

Nearly 1.2 million people in COG Region Enrolled in School



Welcome to the third in a series of COG Census 2000 reports.

The third issue of "Our Changing Region" is based on the Profile of Selected Social Characteristics from Census 2000, which is the information compiled from the questions asked of a sample of housing units and people in group quarters (e.g. college dormitories). The Profile of Selected Social Characteristics sample population items include school enrollment, educational attainment, marital status, grandparents as caregivers, veteran status, disability status, residence, nativity and place of birth, region of birth of foreign born, language spoken at home and ancestry.

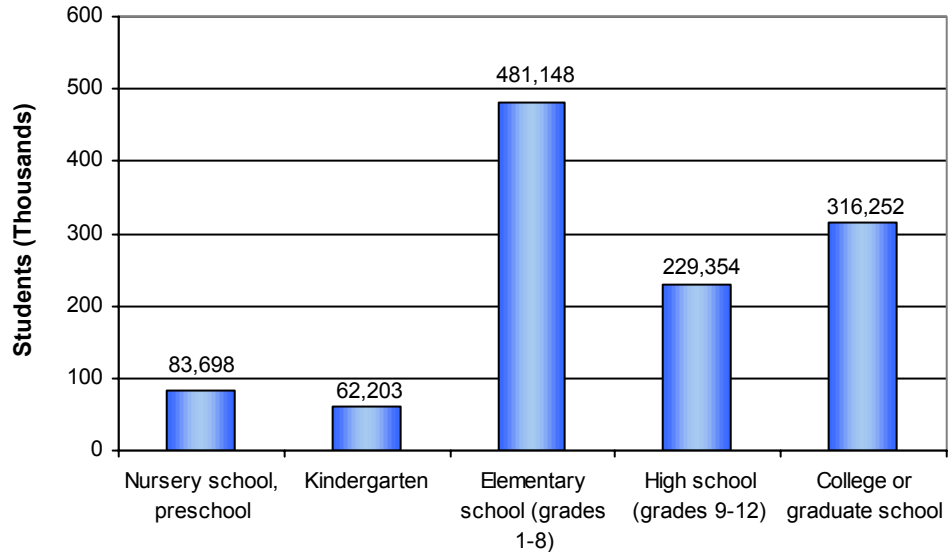
The "Our Changing Region" series is limited in geography to COG member jurisdictions, and thus will focus its analysis on what Census 2000 reveals about the COG region. Upcoming COG publications on Census 2000 will include all jurisdictions contained within the federally defined Washington, DC-MD-VA-WV Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area (PMSA).

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School Enrollment in the COG Region



Jurisdiction	Population 3 years and over enrolled in school	Nursery School, Preschool	Kindergarten	Elementary School (Grades 1-8)	High School (Grades 9-12)	College or Graduate School
District of Columbia	157,475	6.0%	4.7%	34.6%	17.0%	37.8%
Frederick County	54,005	6.8%	5.6%	46.3%	21.7%	19.6%
Montgomery County	240,098	7.6%	5.4%	42.9%	20.2%	23.9%
City of Gaithersburg ¹	13,391	8.6%	6.2%	41.9%	17.9%	25.4%
City of Rockville ¹	12,109	7.6%	5.7%	41.0%	21.8%	23.9%
City of Takoma Park ¹	4,764	6.6%	4.3%	38.6%	16.6%	34.0%
Prince George's County	249,844	5.7%	4.8%	40.8%	19.5%	29.1%
City of Bowie ¹	14,479	8.3%	5.7%	42.0%	18.5%	25.5%
City of College Park ¹	15,306	1.0%	0.8%	8.6%	3.6%	86.0%
City of Greenbelt ¹	7,281	4.7%	2.9%	30.1%	13.7%	48.6%
Maryland Suburbs	543,947	6.7%	5.1%	42.3%	20.1%	25.8%
Arlington County	40,996	7.5%	4.9%	31.8%	15.9%	39.9%
Fairfax County	265,920	8.0%	5.6%	41.9%	20.9%	23.7%
Loudoun County	46,444	11.0%	6.8%	47.2%	17.7%	17.3%
Prince William County	83,548	7.1%	6.2%	46.2%	21.0%	19.5%
City of Alexandria	26,509	7.8%	4.9%	32.4%	16.0%	38.8%
City of Fairfax	5,133	5.5%	4.6%	37.6%	19.3%	33.0%
City of Falls Church	2,683	8.2%	5.5%	41.4%	21.2%	23.7%
Northern Virginia	471,233	8.1%	5.7%	41.7%	19.9%	24.7%
COG Member Jurisdictions	1,172,655	7.1%	5.3%	41.0%	19.6%	27.0%

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In the COG region, the population who are three years and over and enrolled in school totals 1,172,655 people. Elementary school students, the largest group, make up 41 percent of this population. Loudoun County, and the cities of Gaithersburg and Bowie have the highest percentage of nursery school and preschool students among the jurisdictions, 11 percent, 8.6 percent, and 8.3 percent, respectively. Loudoun, Frederick and Prince William counties have the highest percentage of elementary school students among the jurisdictions, 47.2 percent, 46.3 percent, and 46.2 percent, respectively. The City of College Park, with its large concentration of college students, has 86 percent of its school population enrolled in college or graduate school.

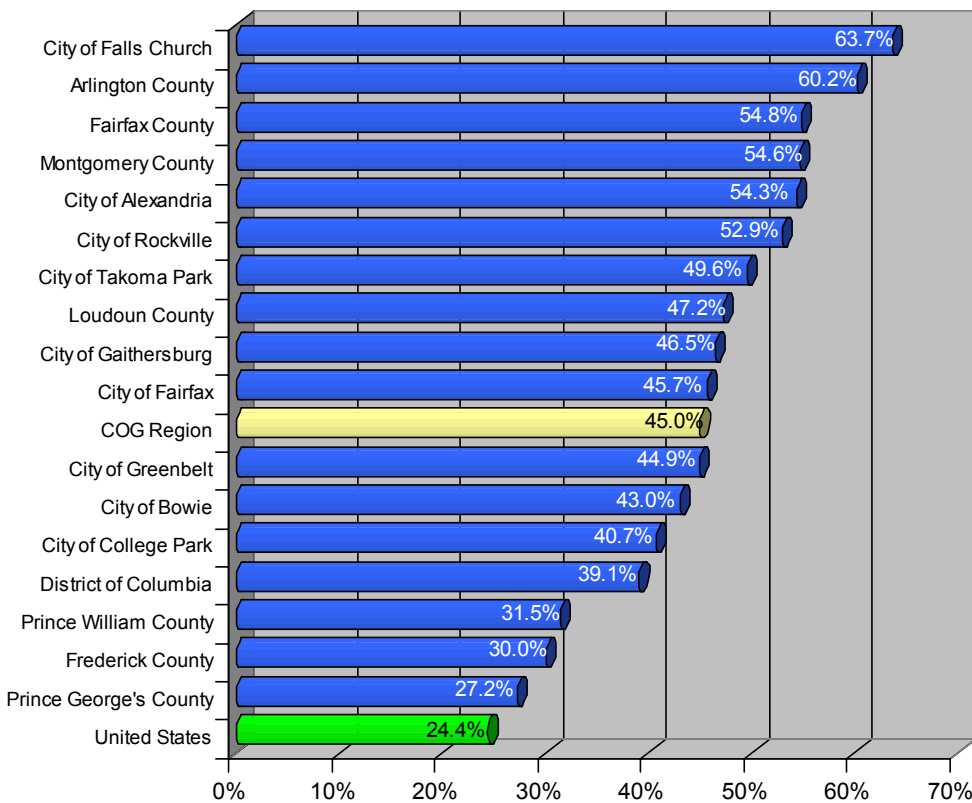
1.3 Million People in the COG Region have a Bachelor's Degree or Higher

