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INTRODUCTION

Mandated by Article 1, Section 2 of the U.S. Constitution, the Decennial Census is a multi-billion-dollar effort by the U.S. Census Bureau to provide an accurate count of the country's population every ten years. Data collected through the Decennial Census also provide the basis for determining the numbers of seats each state has in the U.S. House of Representatives and distributing billions of dollars in federal funds to local communities.

The Decennial Census collects several basic demographic and housing characteristics: population, race, Hispanic or Latino origin, housing occupancy (occupied or vacant), voting age population, and group quarters population. Detailed characteristics are collected through the American Community Survey.

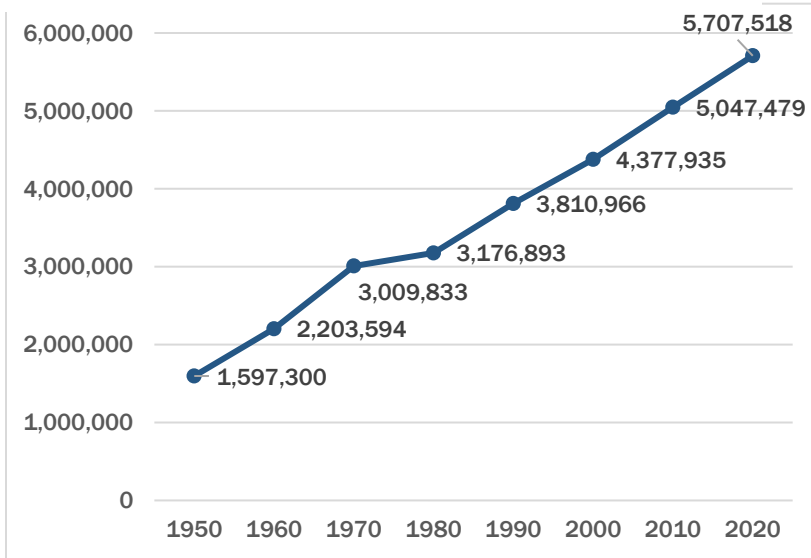
This report explores 2020 Census data and was compiled from the Public Law 94-171 congressional redistricting data—the first information released from the 2020 Census.

Map 1: COG Member Governments



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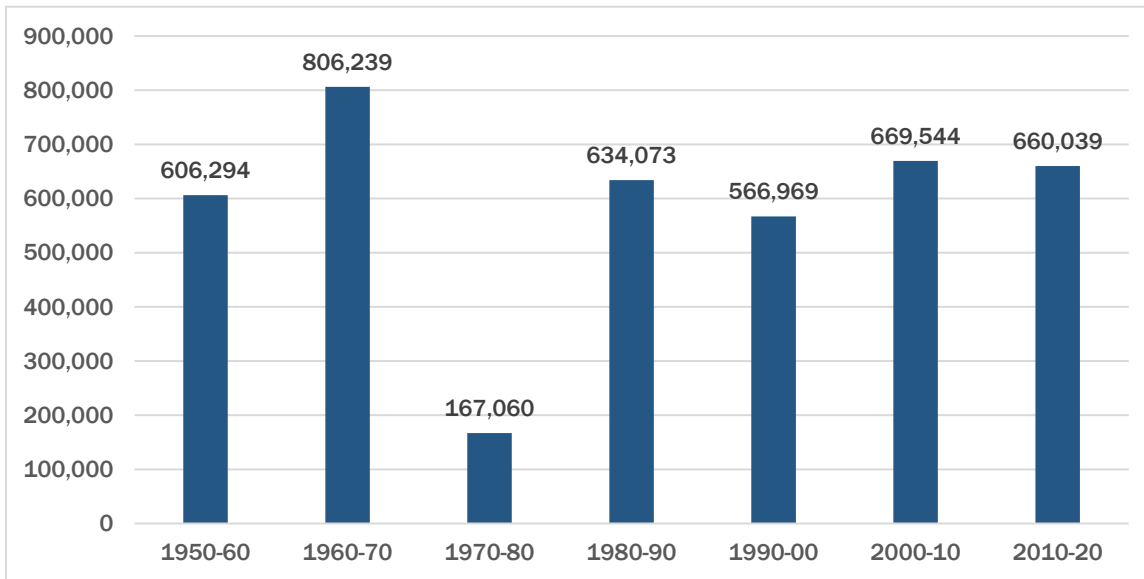
Figure 1: Total Population, COG Region, 1950 - 2020



According to the U.S. Census Bureau, between 2010 and 2020, the COG region added more than 660,000 people.

Source: 2020 Census and historic COG Decennial Census data

Figure 2: Population Change by Decade, COG Region, 1950 - 2020



Source: 2020 Census and historic COG Decennial Census data

2020 CENSUS POPULATION

Table 1: 2020 Census Population by COG Member Jurisdiction

COG Member Jurisdictions	2020 Population	COG Member Jurisdictions	2020 Population
District of Columbia	689,545	Arlington County	238,643
Charles County	166,617	Fairfax County	1,150,309
Frederick County	271,717	Loudoun County	420,959
City of Frederick ¹	78,171	Prince William County	482,204
Montgomery County	1,062,061	City of Alexandria	159,467
City of Gaithersburg ¹	69,657	City of Fairfax	24,146
City of Rockville ¹	67,117	City of Falls Church	14,658
City of Takoma Park ¹	17,629	City of Manassas	42,772
Prince George's County	967,201	City of Manassas Park	17,219
City of Bowie ¹	58,329	Northern Virginia	2,550,377
City of College Park ¹	34,740		
City of Greenbelt ¹	24,921		
City of Hyattsville ¹	21,187		
City of Laurel ¹	30,060		
Town of Bladensburg ¹	9,657	COG Region	5,707,518
Maryland Suburbs	2,467,596	Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, VA-MD-WV MSA	6,385,162

Source: 2020 Census PL 94-171 Redistricting Data
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Figure 3: Share of Population by State Subregion

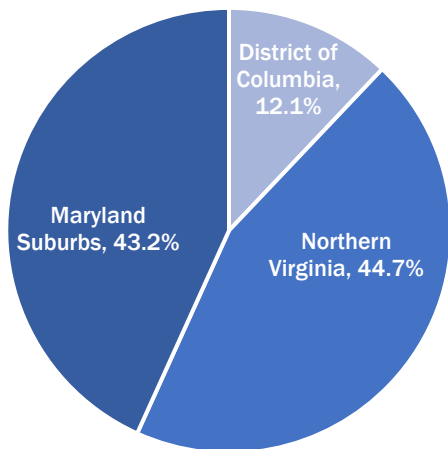
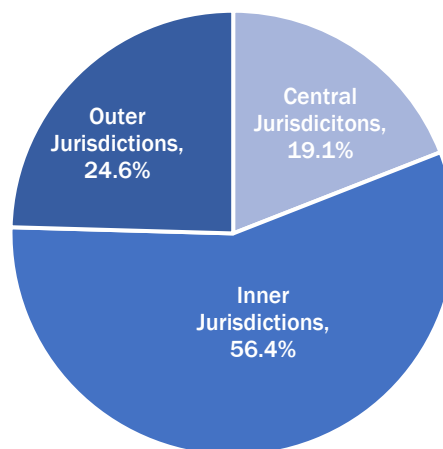


Figure 4: Share of Population by Geographic Subregion



Source: 2020 Census Data

On April 1, 2020—Census Day—the population of the COG region totaled 5,707,518 people. With a total population of 1,150,309, Fairfax County is the most populous jurisdiction, followed by Montgomery County (1,062,061), and Prince George's County (967,201).

REGION'S POPULATION GREW BY 13.1 PERCENT OVER THE LAST DECADE

Table 2: Population Change 2010 to 2020 by COG Member Jurisdiction

COG Member Jurisdictions	2020 Population	Population Change 2010 to 2020		Share of Regional Growth
District of Columbia	689,545	87,822	14.6%	13.3%
Charles County	166,617	20,066	13.7%	3.0%
Frederick County	271,717	38,332	16.4%	5.8%
City of Frederick ¹	78,171	12,932	19.8%	2.0%
Montgomery County	1,062,061	90,284	9.3%	13.7%
City of Gaithersburg ¹	69,657	9,724	16.2%	1.5%
City of Rockville ¹	67,117	5,908	9.7%	0.9%
City of Takoma Park ¹	17,629	914	5.5%	0.1%
Prince George's County	967,201	103,781	12.0%	15.7%
City of Bowie ¹	58,329	3,602	6.6%	0.5%
City of College Park ¹	34,740	4,327	14.2%	0.7%
City of Greenbelt ¹	24,921	1,853	8.0%	0.3%
City of Hyattsville ¹	21,187	3,630	20.7%	0.5%
City of Laurel ¹	30,060	4,945	19.7%	0.7%
Town of Bladensburg ¹	9,657	509	5.6%	0.1%
Maryland Suburbs	2,467,596	252,463	11.4%	38.2%
Arlington County	238,643	31,016	14.9%	4.7%
Fairfax County	1,150,309	68,583	6.3%	10.4%
Loudoun County	420,959	108,648	34.8%	16.5%
Prince William County	482,204	80,202	20.0%	12.2%
City of Alexandria	159,467	19,501	13.9%	3.0%
City of Fairfax	24,146	1,581	7.0%	0.2%
City of Falls Church	14,658	2,326	18.9%	0.4%
City of Manassas	42,772	4,951	13.1%	0.8%
City of Manassas Park	17,219	2,946	20.6%	0.4%
Northern Virginia	2,550,377	319,754	14.3%	48.4%
COG Region	5,707,518	660,039	13.1%	100.0%
Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV MSA	6,385,162	735,622	13.0%	100.0%

