



## Update from the 2010 Census

### Population Change in Northern Virginia

The population of Northern Virginia grew by over half a million between 2000 and 2010. The Northern Virginia population totaled 2.62 million in 2010, up from 2.12 million in 2000, reflecting an increase of 23.9 percent over the decade. Northern Virginia's population growth was 54.9 percent of the total growth in the state of Virginia over the decade. The fastest growing jurisdiction in Northern Virginia was Loudoun County, where the population swelled from 169,599 in 2000 to 312,311 in 2010, an increase of more than 84 percent. Other outer suburban jurisdictions, including Prince William, Spotsylvania, and Stafford counties and the city of Manassas Park, also grew faster than the rest of the region.

The region's largest jurisdiction, Fairfax County, had a population of 1,081,726 in 2010, growing by 11.5 percent between 2000 and 2010. Inner suburban jurisdictions generally grew more slowly than the outer suburbs. The populations of Arlington County and the city of Alexandria grew by 9.6 and 9.1 percent, respectively. The population of the city of Falls Church grew by 18.8 percent over the decade, while the population of the city of Fairfax increased by only 5.0 percent.

#### Population Change: 2000 – 2010

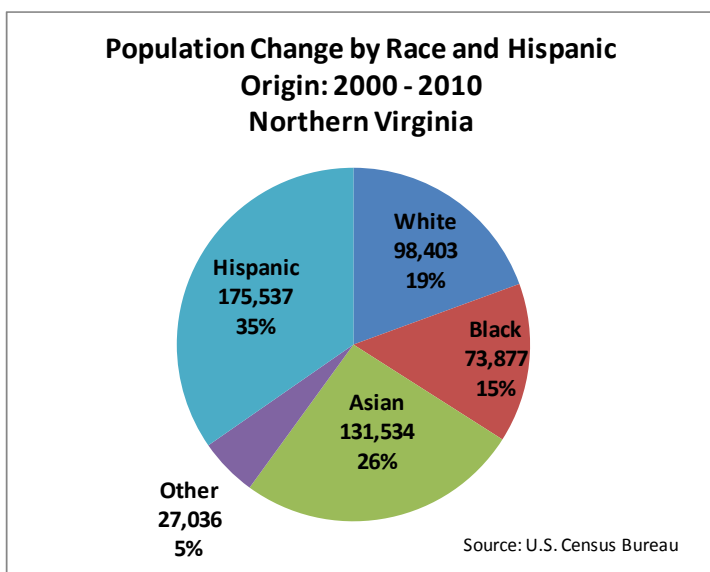
##### Northern Virginia Jurisdictions

Jurisdiction	2000	2010	Change	Percent Change	Population Change by Race/Hispanic Origin				
					Non-Hispanic				Hispanic
					White	Black	Asian	Other	
Arlington	189,453	207,627	18,174	9.6	18,472	-156	3,530	214	-3,886
Clarke	12,652	14,034	1,382	10.9	965	-106	60	158	305
Fairfax	969,749	1,081,726	111,977	11.5	-33,674	14,791	63,152	6,184	61,524
Fauquier	55,139	65,203	10,064	18.3	5,346	431	508	715	3,064
Loudoun	169,599	312,311	142,712	84.1	59,873	10,417	36,770	7,165	28,487
Prince William	280,813	402,002	121,189	43.2	13,900	26,749	19,380	7,038	54,122
Spotsylvania	90,395	122,397	32,002	35.4	14,531	7,171	1,537	2,021	6,742
Stafford	92,446	128,961	36,515	39.5	13,407	10,246	2,049	2,280	8,533
Warren	31,584	37,575	5,991	19.0	4,398	195	215	359	824
Alexandria	128,283	139,966	11,683	9.1	5,989	1,315	1,152	-415	3,642
Fairfax City	21,498	22,565	1,067	5.0	-484	-5	794	138	624
Falls Church	10,377	12,332	1,955	18.8	838	202	476	206	233
Fredericksburg	19,279	24,286	5,007	26.0	1,001	1,483	393	468	1,662
Manassas	35,135	37,821	2,686	7.6	-5,310	475	670	291	6,560
Manassas Park	10,290	14,273	3,983	38.7	-849	669	848	214	3,101
<b>Northern Virginia Total</b>	<b>2,116,692</b>	<b>2,623,079</b>	<b>506,387</b>	<b>23.9</b>	<b>98,403</b>	<b>73,877</b>	<b>131,534</b>	<b>27,036</b>	<b>175,537</b>

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 and 2010 Census. 2000 and 2010 Census Redistricting Data (Public Law 94-171) Summary File

Population growth in Northern Virginia was fueled largely by expansion of the region’s racial and ethnic minority populations. The Hispanic population grew fastest, accounting for about 35 percent of the total population growth in the region. The Asian population also grew relatively fast and accounted for 26 percent of the region’s growth. Non-Hispanic whites accounted for 19 percent of the region’s population growth and African-Americans accounted for 15 percent of growth between 2000 and 2010. People of other races—which includes those who indicate they are of two or more races—accounted for five percent of the change in population.

The Hispanic population was an important source of population growth in most Northern Virginia jurisdictions, including Fairfax and Prince William counties, where the number of Hispanics grew by 61,524 and 54,122, respectively. Arlington County was the only jurisdiction in Northern Virginia that saw a decline in the Hispanic population.



The Asian population grew in all Northern Virginia jurisdictions. Asians were a large source of growth, particularly in Fairfax and Loudoun counties, with increases of 63,152 and 36,770, respectively.

While Fairfax County grew by nearly 112,000 over the decade, the county’s non-Hispanic white population declined by 33,674. The number of whites also dropped in the cities of Fairfax and Manassas Park.

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