Educational Attainment in the COG Region

Jurisdiction	Population 25 years and over	Less than 9th grade	9th to 12th grade, no diploma	High school graduate (includes equivalency)	Some college, no degree	Associate degree	Bachelor's degree	Graduate or professional degree
District of Columbia	384,535	7.8%	14.4%	20.6%	15.4%	2.8%	18.1%	21.0%
Frederick County	127,256	4.2%	8.7%	30.1%	20.5%	6.5%	18.9%	11.1%
Montgomery County	594,034	4.4%	5.3%	14.5%	16.7%	4.6%	27.1%	27.5%
City of Gaithersburg ¹	34,989	7.4%	7.0%	15.1%	18.8%	5.2%	26.6%	19.8%
City of Rockville ¹	33,216	4.6%	6.2%	16.2%	16.1%	3.9%	24.3%	28.6%
City of Takoma Park ¹	11,673	6.5%	8.4%	15.5%	16.1%	3.9%	22.4%	27.2%
Prince George's County	503,698	4.7%	10.4%	27.3%	25.0%	5.5%	16.9%	10.2%
City of Bowie ¹	33,738	1.2%	4.1%	20.3%	24.8%	6.6%	27.5%	15.4%
City of College Park ¹	9,396	3.1%	9.2%	23.9%	19.6%	3.4%	21.7%	19.0%
City of Greenbelt ¹	13,924	3.2%	5.2%	20.6%	21.1%	4.9%	24.3%	20.6%
Maryland Suburbs	1,224,988	4.5%	7.8%	21.4%	20.5%	5.1%	22.0%	18.7%
Arlington County	138,844	6.4%	5.8%	11.7%	12.3%	3.6%	29.7%	30.6%
Fairfax County	653,237	4.3%	5.0%	13.9%	16.9%	5.2%	30.4%	24.4%
Loudoun County	109,567	2.8%	4.6%	17.7%	20.9%	6.8%	32.0%	15.2%
Prince William County	171,058	4.1%	7.1%	24.9%	25.1%	7.3%	20.3%	11.2%
City of Alexandria	95,730	6.6%	6.6%	12.7%	15.5%	4.4%	29.5%	24.8%
City of Fairfax	15,222	5.2%	6.2%	19.5%	17.2%	6.2%	24.8%	20.8%
City of Falls Church	7,464	1.8%	2.3%	12.6%	15.7%	3.9%	30.0%	33.8%
Northern Virginia	1,191,122	4.5%	5.5%	15.5%	17.8%	5.4%	28.9%	22.4%
COG Member Jurisdictions	2,800,645	5.0%	7.7%	18.8%	18.7%	4.9%	24.4%	20.6%

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Percent of Population 25 years and over with Bachelor's Degree or Higher

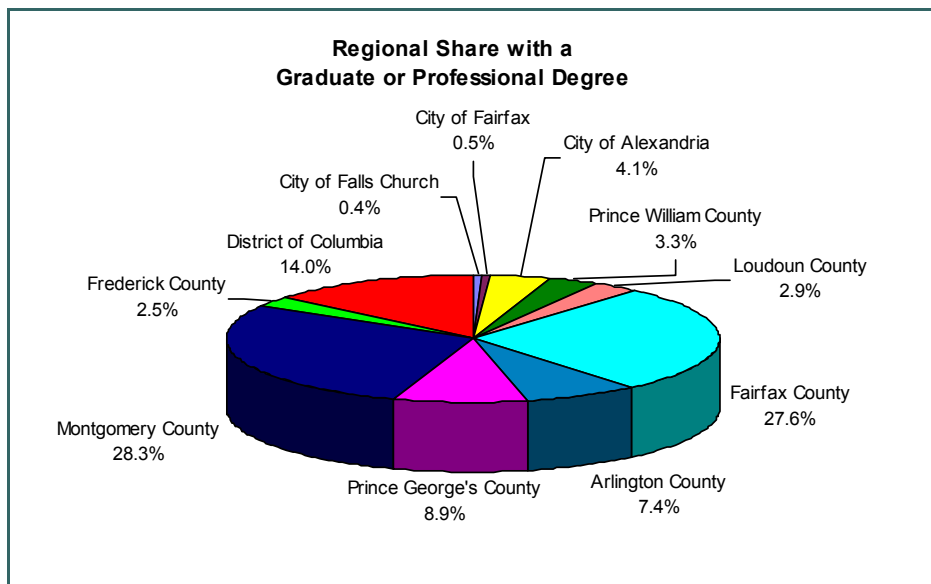
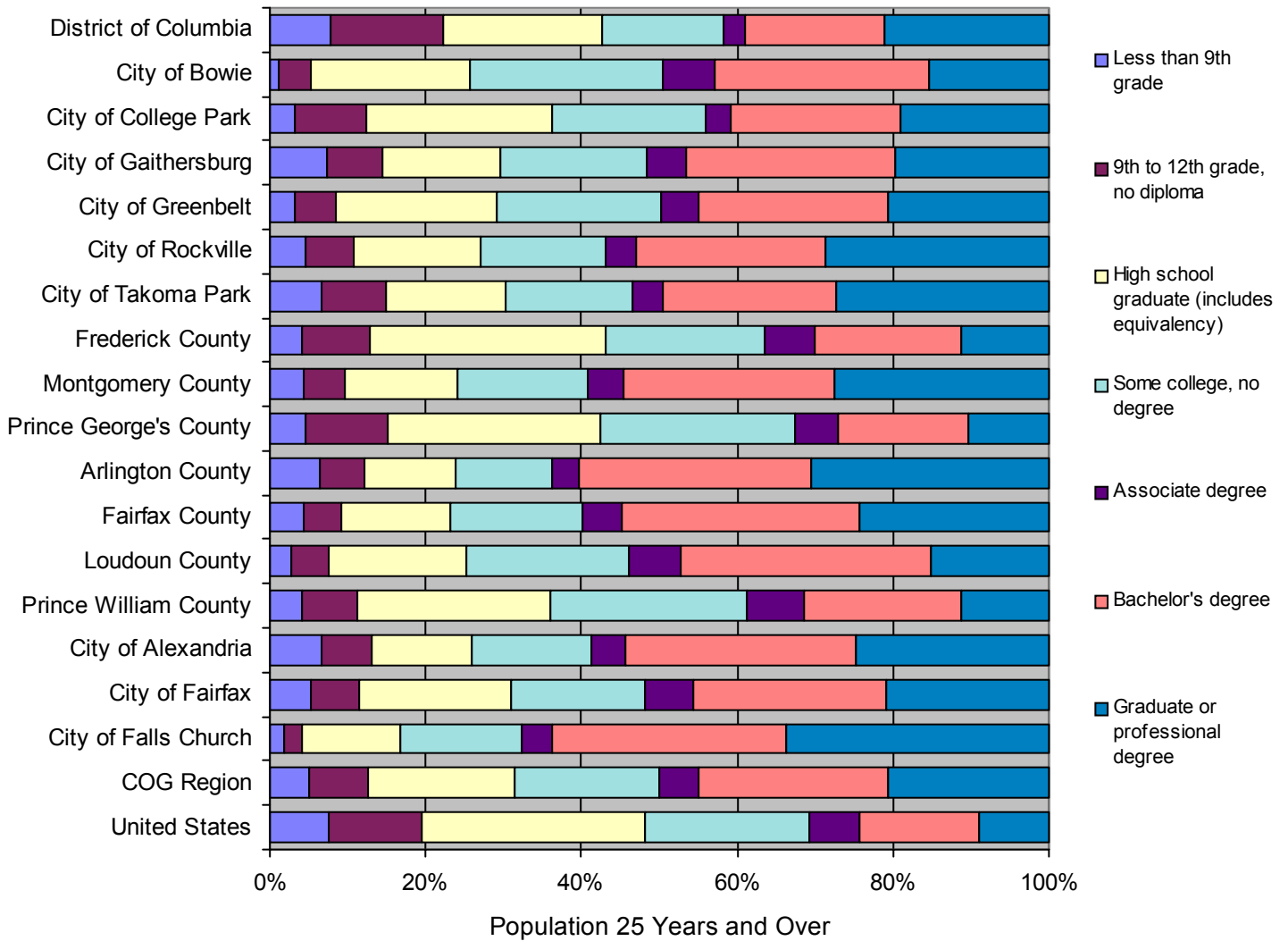


There are nearly 1.3 million people in the COG region who have earned a bachelor's, graduate or professional degree. In the COG region, this represents 45 percent of the population 25 years and over, compared with the United States figure of 24 percent.

While the City of Falls Church, Arlington and Fairfax counties lead with the highest percentages with bachelor's degrees or higher, 63.7 percent, 60.2 percent and 54.8 percent, it is interesting to note that all COG jurisdictions fall above national percentage.

There are nearly 577,000 people with graduate or professional degrees in the COG region. Of this number, the greatest share resides in Montgomery County (28.3 percent), Fairfax County (27.6 percent), and the District of Columbia (14 percent).

