

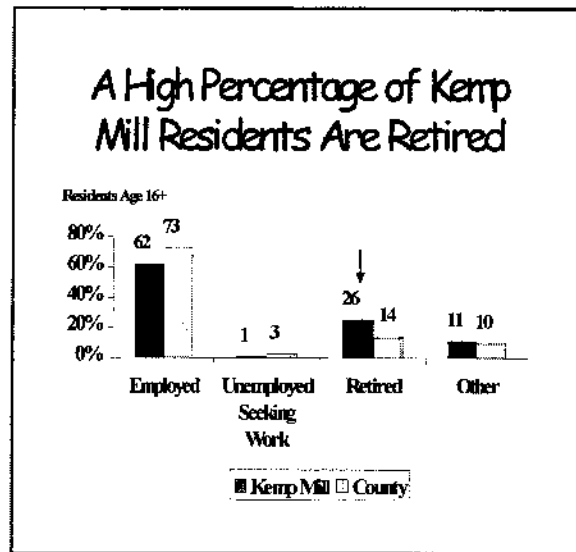
School Attendance

The one demographic characteristic that appears to reflect the strength of residents' religious affiliations in Kemp Mill is the type of school their children attend. Kemp Mill has an unusually high percentage of children attending private schools. County-wide, 22 percent of children aged 5 through 17 attend private schools. In Kemp Mill, a very high 56 percent do. The Census Update Survey does not distinguish among different types of private schools. Because most communities offer Roman Catholic parochial schools, the data suggests that most of the difference in private school attendance between Kemp Mill and other parts of the County may be attributed to attendance at the Jewish schools.

Employment

Employment Status

Kemp Mill's 1997 employment profile is quite different from most of the County. One in four Master Plan Area residents aged 16 and older, 25.7 percent, is retired, compared to under 14 percent County-wide. As a result, the share of residents employed full- or part-time is lower than the County-wide pattern; 62 percent in Kemp Mill compared to 73 percent County-wide. Almost all Kemp Mill residents who would like to work are working. Less than 1 percent report that they are unemployed and seeking work compared to 2.9 percent County-wide. The remaining residents report that they are homemakers or not working and not seeking work. This profile is consistent with a comparatively older population and a settled, financially comfortable area where unemployment is rare.



Work Location

Some Kemp Mill residents are working closer to home in 1997 than in 1987, chiefly in Silver Spring and Takoma Park. Almost 2 percent more work inside the Beltway than did 10 years ago, while the shares working in Northern Virginia and Prince George's County have declined by 2 percent each. However, the location with the largest gain in workers from Kemp Mill is "elsewhere in Maryland," increasing from almost 2 percent to 6 percent of workers aged 16 and older. This change probably reflects the growing employment opportunities in Howard and Anne Arundel Counties, and Kemp Mill's reasonably direct access to those counties.⁴

⁴Prince George's County is a separate category that has not shown significant change.

The leading work location remains Washington, D.C. accounting for 27.5 percent of Kemp Mill's work force. This share is unchanged from 10 years ago and is about 4 points higher than the County-wide share of persons working in the District. Kemp Mill's share commuting "elsewhere in Maryland" is also noticeably higher, 6 percent compared to 4 percent County-wide. Within the County, however, Kemp Mill's distribution of workers inside and outside the Beltway is very similar to the County-wide pattern.

Transportation to Work

Kemp Mill residents are a little less likely to drive alone than all County residents, 69.1 percent do compared to 72.5 percent County-wide. Those in the 3 percentage point group who might otherwise drive, are dispersed among other transportation alternatives with no clear favorite. Kemp Mill residents' use of mass transit is similar to the County pattern with indications of slightly higher bus usage. There is also evidence of a slightly higher rate of working at home. None of these differences are sufficient to be considered definitive.

Occupation

Kemp Mill residents overwhelmingly classify their occupations as professional; almost 46 percent choose this category, compared to 36 percent County-wide. The next most frequent occupation is "executive/managerial," selected by 18 percent, slightly less than the 21.5 percent choosing this designation County-wide. Although it is a small part of Kemp Mill residents' occupational mix, the other occupation where Kemp Mill exceeds the County percentage is "skilled labor," 7.5 percent compared to 4.3 percent.

1997 Occupation

Occupation	Kemp Mill	County
Professional	45.6%	35.8%
Exec/Managerial	18.3%	21.5%
Admin/clerical	11.5%	12.7%
Sales/Services	13.1%	15.0%
Skilled Labor	7.5%	4.3%
Laborer/Tech	4.0%	7.8%
Other	0.0%	1.1%

Household Characteristics

Household Size

Kemp Mill's households are smaller than typical County households. The average household size in Kemp Mill is 2.47 persons per household, compared to 2.64 persons County-wide. The difference is most apparent in single-family detached houses where the average Kemp Mill household is composed of 2.85 persons compared to 3.03 County-wide. A Kemp Mill household in a high-rise is more representative of the County, 1.60 persons compared to 1.66 County-wide. (A difference measured in tenths would not be meaningful for most demographic characteristics but, in the case of household size where numbers are small and change slowly, the difference is notable.)

As mentioned in the discussion of age, Kemp Mill's smaller average household size reflects the older population and the number of single residents. The average has declined since 1987 from 2.56 to 2.47 persons per household.