

Families with Children in the District of Columbia and Metro Region

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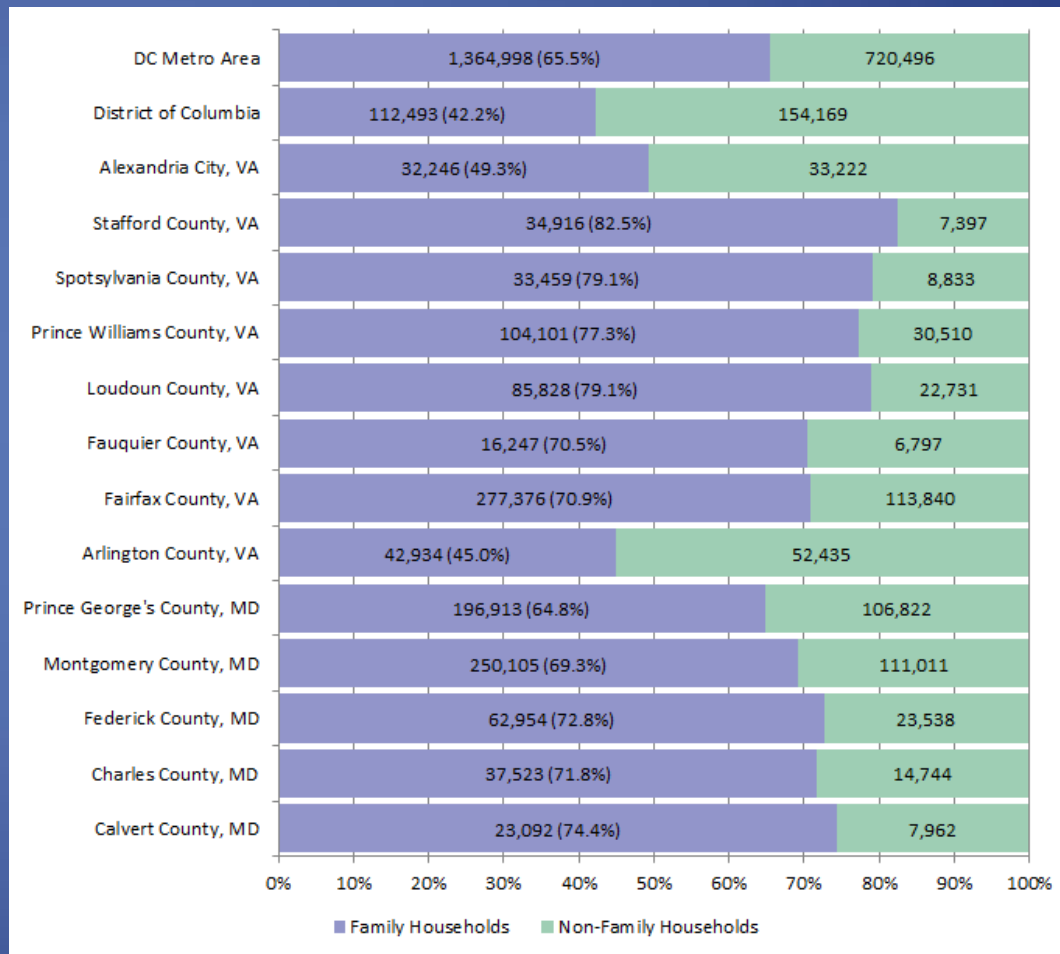
Introduction

- **U.S. Census Bureau recognizes three types of families**
 - Married-couple family households
 - Male householder, no wife present, family households
 - Female householder, no husband present, family households
- **Presentation will examine**
 - Proportion of households that are comprised of families with children
 - Specific characteristics of children in DC and the DC Metro Region
 - Living Arrangements of Children
- **2012 ACS 1-year estimates**

Household and Family Types

- Family consists of a householder plus other people living in the same household, related by birth, marriage, or adoption
- Family Households in DC Metro Region, 2012
 - 42.2% (112,493) of DC households (smallest percentage)
 - 65.5% (1,364,998) of DC Metro Region households
 - Largest Percent: Stafford County, VA with 82.5 percent (34,916)
 - Largest Number: Montgomery County, MD with 250,105 (69.3 percent)
- See Figure 1