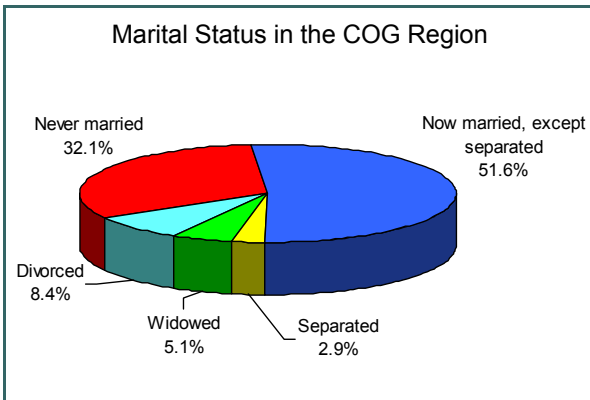
Educational Attainment in the COG Region



Marital Status in the COG Region

Jurisdiction	Population 15 years and over	Never married	Now married, except separated	Separated	Widowed	Widowed Female	Divorced	Divorced Female
District of Columbia	474,417	48.4%	29.9%	4.2%	7.8%	6.2%	9.7%	5.7%
Frederick County	150,046	23.1%	61.3%	2.3%	5.3%	4.3%	8.0%	4.4%
Montgomery County	686,877	27.0%	57.7%	2.2%	5.6%	4.6%	7.5%	4.9%
City of Gaithersburg ¹	41,327	30.6%	53.6%	2.9%	4.9%	4.2%	8.0%	5.4%
City of Rockville ¹	38,044	26.9%	57.2%	2.2%	5.8%	5.0%	8.0%	5.1%
City of Takoma Park ¹	13,666	35.0%	47.1%	3.5%	5.4%	4.1%	9.0%	5.6%
Prince George's County	619,339	35.1%	46.3%	4.0%	5.3%	4.4%	9.3%	5.8%
City of Bowie ¹	38,626	24.3%	59.9%	2.3%	5.2%	4.5%	8.3%	5.1%
City of College Park ¹	22,336	57.2%	34.0%	1.1%	3.7%	2.7%	3.9%	2.2%
City of Greenbelt ¹	17,469	42.1%	38.6%	3.7%	4.2%	3.5%	11.4%	7.3%
Maryland Suburbs	1,456,262	30.1%	53.2%	3.0%	5.4%	4.5%	8.3%	5.2%
Arlington County	162,652	41.7%	43.6%	2.3%	4.4%	3.6%	8.0%	4.6%
Fairfax County	763,300	26.4%	60.1%	2.0%	3.9%	3.2%	7.6%	4.8%
Loudoun County	125,334	21.2%	65.3%	2.1%	3.3%	2.7%	8.1%	4.8%
Prince William County	208,496	25.1%	60.4%	3.0%	3.1%	2.4%	8.4%	4.9%
City of Alexandria	109,660	39.0%	43.1%	2.8%	4.6%	3.8%	10.5%	6.3%
City of Fairfax	17,868	28.6%	54.8%	2.1%	7.0%	5.9%	7.4%	4.8%
City of Falls Church	8,394	27.3%	52.5%	2.6%	7.1%	5.7%	10.5%	7.0%
Northern Virginia	1,395,704	28.6%	57.2%	2.3%	3.9%	3.2%	8.1%	4.9%
COG Member Jurisdictions	3,326,383	32.1%	51.6%	2.9%	5.1%	4.2%	8.4%	5.2%

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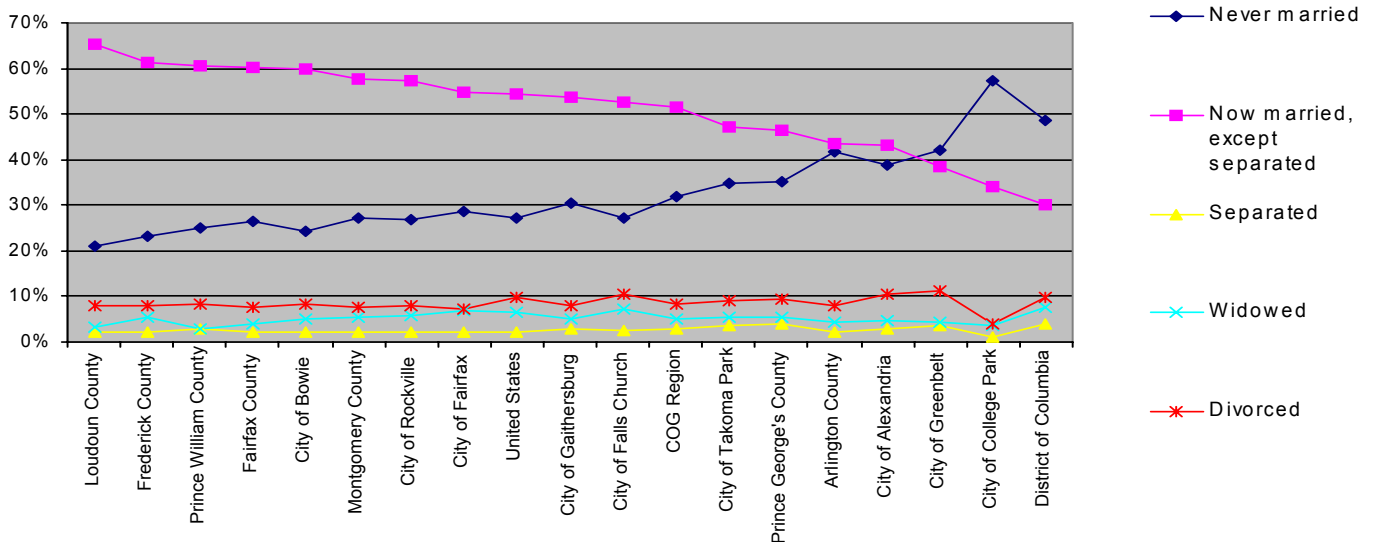


Nearly 1.1 million people in the COG region, or 32.1 percent of the population 15 years and over have never been married. The COG region has a greater percentage of people never married as compared with the U.S. figure of 27.1 percent. The City of College Park, the District of Columbia and the City of Greenbelt have the largest percentages of people who have never been married, 57.2 percent, 48.4 percent, and 42.1 percent, respectively.

Married people represent 51.6 percent or 1.7 million people in the COG region. The outer jurisdictions of Loudoun (65.3 percent), Frederick (61.3 percent) and Prince William (60.4 percent) counties have the highest percentages of the married population.

The divorced population of the COG region represents 8.4 percent of people 15 years and over. This figure falls below the national percentage of divorced people, 9.7 percent.

Marital Status in the COG Region



Thirty-six Percent of Grandparents Living with Grandchildren are Responsible for Their Care

Grandparents as Caregivers

Jurisdiction	Grandparent living in household with one or more own grandchildren under 18 years	Grandparent responsible for grandchildren	Percent of grandparents who are responsible for grandchildren
District of Columbia	16,842	8,183	48.6%
Frederick County	2,727	912	33.4%
Montgomery County	15,301	4,100	26.8%
City of Gaithersburg ¹	1,014	271	26.7%
City of Rockville ¹	893	197	22.1%
City of Takoma Park ¹	340	110	32.4%
Prince George's County	26,678	10,508	39.4%
City of Bowie ¹	996	301	30.2%
City of College Park ¹	380	136	35.8%
City of Greenbelt ¹	240	46	19.2%
Maryland Suburbs	44,706	15,520	34.7%
Arlington County	2,095	629	30.0%
Fairfax County	16,266	4,572	28.1%
Loudoun County	2,920	891	30.5%
Prince William County	6,239	2,440	39.1%
City of Alexandria	1,573	622	39.5%
City of Fairfax	487	172	35.3%
City of Falls Church	76	5	6.6%
Northern Virginia	29,656	9,331	31.5%
COG Member Jurisdictions	91,204	33,034	36.2%