Source: 2020 Census PL 94-171 Redistricting Data

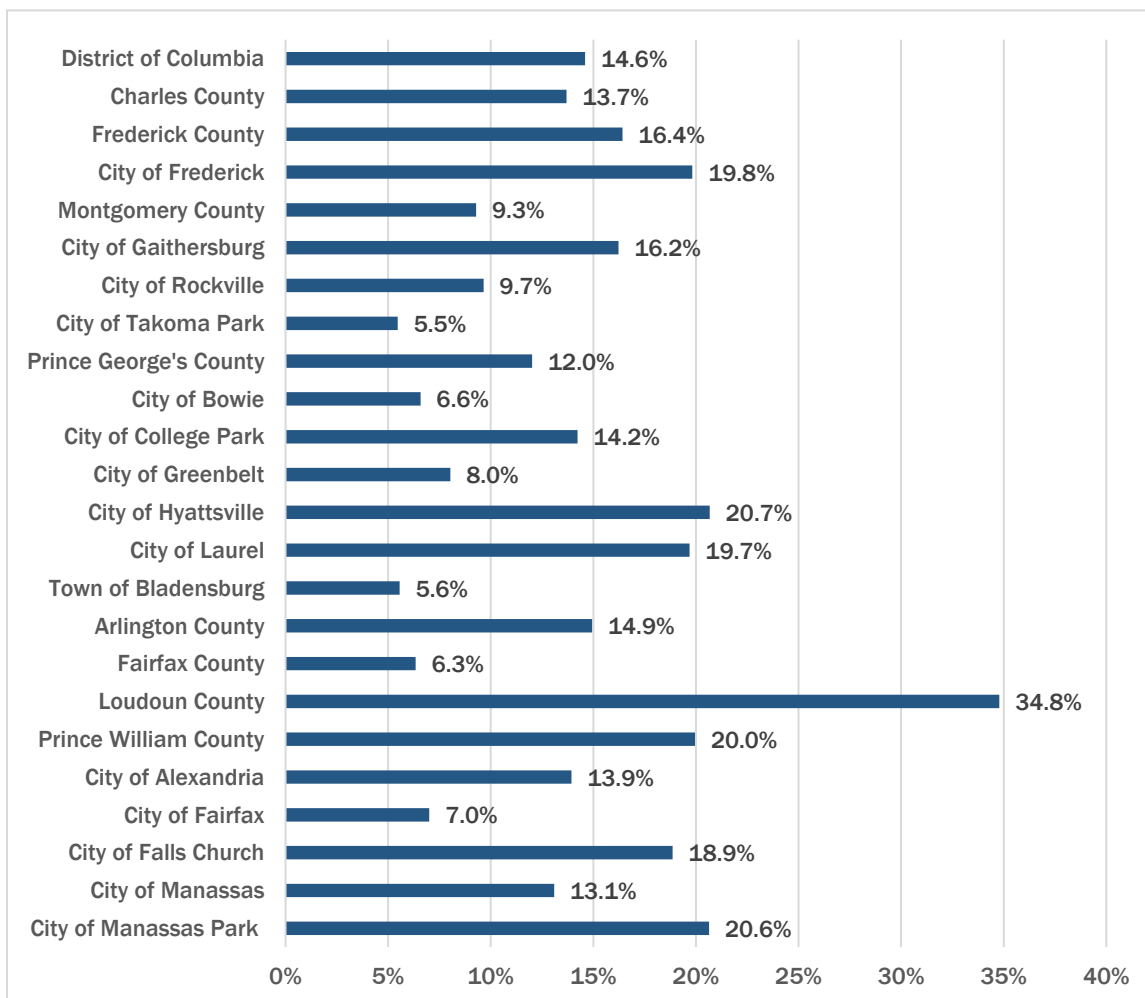
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Between 2010 and 2020, the population of the COG region gained more than 660,039 people, an increase of about 13.1 percent. No COG member jurisdiction lost population between 2010 and 2020. At the national level, the United States gained more than 22.7 million people or 7.4 percent.

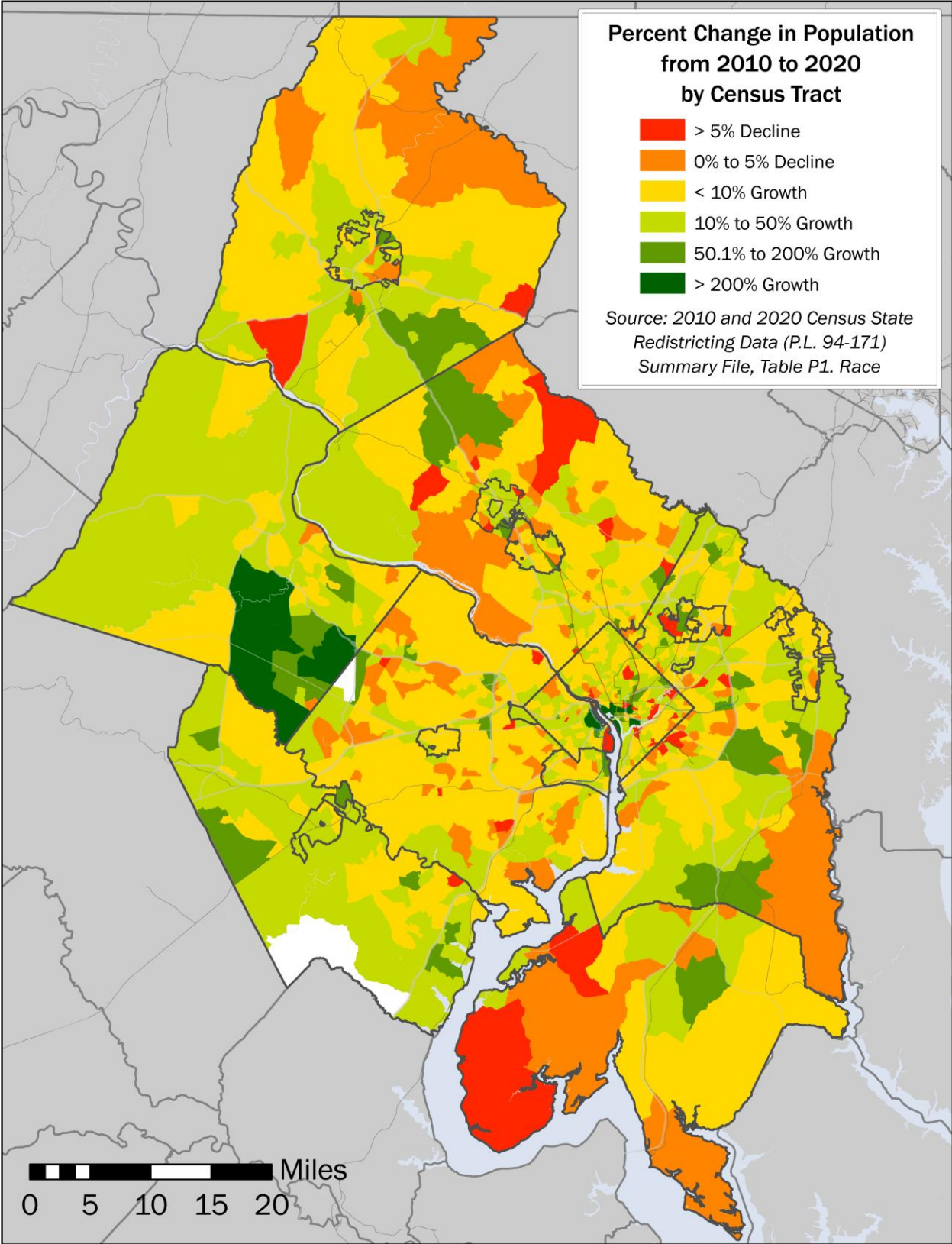
Northern Virginia accounted for nearly half of the region's population growth. The Maryland suburbs and the District of Columbia accounted for about 38 percent and 13 percent of regional growth, respectively. Population growth varied widely by jurisdiction, with the fastest rates of change in the region's suburbs. Loudoun County had the largest proportional growth, with an increase of 35 percent between 2010 and 2020, about 17 percent of total regional growth.

- The three largest jurisdictions in the COG region are Fairfax County (1,150,309), Montgomery County (1,062,061), and Prince George’s County (967,201).
- The three smallest jurisdictions in the COG region are the City of Manassas Park (17,219), the City of Falls Church (14,658), and the Town of Bladensburg (9,657).
- The jurisdictions that grew the most in population (absolute number) between 2010 and 2020 were Loudoun County (+108,648), Prince George’s County (+103,781), and Montgomery County (+90,284).
- The jurisdictions that grew the most in population (percentage) between 2010 and 2020 were Loudoun County (34.8 percent), the City of Hyattsville (20.7 percent), and the City of Manassas Park (20.6 percent).

Figure 5: Local Share of Total Regional Population Change 2010 to 2020



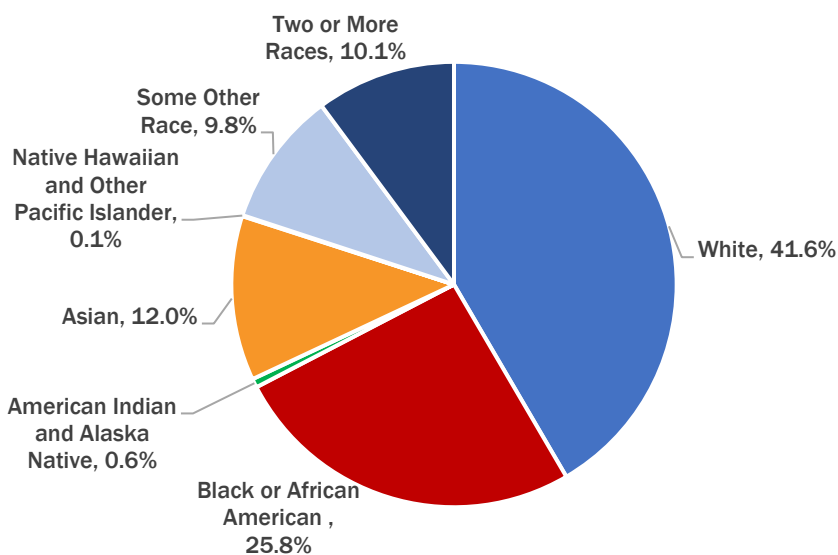
Source: 2020 Census Data



RACIAL CHANGE – LESS THAN HALF OF THE REGION’S POPULATION IS WHITE

Less than half of the region’s population is White (42 percent). Black or African American residents account for the next largest racial group at about 26 percent, followed by Asian residents at about 12 percent. Persons of American Indian and Alaska Native descent and the Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander groups each account for less than 1 percent of the region’s total population. Approximately 10 percent of the population identifies as “some other race,” and approximately 10 percent is of “two or more races.”

Figure 6: Regional Racial Breakdown



Source: 2020 Census Data

The subregions of the District of Columbia, suburban Maryland, and Northern Virginia vary widely in their respective proportions of each racial group.

- The Maryland suburbs are almost equally split between the number of White and Black or African American populations, respectively 33.7 percent and 35.9 percent. The Asian population accounts for about 9.1 percent of the population there.
- Northern Virginia’s population is nearly half White (49.8 percent) and Black or African American at 11.8 percent. The Asian population in Northern Virginia accounts for about 16.6 percent of the population.
- In the District of Columbia, the population is nearly split between the number of White and Black or African American persons, respectively 39.6 percent and 41.4 percent. The percentage of persons that identify as Asian is 4.9 percent.

