.1% are of working age (18-64). 22.42% are under 18, and 6.49% are under 5 years old.



Income Distribution

The median household income for the study area ranged from $51,387 to $246,339, compared to the state of Virginia with a median of $87,249, as estimated for 2018-2022 by the Census' American Community Survey.

The number of households divided by income categories is shown in the Annual Income Category. In the period of 2018-2022, 18.24% of households in the study area had an annual income of less than $50,000, compared to 28.67% of people in the state of Virginia.



Poverty

Key Facts	Estimates
All families	6.10%
All people	7.76%
Age under 18 years	10.09%
Age 65 years and over	6.39%

Disability Status

Key Facts	Estimates
Total population with a disability	8.52%
Under 18 years with a disability	3.23%
65 years and over with a disability	25.79%

Health Insurance

10.36 percent civilian noninstitutionalized population with no health insurance coverage.

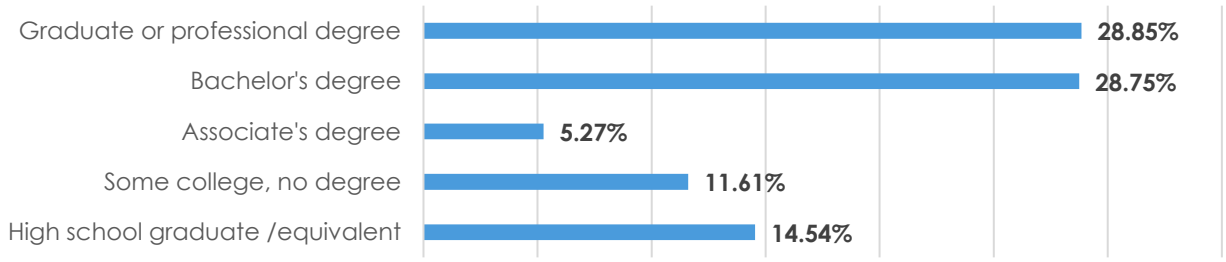
Commuting to Work

In this area in 2018-2022, the Census estimates that the percent of the workers 16 years and older used following transportation methods to commute to work.

Key Facts	Estimates
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	29.22
Car, truck, or van -- drove alone	77,542
Car, truck, or van -- carpooled	14,090
Public transportation (excluding taxicab)	11,141
Walked	2,438
Other means	2,912
Worked from home	25,703

Education

89.01% percent of the population have education attainment high school or higher.



Computer and Internet Use

Key Facts	Estimates
Percent of total households with a broadband Internet subscription	94.11%
Percent of total households with a computer	97.22%

Housing Inventory Characteristics

The type of housing available in this area is described in the table below. Single family homes include all one-unit structures, both attached and detached. Townhouses or duplexes include one-unit attached homes, as well as housing units with two units. Units in small apartment building are buildings with 3 to 49 units; large apartment buildings include buildings with 50 units or more. Other types of housing include vans, boats, recreational vehicles, or other units.

2018-2022 Housing Stock	Number of Units	Percent of Units
Single family detached homes	41,901	44.14%
Single family attached homes	14,468	15.24%
2-unit homes and duplexes	808	0.85%
Units in small apartment buildings	22,643	23.85%
Units in large apartment buildings	14,980	15.78%
Mobile homes or manufactured housing	131	0.14%
Other types	0	0%

Across the area, an estimated 61.22% or 55,402 households owned their home between 2018-2022.

Rental Affordability

According to the U.S. Census' ACS, 16,295 renters in this area were cost burdened (paying more than 30% of their income towards rent) between 2018-2022. Of those renters, 14.35% were over the age of 65. Additionally, 18.4% of cost burdened renters earned less than $20,000 between 2018-2022

Burdens by Age		% of all cost burdened renters
Under 65	13,957	85.65%
65 or older	2,338	14.35%

Burdens by Annual Income		% of all cost burdened renters
Less than $20,000	2,999	18.40%
Less than $50,000	8,902	54.63%
Less than $75,000	13,594	83.42%

Employment

In this area in 2018-2022, the Census estimates that people were employed in the following industries.

Employment by Industry	People Employed	Percent Employed in this Industry
Accommodation and Food Services	9,154	6.79%
Administrative and Support and Waste Management Services	5,857	4.34%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	184	0.14%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	2,090	1.55%
Educational Service	10,759	7.98%
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	8,534	6.33%
Health Care and Social Assistance	13,386	9.93%
Information	2,690	1.99%
Manufacturing	3,740	2.77%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	230	0.17%
Other Services	9,386	6.96%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	27,782	20.60%
Public Administration	14,638	10.85%
Retail Trade	10,566	7.83%
Construction	9,939	7.37%
Transportation and Warehousing, and Utilities	4,979	3.69%
Wholesale Trade	922	0.68%
All Other	30	0.02%

Crimes Statistics

The crime statistics for Mason and McLean show that both areas experience significant levels of criminal activity, with crimes against property being more common than crimes against persons. Larceny stands out as the most frequent crime in both stations, reflecting a high incidence of theft related offenses. Although the overall numbers for crimes against persons and property are similar between the two areas, Mason has a slightly higher rate of personal crimes, while McLean has a higher occurrence of property crimes. These figures indicate that both areas face similar challenges in terms of criminal activity with a slight variation in the types of crimes that are more prevalent.

