## Community Assessment: General Overview

In 2000, a Community Assessment was conducted jointly by Fairfax County, the City of Fairfax, the City of Falls Church, and the Fairfax-Falls Church United Way to gather information about people in our community and to assist in human services planning. In September 2000, the survey was mailed to 11,200 households in the two Cities and the County. The response rate was 6,859 households or 63 percent after compensating for vacant housing and incorrect addresses. This was the second Community Assessment; the first survey was conducted in 1995.

The General Overview provides detailed tables of persons and
 households in the five Human Services Regions, the Cities of Fairfax and Falls Church, and the Total Area. The tables contain data about population characteristics, educational attainment, employment, health insurance, mental health, long-term care needs, day care, English proficiency, income, and housing.

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Profile of Persons

| Fairfax County Human Service Region |  |  |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Falls } \\ \text { Church } \\ \text { City } \\ 10,306 \end{array}$ | Fairfax City 20,970 | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Area } \\ \text { Total } \\ 990,729 \end{array}$ |
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| Region 1 | Region 2 | Region 3 | Region 4 | Region 5 |  |  |  |
| 159,863 | 151,666 | 218,060 | 244,841 | 185,023 |  |  |  |
| 8.6\% | 6.8\% | 6.4\% | 8.6\% | 6.1\% | 4.9\% | 6.1\% | 7.3\% |
| 6.9\% | 6.8\% | 7.1\% | 8.0\% | 9.1\% | 6.5\% | 6.1\% | 7.6\% |
| 6.9\% | 6.1\% | 7.3\% | 7.4\% | 9.6\% | 6.9\% | 5.3\% | 7.5\% |
| 4.1\% | 5.1\% | 6.2\% | 6.0\% | 7.5\% | 6.5\% | 5.4\% | 5.8\% |
| 5.2\% | 5.1\% | 3.5\% | 4.4\% | 3.4\% | 4.2\% | 6.1\% | 4.3\% |
| 16.9\% | 17.4\% | 12.2\% | 17.0\% | 10.1\% | 14.0\% | 15.7\% | 14.6\% |
| 20.2\% | 16.9\% | 17.1\% | 20.6\% | 19.0\% | 17.3\% | 17.6\% | 18.8\% |
| 15.0\% | 14.4\% | 19.2\% | 14.4\% | 18.2\% | 19.1\% | 14.4\% | 16.3\% |
| 8.0\% | 10.5\% | 11.2\% | 8.2\% | 9.8\% | 9.2\% | 10.8\% | 9.5\% |
| 8.2\% | 11.0\% | 9.9\% | 5.5\% | 7.2\% | 11.5\% | 12.6\% | 8.3\% |

Sex:
Male
Female

| $47.2 \%$ | $48.0 \%$ | $49.0 \%$ | $49.1 \%$ | $48.2 \%$ | $46.7 \%$ | $48.6 \%$ | $48.4 \%$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $52.8 \%$ | $52.0 \%$ | $51.0 \%$ | $50.9 \%$ | $51.8 \%$ | $53.3 \%$ | $51.4 \%$ | $51.6 \%$ |

Race:
Asian
Black
Hispanic
White
Other
Multiracial

| $7.2 \%$ | $16.4 \%$ | $11.8 \%$ | $14.2 \%$ | $14.1 \%$ | $6.2 \%$ | $12.0 \%$ | $12.7 \%$ |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $19.0 \%$ | $5.6 \%$ | $4.7 \%$ | $5.4 \%$ | $8.2 \%$ | $2.8 \%$ | $4.7 \%$ | $8.0 \%$ |
| $11.7 \%$ | $19.7 \%$ | $8.0 \%$ | $6.8 \%$ | $10.1 \%$ | $8.0 \%$ | $13.5 \%$ | $10.6 \%$ |
| $55.7 \%$ | $51.7 \%$ | $68.7 \%$ | $67.9 \%$ | $61.2 \%$ | $76.9 \%$ | $64.8 \%$ | $62.4 \%$ |
| $4.4 \%$ | $3.7 \%$ | $4.8 \%$ | $4.0 \%$ | $3.7 \%$ | $4.0 \%$ | $3.8 \%$ | $4.1 \%$ |
| $1.9 \%$ | $2.9 \%$ | $2.1 \%$ | $1.7 \%$ | $2.6 \%$ | $2.1 \%$ | $1.2 \%$ | $2.2 \%$ |

