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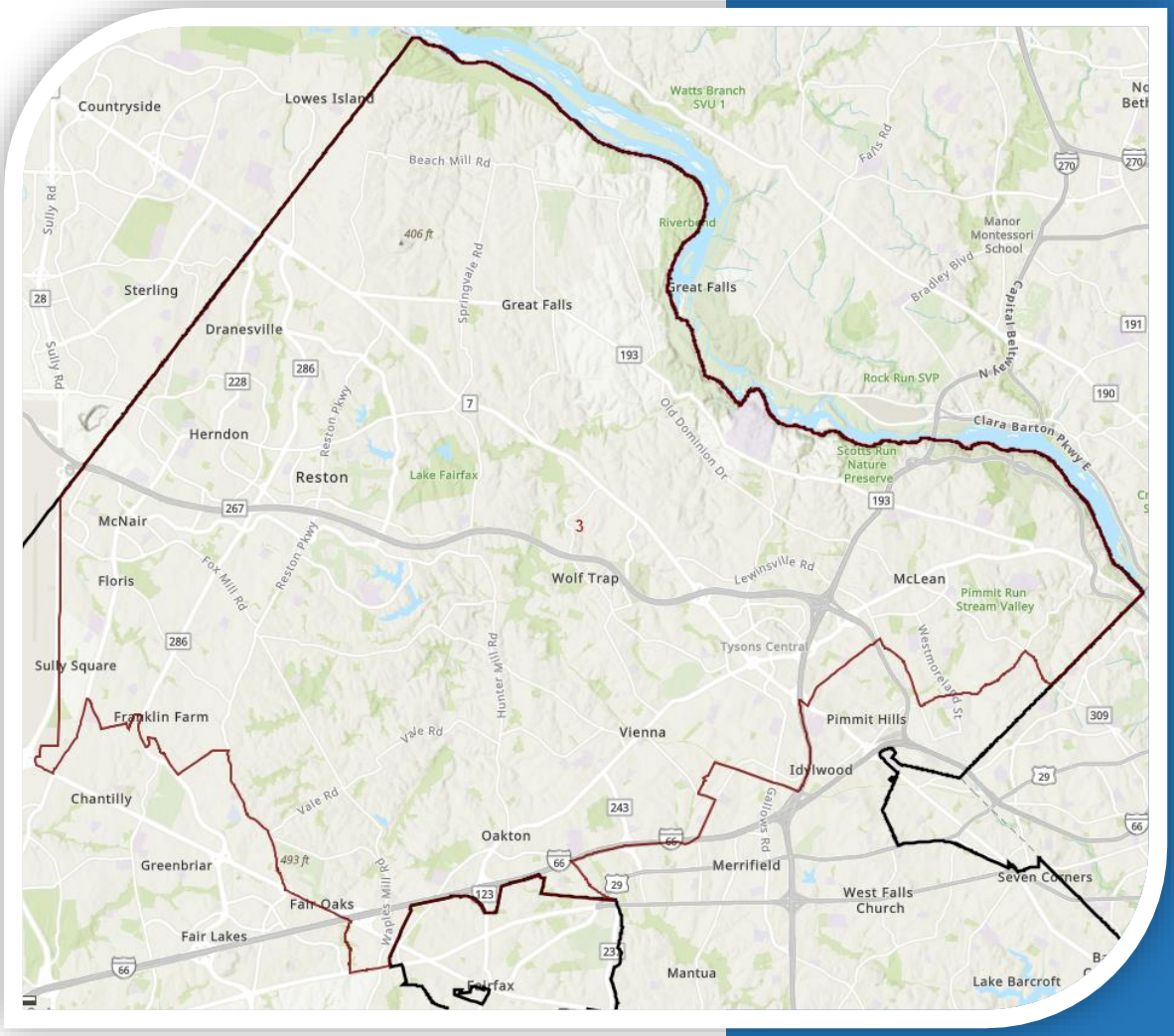
Community Profile - Human Services Region 3 Northern Fairfax County