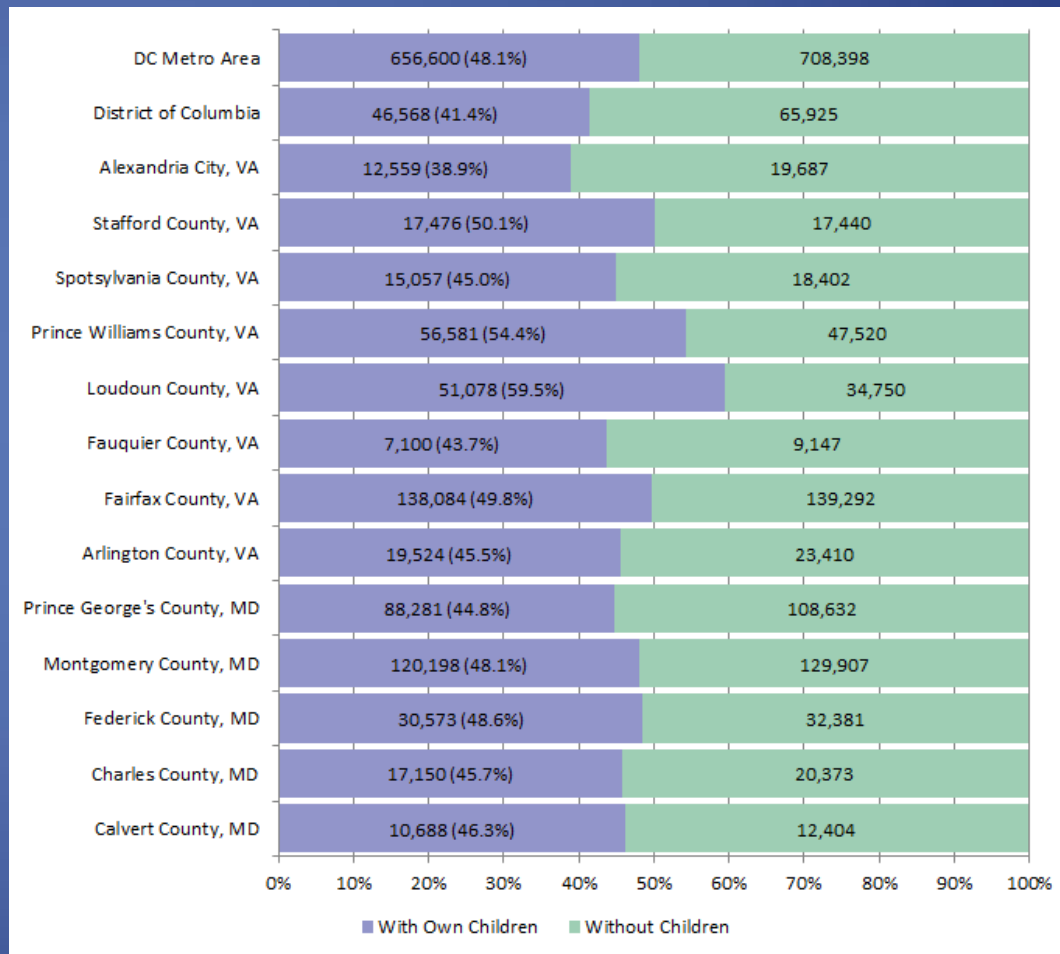
Figure 1. Family vs Non-Family Households in the DC Metro Region, 2012



Family Households with Own Children

- **Own Child** – A never-married child under 18 years who is a son or daughter by birth, a stepchild, or an adopted child of the householder.
- **Family Households with Own Children, 2012**
 - DC Metro Region: 656,600, 48.1 percent
 - Largest Percent: Loudoun County, VA with 59.5 percent (51,078)
 - Smallest Percent: Alexandria City, VA with 38.9 percent (12,559)
 - Largest Number: Fairfax County, VA with 138,084 (49.8 percent)
 - Smallest Number: Fauquier County, VA with 7,100 (43.7 percent)
- **See Figure 2**

Figure 2. Family households with own vs without children in the DC Metro Region, 2012