Table 3: 2020 Population by Race by Jurisdiction

COG Member Jurisdictions	White	Black/African American	American Indian or Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	Some Other Race	Two or More Races
District of Columbia	273,194	285,810	3,193	33,545	432	37,294	56,077
Charles County	58,587	82,035	1,236	5,706	168	5,544	13,341
Frederick County	189,470	27,802	1,165	13,305	189	14,435	25,086
City of Frederick ¹	40,714	14,922	527	14,477	80	8,507	8,932
Montgomery County	457,783	197,077	7,036	816	610	116,786	119,262
City of Gaithersburg ¹	24,271	11,533	644	13,305	83	11,906	7,915
City of Rockville ¹	31,837	7,329	394	14,477	40	5,302	7,738
City of Takoma Park ¹	7,683	5,621	116	816	10	1,410	1,973
Prince George's County	124,863	578,703	8,935	41,875	546	139,685	72,594
City of Bowie ¹	16,904	31,207	220	2,655	24	2,726	4,593
City of College Park ¹	17,453	5,167	177	5,974	15	3,087	2,867
City of Greenbelt ¹	5,581	12,051	153	2,335	19	2,838	1,944
City of Hyattsville ¹	5,247	6,709	343	787	16	5,701	2,384
City of Laurel ¹	5,518	15,116	287	2,467	15	3,761	2,896
Town of Bladensburg ¹	570	5,252	189	128	13	2,837	668
Maryland Suburbs	830,703	885,617	18,372	224,658	1,513	276,450	230,283
Arlington County	145,293	20,875	1,565	27,443	141	17,448	25,878
Fairfax County	569,013	110,889	6,500	235,050	873	98,434	129,550
Loudoun County	225,974	30,568	1,582	89,779	263	28,136	44,657
Prince William County	200,831	97,457	3,565	50,314	600	66,345	63,092
City of Alexandria	82,185	31,903	1,004	11,354	94	15,750	17,177
City of Fairfax	13,473	1,103	145	4,537	10	2,067	2,811
City of Falls Church	10,221	576	32	1,499	11	582	1,737
City of Manassas	16,717	5,124	536	2,729	36	11,975	5,655
City of Manassas Park	5,535	2,136	174	1,835	13	5,263	2,263
Northern Virginia	1,269,242	300,631	15,103	424,540	2,041	246,000	292,820
COG Region	2,373,139	1,472,058	36,668	682,743	3,986	559,744	579,180
Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV MSA	2,844,091	1,562,340	40,077	699,266	4,609	591,072	643,407

Source: 2020 Census PL 94-171 Redistricting Data

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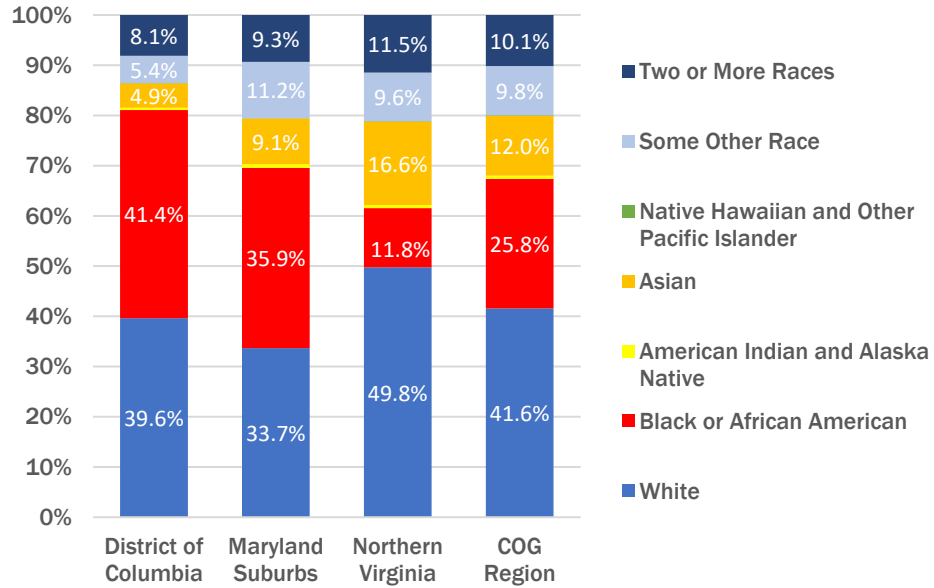
Table 4: Share of Population by Race by Jurisdiction

COG Member Jurisdictions	White	Black/African American	American Indian or Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	Some Other Race	Two or More Races
District of Columbia	39.6%	41.4%	0.5%	4.9%	0.1%	5.4%	8.1%
Charles County	35.2%	49.2%	0.7%	3.4%	0.1%	3.3%	8.0%
Frederick County	69.7%	10.2%	0.4%	5.0%	0.1%	5.3%	9.2%
City of Frederick ¹	52.1%	19.1%	0.7%	5.7%	0.1%	10.9%	11.4%
Montgomery County	43.1%	18.6%	0.7%	15.4%	0.1%	11.0%	11.2%
City of Gaithersburg ¹	34.8%	16.6%	0.9%	19.1%	0.1%	17.1%	11.4%
City of Rockville ¹	47.4%	10.9%	0.6%	21.6%	0.1%	7.9%	11.5%
City of Takoma Park ¹	43.6%	31.9%	0.7%	4.6%	0.1%	8.0%	11.2%
Prince George's County	12.9%	59.8%	0.9%	4.3%	0.1%	14.4%	7.5%
City of Bowie ¹	29.0%	53.5%	0.4%	4.6%	0.0%	4.7%	7.9%
City of College Park ¹	50.2%	14.9%	0.5%	17.2%	0.0%	8.9%	8.3%
City of Greenbelt ¹	22.4%	48.4%	0.6%	9.4%	0.1%	11.4%	7.8%
City of Hyattsville ¹	24.8%	31.7%	1.6%	3.7%	0.1%	26.9%	11.3%
City of Laurel ¹	18.4%	50.3%	1.0%	8.2%	0.0%	12.5%	9.6%
Town of Bladensburg ¹	5.9%	54.4%	2.0%	1.3%	0.1%	29.4%	6.9%
Maryland Suburbs	33.7%	35.9%	0.7%	9.1%	0.1%	11.2%	9.3%
Arlington County	60.9%	8.7%	0.7%	11.5%	0.1%	7.3%	10.8%
Fairfax County	49.5%	9.6%	0.6%	20.4	0.1%	8.6%	11.3%
Loudoun County	53.7%	7.3%	0.4%	21.3%	0.1%	6.7%	10.6%
Prince William County	41.6%	20.2%	0.7%	10.4%	0.1%	13.8%	13.1%
City of Alexandria	51.5%	20.0%	0.6%	7.1%	0.1%	9.9%	10.8%
City of Fairfax	55.8%	4.6%	0.6%	18.8%	0.0%	8.6%	11.6%
City of Falls Church	69.7%	3.9%	0.2%	10.2%	0.1%	4.0%	11.9%
City of Manassas	39.1%	12.0%	1.3%	6.4%	0.1%	28.0%	13.2%
City of Manassas Park	32.1%	12.4%	1.0%	10.7%	0.1%	30.6%	13.1%
Northern Virginia	49.8%	11.8%	0.6%	16.6%	0.1%	9.6%	11.5%
COG Region	41.6%	25.8%	0.6%	12.0%	0.1%	9.8%	10.1%
Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV MSA	44.5%	24.5%	0.6%	11.0%	0.1%	9.3%	10.1%

Source: 2020 Census PL 94-171 Redistricting Data

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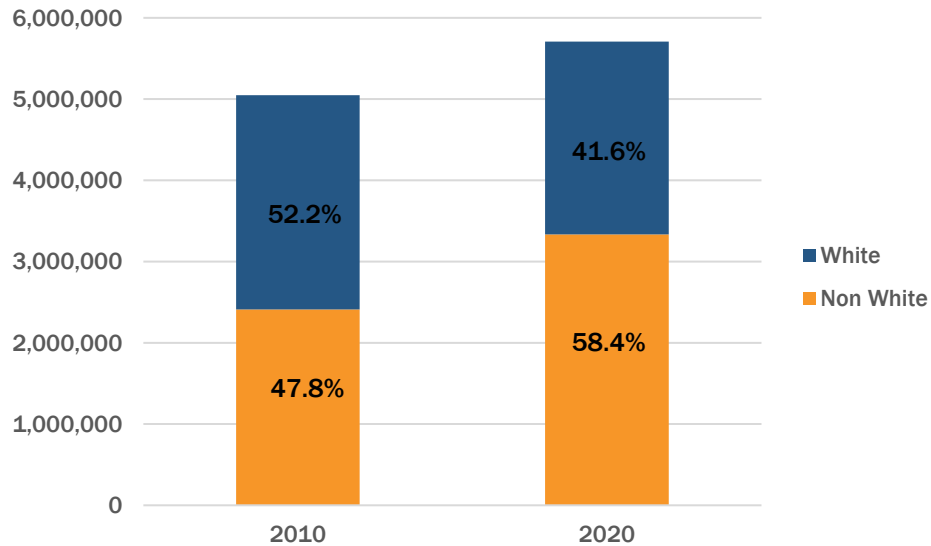
Figure 7: Racial Breakdown by State Subregion



Source: 2020 Census Data

The majority of the region’s population is no longer White, the proportion of the population that is not White increased from 47.8 percent to 58.4 percent over the ten-year period.

Figure 8: Share of Population that is Not White, 2010 and 2020



Source: 2020 Census Data

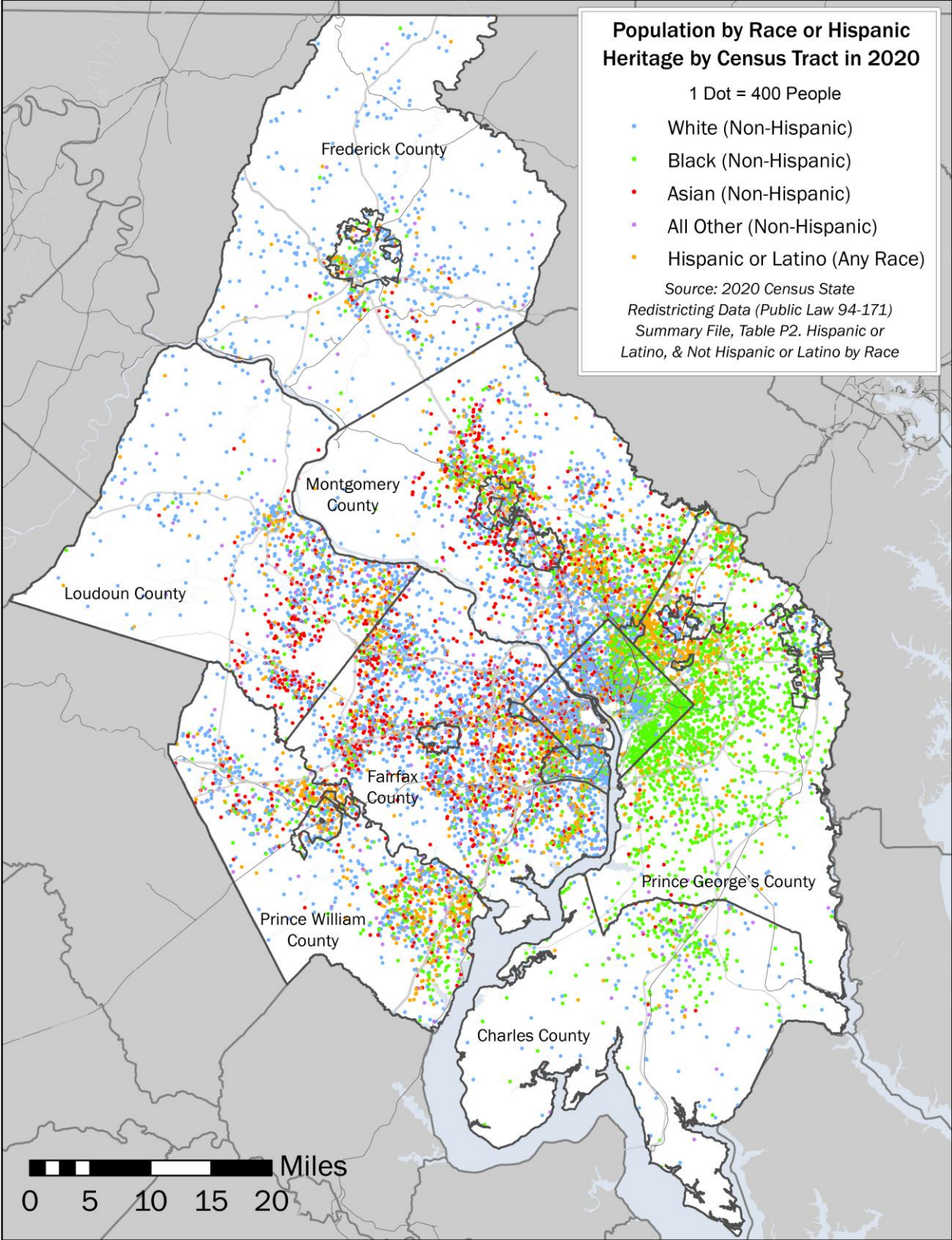
The map on page 12 shows the distribution of the five largest racial and ethnic groups throughout the region. The maps on pages 13–17 show the proportion of each of these groups by census tract.