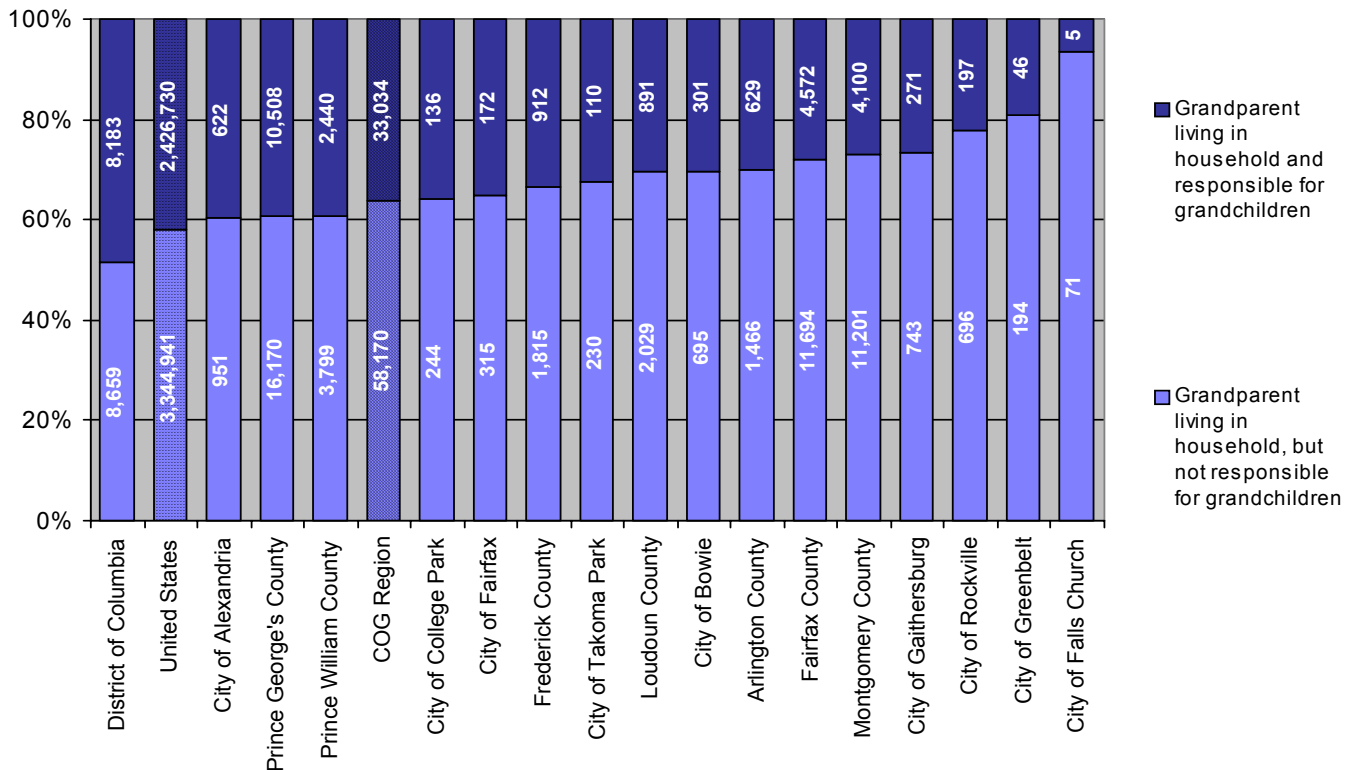
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More than 91,000 grandparents in the COG region currently reside with their grandchildren. Of this number, 36.2 percent, or more than 33,000 grandparents are responsible for the basic needs of their grandchildren.

The jurisdictions with the highest percentages of grandparents as caregivers include the District of Columbia (48.6 percent), the City of Alexandria (39.5 percent), and Prince George's County (39.4 percent).

Nearly 5.7 million grandparents live with their grandchildren nationwide, and 42 percent, or more than 2.4 million grandparents are caregivers for their grandchildren. Proportionally, the COG region has fewer grandparent caregivers, 36 percent, with the District of Columbia as the only jurisdiction above the national average.

Grandparents as Caregivers



Twelve Percent of COG Population Civilian Veterans

Nearly 385,000 civilian veterans live in the COG region. Veterans represent 12.3 percent of the civilian population 16 years and over, a number that proportionally, is slightly lower than the U.S. rate of 12.7 percent.

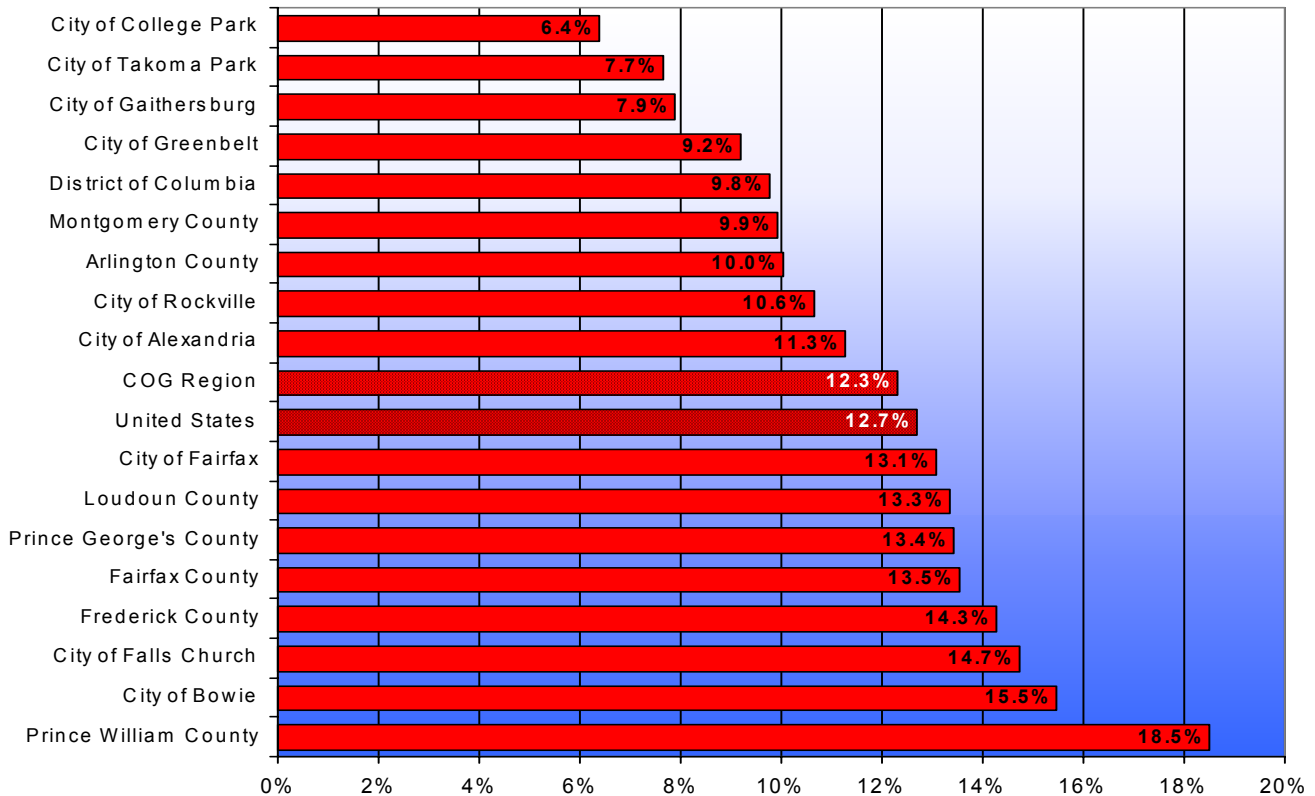
Veterans in Northern Virginia make up 13.6 percent of the civilian population. In Suburban Maryland, the figure is 11.9 percent. In the District of Columbia, 9.8 percent of civilians are veterans.

Jurisdictions with the greatest percentages of civilian veterans include Prince William County (18.5 percent), the City of Bowie (15.5 percent), and the City of Falls Church (14.7 percent).

Veteran Status			
Jurisdiction	Civilian population 16 years & over	Civilian veterans	Percent Veterans
District of Columbia	454,454	44,484	9.8%
Frederick County	140,507	20,030	14.3%
Montgomery County	649,489	64,501	9.9%
City of Gaithersburg ¹	39,390	3,104	7.9%
City of Rockville ¹	36,099	3,841	10.6%
City of Takoma Park ¹	13,113	1,004	7.7%
Prince George's County	580,295	77,863	13.4%
City of Bowie ¹	36,221	5,601	15.5%
City of College Park ¹	21,826	1,395	6.4%
City of Greenbelt ¹	16,578	1,525	9.2%
Maryland Suburbs	1,370,291	162,394	11.9%
Arlington County	155,034	15,572	10.0%
Fairfax County	711,577	96,389	13.5%
Loudoun County	118,666	15,827	13.3%
Prince William County	187,335	34,639	18.5%
City of Alexandria	104,890	11,828	11.3%
City of Fairfax	17,037	2,229	13.1%
City of Falls Church	7,894	1,164	14.7%
Northern Virginia	1,302,433	177,648	13.6%
COG Member Jurisdictions	3,127,178	384,526	12.3%

