

# Damascus & Vicinity

## 1997 Census Update Survey

Planning Areas 10,11,14,15		SINGLE-FAMILY DETACHED	TOWN-HOUSE	GARDEN APT.	HIGH-RISE	ALL TYPES
Est. Land Area in Sq. Mi. = 80.7						
P O P U L A T I O N	Household Population	25,150	2,230	450		27,830
	% Female	50.4%	53.7%	55.7%		50.8%
	Age Distribution:					
	% 0-4 Years Old	7.4%	12.9%	8.6%		7.9%
	% 5-17 Years Old	23.3%	26.3%	16.9%		23.5%
	% 18-29 Years Old	10.3%	9.1%	23.3%		10.6%
	% 30-44 Years Old	26.1%	40.9%	29.3%		27.4%
	% 45-64 Years Old	25.8%	8.8%	13.5%		24.3%
	% 65-74 Years Old	4.6%	1.1%	2.5%		4.2%
	% Over 74 Years Old	2.5%	0.9%	5.9%		2.3%
	Average Age	33.5	25.5	32.3		32.8
	Race:					
	% White	91.0%	84.5%	76.9%		90.3%
	% Black	3.6%	10.2%	17.2%		4.4%
	% Asian or Pacific Islander	3.6%	3.7%	5.9%		3.6%
	% Other	1.8%	1.6%			1.8%
	% Hispanic Origin <sup>1</sup>	3.4%	4.9%	1.2%		3.4%
	Educational Attainment:					
	Persons 25 Years and Older	15,780	1,300	290		17,370
L A B O R  F O R C E	% Less than High School Diploma	9.5%	17.3%	16.7%		10.1%
	% High School Graduate	38.1%	47.9%	54.0%		38.9%
	% Associate or Trade School	5.7%	6.7%	5.7%		5.7%
	% Bachelor's Degree	26.3%	20.0%	16.4%		25.7%
	% Grad, Professional or Doctoral	20.4%	8.2%	7.2%		19.4%
	Number of Employed Residents <sup>2</sup>	13,850	1,200	275		15,325
	% Females Who Are Employed <sup>2</sup>	67.3%	79.3%	76.1%		68.3%
	Women with Children Under Age 6	1,870	245	*		2,150
	% Employed <sup>2</sup>	64.3%	57.6%	*		63.4%
	Employer:					
	% Private for Profit	54.7%	60.3%	67.8%		55.3%
	% Private not for Profit	7.5%	7.1%	8.0%		7.5%
	% Self-Employed	11.9%	13.2%	3.8%		11.9%
	% Government	25.9%	19.5%	20.4%		25.3%
	Work Location:					
	% In the County	74.0%	80.8%	67.0%		74.4%
	% Inside the Beltway	8.1%	7.3%	10.9%		8.1%
	% Outside the Beltway	65.9%	73.5%	56.1%		66.3%
	% Elsewhere in Maryland	12.3%	12.2%	11.1%		12.3%
	% to Washington, D.C.	8.0%	2.3%	13.3%		7.7%
	% to Virginia	5.1%	4.6%	8.5%		5.2%
	Work Trip:					
	% Driving	92.8%	92.8%	86.7%		92.8%
	% Alone	85.4%	80.7%	80.9%		85.0%
	% Carpool	7.4%	12.1%	5.8%		7.8%
	% Public Transit or Rail	3.2%	2.8%	13.3%		3.4%
	% Walk/Bicycle/Other	0.5%	0.7%			0.5%
	% Working at Home	3.4%	3.7%			3.4%
	Access to Metrorail:					
	% Car	88.4%	*	*		86.0%
	% Ride-On/Metrobus	11.6%	*	*		14.0%
	% Walk/Bicycle					

\* Insufficient data for reliable estimates.

<sup>1</sup> Those of Hispanic origin may be of any race.

<sup>2</sup> Ages 16 and older and employed full- or part-time.

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		SINGLE- FAMILY DETACHED	TOWN- HOUSE	GARDEN APT.	HIGH- RISE	ALL TYPES
H O U S I N G	<b>Households by Structure Type</b>	7,775	775	235		8,785
	<b>% Total Households by Structure Type</b>	88.5%	8.8%	2.7%		100.0%
	<b>Average Household Size</b>	3.22	2.80	1.94		3.15
	<b>Tenure:</b>					
	% Rental	4.6%	15.2%	42.0%		6.5%
	<b>Average Monthly Costs:</b>					
	Homeowners	\$1,353	\$866	\$721		\$1,303
	Renters	\$1,048	\$743	\$484		\$893
	<b>% in Same Home 5 Years Ago</b>	71.3%	57.5%	34.9%		69.2%
	<b>Median Years in Same Home</b>	10	7	3		9
	<b>Average Age of Household Head</b>	48.7	38.8	43.5		47.6
	<b>% Households with Foreign Born Head or Spouse</b>	10.4%	9.7%	*		10.2%
	<b>Households by Type:</b>					
	% Family Households	92.1%	78.6%	53.5%		89.9%
	% Married-Couple	85.5%	57.2%	29.5%		81.6%
	% Single-Parent	5.7%	21.3%	23.9%		7.5%
	% Nonfamily Households	7.9%	21.4%	46.5%		10.1%
	% Householder Living Alone	7.3%	19.1%	42.5%		9.2%
	<b>Persons in Households:</b>					
	% 1 Person	7.3%	19.1%	42.5%		9.2%
	% 2 Persons	28.5%	20.5%	33.4%		28.0%
	% 3 Persons	24.7%	30.7%	13.7%		25.0%
	% 4 Persons	22.2%	22.9%	8.3%		21.9%
	% 5+ Persons	17.3%	6.8%	2.2%		15.9%
	<b>Average Number of Cars</b>	2.5	1.8	1.3		2.4
	<b>% of Households with Computers</b>	76.7%	65.5%	*		74.7%
	% with Internet Connection	59.5%	52.7%	*		58.9%
I N C O M E	<b>1996 Household Income Distribution:</b>					
	% Under \$15,000	1.5%	3.7%	9.7%		1.9%
	% \$15,000 to \$29,999	3.7%	11.7%	27.9%		4.9%
	% \$30,000 to \$49,999	13.2%	31.2%	33.5%		15.2%
	% \$50,000 to \$69,999	19.7%	31.3%	24.0%		20.8%
	% \$70,000 to \$99,999	28.7%	17.0%	5.0%		27.2%
	% \$100,000+	33.2%	5.1%			30.1%
	<b>1996 Median Household Income</b>	\$81,535	\$51,665	\$39,165		\$76,740
	<b>% of Households Spending More Than 25% of Income on Housing Costs:</b>					
	% Homeowners	21.7%	31.4%	15.9%		22.4%
	% Renters	39.1%	*	*		39.0%

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