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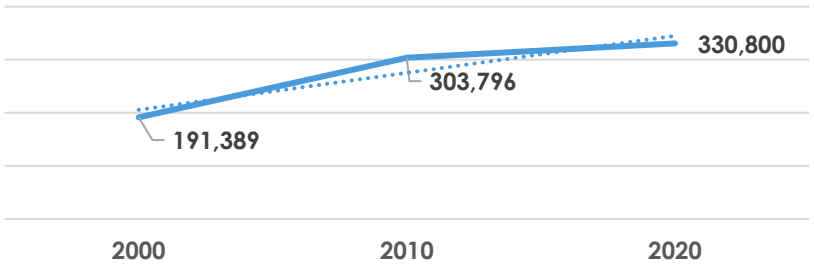
Introduction

This report offers a detailed analysis of demographic and socio-economic trends in Fairfax County Human Services Region 3. 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

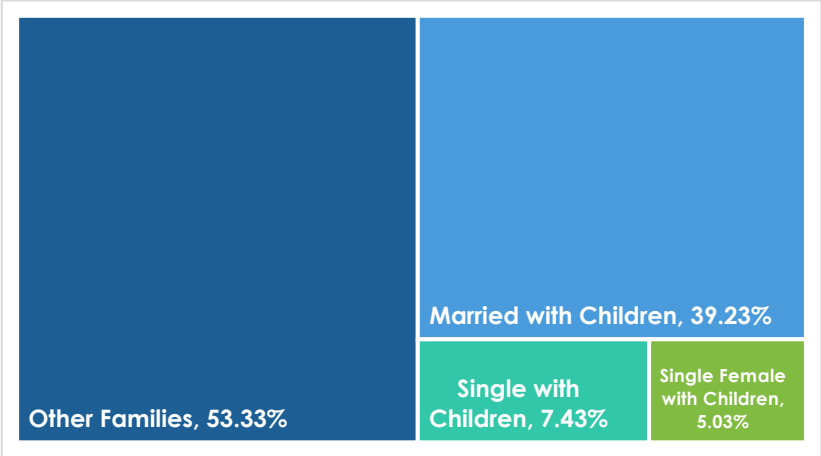
As of the period 2020, this area was home to an estimated 230,800 people. The population grew by 8.89% between 2010 and 2020.

123,671 of Households live in this area.



Families and Households

The composition of the 84,956 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 any one housing unit. Generally, households that do not contain a family are made up of unrelated people living together (eg, 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.

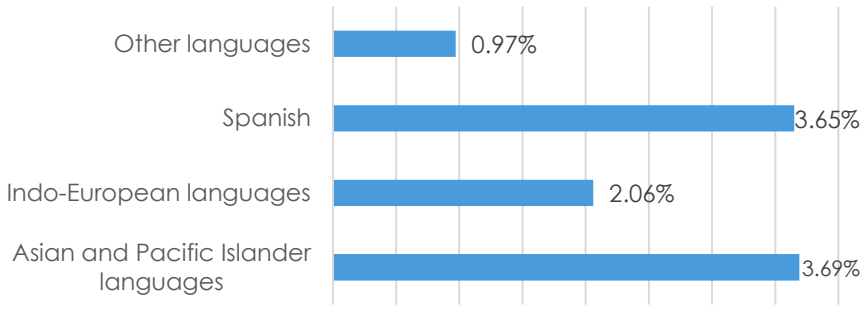


Foreign Born

Data from the U.S. Census Bureau for 2018-2022 indicate that 97,928 people or 29.83% 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.

