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## 2010 CENSUS <br> Household Type and Relationship Characteristics

## Introduction

The Department of Planning and Zoning's Research Report Issue 19, provided a summary of the 2010 Census results for Howard County. Issue 20 summarized age characteristics from the 2010 Census and Issue 21 summarized race and Hispanic origin information. This current report, Issue 22, discusses detailed results on household type and relationships including state and national comparisons as well as comparisons between different locations within Howard County.

## Howard County Compared to Maryland and U.S.

## Household Type

According to the 2010 Census, Howard County has a greater percentage of family households compared to both the U.S. and Maryland - 72.9 percent for Howard County compared to 67.1 percent in Maryland and 66.4 percent nationally. This reflects Howard County's status as a "bedroom community," attracting families due to its high quality schools, safe environment, and other amenities. A family household is defined as two or more people living in the same household related by birth, marriage or adoption.

For the U.S. and Maryland less than half of all households consist of married couple family households. By comparison, close to 60 percent of all households in Howard County are categorized as married-couples. The corollary to this is there are greater percentages of nonfamily and other family households in Maryland and U.S. compared to Howard County. Other family households consist of single parent households - mostly single mothers and to a lesser degree single fathers.

About 27 percent of all households in Howard County are non-family households, which primarily includes householders living alone and to a lesser extent unmarried partners or unrelated roommates. For Maryland, 32.9 percent of all households are non-family households. For the entire U.S. the percentage is 33.6 percent. The tables and charts below summarize these data for both 2000 and 2010. The change from 2000 to 2010 is also shown.

In 2000, the same general pattern as in 2010 was apparent, with Howard County having a greater percentage of family and married couple households compared to Maryland and the U.S. Since 2000 for the County, State and U.S. slight drops have occurred in the percentages of family and married couple households and slight increases have occurred in the percentages of other family and non-family households. These changes, however, were not as extensive in Howard County. This is an indication that although Howard County has followed the larger national and state trends of increasing household type diversity, it is not as pronounced, and there has been a greater propensity for the County to "hold on" to its status as more of a family oriented bedroom community.

As the last table and chart below show, close to 50 percent of all new households in Howard County between 2000 and 2010 were married couple households, significantly greater than the percentages for Maryland and the U.S.

2000 Household Type - United States,Maryland, and Howard County

|  | United States |  | Maryland |  | Howard County |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Category | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Family Households | $71,787,347$ | $68.1 \%$ | $1,359,318$ | $68.6 \%$ | 65,790 | $73.1 \%$ |
| Married-Couple Famlies | $54,493,232$ | $51.7 \%$ | 994,549 | $50.2 \%$ | 54,441 | $60.5 \%$ |
| Other Family Households | $17,294,115$ | $16.4 \%$ | 364,769 | $18.4 \%$ | 11,349 | $12.6 \%$ |
| Male Householder, no wife present | $4,394,012$ | $4.2 \%$ | 84,893 | $4.3 \%$ | 2,798 | $3.1 \%$ |
| Female Householder, no huband present | $12,900,103$ | $12.2 \%$ | 279,876 | $14.1 \%$ | 8,551 | $9.5 \%$ |
| Nonfamily Households | $33,692,754$ | $31.9 \%$ | 621,541 | $31.4 \%$ | 24,253 | $26.9 \%$ |
| Total Households | $\mathbf{1 0 5 , 4 8 0 , 1 0 1}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0 \%}$ | $\mathbf{1 , 9 8 0 , 8 5 9}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0 \%}$ | $\mathbf{9 0 , 0 4 3}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0 \%}$ |

*Source: U.S. Census Bureau
2010 Household Type - United States,Maryland, and Howard County

|  | United States |  | Maryland |  | Howard County |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Category | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Family Households | $77,538,296$ | $66.4 \%$ | $1,447,002$ | $67.1 \%$ | 76,333 | $72.9 \%$ |
| Married-Couple Famlies | $56,510,377$ | $48.4 \%$ | $1,026,739$ | $47.6 \%$ | 61,671 | $58.9 \%$ |
| Other Family Households | $21,027,919$ | $18.0 \%$ | 420,263 | $19.5 \%$ | 14,662 | $14.0 \%$ |
| Male Householder, no wife present | $5,777,570$ | $5.0 \%$ | 104,375 | $4.8 \%$ | 3,639 | $3.5 \%$ |
| Female Householder, no huband present | $15,250,349$ | $13.1 \%$ | 315,888 | $14.6 \%$ | 11,023 | $10.5 \%$ |
| Nonfamily Households | $39,177,996$ | $33.6 \%$ | 709,409 | $32.9 \%$ | 28,416 | $27.1 \%$ |
| Total Households | $\mathbf{1 1 6 , 7 1 6 , 2 9 2}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0 \%}$ | $\mathbf{2 , 1 5 6 , 4 1 1}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0 \%}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 4 , 7 4 9}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0 \%}$ |

