

## CHAPTER 2: DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

### Population

The 2000 Census counted 35,838 City residents, or 15,303 households with an average household size of 2.3 people. In the years since the 2000 Census, the Maryland Department of Planning estimates that the City grew by another 795 people as of 2006.



Group of Children

Over the past century, Annapolis has enjoyed a moderate, but steady growth in its population. A spike in growth occurred with major expansion through annexation in the 1950's. The growth rate between the last two Census' (1990 to 2000) was 8%. The average ten year growth rate over the past three decades was 6%.

Annapolis will continue to grow. Projections made in the 1980's for the year 2000 fell short and did not predict the growth that actually occurred. For instance, the 1985 Comprehensive Plan predicted a population of 34,840 for the City in 2000. The actual number was nearly 1,000 people more. Largely, this was a mistaken assumption that the household size would decrease by more than it did (2.1 persons per household versus the actual 2.3 persons per household.)

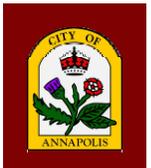
Figure 2-1 Population Growth

Year	City of Annapolis Population	Percent growth	Anne Arundel County Population	Percent Growth	City as a Percent of County
1900	7,657		39,620		19.3%
1910	8,262	7.9%	39,553	-0.2%	20.9%
1920	8,518	3.1%	43,408	9.7%	19.6%
1930	9,803	15.1%	55,167	27.1%	17.8%
1940	9,542	-2.7%	68,375	23.9%	14.0%
1950	10,047	5.3%	112,361	64.3%	8.9%
1960	23,385	132.8%	206,634	83.9%	11.3%
1970	30,095	28.7%	298,042	44.2%	10.1%
1980	31,740	5.5%	370,775	24.4%	8.6%
1990	33,187	4.6%	427,243	15.2%	7.8%
2000	35,838	8.0%	489,656	14.6%	7.3%
2006 (est.)	36,603				

A slowing growth rate had also been predicted due to the built-out nature of this mature city. However, that assumption is being challenged by the recent infill and redevelopment activity seen in the City's housing. With the conversion of the old hospital site to

residential units, the redevelopment of Inner West Street to include higher density residential units, the prospect of annexed land, and the trend of building on small infill sites around the City, it is likely that the population will grow more than traditional models would predict. Market conditions, as well as City land use policies, will determine if this will continue beyond the above mentioned projects.

At its inception, Annapolis was the lion's share of the population in Anne Arundel County. Even in 1900, the proportion of Anne Arundel's population residing in Annapolis was almost a fifth (19%). By 1970, it had fallen to 10% and today is closer to 7%. Much of this is due to the enormous growth in Anne Arundel County, while the older City of Annapolis grew modestly.



## Age Trends

The median age in Annapolis is 35.7 years, which is comparable to Anne Arundel County as a whole and Maryland both of which are 36.0. The trend nationally has been toward an aging population, and Annapolis is consistent with this. The median age in 1980 was 30.4 and in 1990 was 33.9.

The age groups experiencing the greatest growth have been the 45 to 64 age range, reflecting the “baby boom” generation, and in the 85 and over group, reflecting longer life spans. Over the next few decades, these trends will combine with the effect being a large elderly population. In terms of growth, the next largest growth was seen in the Under 5 group. This suggests that the decline in birthrates has slowed and that there will be an increase in need for youth services.

Figure 2-2 Age Trends

Age Trends				
	1980	1990	2000	Change since 1980
0-4	1936	2304	2385	23.19%
5-17	6126	4730	5389	-12.03%
18-44	13970	15647	15305	9.56%
45-64	6092	6446	8483	39.25%
65-84	3464	3676	3805	9.84%
85+	282	384	471	67.02%

## Household Composition

Annapolis is more typical of urban areas than of suburban areas in terms of household composition. There is a higher concentration of people living alone (32.9% in Annapolis) than in Anne Arundel County (21.3%) or the State (25.0%). There are fewer married couple households in the City (36.6%) than in the County (57.2%) and the State as a whole (50.2%).

Figure 2-3 Household Composition

Household Composition			
Family Households			
	Percents of Households		
	Annapolis	Anne Arundel	Maryland
Household with individuals under 18	28.1%	38.3%	37.3%
Household with individuals 65 years and over	20.9%	19.5%	21.7%

There are significantly fewer households with children than the county or the state as a whole. Of Annapolis households, 28% have children under the age of 18. The County and the State have 38% and 37% respectively. Percentages of homes with senior citizens (age 65 and over) are comparable to the county and state.

In accordance with the other trends, the average household size is smaller in Annapolis as well. Here it is 2.3 persons per household, whereas the County and the State are both just above 2.6 persons per household. However, the average household size is not as small as had been predicted previously. As mentioned in the discussion of population section above, the predicted average was 2.1 for the year 2000 in the 1985 Comprehensive Plan.

## Race

Annapolis is blessed with a diverse population and has been throughout its history. Annapolis is comparable to the State as a whole in terms of minority population, although African Americans make up a slightly larger portion of that group in Annapolis. Compared to the county as a whole, Annapolis has a far greater minority population.

**Figure 2-4 Race Statistics**

Year	White		Minority					% of Population
	Total	% of Population	Black	Am. Ind/ Eskimo	Asian/ Pac.Is.	Other	Two + Races	
1960	15963	68.3%	7316	42	58	5	**	31.7%
1970	20925	69.5%	8871	45	245	9	**	30.5%
1980	20021	63.1%	11250	59	372	38	**	36.9%
1990	21449	64.6%	11009	53	472	204	**	35.4%
2000	22558	63.0%	11026	71	580	817	754	37.0%

The racial make-up of Annapolis has been relatively stable over time, with some growth in the minority population. While the White and African American populations have seen modest population increases, numbers of Annapolitans that identify themselves as Asian or Pacific Islander and Other races have grown quite steadily. The 2000 Census is the first Census that allowed multi-racial people to identify themselves as such. Time will bear out if there is any trend in this population.