Family Households by Type

- **Types of Families**
 - Married-Couple Family – A family in which the householder and his or her spouse are listed as members of the same household.
 - Male Householder, No Wife Present – A family with a male householder and no spouse of householder present.
 - Female Householder, No Husband Present – A family with a female householder and no spouse of householder present.
- **Family Household Types with Own Children**
 - Married-couples with own children
 - Lowest percent: District of Columbia with 49.8 percent (23,187)
 - Highest percent: Fauquier County, VA with 84.9 percent (6,025)
 - Male Householder, no wife present with own children
 - Lowest percent: Fauquier County, VA with 0.5 percent (36)
 - Highest percent: Prince George's County, MD with 10.1 percent (8,883)
 - Female Householder, no husband present with own children
 - Lowest percent: Loudoun County, VA with 12.2 percent (6,247)
 - Highest percent: District of Columbia with 43.1 percent (20,051)
- See Figure 3 and Table 1

Figure 3. Family Types with own children under 18 years, DC Metro Region, 2012

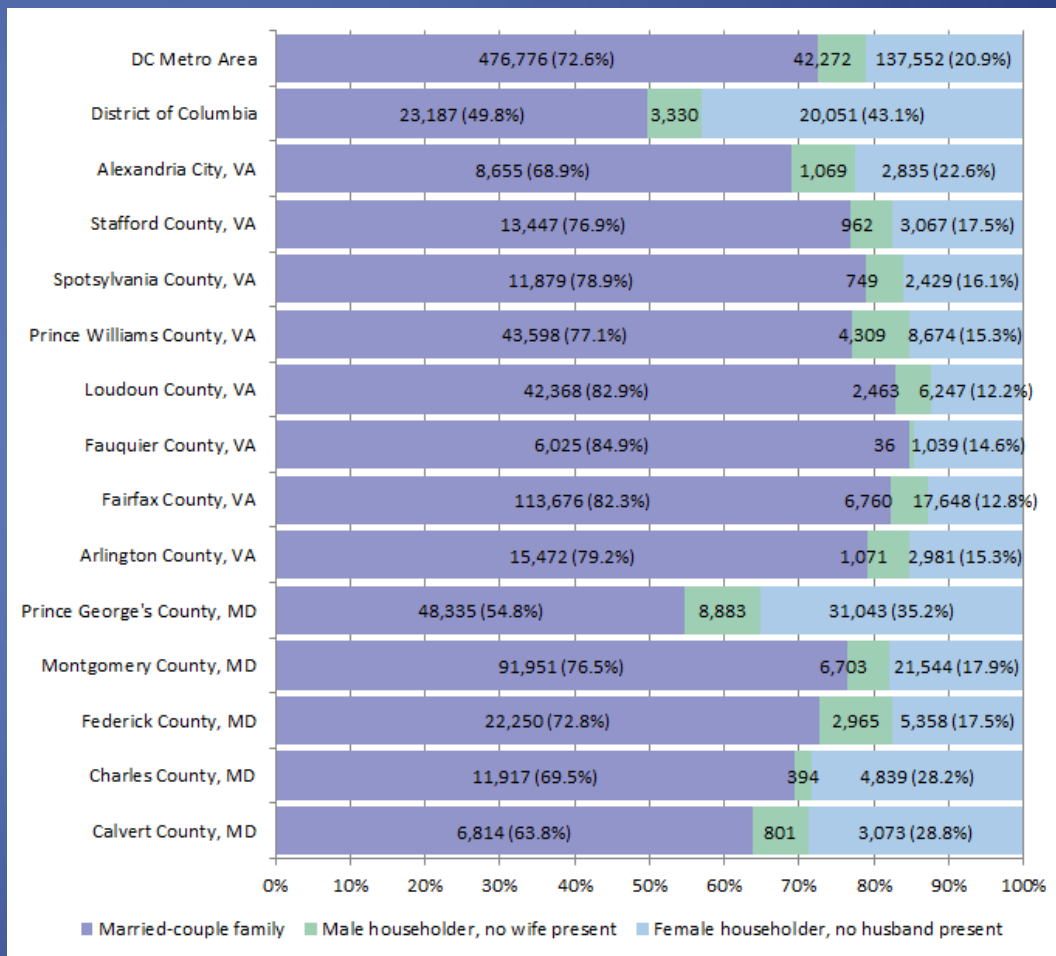


Table 1. Family Types with own children under 18 years, DC Metro Region, 2012

Jurisdiction	Married-couple family		Male householder, no wife present		Female householder, no husband present	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
DC Metro Area	476,776	72.6%	42,272	6.4%	137,552	20.9%