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Veterans in the COG Region



Disabled* Population in the COG Region

Disability Status of the Civilian Noninstitutionalized Population

Jurisdiction	Population 5 to 20 years	Percent Population with a disability (Age 5 to 20 years)	Population 21 to 64 years	Percent Population with a disability (Age 21 to 64 years)	Population 65 years and over	Percent Population with a disability (Age 65 years and over)
District of Columbia	112,797	10.0%	349,658	21.9%	66,478	42.5%
Frederick County	46,004	7.7%	114,675	13.9%	17,581	37.1%
Montgomery County	184,200	6.8%	527,217	12.3%	93,319	32.7%
City of Gaithersburg ¹	10,461	7.7%	33,365	13.2%	4,041	42.2%
City of Rockville ¹	9,270	5.9%	28,163	12.2%	5,457	35.7%
City of Takoma Park ¹	3,438	6.4%	10,975	16.0%	1,374	38.9%
Prince George's County	193,018	7.5%	479,163	19.1%	59,611	40.0%
City of Bowie ¹	10,843	6.3%	30,271	12.9%	4,257	36.1%
City of College Park ¹	10,486	4.5%	11,640	13.2%	1,734	44.2%
City of Greenbelt ¹	4,115	6.3%	14,239	13.1%	1,453	36.9%
Maryland Suburbs	423,222	7.2%	1,121,055	15.4%	170,511	35.7%
Arlington County	25,055	8.2%	132,683	14.2%	16,369	37.1%
Fairfax County	205,610	7.1%	603,973	11.7%	73,696	32.1%
Loudoun County	37,883	5.5%	105,311	10.4%	8,878	32.6%
Prince William County	71,079	6.3%	164,893	13.5%	12,342	38.8%
City of Alexandria	16,234	8.7%	90,216	13.4%	10,486	38.8%
City of Fairfax	3,852	9.1%	13,497	13.6%	2,386	32.4%
City of Falls Church	1,953	9.2%	6,481	9.7%	1,209	30.1%
Northern Virginia	361,666	6.9%	1,117,054	12.3%	125,366	34.0%
COG Member Jurisdictions	897,685	7.5%	2,587,767	14.9%	362,355	36.4%

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Disability status of the civilian noninstitutionalized population is reported in three age cohorts: children and young adults (age five to 20 years), adults (age 21 to 64 years), and seniors (age 65 years and over).

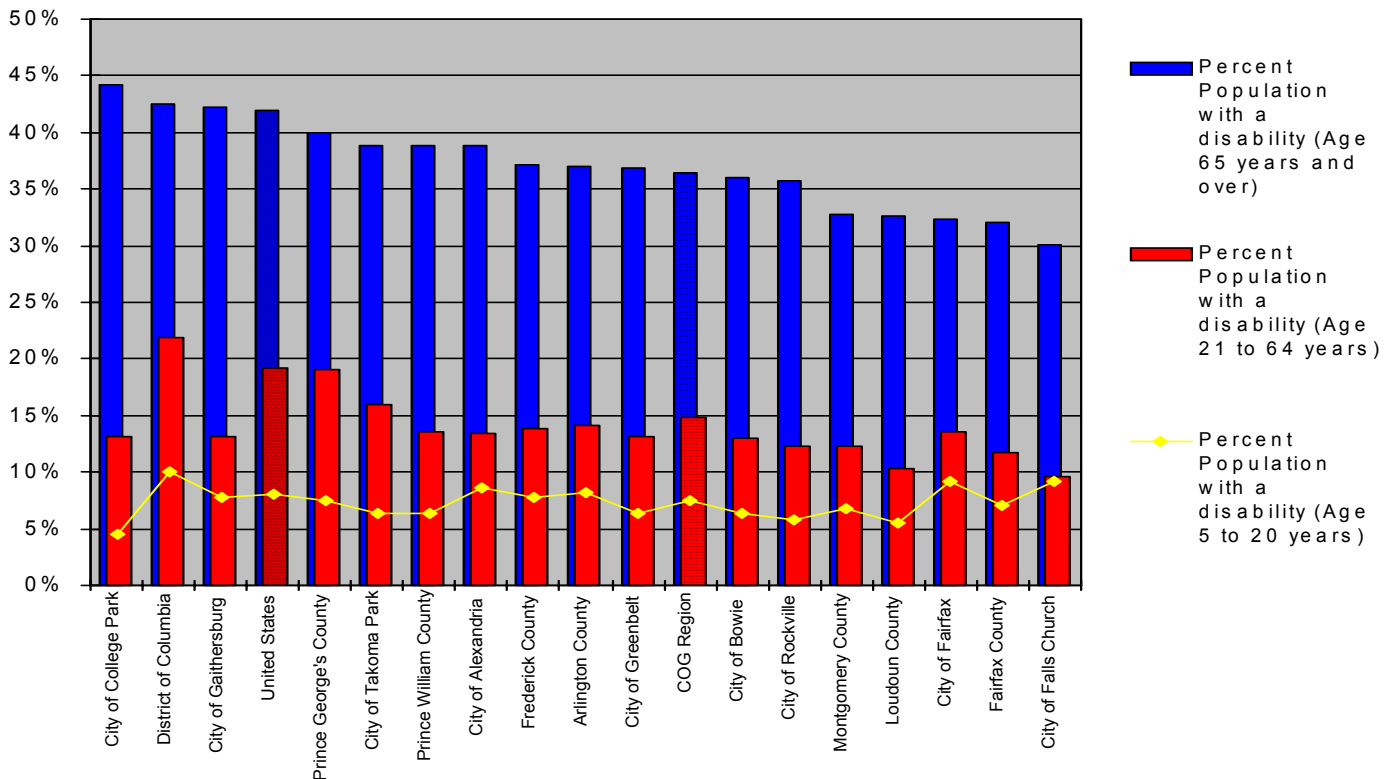
There are nearly 898,000 children and young adults (age five to 20 years) in the COG region. Of this age cohort, more than 67,000 people or 7.5 percent have a disability.

Of the adult population (age 21 to 64 years) in the COG region, 14.9 percent or nearly 386,000 people are disabled.

The senior population (age 65 years and over) in the COG region represents more than 362,000 people. Of this number, 36.4 percent or nearly 132,000 people are disabled.

The United States figures for the disabled population are proportionally higher than the COG region numbers: 8.1 percent for children and young adults, 19.2 percent for adults, and 41.9 for seniors.

Percent Population with Disabilities in the COG Region



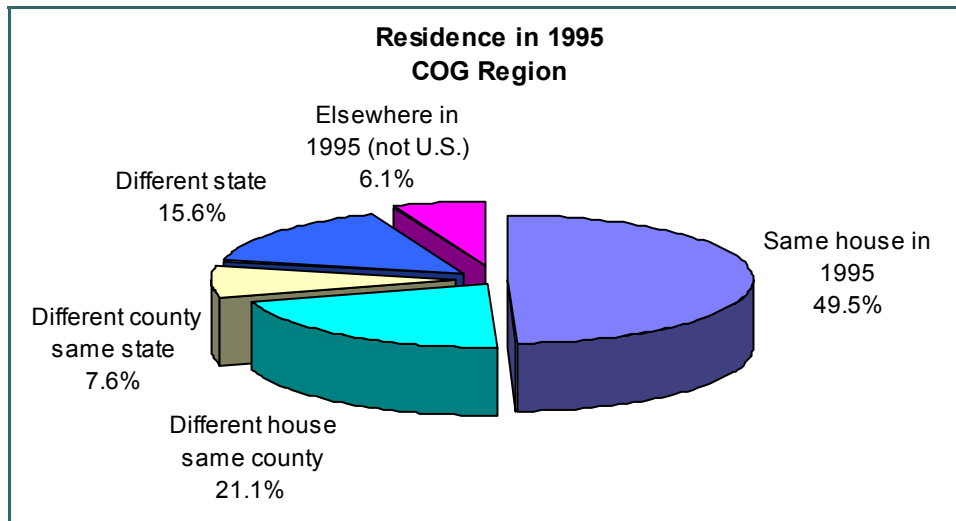
*People 5 years old and over are considered to have a disability if they have one or more of the following: (a) blindness, deafness, or severe vision or hearing impairment; (b) a substantial limitation in the ability to perform basic physical activities, such as walking, climbing stairs, reaching, lifting, or carrying; (c) difficulty learning, remembering, or concentrating; or (d) difficulty dressing, bathing, or getting around inside the home. In addition to the above criteria, people 16 years and over are considered to have a disability if they have difficulty going outside the home alone to shop or visit a doctor's office, and people 16-64 years old are considered having a disability if they have difficulty working at a job.

