2005 Census Update Survey
Definition of Survey Data Items

Age Distribution: the percent distribution of the household population across the following age cohorts: 0-4, 5-17, 18-29, 30-44, 45-64, 65-74, and 75 and older.

Average Age: the average age of the household population. As the large cohort of "Baby Boomers" has aged over the past decade, the average age in the County has crept up.

Average Age of Household Head: the average age of those who identified themselves as "Householder" on the survey form.

Average Commuting Time to Work: the average time for an employed person to commute from home to work on the most recent workday preceding the survey.

Average Household Size: the average number of people living in a household. Average household size is calculated by dividing the household population by the number of households.

Average Monthly Housing Costs: the average monthly housing costs for owners and renters. Housing costs for homeowners include principal, interest, taxes, insurance, and condominium fees.

Average Number of Cars: the average number of passenger cars, vans or pickup trucks owned or regularly used by the household. Company cars kept at home are included.

Educational Attainment: the highest degree or level of education completed by persons ages 25 and older.

% Female: the percentage of females in the household population. The population is usually roughly evenly split between the sexes. A higher percentage of females may indicate a large proportion of elderly living in the area.

% Females Who Are Employed: the percentage of women, ages 16 and older, employed full- or part-time.

% Hispanic or Latino and Race: the percent of the household population indicating Hispanic or Latino descent. It is important to note that persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race.

2004 Household Income Distribution: the respondent's estimate of the combined total 2004 pre-tax income of all persons in the household. Income from all sources is included. Low-income households may be under-reported due to the typically lower survey response rate of such households.

Household Population: the estimated number of people living in households in July 2005. This does not include persons living in group-quarters such as jails, college dormitories, nursing homes, etc. This is an estimate subject to survey sampling error and does not reflect a complete count or census of the area.

% Households with Computers: the percentage of households with at least one personal computer. Of these households with computers, the percentage that visited the M-NCPPC website is reported.

% Households with Foreign-Born Head or Spouse: the percentage of households where either the householder or spouse was born outside of the United States. This is not an estimate of foreign-born population and it is not comparable to the 2000 U.S. Census data. Foreign-born households may be under-reported due to the typically lower survey response rate of such households.

% Households Speaking Spanish: the percentage of households where Spanish is spoken in the home.

% Households Spending More than 30% of Income on Housing: an indicator of the housing cost burden facing a household. Housing costs are considered burdensome when the proportion of annual housing costs to household income is

greater than 30 percent. Survey results include homeowner costs for both mortgaged and not mortgaged households.

Households by Type: the designation of households as either "Family" or "Nonfamily". A family household includes a householder and one or more persons who are related to the householder by birth, marriage, or adoption. A family household may also include nonrelatives living with the family. Two family types are highlighted, married-couple and single-parent. A nonfamily household includes a householder living alone or with a group of unrelated individuals.

Language Spoken at Home: persons, age 5 and older, who sometimes or always speak a language other than English at home. Most people who speak another language at home also speak English. The ability to speak English reflects the person's own perception of his or her ability to speak English, from "very well" to "not at all". Because one household member usually completes questionnaires, the responses may represent the perception of another household member. Also, foreign-born households with poor English language skills may be under-reported due to the difficulty in completing an English language survey.

2004 Median Household Income: the 2004 household income value for which half of the incomes are above this midpoint and the other half fall below.

Median Years in Same Home: the median number of years a household has lived in the present house or apartment. This and the "% in the Same Home 5 Years Ago" are indicators of the degree of continuity in the community.

Number of Employed Residents: the number of persons, ages 16 and older, employed full-time (35 hours or more per week) or part-time (less than 35 hours per week).

Persons in Households: the percentage of households by household size from one person through five or more persons.

Race: the self-classification by the respondents according to the race with which they most closely identify. The racial categories used in the survey are White, Black (African American), Asian or Pacific Islander, and Other. The "Other" category includes American Indians and write-in entries such as multi-racial, multi-ethnic, or Hispanic origin groups; the majority of people who chose "Other" are Hispanic. It is important to note that persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race, and the percentage is reported as a separate data item, "% Hispanic or Latino."

Residence in April 2000: the percentage of households by where the householder lived in April 2000.

Tenure: % Rental: the percentage of households renting their residence. All households are classified as either owner occupied or renter occupied.

% Total Households by Structure Type: the percentage distribution of occupied housing units by structure type in July 2005. The four categories are: (1) single-family detached house; (2) townhouse, duplex, or multi-plex unit; (3) garden apartment building, i.e., a low-rise apartment or condominium building with four or fewer floors; and (4) high-rise, apartment or condominium building with five floors or more. Structure type does not distinguish between renter and owner occupancy.

Women with Children Under Age 6 - % Employed: the percentage of women with children under the age of six who are employed full- or part-time. This is one indicator of the need for day care resources.

Work Location: the percent of employed residents commuting within the County, and to Prince George's County, elsewhere in Maryland, Washington, D.C., Virginia or outside the metropolitan area. Persons with more than one place of work reported the location at which the most time was spent during the week preceding the survey.

Work Trip: the main mode of transportation used to go to work on the most recent workday preceding the survey.