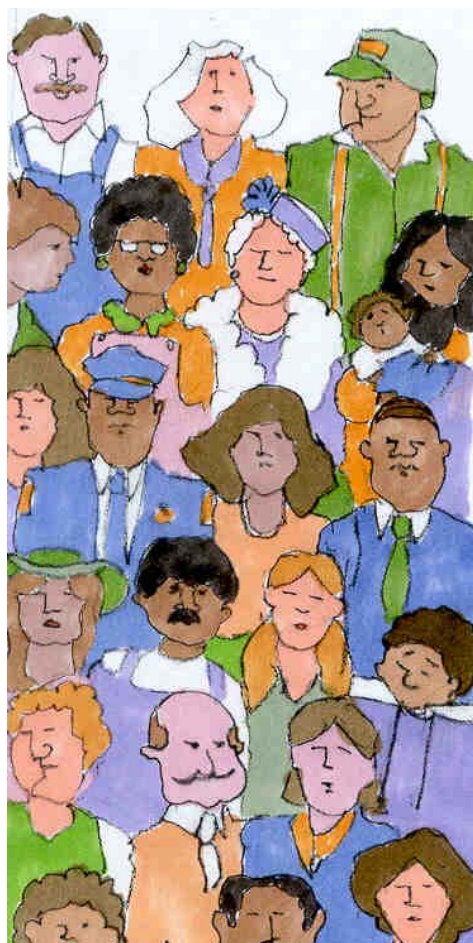


2000 U.S. CENSUS THE BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY



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PROFILE

The Black or African American community represents the largest minority population in Montgomery County, comprising 15 percent of the County's population. Between 1990 and 2000, the African American population grew by 43 percent. This is almost twice the percentage growth of the state's African American population (24 percent) and represents the third highest increase in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan region, following Prince William and Loudoun Counties in Virginia.

The following statistics are from the 2000 U.S. Census of Population and Housing and provide a snapshot view of our African American community. When conducting the 2000 U.S. Census, the Census Bureau, for the first time, allowed persons to identify themselves in more than one racial category. For purposes of this brochure, the data reflects those that identified themselves as African American only (one race only).

The term "Black or African American," as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau, refers to people having origins in any of the Black race groups of Africa. It includes people who reported "Black, African American, or Negro" or wrote in entries such as African American, Afro American, Nigerian, or Haitian.

POPULATION

TOTAL POPULATION

	County	Black	% of County Population
1980	579,053	50,756	8.8%
1990	757,027	92,267	12.2%
2000	873,341	132,256	15.1%
In households	863,910	130,027	15.1%
In group quarters	9,431	2,229	23.6%

AGE DISTRIBUTION

	Number	% Black
Under 5	10,256	7.8%
5 to 9	10,933	8.3%
10 to 14	10,850	8.2%
15 to 19	9,267	7.0%
20 to 24	8,574	6.5%
25 to 34	23,374	17.7%
35 to 44	25,003	18.9%
45 to 54	16,940	12.8%
55 to 64	8,918	6.7%
65 to 74	4,836	3.7%
75 to 84	2,399	1.8%
85 and older	906	0.7%
Under 18	38,047	28.8%
18 to 64	86,068	65.1%
65 and older	8,141	6.2%

POPULATION (continued)

MEDIAN AGE (Years)

	Black	County
Total population	32.2	36.8
Male	30.4	35.6
Female	33.5	37.9

SEX

	Number	Percent
Male	60,375	45.7%
Female	71,881	54.3%

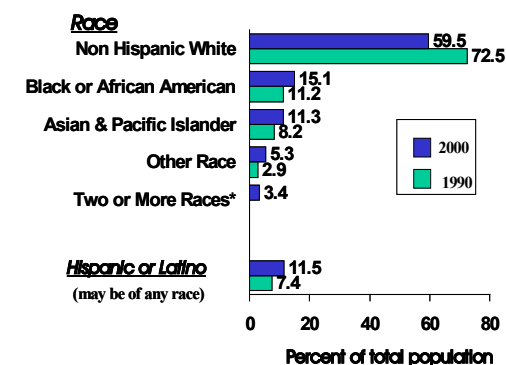
DETAILED RACE

	Number	Percent
In combination with one or more other races	142,507	100.0%
Black alone	132,256	92.8%
Two races:		
White	3,621	2.5%
Am Indian/Alaska Native	814	0.6%
Asian & Pacific Islander	922	0.6%
Some other race	3,518	2.5%
Three or more races:	1,376	1.0%