District of Columbia	23,187	49.8%	3,330	7.2%	20,051	43.1%
Calvert County, MD	6,814	63.8%	801	7.5%	3,073	28.8%
Charles County, MD	11,917	69.5%	394	2.3%	4,839	28.2%
Frederick County, MD	22,250	72.8%	2,965	9.7%	5,358	17.5%
Montgomery County, MD	91,951	76.5%	6,703	5.6%	21,544	17.9%
Prince George's County, MD	48,335	54.8%	8,883	10.1%	31,043	35.2%
Arlington County, VA	15,472	79.2%	1,071	5.5%	2,981	15.3%
Fairfax County, VA	113,676	82.3%	6,760	4.9%	17,648	12.8%
Fauquier County, VA	6,025	84.9%	36	0.5%	1,039	14.6%
Loudoun County, VA	42,368	82.9%	2,463	4.8%	6,247	12.2%
Prince Williams County, VA	43,598	77.1%	4,309	7.6%	8,674	15.3%
Spotsylvania County, VA	11,879	78.9%	749	5.0%	2,429	16.1%
Stafford County, VA	13,447	76.9%	962	5.5%	3,067	17.5%
Alexandria City, VA	8,655	68.9%	1,069	8.5%	2,835	22.6%

Source: 2012 American Community Survey (ACS) 1-year estimates

Income of Family Types With and Without Own Children

- **Married- couple family Median Family Income**
 - With own children, highest Arlington County, VA: \$161,634
 - No children, highest Arlington County, VA: \$151,464
- **Male householder, no wife Median Family Income**
 - With own children, highest Loudon County, VA: \$89,515
 - No children, highest Stafford County, VA: \$114,111
- **Female householder, no husband Median Family Income**
 - With own children, highest Prince Williams County, VA: \$48,495
 - No children, highest Calvert County, MD: \$95,972
- **See Figure 4 and Table 2**