Crimes Against Person	Mason	McLean	Totals
Simple Assault	1,706	1,098	**2,804**
Aggravated Assault	155	100	**255**
Sex Offense, Forcible	41	38	**79**
Homicide	2	3	**5**
Totals	**1,904**	**1,239**	**3,143**

Crimes Against Property	Mason	McLean	Totals
Larceny	2,489	3,655	**6,144**
Auto Theft	147	170	**317**
Robbery	112	61	**173**
Burglary	103	199	**302**
Arson	4	3	**7**
Totals	**2,855**	**4,088**	**6,943**

CSP Human Services Regional Breakdown of Basic Needs Requests

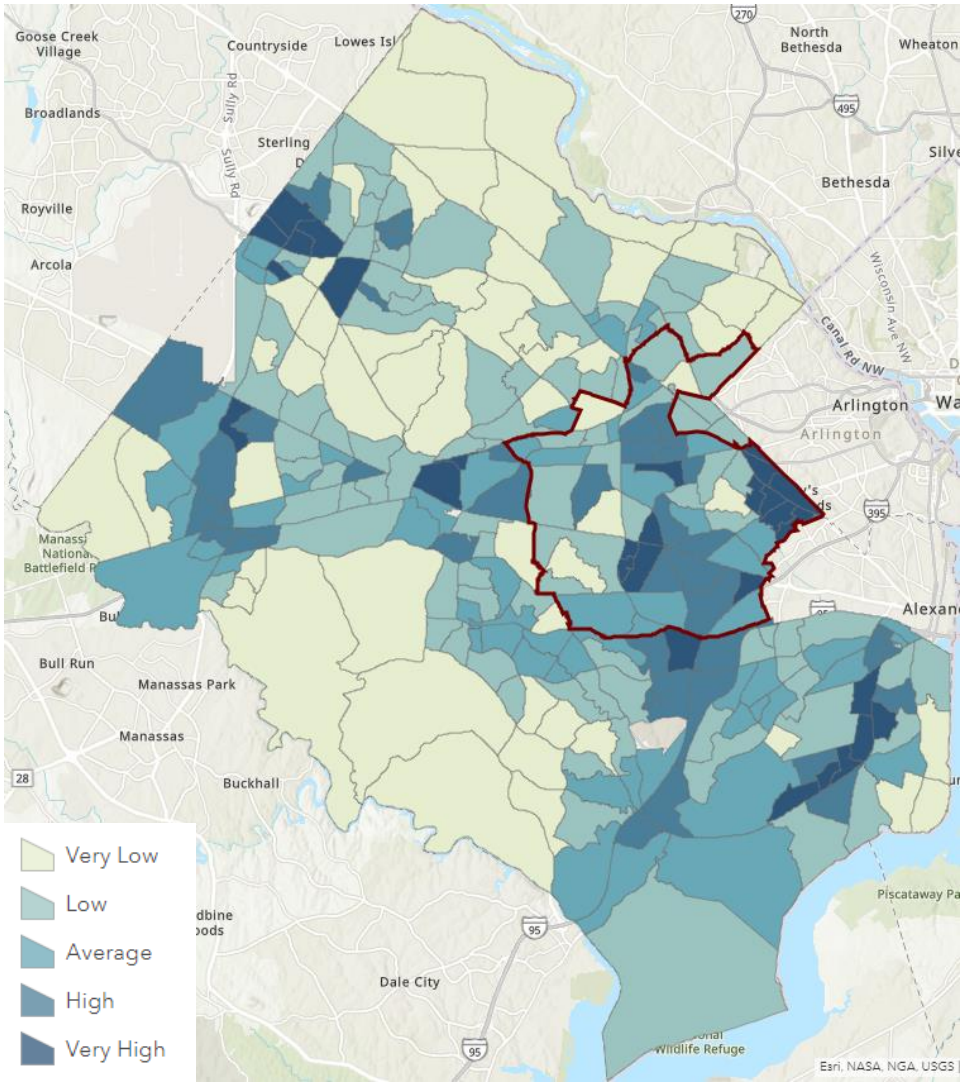
Basic Need	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Total
Bus Fare/Gas Money	45	20	11	12	35	**123**
Emergency Food	1628	3199	1378	1297	2299	**9801**
Emergency Shelter	178	113	100	141	175	**707**
Household/Personal Goods	348	185	156	224	263	**1176**
Housing Counseling	85	65	48	55	70	**323**
Housing Payment Asst	1539	5653	5254	3425	2490	**18361**
Medical Expense Asst	42	25	10	13	20	**110**
Other Financial Aid	17	19	21	4	6	**67**
Paratransit	11	7	3	2	5	**28**
Utility Bill Asst	385	555	612	628	596	**2776**
Total	**4278**	**9841**	**7593**	**5801**	**5959**	**33472**

Fairfax County Vulnerability Analysis

The Vulnerability Index shows how areas in the county are doing relative to other areas of the county based on occupation, education, language, income, transportation, health insurance, and housing. It can be used with data on community engagement, service delivery, programming, funding, and more to inform decision making.

The map depicts a vulnerability index for a specific Region 2 with darker shades indicating areas of higher vulnerability. The darkest areas particularly in the center of the mapped area show the highest levels of vulnerability. These areas are experiencing a combination of socioeconomic and environmental challenges that contribute to their heightened risk. Surrounding these high-risk zones are areas with varying degrees of vulnerability, illustrated by lighter shade. The lightest areas, mainly located towards the periphery, exhibit the lowest levels of vulnerability, suggesting more stable conditions.

This contrast highlights the disparities within the region and emphasizes the need for targeted interventions, in the darkest most vulnerable areas.



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