Slightly More Than Half of COG Population Moved Between 1995 and 2000

Residence in 1995

Jurisdiction	Population 5 years and over	Same house	Different house	Different house same county	Different county	Different county same state	Different state	Elsewhere
District of Columbia	539,658	49.9%	44.5%	23.5%	20.9%	0.0%	20.9%	5.6%
Frederick County	181,218	55.3%	43.3%	20.8%	22.4%	11.9%	10.6%	1.4%
Montgomery County	813,460	52.7%	40.4%	23.2%	17.2%	4.4%	12.8%	6.9%
City of Gaithersburg ¹	48,311	42.0%	48.3%	28.3%	20.0%	4.7%	15.3%	9.7%
City of Rockville ¹	44,311	51.1%	37.6%	23.2%	14.5%	3.1%	11.4%	11.3%
City of Takoma Park ¹	15,930	52.9%	39.8%	17.5%	22.3%	6.3%	16.0%	7.3%
Prince George's County	743,851	52.7%	43.2%	24.3%	18.9%	5.3%	13.6%	4.1%
City of Bowie ¹	46,185	56.3%	41.9%	24.6%	17.3%	6.2%	11.1%	1.8%
City of College Park ¹	23,922	32.7%	61.6%	11.6%	50.0%	28.8%	21.3%	5.7%
City of Greenbelt ¹	19,954	34.5%	54.8%	30.9%	23.9%	7.4%	16.5%	10.7%
Maryland Suburbs	1,738,529	53.0%	41.9%	23.4%	18.5%	5.6%	12.9%	5.1%
Arlington County	179,064	39.3%	50.1%	17.2%	32.8%	11.1%	21.7%	10.6%
Fairfax County	902,189	49.2%	43.0%	18.7%	24.3%	9.5%	14.8%	7.8%
Loudoun County	153,293	40.4%	55.4%	16.0%	39.3%	20.1%	19.3%	4.2%
Prince William County	257,038	45.6%	50.3%	18.4%	31.9%	15.7%	16.2%	4.0%
City of Alexandria	120,272	36.7%	53.9%	15.6%	38.3%	16.6%	21.7%	9.5%
City of Fairfax	20,236	47.7%	42.9%	9.3%	33.6%	22.7%	10.9%	9.4%
City of Falls Church	9,751	47.2%	45.3%	6.3%	39.0%	21.5%	17.5%	7.5%
Northern Virginia	1,641,843	45.8%	46.9%	17.8%	29.1%	12.4%	16.7%	7.3%
COG Region	3,920,030	49.5%	44.4%	21.1%	23.3%	7.6%	15.6%	6.1%

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Half of the COG population five years and over, or more than 1.9 million people, resided in the same house as they did in 1995. COG jurisdictions with the highest percentage of population who did not move between 1995 and 2000 include the City of Bowie (56.3 percent), Frederick County (55.3 percent), and the City of Takoma Park (52.9 percent).

A slightly smaller percentage, 44.4 percent of the COG population resided in a different house than they did in 1995. The City of College Park, Loudoun County, and the City of Greenbelt have the largest proportions of the population that currently live in a different house. These figures are 61.6 percent, 55.4 percent, and 54.8 percent, respectively.

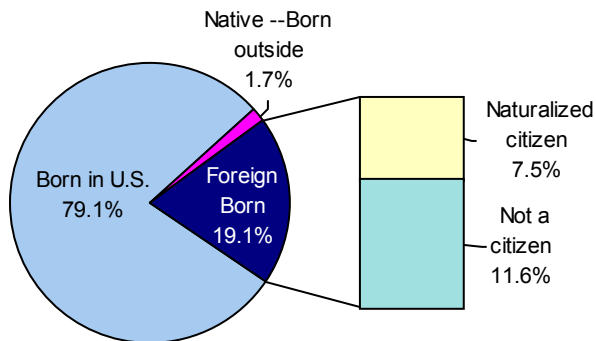
Of the COG population five years and over, 21.1 percent lived in a different house within the same county, 7.6 percent lived in a different county, but the same state, and 15.6 percent lived in a different state. Another 6.1 percent of the population lived elsewhere.

Nativity and Place of Birth in the COG Region

Jurisdiction	Total population	Native	Born in U.S.	Born in State of residence	Born in Different state	Native -- Born outside U.S.	Foreign born	Entered 1990 to March 2000	Naturalized citizen	Not a citizen
District of Columbia	572,059	87.1%	85.9%	39.2%	46.7%	1.2%	12.9%	6.6%	3.9%	9.0%
Frederick County	195,277	96.0%	94.9%	53.1%	41.8%	1.1%	4.0%	1.6%	2.0%	2.0%
Montgomery County	873,341	73.3%	71.9%	22.5%	49.4%	1.4%	26.7%	11.9%	11.5%	15.2%
City of Gaithersburg ¹	52,780	65.7%	64.7%	23.5%	41.3%	1.0%	34.3%	17.8%	11.9%	22.3%
City of Rockville ¹	47,257	69.0%	67.5%	23.4%	44.1%	1.5%	31.0%	17.7%	11.1%	19.8%
City of Takoma Park ¹	17,180	71.4%	69.7%	17.1%	52.6%	1.7%	28.6%	12.7%	11.2%	17.5%
Prince George's County	801,515	86.2%	85.0%	23.1%	61.8%	1.2%	13.8%	6.5%	5.3%	8.4%
City of Bowie ¹	49,866	92.6%	91.1%	31.2%	59.8%	1.6%	7.4%	2.3%	4.4%	3.0%
City of College Park ¹	24,590	87.2%	85.9%	35.1%	50.9%	1.2%	12.8%	6.8%	5.4%	7.4%
City of Greenbelt ¹	21,391	72.8%	71.3%	22.0%	49.3%	1.4%	27.2%	17.0%	7.3%	19.9%
Maryland Suburbs	1,870,133	81.2%	79.9%	26.0%	54.0%	1.3%	18.8%	8.5%	7.9%	10.9%
Arlington County	189,453	72.2%	70.1%	16.1%	54.1%	2.1%	27.8%	16.1%	7.6%	20.2%
Fairfax County	969,749	75.5%	73.2%	23.7%	49.5%	2.3%	24.5%	11.6%	10.2%	14.3%
Loudoun County	169,599	88.7%	86.7%	33.8%	52.9%	2.0%	11.3%	5.2%	4.7%	6.6%
Prince William County	280,813	88.5%	85.7%	34.8%	50.9%	2.8%	11.5%	4.8%	4.8%	6.7%
City of Alexandria	128,283	74.6%	72.6%	21.7%	50.9%	2.0%	25.4%	14.8%	7.2%	18.2%
City of Fairfax	21,498	74.6%	72.1%	25.9%	46.2%	2.5%	25.4%	13.4%	8.9%	16.5%
City of Falls Church	10,377	83.9%	80.2%	20.6%	59.5%	3.8%	16.1%	6.7%	6.8%	9.3%
Northern Virginia	1,769,772	78.4%	76.1%	25.5%	50.7%	2.3%	21.6%	10.6%	8.3%	13.3%
COG Member Jurisdictions	4,211,964	80.9%	79.1%	27.5%	51.6%	1.7%	19.1%	9.1%	7.5%	11.6%

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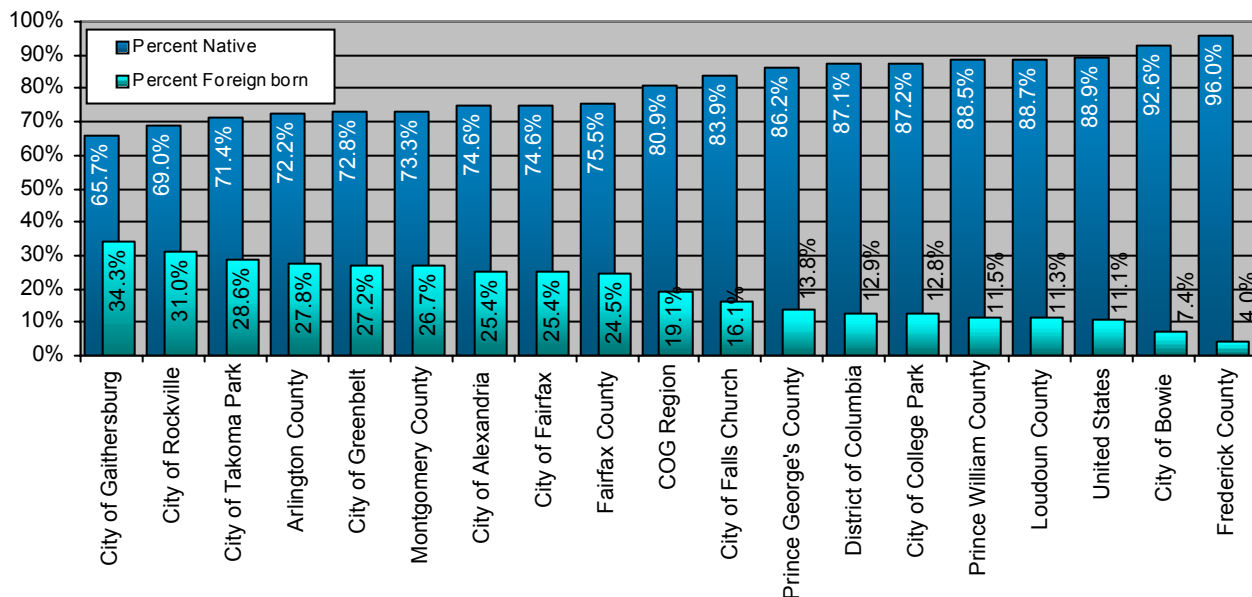
Nativity and Place of Birth in the COG Region