Figure 4. Median Family Income, District of Columbia and DC Metro Region, 2012

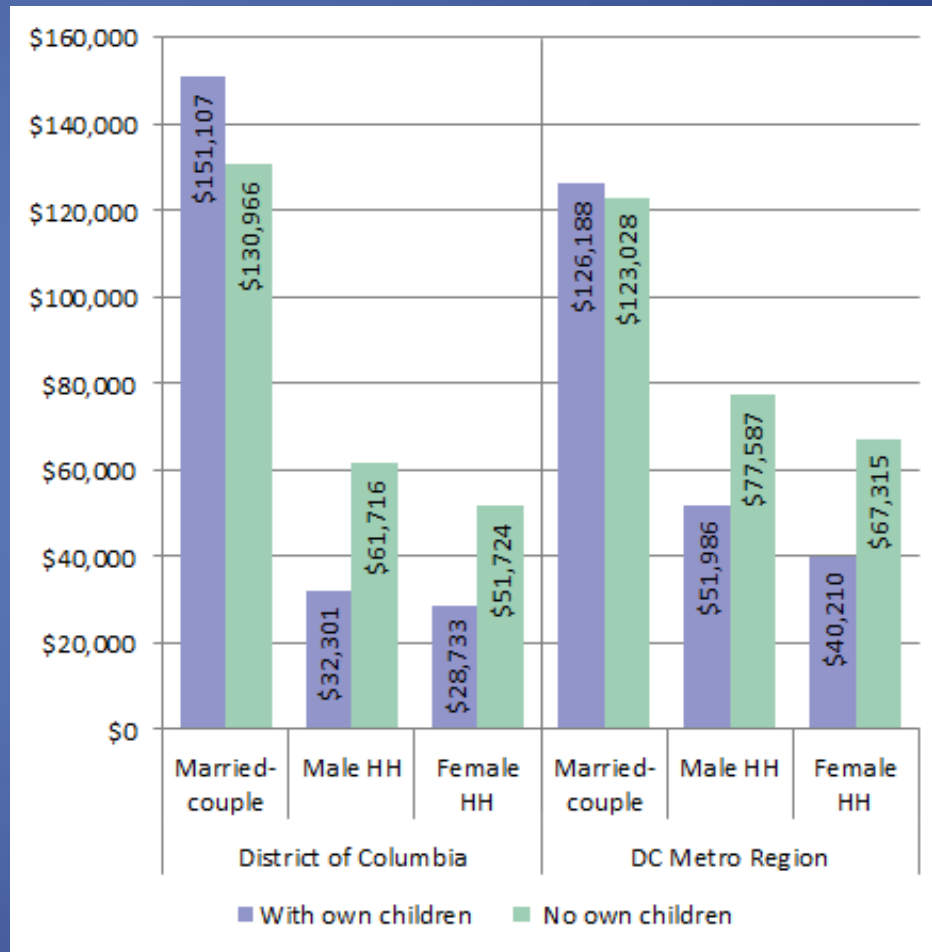


Table 2. Median Family Income, Families with own children, DC Metro Region, 2012

Jurisdiction	Married-couple family		Male householder, no wife present		Female householder, no husband present	
	With own children under 18 years	No own children under 18 years	With own children under 18 years	No own children under 18 years	With own children under 18 years	No own children under 18 years
DC Metro Area	\$126,188	\$123,028	\$51,986	\$77,587	\$40,210	\$67,315
District of Columbia	\$151,107	\$130,966	\$32,301	\$61,716	\$28,733	\$51,724
Calvert County, MD	\$114,873	\$113,039	\$42,583	\$70,900	\$40,236	\$95,972
Charles County, MD	\$119,492	\$113,899	\$47,188	\$105,446	\$47,228	\$73,185
Frederick County, MD	\$111,248	\$96,723	\$44,538	\$84,104	\$30,961	\$62,718
Montgomery County, MD	\$136,938	\$132,124	\$53,108	\$77,959	\$48,047	\$77,376
Prince George's County, MD	\$100,729	\$106,898	\$42,329	\$68,593	\$41,736	\$69,315
Arlington County, VA	\$161,634	\$151,464	\$61,689	\$76,218	\$40,299	\$56,237
Fairfax County, VA	\$135,971	\$142,259	\$87,555	\$96,081	\$48,353	\$77,735
Fauquier County, VA	\$108,444	\$105,921	\$24,052	\$103,838	\$26,489	\$39,606
Loudoun County, VA	\$144,104	\$138,196	\$89,515	\$73,824	\$48,347	\$82,596
Prince Williams County, VA	\$113,096	\$118,514	\$41,011	\$78,084	\$48,495	\$66,111
Spotsylvania County, VA	\$100,742	\$95,421	\$63,670	\$60,781	\$38,583	\$42,338
Stafford County, VA	\$123,878	\$128,788	\$51,544	\$114,111	\$46,003	\$62,556
Alexandria City, VA	\$109,414	\$129,045	\$53,194	\$66,074	\$37,074	\$65,208

Source: 2012 American Community Survey (ACS) 1-year estimates

Selected Characteristics of Children Living in Family Households

- In 2012, 50.1 percent of the children living in married-couple family households in the District were under 6 years of age, compared to 34.7 percent regionally.
- In the District, 46.4 percent of children in married-couple family households were white, while 34.3% were black, compared to the DC Metro Region where 57.8 percent were white and 17.7 percent were black.
- In male householder, no wife present, family households in the District, 73.4 percent of children were black, while 15.2 percent were white. In female householder, no husband present, family households in the District, 85.0 percent of children black, while 7.8 percent were white.
- In 2012, Hispanic children of any race represented 15.5 percent of children in married-couple family households, 14.8 percent in male householder families, and 12.1 percent in female householder families.
- The largest percentage of children living in households receiving public assistance in the District can be found in female householder, no husband present, family households in 2012, where 66.8 percent of these households received assistance.
- An estimated 43.8 percent of children living in female household families were living in poverty in 2012, compared to 30.2 percent of these family types.
- The majority of children living in married-couple families in the District lived in owner-occupied housing (64.3 percent), compared to children of single parents (male householder 35.9 percent, female householder 21.5 percent) in 2012.