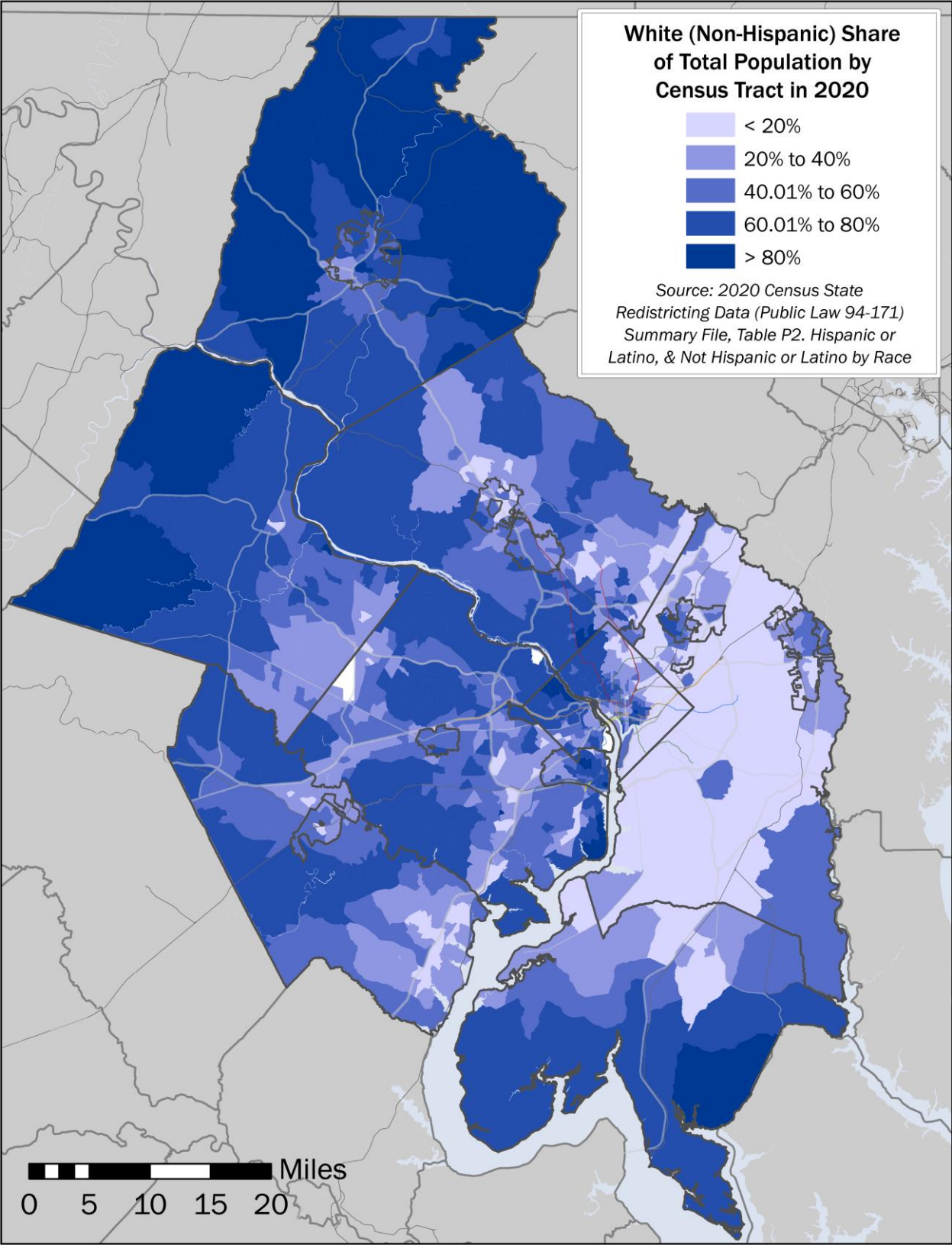
The maps highlight the degree to which the region’s different racial groups are concentrated by Census tract. Prince George’s County has the largest share of the region’s Black or African American population at approximately 39.3 percent followed by the District of Columbia at 19.4 percent. The jurisdictions with highest proportion of Black African American population relative to total population are Prince George’s County (59.8 percent) and the Town of Bladensburg (54.4 percent). Montgomery County is home to the largest number of Hispanic or Latinos in the region (217,409) while the greatest number of Asian American reside in Fairfax County (235,050).