English Proficiency-Persons 5 Years and Older:
Speaks No English
Does Not Speak English Well
Speaks English Well
Speaks English Very Well

| $1.3 \%$ | $3.3 \%$ | $1.2 \%$ | $1.0 \%$ | $1.6 \%$ | $0.6 \%$ | $1.2 \%$ | $1.6 \%$ |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $3.2 \%$ | $8.8 \%$ | $2.6 \%$ | $3.2 \%$ | $4.2 \%$ | $2.6 \%$ | $4.2 \%$ | $4.2 \%$ |
| $12.6 \%$ | $17.0 \%$ | $9.0 \%$ | $10.7 \%$ | $13.4 \%$ | $9.0 \%$ | $13.1 \%$ | $12.1 \%$ |
| $82.8 \%$ | $70.9 \%$ | $87.2 \%$ | $85.1 \%$ | $80.8 \%$ | $87.8 \%$ | $81.4 \%$ | $82.2 \%$ |

Educational Attainment-Persons 25 Years and Older:

| Less than High School Diploma | $11.3 \%$ | $14.7 \%$ | $3.8 \%$ | $6.1 \%$ | $8.4 \%$ | $6.4 \%$ | $9.7 \%$ | $8.3 \%$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| School Diploma or GED | $13.5 \%$ | $13.7 \%$ | $7.4 \%$ | $9.0 \%$ | $11.3 \%$ | $8.4 \%$ | $14.3 \%$ | $10.6 \%$ |
| Some College, No Degree | $18.8 \%$ | $15.6 \%$ | $14.1 \%$ | $14.5 \%$ | $19.2 \%$ | $13.8 \%$ | $18.7 \%$ | $16.2 \%$ |
| Associate's Degree | $6.1 \%$ | $3.7 \%$ | $3.8 \%$ | $6.2 \%$ | $6.0 \%$ | $4.1 \%$ | $6.6 \%$ | $5.2 \%$ |
| Bachelor's Degree | $24.3 \%$ | $26.1 \%$ | $30.7 \%$ | $32.5 \%$ | $25.4 \%$ | $27.7 \%$ | $26.7 \%$ | $28.3 \%$ |
| Post Graduate or more Education | $25.3 \%$ | $25.6 \%$ | $39.3 \%$ | $30.8 \%$ | $29.0 \%$ | $39.1 \%$ | $23.4 \%$ | $30.6 \%$ |
| Other | $0.8 \%$ | $0.5 \%$ | $0.8 \%$ | $1.0 \%$ | $0.7 \%$ | $0.6 \%$ | $0.6 \%$ | $0.8 \%$ |

Labor Force Participation Rate-
Persons 16 Years and Older:
Male
Female

| $81.8 \%$ | $78.4 \%$ | $75.7 \%$ | $80.5 \%$ | $76.9 \%$ | $77.2 \%$ | $76.3 \%$ | $78.5 \%$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $86.5 \%$ | $84.2 \%$ | $84.0 \%$ | $89.2 \%$ | $84.5 \%$ | $84.8 \%$ | $82.0 \%$ | $85.7 \%$ |
| $78.1 \%$ | $73.6 \%$ | $67.6 \%$ | $72.7 \%$ | $69.8 \%$ | $71.1 \%$ | $70.8 \%$ | $72.0 \%$ |

Employment Status-Persons 16 Years and Older:
Full-time work
Part-time work
Unemployed, seeking work
Unemployed, not seeking work

| $67.9 \%$ | $62.6 \%$ | $61.0 \%$ | $64.7 \%$ | $60.5 \%$ | $62.6 \%$ | $59.5 \%$ | $63.1 \%$ |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $9.9 \%$ | $11.4 \%$ | $12.1 \%$ | $12.0 \%$ | $13.0 \%$ | $10.8 \%$ | $13.4 \%$ | $11.8 \%$ |
| $3.9 \%$ | $4.5 \%$ | $2.7 \%$ | $3.7 \%$ | $3.4 \%$ | $3.8 \%$ | $3.3 \%$ | $3.6 \%$ |
| $18.2 \%$ | $21.6 \%$ | $24.3 \%$ | $19.5 \%$ | $23.1 \%$ | $22.8 \%$ | $23.7 \%$ | $21.5 \%$ |