Table 3. Characteristics of Children in the District and DC Metro Area, 2012

Categories	District of Columbia			DC Metro Region		
	In married-couple family household	In male householder, no wife present	In female householder, no husband present	In married-couple family household	In male householder, no wife present	In female householder, no husband present
Children under 18 years in households	48,329	7,975	52,180	966,737	85,668	293,759
AGE						
Under 6 years	50.1%	42.1%	35.4%	34.7%	39.3%	33.1%
6 to 11 years	28.8%	22.1%	31.0%	33.4%	28.7%	31.6%
12 to 17 years	21.2%	35.7%	33.6%	31.9%	32.0%	35.4%
RACE AND HISPANIC OR LATINO ORIGIN						
White	46.4%	15.2%	7.8%	57.8%	43.4%	28.5%
Black or African American	34.3%	73.4%	85.0%	17.7%	29.7%	51.8%
American Indian and Alaska Native	0.3%	0.0%	0.2%	0.3%	0.2%	0.4%
Asian	3.7%	0.9%	0.3%	11.4%	5.5%	2.3%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%
Some other race	8.2%	8.1%	4.1%	4.9%	13.7%	9.4%
Two or more races	7.2%	2.3%	2.7%	7.8%	7.4%	7.6%
Hispanic or Latino origin (of any race)	15.5%	14.8%	12.1%	17.1%	32.4%	21.4%
RELATIONSHIP TO HOUSEHOLDER						
Own child (biological, step or adopted)	92.3%	74.8%	77.4%	94.4%	79.6%	81.4%
Grandchild	4.5%	13.8%	15.5%	3.8%	7.5%	12.4%
Other relatives	2.5%	10.2%	6.3%	1.4%	10.0%	5.2%
Foster child or other unrelated child	0.6%	1.1%	0.8%	0.4%	2.9%	1.0%
PRESENCE OF OTHER ADULTS						
Unmarried partner of householder present	(X)	35.2%	9.7%	(X)	41.6%	13.6%

Table 3 cont. Characteristics of Children in the District and DC Metro Area, 2012

Categories	District of Columbia			DC Metro Region		
	In married-couple family household	In male householder, no wife present	In female householder, no husband present	In married-couple family household	In male householder, no wife present	In female householder, no husband present
DISABILITY STATUS						
Civilian children under 18 years in households	48,329	7,975	52,180	966,737	85,668	293,759
With any disability	2.4%	4.3%	8.1%	2.2%	2.2%	4.3%
SCHOOL ENROLLMENT						
Children 3 to 17 years in households	35,032	6,508	43,167	801,210	69,672	249,472
Enrolled in school	32,972	6,098	40,529	740,143	60,151	222,243
Public	68.8%	85.3%	87.1%	79.7%	88.7%	90.1%
Private	31.2%	14.7%	12.9%	20.3%	11.3%	9.9%
Not enrolled in school	2,060	410	2,638	61,067	9,521	27,229
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS						
Children living in households with Supplemental Security Income (SSI), cash public assistance income, or Food Stamp/ SNAP benefits	15.9%	22.0%	66.8%	8.2%	22.5%	38.7%
POVERTY STATUS IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS						
Children in households for whom poverty status is determined	48,080	7,885	51,824	963,955	83,906	291,324
Income in the past 12 months below poverty level	7.6%	28.0%	43.8%	4.4%	12.8%	30.2%
Income in the past 12 months at or above poverty level	92.4%	72.0%	56.2%	95.6%	87.2%	69.8%
HOUSING TENURE						
Children under 18 years in occupied housing units	48,329	7,975	52,180	966,737	85,668	293,759
In owner-occupied housing units	64.3%	35.9%	21.5%	74.5%	45.5%	35.0%
In renter-occupied housing units	35.7%	64.1%	78.5%	25.5%	54.5%	65.0%

Source: 2012 American Community Survey (ACS) 1-year estimates

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