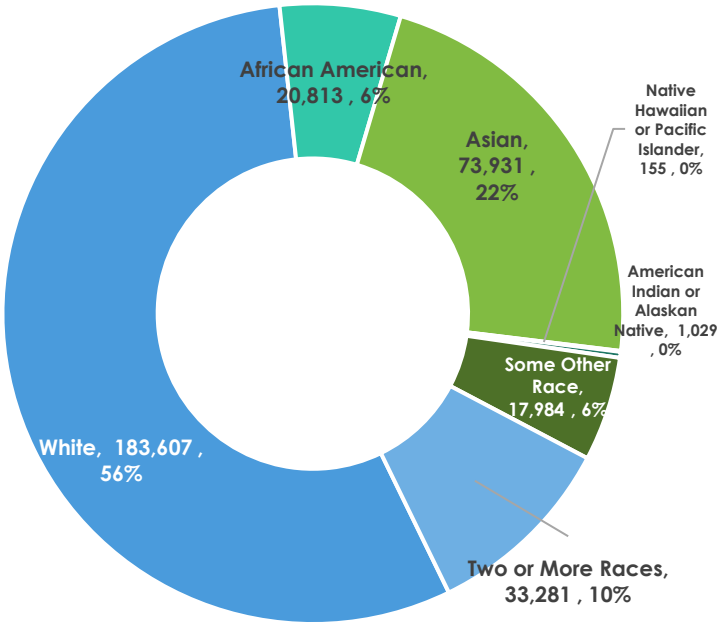


Racial and Ethnic Characteristics

Of the people living in this area in 2020, 55.5% are White, 6.29% are African American, 12.07% are Hispanic, 22.35% are Asian, 0.05% are either Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander, 0.31% are American Indian or Alaskan Native, 5.44% are of "some other race" and 10.06% are of two or more races.

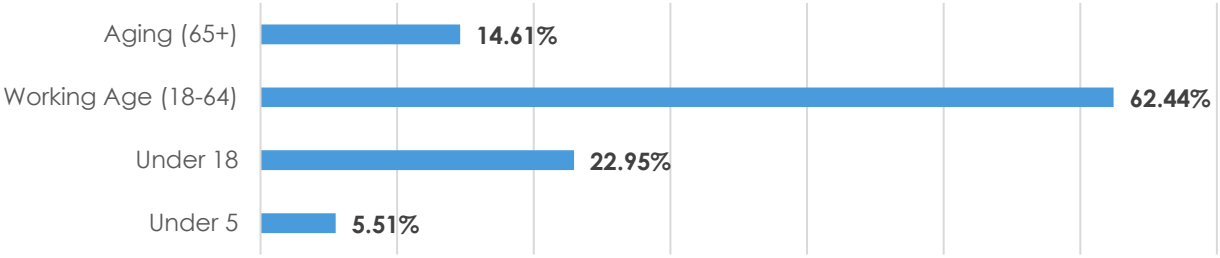
Between 2010 and 2020, the White population changed by -11.51%, the African American population by 17.14%, and Asian population by 37.11%. The number of Hispanics changed by 21.18%.

39,941 (12.67%) of the population is of Hispanic origin.



Age Distribution

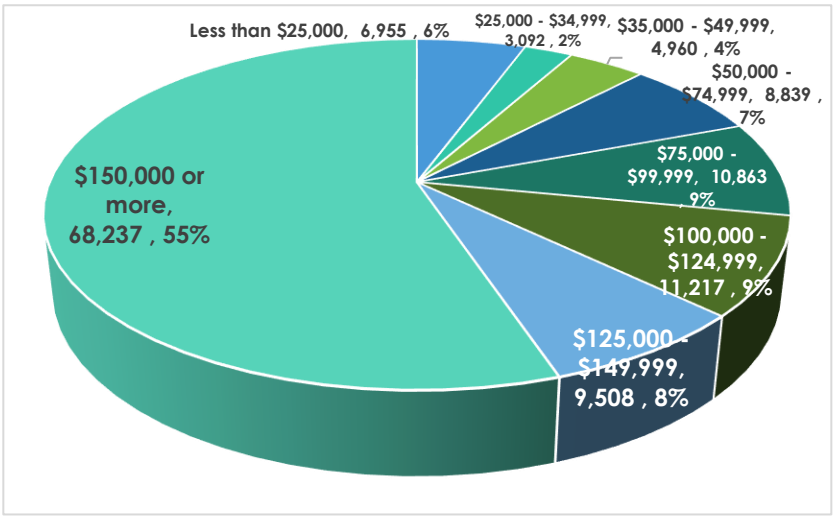
In the report area in 2018-2022, 14.61% of the population is over the age of 65. 62.44% are of working age (18-64). 22.95% are under 18, and 5.51% are under 5 years old.



Income Distribution

The median household income for the study area ranged from N/A to $250,001, 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, 12.13% 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	3.53%
All people	4.91%
Age under 18 years	5.02%
Age 65 years and over	5.63%

Disability Status

Key Facts	Estimates
Total population with a disability	7.10%
Under 18 years with a disability	3.20%
65 years and over with a disability	24.27%

Health Insurance

5.56 percent civilian noninstitutionalized population with no health insurance coverage.