RACE AND HISPANIC OR LATINO

	Number	Percent
Total Black	132,256	100.0%
Non-Hispanic	129,371	97.8%
Hispanic	2,885	2.2%

GROWING MINORITY POPULATION ACROSS THE DECADE



* New category in 2000 Census.

POPULATION (continued)

NATIVITY AND PLACE OF BIRTH

	Number	Percent
Total population	130,849	100.0%
Native	96,718	73.9%
Maryland	32,350	24.7%
Different state	63,038	48.2%
Born outside US	1,330	1.0%
Foreign Born	34,131	26.1%
Naturalized citizen	11,635	8.9%
Not a citizen	22,496	17.2%

ABILITY TO SPEAK ENGLISH

	Number	Percent
Population 5 years and older	120,987	100.0%
Speak only English	93,043	76.9%
Speak other languages	27,944	23.1%
Speak English 'very well'	19,592	16.2%
Speak English 'well'	5,557	4.6%
Speak English 'not well'	2,439	2.0%
Speak English 'not at all'	356	0.3%

RESIDENCE IN 1995

	Number	Percent
Population 5 years and over	120,987	100.0%
Same house in 1995	48,652	40.2%
Different house in US, 1995	62,375	51.6%
Same county	34,883	28.8%
Different county	27,492	22.8%
Same state	9,009	7.4%
Different state	18,483	15.3%
Elsewhere in 1995	9,960	8.2%

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

	Number	Percent
Adults age 25 and older	82,397	100.0%
Less than HS diploma	9,200	11.2%
High school diploma	16,283	19.8%
Assoc. degree/trade school	5,219	6.3%
Some college	19,063	23.1%
Bachelor degree or higher	32,632	39.7%
Bachelor's degree	18,582	22.6%
Graduate/professional degree	14,050	17.1%

DISABILITY STATUS BY AGE

	With a Disability	No Disability
Population 5 years and older (noninstitutionalized)	18,106	101,111
5-15 years	1,457	22,041
16-20 years	1,217	7,315
21-64 years	12,888	66,934
65 years and older	2,544	4,821

POPULATION (continued)

EMPLOYMENT STATUS

	Number	Percent
Age 16 and older	97,448	100.0%
Civilian labor force	72,353	74.2%
Employed	68,374	70.2%
Male	30,676	31.5%
Female	37,698	38.7%
Unemployed	3,979	4.1%
Armed Forces	498	0.5%

COMMUTE TO WORK

	Number	Percent
Workers 16 and older	67,416	100.0%
Drove alone	42,553	63.1%
Carpooled	8,482	12.6%
Public transit	12,534	18.6%
Other	1,902	2.8%
Worked at home	1,945	2.9%

HOUSING

HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS BY TENURE

	Number	Percent
Total number of households	48,346	100.0%
Average household size	2.68	
Average family size	3.27	
Owner occupied	21,319	44.1%
Avg. household size	2.89	
Median monthly cost	\$1,465	
Median value*	\$166,700	
Renter occupied	27,027	55.9%
Avg. household size	2.52	
Median rent	\$858	