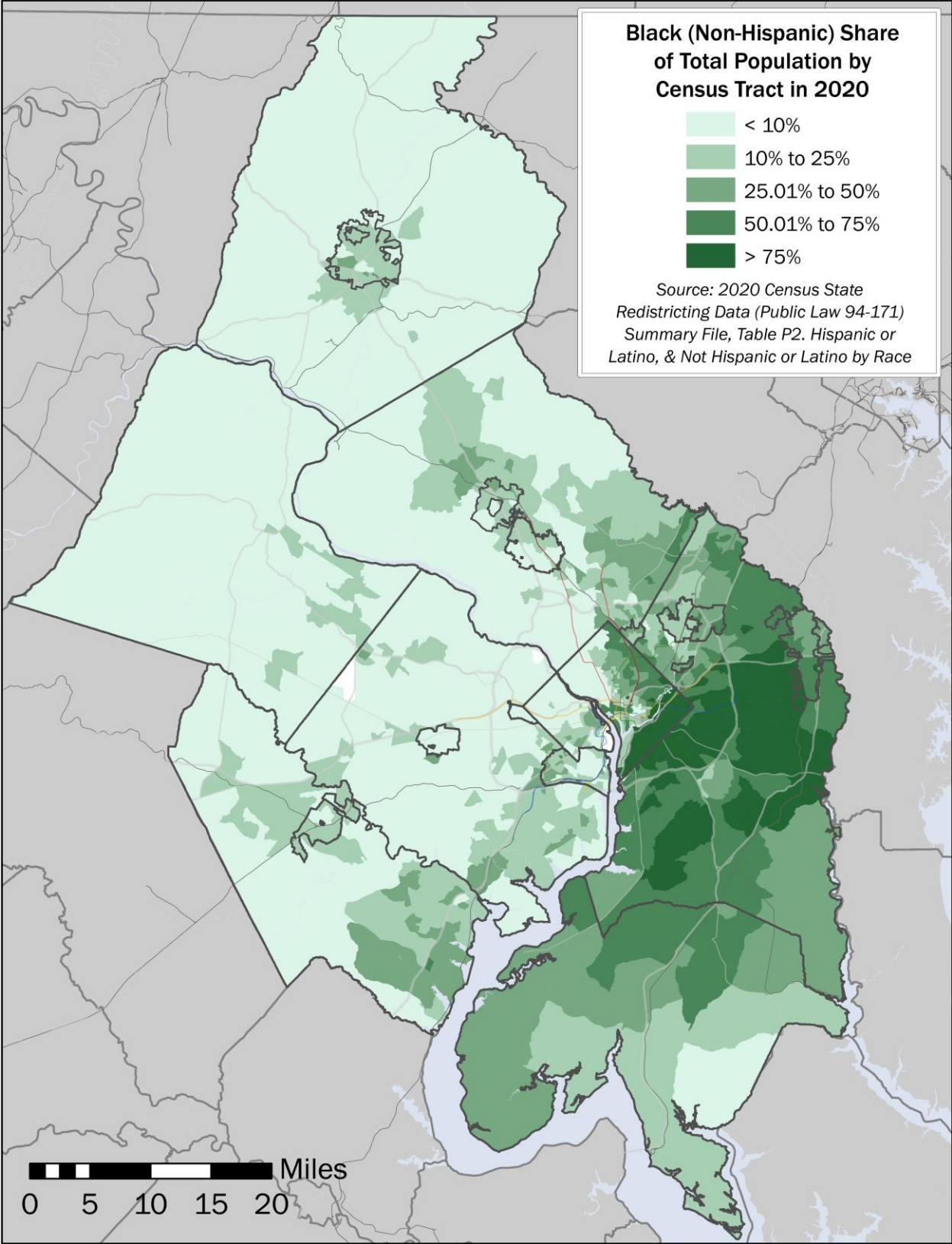


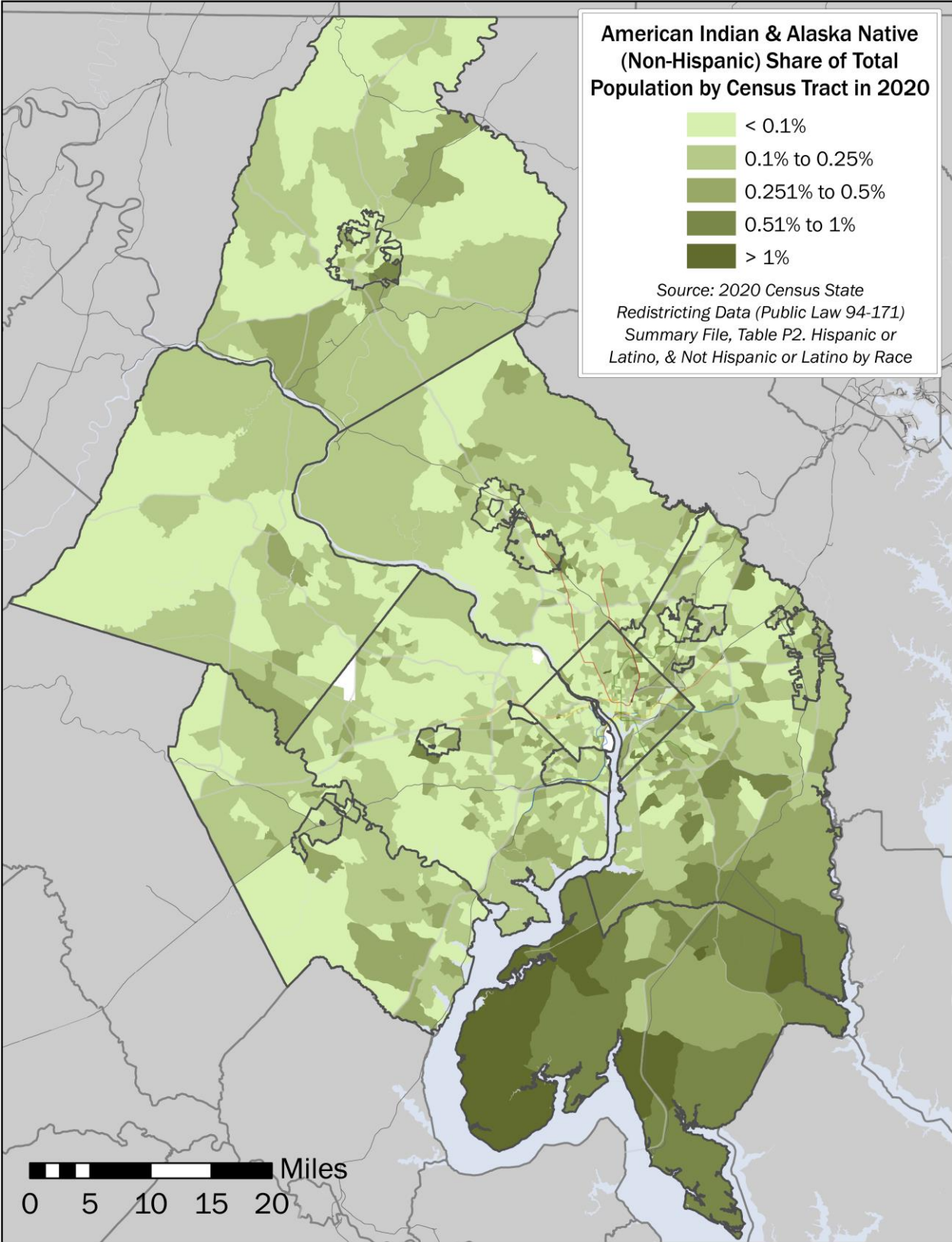
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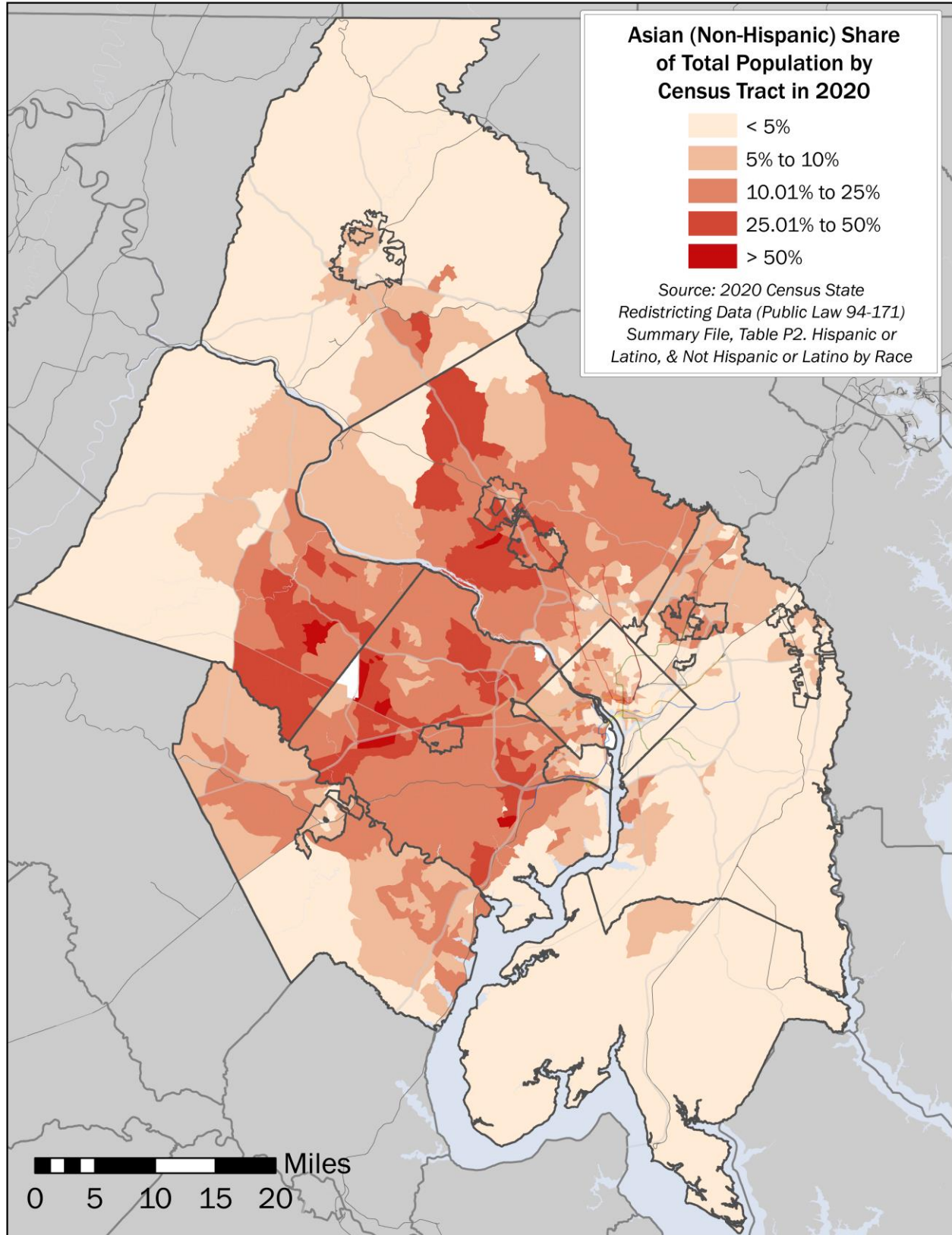
The subregions of the District of Columbia, suburban Maryland, and Northern Virginia vary widely in their respective proportions of each racial group, but overall, the region became more diverse between 2010 and 2020.

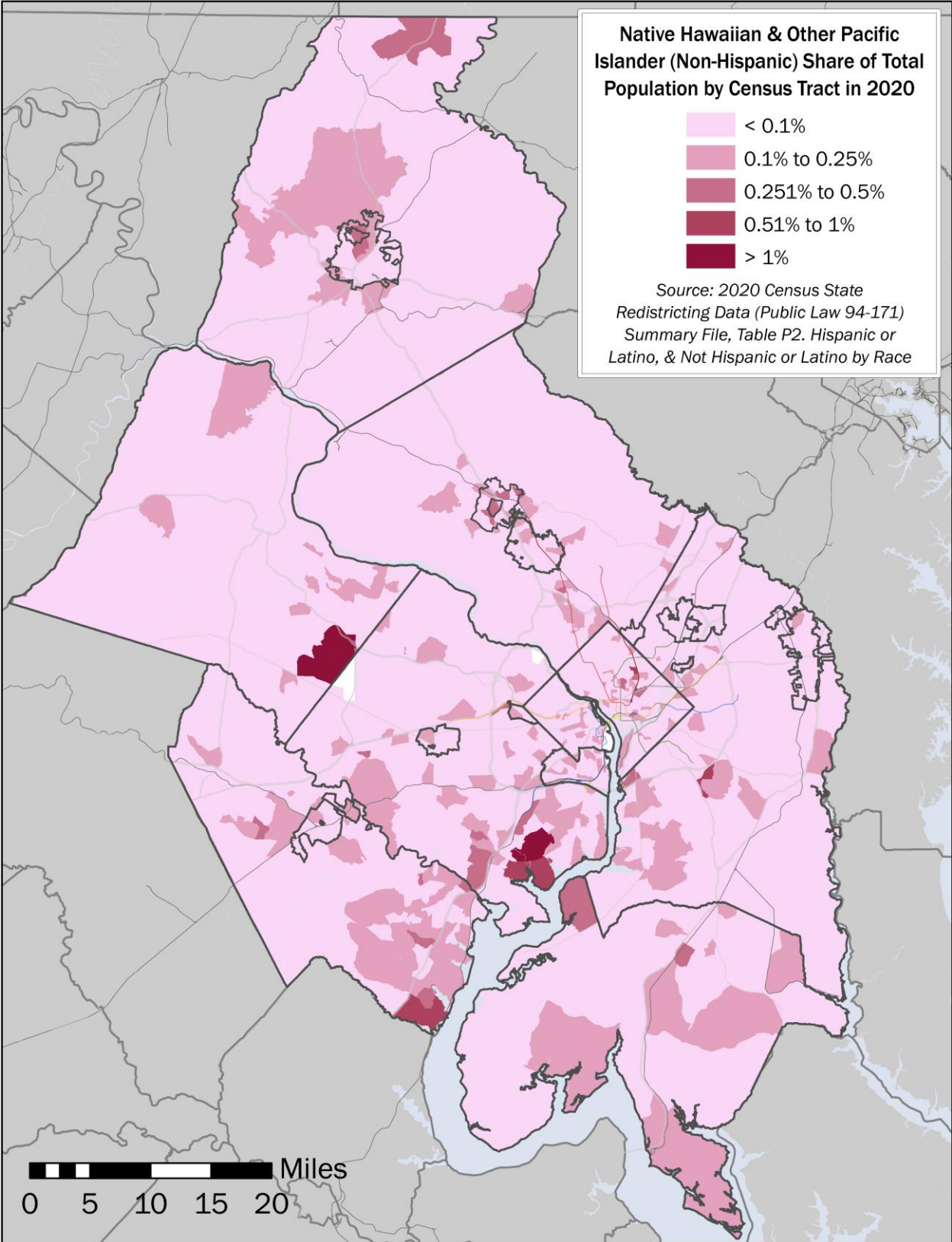












INCREASE IN NUMBER OF RESIDENTS IDENTIFYING AS MORE THAN ONE RACE OVER THE PAST DECADE

Table 4: Multiracial Population by Jurisdiction, Change Between 2010 and 2020

COG Member Jurisdictions	2020 Total Population	Multiracial Population		Change, 2010 to 2020	
		2010	2020	Number	Percent
District of Columbia	689,545	17,316	56,077	38,761	223.8%
Charles County	166,617	5,454	13,341	7,887	144.6%
Frederick County	271,717	6,464	25,086	18,622	288.1%
City of Frederick ¹	78,171	2,604	8,932	6,328	243.0%
Montgomery County	1,062,061	38,645	119,262	80,617	208.6%
City of Gaithersburg ¹	69,657	2,857	7,915	5,058	177.0%
City of Rockville ¹	67,117	2,350	7,738	5,388	229.3%
City of Takoma Park ¹	17,629	804	1,973	1,169	145.4%
Prince George's County	967,201	27,329	72,594	45,265	165.6%
City of Bowie ¹	58,329	1,946	4,593	2,647	136.0%
City of College Park ¹	34,740	1,079	2,867	1,788	165.7%
City of Greenbelt ¹	24,921	750	1,944	1,194	159.2%
City of Hyattsville ¹	21,187	807	2,384	1,577	195.4%
City of Laurel ¹	30,060	960	2,896	1,936	201.7%
Town of Bladensburg ¹	9,657	246	668	422	171.5%
Maryland Suburbs	2,467,596	77,892	230,283	152,391	195.6%
Arlington County	238,643	7,777	17,448	9,671	124.4%
Fairfax County	1,150,309	43,915	98,434	54,519	124.1%
Loudoun County	420,959	12,575	28,136	15,561	123.7%
Prince William County	482,204	20,500	66,345	45,845	223.6%
City of Alexandria	159,467	5,225	15,750	10,525	201.4%
City of Fairfax	24,146	908	2,067	1,159	127.6%
City of Falls Church	14,658	489	582	93	19.0%
City of Manassas	42,772	1,629	11,975	10,346	635.1%
City of Manassas Park	17,219	775	5,263	4,488	579.1%
Northern Virginia	2,550,377	93,793	246,000	152,207	162.3%
COG Region	5,707,518	189,001	532,360	343,359	181.7%
Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV MSA	6,385,162	193,594	572,923	379,329	195.9%

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The 2020 Census was the third consecutive enumeration in which residents could indicate they were of more than one race. As of 2020, 532,360 people, or 9.3 percent of the region's population was multiracial. Between 2010 and 2020, the multiracial population increased by 343,359, or 182 percent. Montgomery County had the greatest absolute increase in multiracial population (+80,617), while the City of Manassas had the greatest percentage increase (approximately 635 percent).