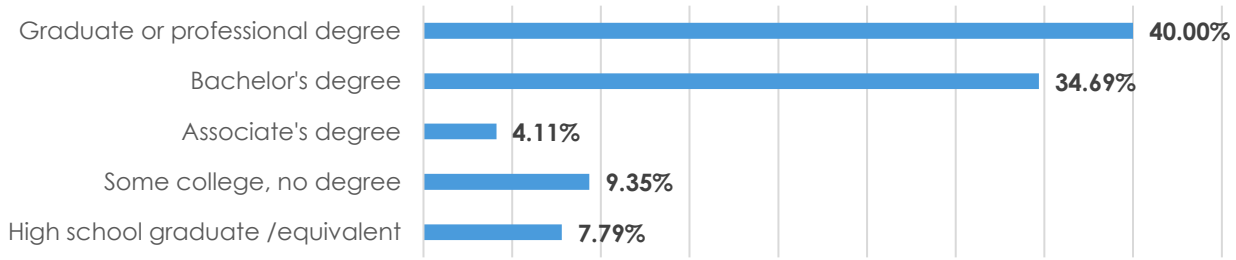
Commuting to Work

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)	28.45
Car, truck, or van -- drove alone	101,155
Car, truck, or van -- carpooled	11,962
Public transportation (excluding taxicab)	9,395
Walked	3,082
Other means	3,374
Worked from home	48,494

Education

95.95% 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	96.89%
Percent of total households with a computer	98.63%

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	60,213	46.65%
Single family attached homes	24,278	18.81%
2-unit homes and duplexes	517	0.40%
Units in small apartment buildings	24,862	19.26%
Units in large apartment buildings	19,029	14.74%
Mobile homes or manufactured housing	166	0.13%
Other types	12	0.01%

Across the area, an estimated 67.98% or 84,068 households owned their home between 2018-2022.

Rental Affordability

According to the U.S. Census' ACS, 14,386 renters in this area were cost burdened (paying more than 30% of their income towards rent) between 2018-2022. Of those renters, 16.58% were over the age of 65. Additionally, 15.58% of cost burdened renters earned less than $20,000 between 2018-2022

Burdens by Age		% of all cost burdened renters
Under 65	1,2001	83.42%
65 or older	2,385	16.58%

Burdens by Annual Income		% of all cost burdened renters
Less than $20,000	2,241	15.58%
Less than $50,000	6,576	45.71%
Less than $75,000	10,162	70.64%

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	8,013	4.46%
Administrative and Support and Waste Management Services	6,259	3.49%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	238	0.13%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	3,918	2.18%
Educational Service	14,192	7.90%
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	15,677	8.73%
Health Care and Social Assistance	15,318	8.53%
Information	5,754	3.20%
Manufacturing	5,077	2.83%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	403	0.22%
Other Services	9,781	5.45%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	52,339	29.15%
Public Administration	18,028	10.04%
Retail Trade	10,377	5.78%
Construction	6,378	3.55%
Transportation and Warehousing, and Utilities	6,014	3.35%
Wholesale Trade	1,781	0.99%
All Other	17	0.01%

Crimes Statistics

The crime statistics for Reston 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, McLean has a slightly higher rate of personal crimes, as well as higher (almost three times) 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	Reston	McLean	Totals
Simple Assault	910	1,098	**2,008**
Aggravated Assault	75	100	**175**
Sex Offense, Forcible	26	38	**64**
Homicide	3	3	**6**
Totals	**1,014**	**1,239**	**2,253**

Crimes Against Property	Reston	McLean	Totals
Larceny	1,283	3,655	**4,938**
Auto Theft	94	170	**264**
Robbery	25	61	**86**
Burglary	53	199	**252**
Arson	4	3	**7**
Totals	**1,459**	**4,088**	**5,547**