Number of Employers-Employed Persons 16 Years and Older:

| One | 88.0\% | 87.9\% | 90.6\% | 91.4\% | 89.0\% | 90.5\% | 86.7\% | 89.6\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Two | 9.3\% | 9.1\% | 6.6\% | 6.7\% | 8.4\% | 7.1\% | 9.8\% | 7.9\% |
| Three or more | 2.7\% | 3.0\% | 2.9\% | 1.9\% | 2.6\% | 2.4\% | 3.5\% | 2.6\% |
| th Health Insurance Coverage: | 89.8\% | 85.6\% | 94.5\% | 93.4\% | 93.2\% | 93.0\% | 88.5\% | 91.7\% |
| periencing Mental/Emotional/Anxiety | 8.4\% | 9.3\% | 8.8\% | 10.1\% | 73\% | 11.5\% | 93\% | 8.9\% |
| Male | 6.9\% | 8.6\% | 6.6\% | 8.3\% | 6.5\% | 9.2\% | 7.6\% | 7.4\% |
| Female | 9.7\% | 10.1\% | 10.8\% | 12.0\% | 8.1\% | 13.6\% | 10.9\% | 10.3\% |

Long-Lasting Conditions:
(Percents may sum to more than 100 because persons could select more than one category.)

| No long-lasting conditions | $94.1 \%$ | $92.7 \%$ | $95.0 \%$ | $95.0 \%$ | $94.2 \%$ | $93.4 \%$ | $93.2 \%$ | $94.3 \%$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Substantial physical limitations | $3.2 \%$ | $3.5 \%$ | $2.7 \%$ | $3.1 \%$ | $2.3 \%$ | $3.4 \%$ | $4.0 \%$ | $3.0 \%$ |
| Severe vision/hearing impairment | $2.6 \%$ | $3.3 \%$ | $2.1 \%$ | $1.4 \%$ | $2.5 \%$ | $3.3 \%$ | $3.1 \%$ | $2.3 \%$ |
| Severe learning/memory problems | $1.2 \%$ | $1.5 \%$ | $0.7 \%$ | $1.3 \%$ | $1.7 \%$ | $1.2 \%$ | $0.9 \%$ | $1.2 \%$ |


| $3.5 \%$ | $5.6 \%$ | $2.5 \%$ | $2.4 \%$ | $2.9 \%$ | $3.2 \%$ | $3.2 \%$ | $3.2 \%$ |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $14.7 \%$ | $15.6 \%$ | $6.2 \%$ | $8.1 \%$ | $9.3 \%$ | $9.1 \%$ | $12.1 \%$ | $10.2 \%$ |



| Fairfax County Human Service Region |  |  |  |  | Falls |  | Area |
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| $\begin{array}{r} \text { Region } 1 \\ 65,133 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \hline \text { Region } 2 \\ 52,567 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Region } 3 \\ 79,840 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \hline \text { Region } 4 \\ 89,972 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Region } 5 \\ 63,201 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { City } \\ 4,471 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { City } \\ 8,035 \end{array}$ | Total 363,219 |
| 18.5\% | 17.4\% | 11.1\% | 8.9\% | 9.1\% | 15.5\% | 16.2\% | 13.3\% |
| 51.1\% | 45.6\% | 31.4\% | 30.7\% | 40.7\% | 43.0\% | 43.8\% | 39.8\% |
| 12.2\% | 24.7\% | 31.1\% | 31.1\% | 23.9\% | 18.9\% | 19.7\% | 24.4\% |
| 18.2\% | 12.2\% | 26.5\% | 29.3\% | 26.2\% | 22.7\% | 20.3\% | 22.5\% |
| 15.6\% | 23.7\% | 15.3\% | 8.4\% | 12.1\% | 17.8\% | 18.2\% | 14.1\% |
| 17.8\% | 13.5\% | 8.4\% | 11.0\% | 12.2\% | 11.2\% | 16.2\% | 12.2\% |
| 20.4\% | 15.3\% | 11.2\% | 15.9\% | 21.7\% | 12.0\% | 18.4\% | 16.6\% |
| 14.0\% | 12.7\% | 7.7\% | 18.0\% | 12.8\% | 15.2\% | 15.1\% | 13.2\% |
| 19.3\% | 18.8\% | 18.6\% | 24.0\% | 22.8\% | 19.0\% | 17.6\% | 20.9\% |
| 12.8\% | 15.9\% | 38.8\% | 22.8\% | 18.5\% | 24.8\% | 14.5\% | 22.9\% |