HISPANIC OR LATINO POPULATION GREW 39 PERCENT BETWEEN 2010 AND 2020

Between 2010 and 2020, the population identifying as Hispanic or Latino in the region increased. The region had an overall increase of 287,384 persons or 39 percent over 2010. The Hispanic or Latino population increased in all jurisdictions, but no jurisdiction doubled in Hispanic or Latino population like the growth seen between 2000 and 2010.

Table 5: Hispanic or Latino Population Change Between 2010 and 2020

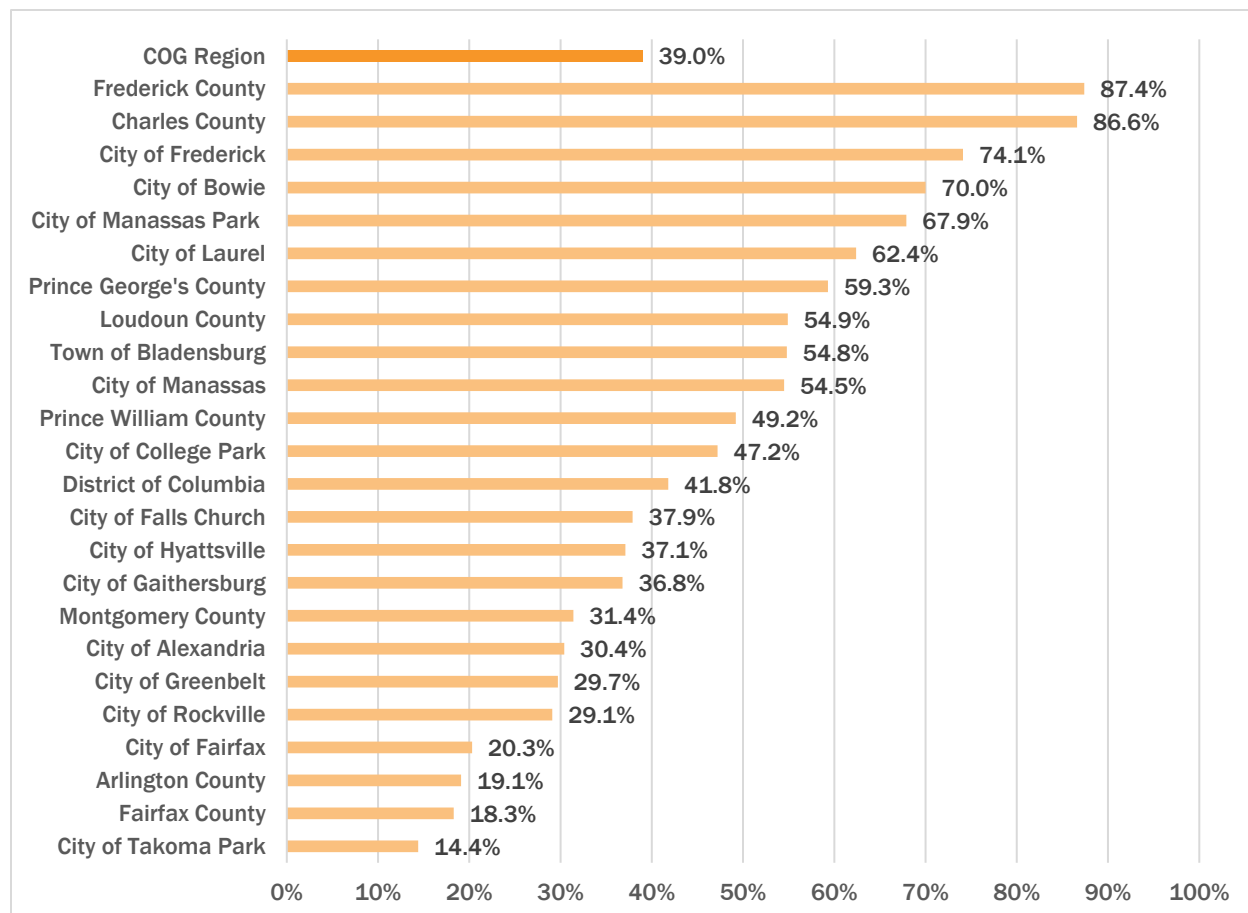
COG Member Jurisdictions	2020 Total Population	Hispanic or Latino Population		Change, 2010 to 2020	
		2010	2020	Number	Percent
District of Columbia	689,545	54,749	77,652	22,903	41.8%
Charles County	166,617	6,259	11,677	5,418	86.6%
Frederick County	271,717	17,135	32,119	14,984	87.4%
City of Frederick ¹	78,171	9,402	16,368	6,966	74.1%
Montgomery County	1,062,061	165,398	217,409	52,011	31.4%
City of Gaithersburg ¹	69,657	14,499	19,834	5,335	36.8%
City of Rockville ¹	67,117	8,781	11,334	2,553	29.1%
City of Takoma Park ¹	17,629	2,417	2,764	347	14.4%
Prince George's County	967,201	128,972	205,463	76,491	59.3%
City of Bowie ¹	58,329	3,086	5,246	2,160	70.0%
City of College Park ¹	34,740	3,621	5,329	1,708	47.2%
City of Greenbelt ¹	24,921	3,301	4,280	979	29.7%
City of Hyattsville ¹	21,187	5,972	8,186	2,214	37.1%
City of Laurel ¹	30,060	3,886	6,309	2,423	62.4%
Town of Bladensburg ¹	9,657	2,463	3,812	1,349	54.8%
Maryland Suburbs	2,467,596	317,764	466,668	148,904	46.9%
Arlington County	238,643	31,382	37,362	5,980	19.1%
Fairfax County	1,150,309	168,482	199,234	30,752	18.3%
Loudoun County	420,959	38,576	59,744	21,168	54.9%
Prince William County	482,204	81,460	121,524	40,064	49.2%
City of Alexandria	159,467	22,524	29,372	6,848	30.4%
City of Fairfax	24,146	3,556	4,278	722	20.3%
City of Falls Church	14,658	1,109	1,529	420	37.9%
City of Manassas	42,772	11,876	18,345	6,469	54.5%
City of Manassas Park	17,219	4,645	7,799	3,154	67.9%
Northern Virginia	2,550,377	363,610	479,187	115,577	31.8%
COG Region	5,707,518	736,123	1,023,507	287,384	39.0%
Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV MSA	6,385,162	741,369	1,094,950	353,581	47.7%

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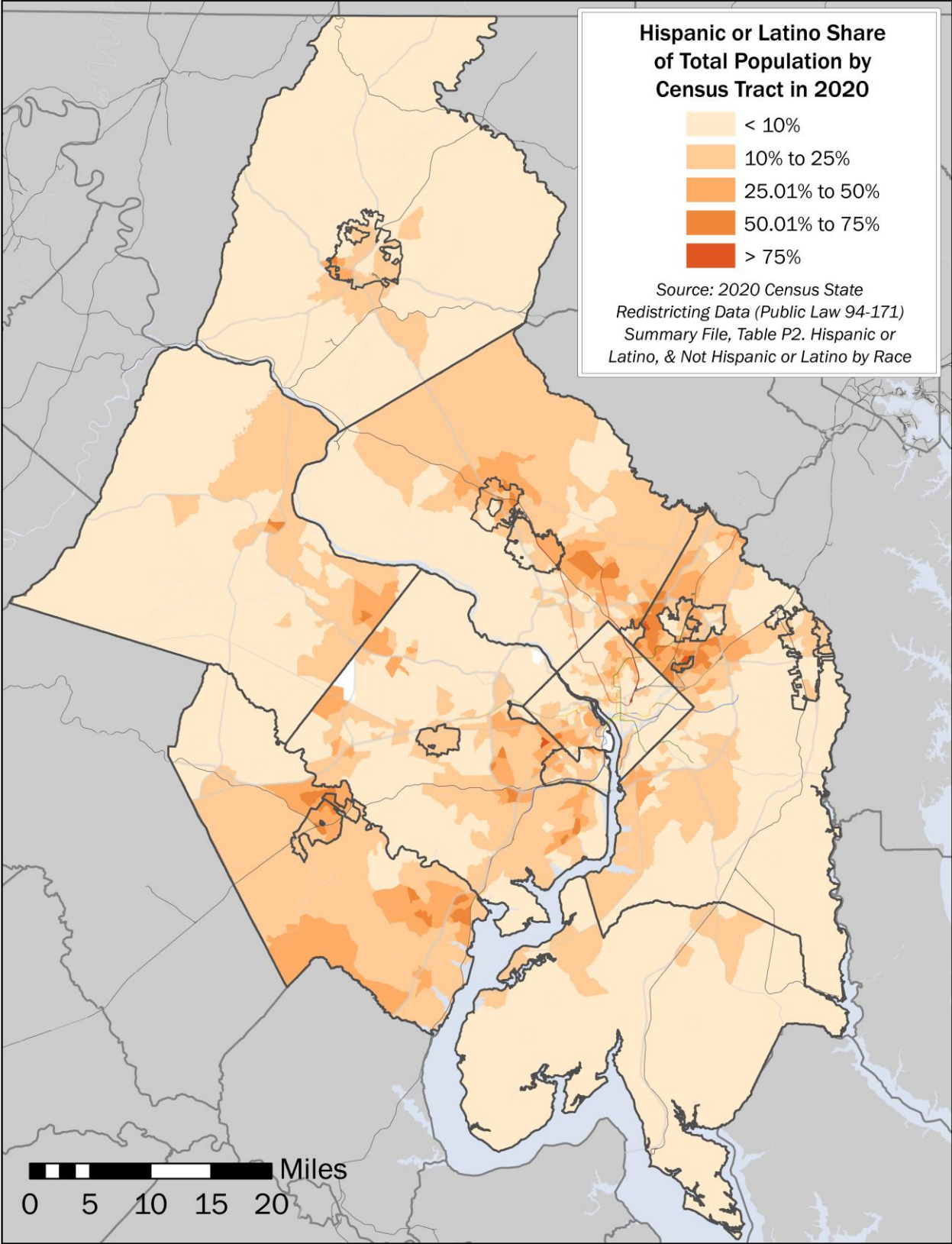
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- Prince George’s County had the largest absolute change, with an increase of 76,491 persons of Hispanic or Latino origin. Frederick County had the highest proportional increase with a gain of more than 87 percent over 2010 levels.
- The three largest jurisdictions in the COG region with respect to Hispanic or Latino population are Montgomery County (217,409 or 21.2 percent of the population), Prince George’s County (205,463 or 20.1 percent), and Fairfax County (199,234 or 19.5 percent).
- The three jurisdictions with the least amount of Hispanic or Latino population are the Town of Bladensburg (3,812 or 0.4 percent of the population), the City of Takoma Park (2,764 or 0.3 percent), and the City of Falls Church (1,529 or 0.1%).