In the COG region, 79.1 percent of the population was born in the United States compared with 19.1 percent who are foreign born. A slim 1.7 percent are native citizens born outside of the U.S. The foreign born population is composed of naturalized citizens (7.5 percent of the total population) and those who are not citizens (11.6 percent).

The COG region has a lower percentage of native born citizens compared with the U.S. average of 88.9 percent. Conversely, the COG region has a higher percentage of foreign born people than the U.S. figure of 11.1 percent. Jurisdictions with the largest percentages of foreign born people include the City of Gaithersburg (34.3 percent), the City of Rockville (31 percent), and the City of Takoma Park (28.6 percent).

Native and Foreign born in the COG Region



Latin America, Asia Top Regions of Birth of Foreign Born

Region of Birth

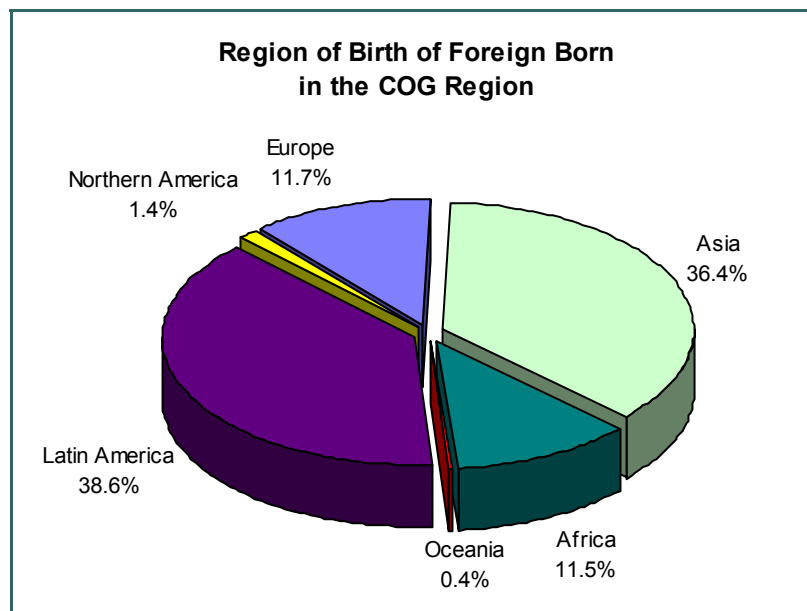
Jurisdiction	Total (excluding born at sea)	Europe	Asia	Africa	Oceania ²	Latin America	Northern America
District of Columbia	73,555	17.6%	17.0%	12.5%	0.8%	50.4%	1.7%
Frederick County	7,779	31.4%	36.7%	5.5%	0.4%	21.8%	4.2%
Montgomery County	232,996	13.9%	38.3%	11.1%	0.4%	35.2%	1.3%
City of Gaithersburg ¹	18,084	7.8%	37.0%	8.9%	0.3%	45.0%	1.0%
City of Rockville ¹	14,644	15.7%	47.9%	5.1%	0.2%	30.1%	0.9%
City of Takoma Park ¹	4,917	7.5%	13.2%	28.7%	0.1%	49.1%	1.4%
Prince George's County	110,481	6.1%	23.0%	20.4%	0.1%	49.3%	1.0%
City of Bowie ¹	3,676	20.2%	37.8%	10.3%	0.0%	28.8%	3.0%
City of College Park ¹	3,159	13.5%	48.6%	8.9%	0.0%	27.1%	1.9%
City of Greenbelt ¹	5,822	6.5%	40.8%	27.1%	0.3%	23.9%	1.4%
Maryland Suburbs	351,256	11.8%	33.4%	13.9%	0.3%	39.3%	1.3%
Arlington County	52,693	10.0%	29.2%	9.5%	0.4%	49.5%	1.4%
Fairfax County	237,677	9.9%	50.5%	7.4%	0.4%	30.5%	1.3%
Loudoun County	19,108	17.4%	41.4%	6.0%	0.7%	30.7%	3.8%
Prince William County	32,186	13.8%	28.7%	9.4%	0.2%	46.6%	1.3%
City of Alexandria	32,600	8.6%	24.7%	23.5%	0.2%	41.6%	1.4%
City of Fairfax	5,451	10.5%	47.4%	2.3%	1.0%	37.8%	1.1%
City of Falls Church	1,667	21.5%	37.9%	6.7%	0.7%	30.4%	2.8%
Northern Virginia	381,382	10.5%	43.0%	9.1%	0.4%	35.6%	1.4%
COG Region	806,193	11.7%	36.4%	11.5%	0.4%	38.6%	1.4%

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²Oceania refers to Australia, New Zealand, and the islands of the Pacific Ocean

There are more than 806,000 foreign born people in the COG region. People who were born in Latin America made up the largest portion of foreign born people, more than 311,000 people or 38.6 percent. Asian-born people accounted for 36.4 percent of the foreign born population, while European-born and African-born made up 11.7 percent and 11.5 percent, respectively. Those who were born in Northern America (excluding the United States) and Oceania represented 1.4 percent and 0.4 percent of foreign born.

In the District of Columbia, Latin American-born people and Asian-born people accounted for 50.4 percent and 17.0 percent of the foreign born population. In the Maryland suburbs, 39.3 percent of the foreign born were from Latin America and 33.4 percent were from Asia. Of the Northern Virginia foreign born, 35.6 percent were Latin American-born and 43 percent were Asian-born.



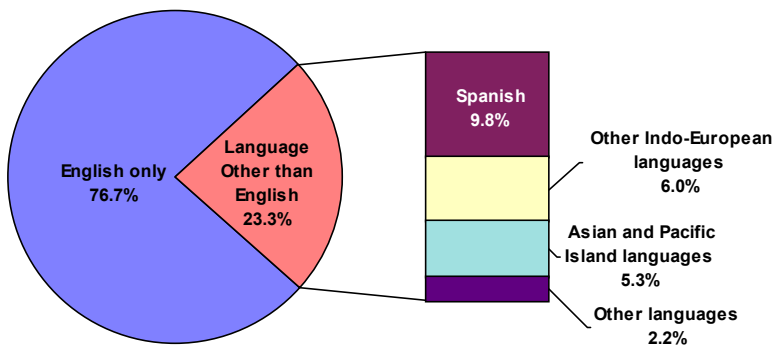
Twenty-three Percent Speak Language Other than English at Home