| Total Households | 65,133 | 52,567 | 79,840 | 89,972 | 63,201 | 4,471 |  |  |
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Monthly Housing Costs:
Renters
Less than \$700
\$700 to \$999
\$1,000 to \$1,249
\$1,250 or more
Owners
Less than $\$ 700$
$\$ 700$ to $\$ 999$
\$1,000 to \$1,249
\$1,250 to \$1,499
\$1,500 to \$1,999
$\$ 2,000$ or more

| $54.2 \%$ | $52.2 \%$ | $59.5 \%$ | $59.5 \%$ | $56.1 \%$ | $51.3 \%$ | $55.2 \%$ | $56.7 \%$ |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $26.5 \%$ | $26.9 \%$ | $22.8 \%$ | $24.4 \%$ | $26.7 \%$ | $24.7 \%$ | $25.9 \%$ | $25.3 \%$ |
| $13.4 \%$ | $15.2 \%$ | $13.5 \%$ | $11.5 \%$ | $12.4 \%$ | $16.2 \%$ | $14.4 \%$ | $13.1 \%$ |
| $6.0 \%$ | $5.7 \%$ | $4.2 \%$ | $4.6 \%$ | $4.8 \%$ | $7.7 \%$ | $4.5 \%$ | $5.0 \%$ |

Ran out of Money for Rent or Mortgage, Utilities, Food or Medicine:

| Did not run out of money last year | $81.3 \%$ | $82.4 \%$ | $88.4 \%$ | $87.0 \%$ | $88.1 \%$ | $87.5 \%$ | $81.7 \%$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Ran out 1 or 2 times last year | $12.5 \%$ | $13.6 \%$ | $9.1 \%$ | $9.4 \%$ | $8.5 \%$ | $8.9 \%$ | $13.7 \%$ |
| Ran out 3 or more times last year | $6.2 \%$ | $4.0 \%$ | $2.5 \%$ | $3.6 \%$ | $3.4 \%$ | $3.6 \%$ | $4.7 \%$ |

Where Households that Ran Out of Money Turned for Help:

| Percentages | Family/Friends | $54.6 \%$ | $56.7 \%$ | $47.9 \%$ | $58.6 \%$ | $52.5 \%$ | $54.0 \%$ | $60.4 \%$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| based on the | Government | $4.9 \%$ | $9.8 \%$ | $5.0 \%$ | $6.6 \%$ | $5.0 \%$ | $10.0 \%$ | $1.4 \%$ |
| 14.3 percent of | Religious/Community Group | $10.7 \%$ | $9.4 \%$ | $11.3 \%$ | $4.2 \%$ | $1.1 \%$ | $7.9 \%$ | $8.5 \%$ |
| households | Increased Credit/Other Debt | $49.5 \%$ | $45.7 \%$ | $50.7 \%$ | $48.6 \%$ | $48.8 \%$ | $49.7 \%$ | $51.1 \%$ |
| running out of | Other | $10.0 \%$ | $9.0 \%$ | $11.2 \%$ | $12.4 \%$ | $10.7 \%$ | $12.2 \%$ | $13.3 \%$ |
| money at least | Not applicable | $2.7 \%$ | $3.7 \%$ | $4.2 \%$ | $1.5 \%$ | $1.3 \%$ | $0.8 \%$ |  |
| once last year. |  |  |  |  |  |  | $4.0 \%$ | $2.7 \%$ |

Moved Senior/Disabled Person Into
$\begin{array}{llllllll} & 3.7 \% & 3.7 \% & 4.1 \% & 5.8 \% & 6.7 \% & 2.8 \% & 5.2 \%\end{array}$

Percentages for where the senior/disabled person is living are based on the 4.9 percent of households moving a senior or disabled person to the area from outside the area, and add to more than 100 percent because of multiple responses. Percentages are provided only for the entire survey region because numbers for individual areas are too small for tabulation by area.

| $6.7 \%$ | 2.8\% | In my home |
| ---: | ---: | ---: |
| In a senior residence | $44.0 \%$ |  |
| In a nursing home | $18.4 \%$ |  |
| Independently | $15.1 \%$ |  |
| Not applicable/deceased | $15.6 \%$ |  |

Note: Percentages may not sum to 100 due to rounding.
Unless otherwise noted, person-level data are based on household population and household data are based on total households for each survey area. Household population excludes persons living in group quarters such as correctional facilities, nursing homes, and college dormitories.