Figure 9: Percent Change in Hispanic or Latino Population, 2010 to 2020

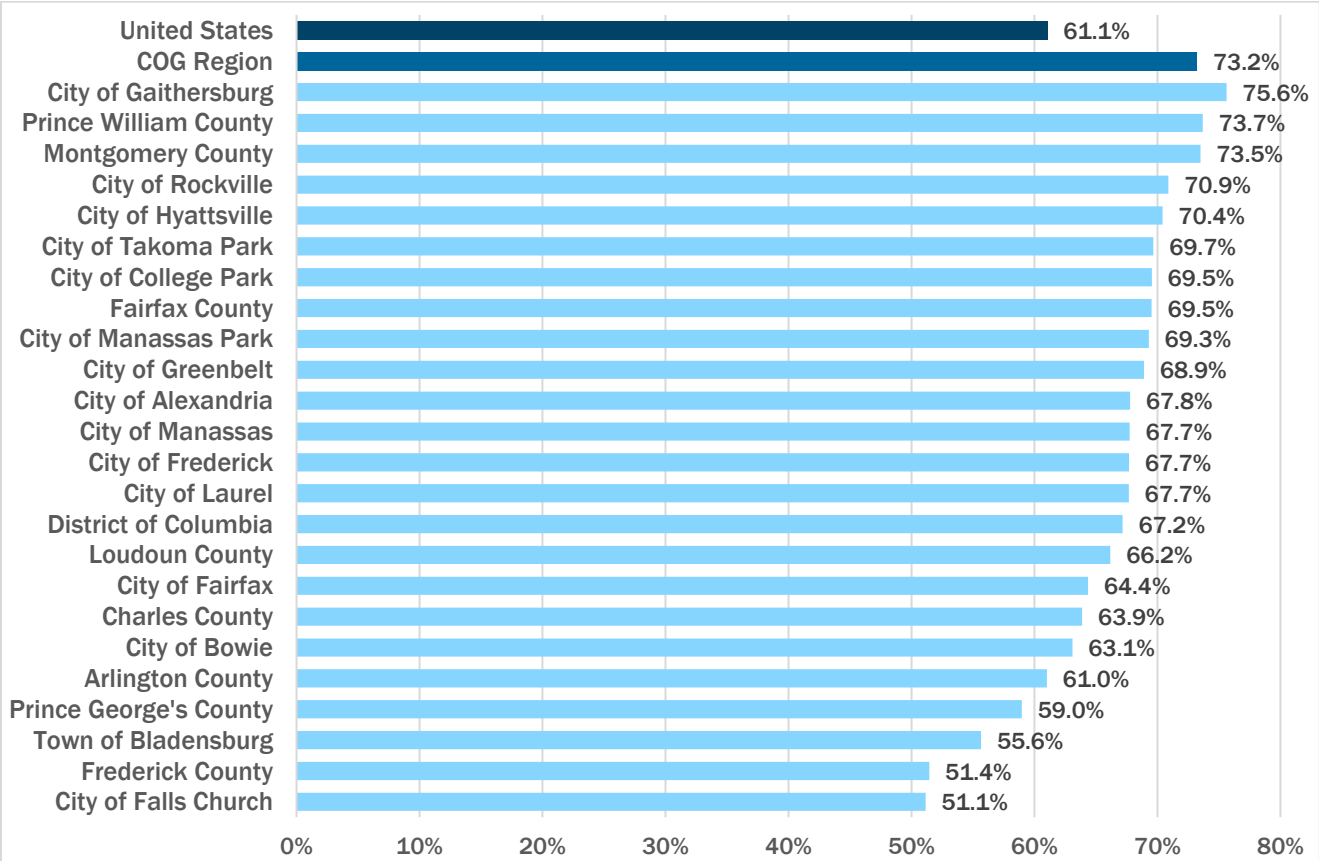


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MEASURING DIVERSITY

Figure 10: National and Local Population Diversity as Determined by Census Calculations



Source: 2020 Census Data

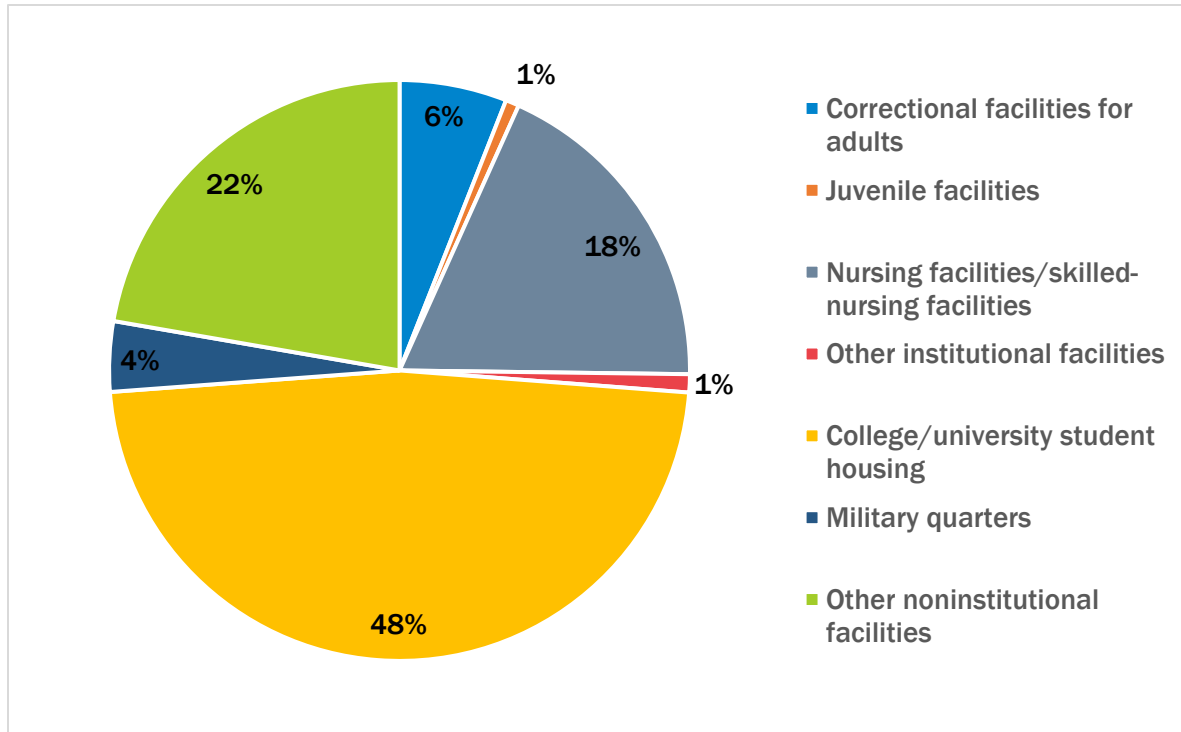
The Census Bureau defines diversity as “... the representation and relative size of different racial and ethnic groups within a population...,” or the chance that two people chosen at random were from different race and ethnicity groups. Using this approach, the Bureau determined that the District of Columbia and the state of Maryland are the 4th and 5th most-diverse states in the nation (Virginia is 13th), and Prince William County is the 10th most-diverse county in the United States.

Staff calculated the Census diversity measure for all COG member jurisdictions as shown in the chart above. Nearly all COG jurisdictions meet or exceed the national measure for population diversity.

More information on the Census Bureau’s Diversity Index methodology can be found on [census.gov](https://www.census.gov).

GROUP QUARTERS POPULATION

Figure 11: Group Quarters Population by Type, COG Region

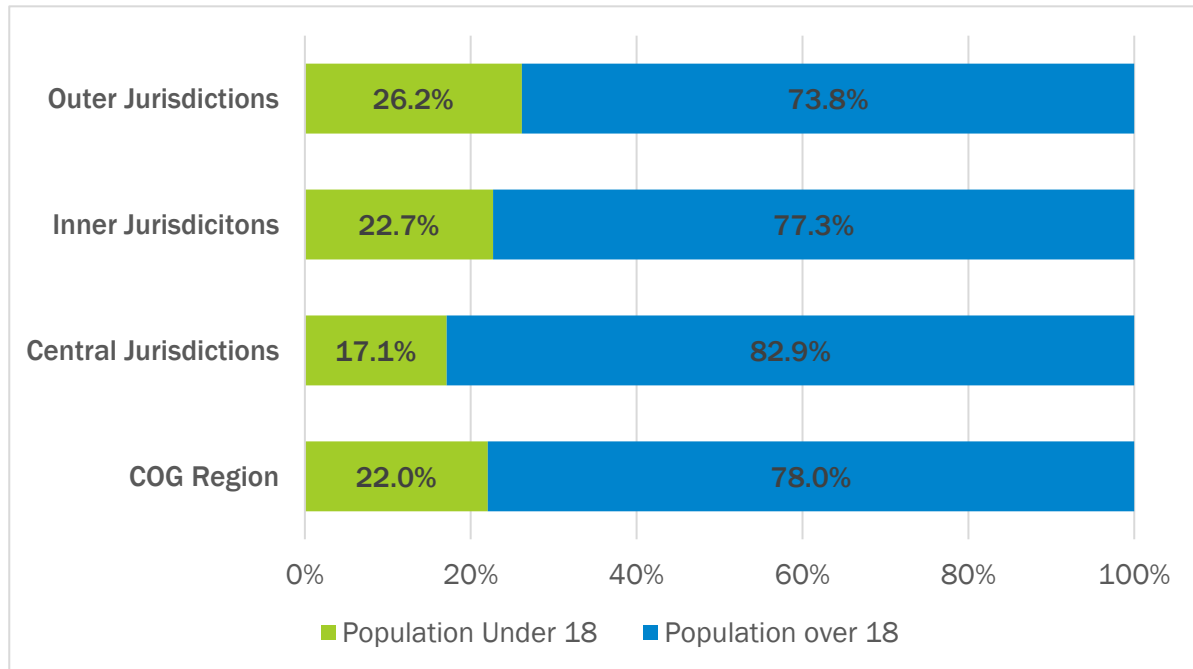


Source: 2020 Census Data

The Census Bureau breaks total population into two categories: Household Population and Group Quarters Population. Most people living in the United States live in something called a “housing unit.” This includes dwellings such as houses, apartments, and mobile homes. In some instances, not everyone lives in a housing unit. The Census Bureau defines Group Quarters as “places where people live or stay in a group living arrangement that is owned or managed by an organization providing housing and/or services for the residents.” Based on the 2020 Census, 96,538 people or 1.7 percent of the COG region lived in a Group Quarter arrangement. The majority - 45,956 people or 48 percent of this population are students living in college/university housing.