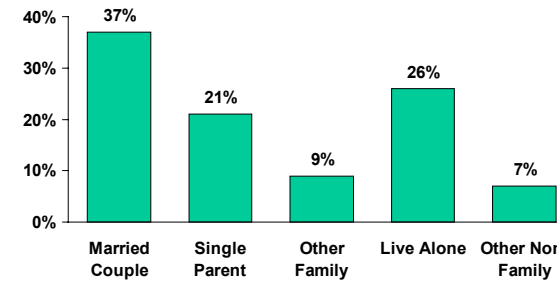
*Owner estimate

HOUSEHOLD TYPE

	Number	Percent
Total number of households	48,346	100.0%
Family households	32,338	66.9%
Married couple	17,842	36.9%
With related children	10,616	22.0%
No related children	7,226	14.9%
Other family households	14,496	30.0%
Male single-parent	1,451	3.0%
Male householder, no related children	1,195	2.5%
Female single-parent	8,541	17.7%
Female householder, no related children	3,309	6.8%
Non-family households	16,008	33.1%
Living alone	12,782	26.4%
Not living alone	3,226	6.7%

HOUSING (continued)

BROADEST POPULARITY OF TYPES FOUND AMONG BLACK HOUSEHOLDS



HOUSEHOLD TYPE BY SIZE

	Number	Percent
Total households	48,346	100.0%
Family households	32,338	66.9%
2-person	10,679	22.1%
3-person	8,819	18.2%
4-person	6,839	14.1%
5 or more	6,001	12.4%
Non-family households	16,008	33.1%
1-person	12,782	26.4%
2-person	2,547	5.3%
3-person	460	1.0%
4-person	139	0.3%
5 or more	80	0.2%

INCOME

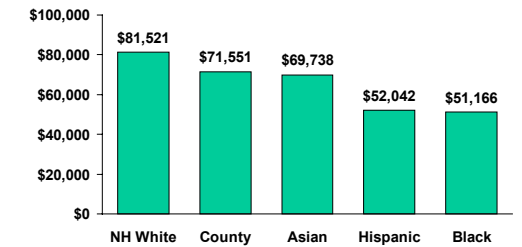
1999 BLACK HOUSEHOLD INCOME

	Number	Percent
Under \$10,000	2,870	6.0%
\$10,000 - 14,999	1,699	3.6%
\$15,000 - 24,999	4,057	8.5%
\$25,000 - 34,999	5,812	12.2%
\$35,000 - 44,999	5,948	12.4%
\$45,000 - 59,999	7,621	15.9%
\$60,000 - 74,999	5,521	11.6%
\$75,000 - 99,999	6,203	13.0%
\$100,000 - 124,999	3,467	7.3%
\$125,000 - 149,999	1,921	4.0%
\$150,000 - 199,999	1,532	3.2%
\$200,000 and more	1,130	2.4%

1999 Median Black household income	\$51,166
1999 Median Black family income	\$57,039
1999 Median County household income	\$71,551
1999 Median family income	\$84,035

INCOME (continued)

1999 MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME BY RACE AND HISPANIC ORIGIN



POVERTY STATUS IN 1999

	No. Below Poverty	% Below Poverty
Families below poverty level	2,509	7.8%
Married-couple family	627	3.4%
With related children	424	3.8%
No related children	203	2.9%
Other family	1,882	13.5%
Male single-parent	172	11.8%
Male householder, no related children	95	8.1%
Female single-parent	1,411	17.0%
Female householder, no related children	204	6.7%
Individuals below poverty level	12,159	9.4%
Less than 18 years old	4,374	14.2%
18 years and older	7,576	9.0%
65 years and older	778	11.8%

MONTHLY HOUSING COSTS AS A PERCENTAGE OF 1999 HOUSEHOLD INCOME

	Total	Percent
Total owner units	18,274	100.0%
Monthly owner cost < 35%	14,559	79.7%
Monthly owner cost 35%+	3,663	20.3%
Total renter units	26,726	100.0%
Monthly renter cost < 35%	18,208	68.1%
Monthly renter cost 35%+	7,612	31.9%

Median monthly housing cost as a percentage of 1999 household income

Home ownership	23.4%
Gross rent	26.2%