CSP Human Services Regional Breakdown of Basic Needs Requests

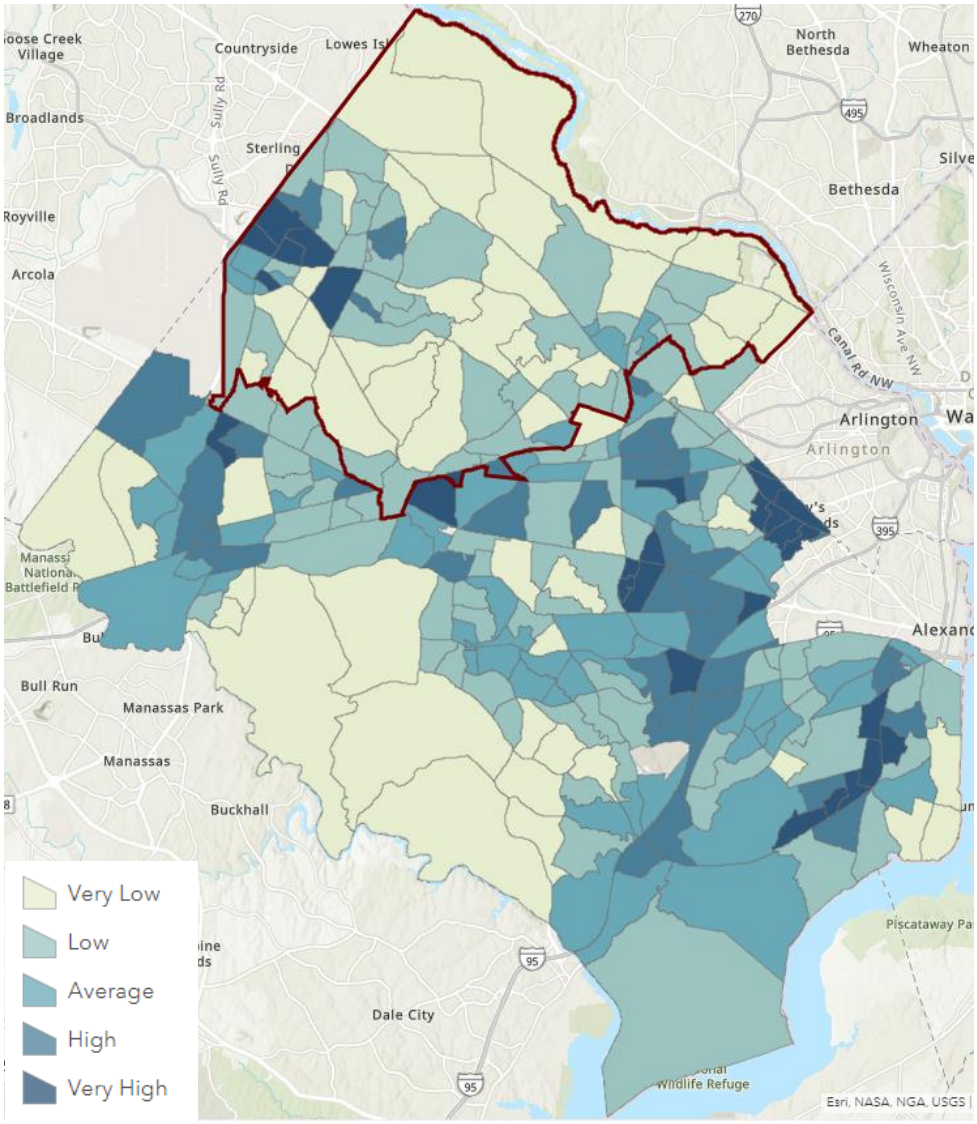
Basic Need	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Total
Bus Fare/Gas Money	37	17	1	5	12	**72**
Emergency Food	617	815	298	306	572	**2608**
Emergency Shelter	167	112	100	160	214	**753**
Household/Personal Goods	262	168	178	207	286	**1101**
Housing Counseling	87	58	48	48	72	**313**
Housing Payment Asst	1301	3061	3821	2488	1736	**12407**
Medical Expense Asst	46	27	16	10	17	**116**
Other Financial Aid	13	14	11	12	13	**63**
Paratransit	1	1	2	1	2	**7**
Utility Bill Asst	562	681	728	866	895	**3732**
Total	**3093**	**4954**	**5203**	**4103**	**3819**	**21172**

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 3 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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