VOTING AGE POPULATION

Figure 12: Voting Age Population for Geographic Subregion and COG Region, 2020 Census



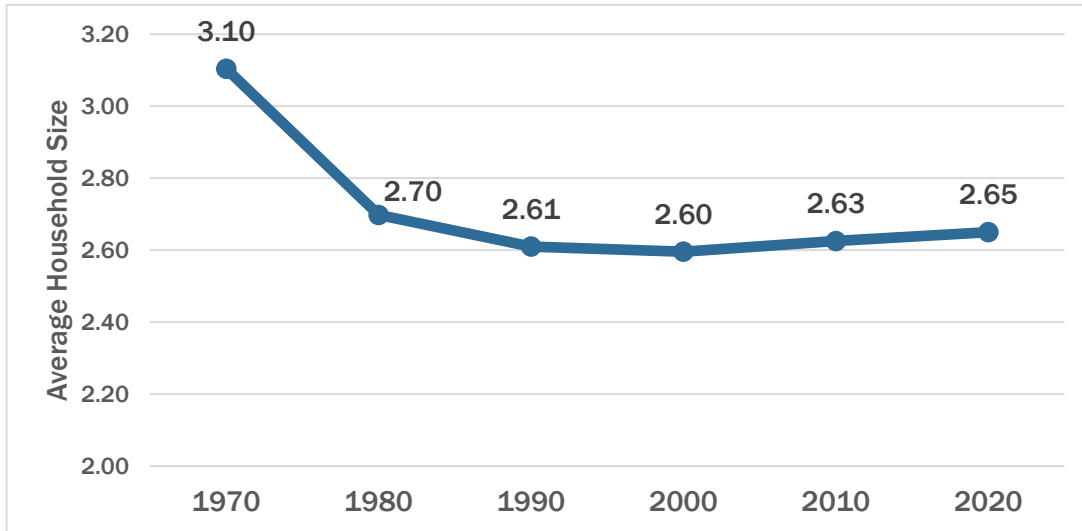
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As mandated by the Constitution, the Census PL94-171 data provide counts of the population above and below 18 years of age for legislative redistricting. These data also provide an initial insight into the region's overall age composition, showing the shares of 'voting age' compared to 'school age' populations.

Figure 12 shows the variation in population by these broad age groups for the region and Central, Inner, and Outer Jurisdictions. According to the Census data, 78 percent of the region's population is 18 years or older. Also noteworthy is the variation by subregion, particularly in the Outer Suburbs where more than 1 in 4 persons is below 18 or 'school age'.

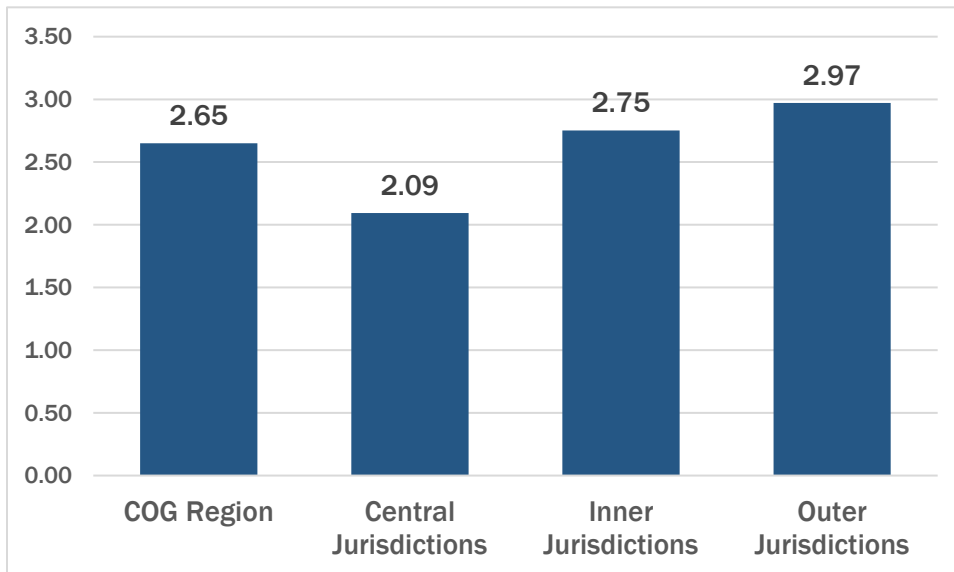
AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD SIZE

Figure 13: Average Household Size (Persons Per Unit) for the COG Region, 1970 - 2020



Source: 2020 Census and historic COG Decennial Census data

Figure 14: Average Household Size by Geographic Subregion, 2020



Source: 2020 Census Data

Figure 13 shows the 50-year trend in average household size or persons per housing unit.

The region's household size plunged dramatically during the 1970s and continued to decline slowly through the end of the century.

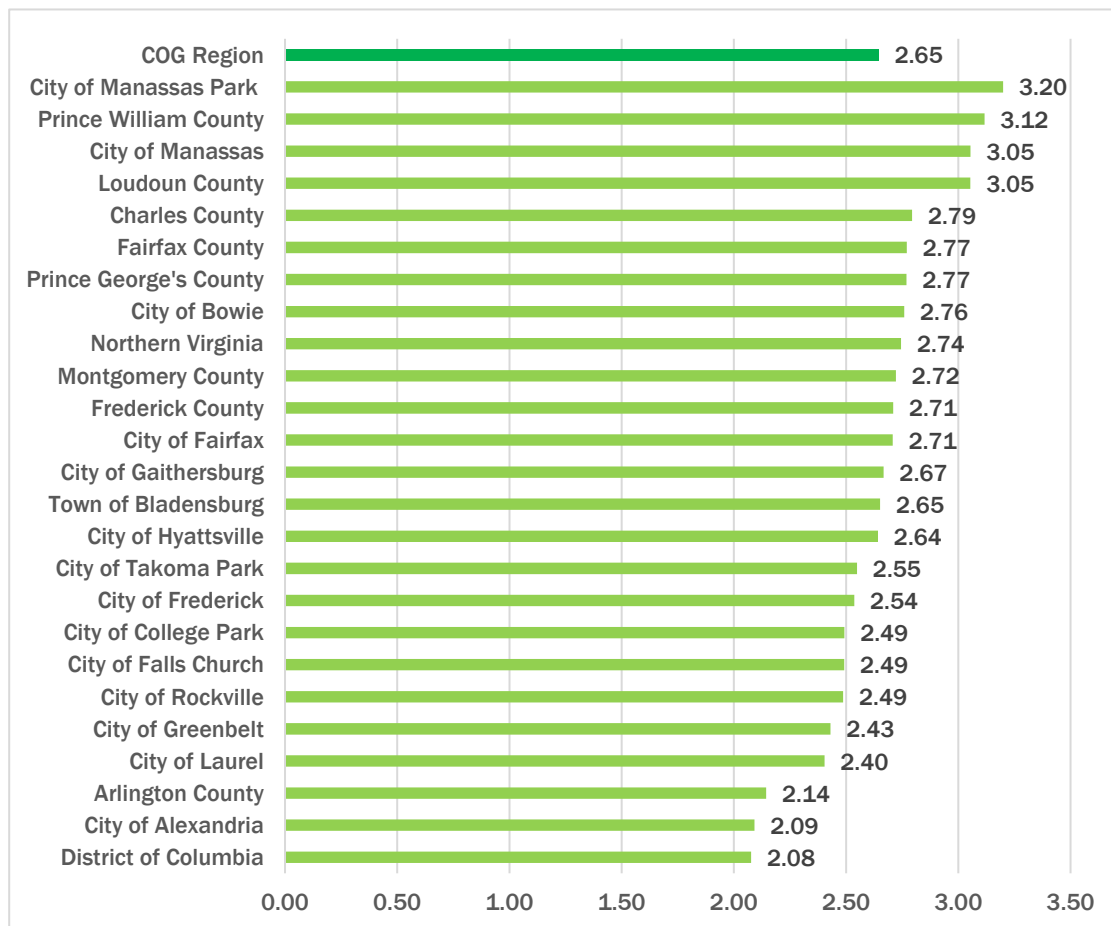
Since 2000, average household size in the region has been increasing slightly with each Census, reflecting the growing diversity of our population, with historically larger family sizes, and more multi-generational households.

To calculate Average Household Size (AHS), we first determine household population by subtracting group quarters (college students, nursing homes, etc.) from "total" population. We divide the household population by the number of occupied housings units (households).

AHS varies among the COG Region (2.65), the Central Jurisdictions had the smallest AHS at 2.09, followed by the Inner Jurisdictions at 2.75 and the Outer Jurisdictions 2.97.

Among the COG jurisdictions, the District of Columbia had the smallest AHS at 2.08, and the City of Manassas Park had the largest at 3.20.

Figure 15: Average Household Size by COG Jurisdiction, 2020



Source: 2020 Census Data

CONCLUSION

Census data helps provide a clearer picture of the region, informing many facets of COG's work alongside its members. For example, throughout the last year, COG and its members have been considering how to prioritize and invest in communities who have been traditionally underserved as the region responds to and recovers from COVID-19 and shifts its attention to 2030 and beyond. The 2020 Census revealed several characteristics as documented in *Our Changing Region*, which COG will continue to track and analyze.

Population and Growth Rate

Metropolitan Washington continued to grow steadily throughout the 2010 to 2020 decade, though slightly less than during the previous decade. The population of the COG region totaled 5,707,518 people on April 1, 2020. The region grew by more than 660,000 people from 2010 to 2020, compared to 669,544 people the prior decade.

While the strongest growth was captured in some of the region's outer suburbs—particularly Loudoun County, Hyattsville, and Manassas Park—all COG member jurisdictions recorded population gain between 2010 and 2020. Northern Virginia and suburban Maryland jurisdictions saw similar growth, comprising 44.7 percent and 43.2 percent of the 2020 regional total respectively, while the District of Columbia accounted for 19.1 percent

Race and Ethnicity

Overall, the region became more diverse between 2010 and 2020. The region is comprised of: White (41.6 percent), Black or African American (25.8 percent), American Indian and Alaska Native (0.6 percent), Asian (12.0 percent), Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander (0.1 percent), Some Other Race (9.8 percent), and Two or More Races (10.1 percent).

The number of people that identify as either Hispanic or Latino increased from about 736,000 people in 2010 to nearly one million in 2020. Each jurisdiction saw an increase in its Hispanic and Latino population, but not nearly as much growth as seen in the 2000 to 2010 period. The local share of the region's Hispanic or Latino population was split similarly between the Northern Virginia and the Maryland suburb jurisdictions, respectively at 46.8 percent and 45.6 percent, followed by the District of Columbia at 7.6 percent. Based on the Census Bureau's Diversity Index methodology, the COG Region's score was 73.2 percent and nearly all of the COG member jurisdictions met or exceeded the national score of 61.1 percent.

Group Quarters Population, Voting Age Population, and Average Household Size

The COG Region's Group Quarters Population only composed 1.7 percent of the region's population at 96,538 people. According to the Census data, 78 percent of the region's population is 18 years or older. Since 2000, average household size in the region has been increasing slightly with each Census and in 2020 was 2.65 (persons per household).

RECOGNIZING LOCAL COMPLETE COUNT EFFORTS

As local governments planned their strategies for conducting a complete, accurate count, COG, city and county managers, and area census directors shared information and looked for ways to support these efforts at the regional level.

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