Language Spoken at Home in the COG Region

Jurisdiction	Population 5 years and over	English only	Language other than English	Speak English less than "very well"	Spanish	Speak English less than "very well"	Other Indo-European languages	Speak English less than "very well"	Asian and Pacific Island languages	Speak English less than "very well"
District of Columbia	539,658	83.2%	16.8%	7.1%	9.2%	4.7%	4.4%	1.1%	1.7%	0.8%
Frederick County	181,218	94.4%	5.6%	1.6%	2.1%	0.8%	2.1%	0.5%	1.2%	0.4%
Montgomery County	813,460	68.4%	31.6%	12.9%	11.5%	5.6%	9.3%	2.7%	8.0%	3.9%
City of Gaithersburg ¹	48,311	59.0%	41.0%	19.2%	19.1%	10.7%	9.7%	3.2%	10.2%	4.7%
City of Rockville ¹	44,311	63.1%	36.9%	16.8%	12.1%	6.0%	10.5%	3.8%	11.6%	6.4%
City of Takoma Park ¹	15,930	68.4%	31.6%	13.0%	14.2%	6.8%	7.6%	2.5%	2.8%	1.6%
Prince George's County	743,851	84.1%	15.9%	7.2%	7.6%	4.4%	3.3%	1.0%	2.8%	1.3%
City of Bowie ¹	46,185	90.9%	9.1%	2.6%	2.9%	1.0%	3.4%	0.6%	2.0%	0.7%
City of College Park ¹	23,922	82.1%	17.9%	6.0%	5.5%	2.2%	6.0%	1.2%	5.2%	2.3%
City of Greenbelt ¹	19,954	70.6%	29.4%	11.0%	6.2%	2.5%	7.5%	2.1%	9.6%	5.3%
Maryland Suburbs	1,738,529	77.8%	22.2%	9.3%	8.9%	4.6%	6.0%	1.7%	5.0%	2.4%
Arlington County	179,064	66.9%	33.1%	16.6%	18.0%	10.8%	6.7%	2.1%	5.3%	2.6%
Fairfax County	902,189	70.0%	30.0%	13.2%	10.6%	5.7%	7.5%	2.0%	9.2%	4.7%
Loudoun County	153,293	85.0%	15.0%	5.7%	6.1%	2.9%	4.6%	1.1%	3.4%	1.5%
Prince William County	257,038	83.7%	16.3%	6.7%	9.0%	4.4%	3.8%	1.0%	2.3%	1.0%
City of Alexandria	120,272	70.0%	30.0%	14.3%	14.4%	8.6%	6.3%	1.9%	3.4%	1.7%
City of Fairfax	20,236	69.4%	30.6%	15.0%	13.5%	7.4%	5.9%	2.2%	9.9%	5.1%
City of Falls Church	9,751	81.3%	18.7%	7.3%	7.3%	4.0%	6.9%	1.2%	3.9%	2.1%
Northern Virginia	1,641,843	73.3%	26.7%	11.9%	11.1%	6.0%	6.4%	1.8%	6.7%	3.4%
COG Member Jurisdictions	3,920,030	76.7%	23.3%	10.1%	9.8%	5.2%	6.0%	1.7%	5.3%	2.6%

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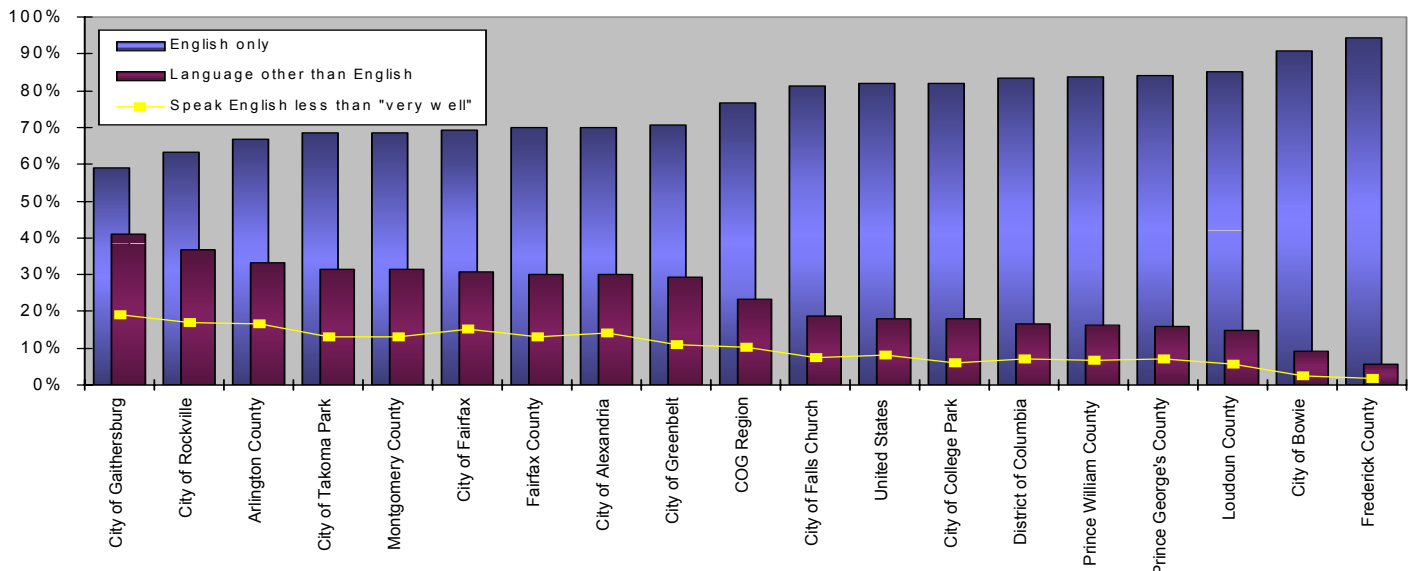
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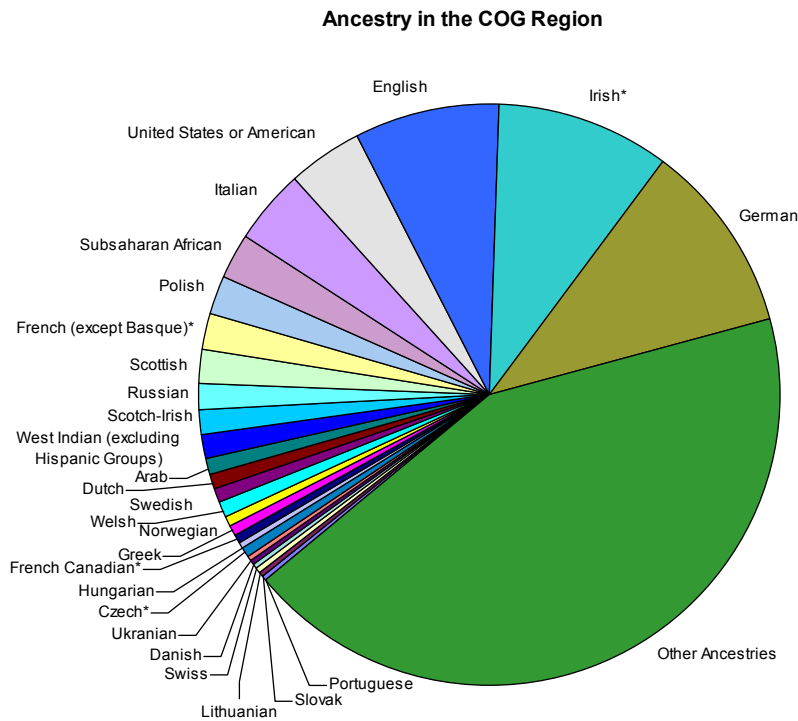
According to Census 2000, 76.7 percent of the COG region population five years and over speak only English at home compared with 23.3 percent who speak a language other than English. Spanish speakers represent nearly 10 percent, followed 6 percent who speak an Indo-European language, and 5.3 percent who speak an Asian or Pacific Island language.

Jurisdictions with the highest percentages of non-English speakers include the City of Gaithersburg (41.0 percent), the City of Rockville (36.9 percent), and Arlington County (33.1 percent).

Language Spoken at Home in the COG Region



Forty-five Percent of Regional Population comprised of "Other" Ancestries



Ancestry in the COG Region

Ancestry	COG Region	United States
Portuguese	0.2%	0.4%
Slovak	0.3%	0.3%
Lithuanian	0.3%	0.2%
Swiss	0.3%	0.3%
Danish	0.3%	0.5%
Ukrainian	0.4%	0.3%
Czech*	0.4%	0.6%
Hungarian	0.5%	0.5%
French Canadian*	0.5%	0.9%
Greek	0.6%	0.4%
Norwegian	0.7%	1.6%
Welsh	0.7%	0.6%
Swedish	0.9%	1.4%
Dutch	0.9%	1.6%
Arab	1.0%	0.4%
West Indian (excluding Hispanic Groups)	1.2%	0.7%
Scotch-Irish	1.5%	1.5%
Russian	1.6%	0.9%
Scottish	1.9%	1.7%
French (except Basque)*	1.9%	3.0%
Polish	2.4%	3.2%
Subsaharan African	2.8%	0.6%
Italian	4.3%	5.6%
United States or American	4.4%	7.3%
English	8.7%	8.7%
Irish*	10.0%	10.9%
German	11.3%	15.2%
Other Ancestries	45.3%	32.6%

*The data represent a combination of two ancestries shown separately in Summary File 3. Czech includes Czechoslovakian. French includes Alsatian. French Canadian includes Acadian/Cajun. Irish includes Celtic.

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