## Hispanic Population

The Census Bureau measures the Hispanic or Latino population separate from race, as these individuals may be of any race. This population has grown immensely in recent years. In 1980, Annapolis' Hispanic population was 413. By the year 2000, this had grown to 2,301, a gain of over 450%. Indeed, most of this occurred in the 1990's. Anecdotally, the Hispanic population has swelled to closer to 6,000 residents in the ensuing years. If local and national trends continue, we expect the Hispanic population of Annapolis to continue grow.

Because many of the new Hispanic Annapolitans are new immigrants, there is a language element to this population change. In 2000, 2,115 people over the age of 4 speak English less than "very well". Seventy percent of these are Spanish speakers.

## Education

The Census Bureau considers educational attainment for people age 25 and older. In this respect, Annapolis has more people with very little education and more people at the high end of the educational spectrum than either the county or the state. In this way, Annapolis' population is somewhat more polarized than other nearby places.

**Figure 2-5 Educational Attainment**

Educational Attainment	Percent of the Population 25 years +		
	Annapolis	Anne Arundel County	Maryland
<i>Less than 9th grade</i>	5.8%	3.7%	5.1%
<i>9th to 12th grade, no diploma</i>	11.8%	9.9%	11.1%
<i>High School graduate, (incl. equivalency)</i>	20.3%	27.9%	26.7%
<i>Some college, no degree</i>	18.3%	21.9%	20.3%
<i>Associate degree</i>	5.1%	6.1%	5.3%
<i>Bachelor's degree</i>	22.7%	19.1%	18.0%
<i>Graduate or professional degree</i>	16.0%	11.5%	13.4%

## Income and Poverty

Incomes in Annapolis are somewhat lower than in the surrounding County and in the State as a whole. While the percent of households at the very highest levels are comparable to the surrounding area, the percent in the very lowest ranges is much higher. This is likely due to Annapolis large supply of public housing and smaller household sizes.

**Figure 2-6 Income Statistics**

Income in 1999	Percent of Households		
	Annapolis	Anne Arundel	Maryland
Less than \$10,000	9.2	4.0	6.9
\$10,000 to \$14,999	4.3	2.7	4.2
\$15,000 to \$24,999	11.3	7.2	9.5
\$25,000 to \$34,999	10.7	9.1	10.7
\$35,000 to \$49,999	15.3	15.0	15.4
\$50,000 to \$74,999	20.0	24.0	21.6
\$75,000 to \$99,999	12.7	16.3	13.6
\$100,000 to \$149,999	9.9	14.5	11.6
\$150,000 to \$199,999	3.4	4.1	3.5
\$200,000 or more	3.1	3.2	3.0

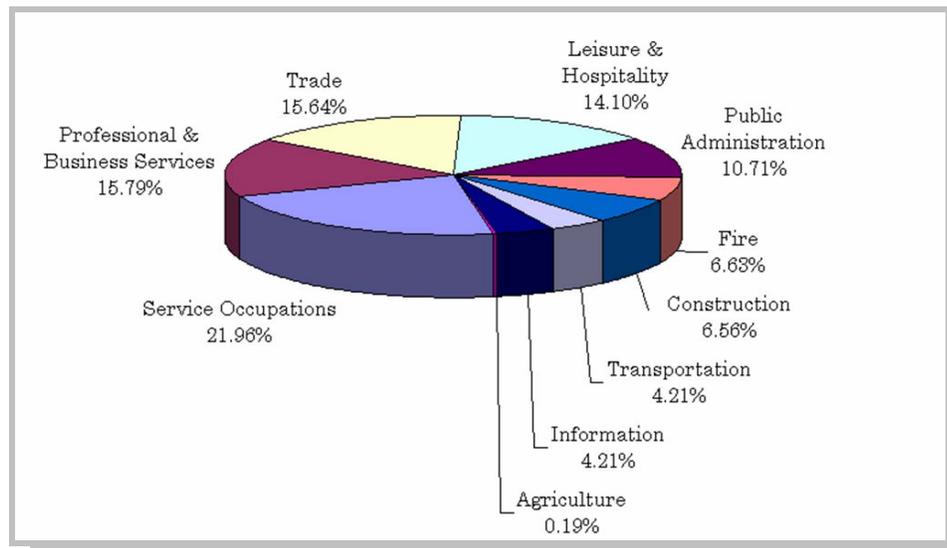
Other Income Measures - 1999			
	Annapolis	Anne Arundel	Maryland
Median Household Income	49243	61768	52868
Per Capita Income	27180	27578	25614
Percent below poverty	13%	5%	9%

Smaller household size is also a factor in the much lower median household income of Annapolis, than Anne Arundel County, because per capita income in the city and county are roughly the same.

A very telling measure, however, is the percent of people below the poverty line. Annapolis' 12.7% is significantly higher than Anne Arundel County or the State.

## Employment

84% of Annapolis residents participate in the labor force, at a substantially higher rate than Anne Arundel County (71%) or Maryland (68%). The top four industries employing Annapolis residents are Services (22%), Professional and Business Services (16%), Wholesale and Retail Trade (16%) and Leisure & Hospitality (14%). More than half of city resident workers (53%) commute out of the city to their work places.



**Figure 2-7 Employment Percentage by Category**