*Source: U.S. Census Bureau
2000 to 2010 Change in Household Type - United States,Maryland, and Howard County

|  | United States |  | Maryland |  | Howard County |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Category | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Family Households | $5,750,949$ | $51.2 \%$ | 87,684 | $49.9 \%$ | 10,543 | $71.7 \%$ |
| Married-Couple Famlies | $2,017,145$ | $18.0 \%$ | 32,190 | $18.3 \%$ | 7,230 | $49.2 \%$ |
| Other Family Households | $3,733,804$ | $33.2 \%$ | 55,494 | $31.6 \%$ | 3,313 | $22.5 \%$ |
| Male Householder, no wife present | $1,383,558$ | $12.3 \%$ | 19,482 | $11.1 \%$ | 841 | $5.7 \%$ |
| Female Householder, no huband present | $2,350,246$ | $20.9 \%$ | 36,012 | $20.5 \%$ | 2,472 | $16.8 \%$ |
| Nonfamily Households | $5,485,242$ | $48.8 \%$ | 87,868 | $50.1 \%$ | 4,163 | $28.3 \%$ |
| Total Households | $\mathbf{1 1 , 2 3 6 , 1 9 1}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0 . 0 \%}$ | $\mathbf{1 7 5 , 5 5 2}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0 . 0 \%}$ | $\mathbf{1 4 , 7 0 6}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0 . 0 \%}$ |

[^0]2000 Census Percent by Household Type


2010 Census Percent by Household Type


2000-2010 Percent of Growth by Household Type


## Family Households

Looking at family households more closely, of the total 76,333 in Howard County in 2010, 30,677 or about 40 percent are traditional "nuclear family" defined as a married couple living with one of more of their own children under 18. This represents about 29 percent of the total 104,749 households in Howard County. In Maryland the nuclear family percentage is about 30 percent of total family households and 20 percent of all households. For the U.S. the percentages are similar at about 30 and 20 percent, respectively. This again indicates Howard County's relative status as more of a bedroom community.

The largest family category for the U.S., Maryland, and Howard County is married couples not living with their own children under 18. These include married couples that don't have children and married couples with children over 18. The U.S. has the greatest percentage in this category at 42.5 percent, followed by Maryland and Howard County both with 40.6 percent.

The other four categories include female and male householders with no spouse present with and without their own children under 18. The largest of these are female householders with no husband present living with their own children under 18. This category ranges from 10.8 percent of all families in the U.S. to 11.4 percent in Maryland to 8.3 percent in Howard County. The percentages for female householders with no husband present without their own children under 18 are lower by comparison. This would include women living with their own children 18 or over or living with another relative such as a brother or sister. Male householders with no wife
present represent the smallest family type, ranging from about 2 to 4 percent in Howard County, Maryland and the U.S. The table and chart below summarize these data.

Family Households in 2010 - United State, Maryland, and Howard County

| Family Household Category | United States |  | Maryland |  | Howard County |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Married Couple Family, With Own Children Under 18 | 23,588,268 | 30.4\% | 439,471 | 30.4\% | 30,677 | 40.2\% |
| Married Couple Family, Without Own Children Under 18 | 32,922,109 | 42.5\% | 587,268 | 40.6\% | 30,994 | 40.6\% |
| Female Householder, no Husband Present, With Own Children Under 18 | 8,365,912 | 10.8\% | 164,366 | 11.4\% | 6,331 | 8.3\% |
| Female Householder, no Husband Present, Without Own Children Under 18 | 6,884,437 | 8.9\% | 151,522 | 10.5\% | 4,692 | 6.1\% |
| Male Householder, no Wife Present, With Own Children Under 18 | 2,789,424 | 3.6\% | 47,191 | 3.3\% | 1,756 | 2.3\% |
| Male Householder, no Wife Present, Without Own Children Under 18 | 2,988,146 | 3.9\% | 57,184 | 4.0\% | 1,883 | 2.5\% |
| Total Family Households | 77,538,296 | 100\% | 1,447,002 | 100\% | 76,333 | 100\% |

*Source: U.S. Census Bureau

2010 Census Percent of Total Family Households


## Non-Family Households

As indicated earlier, about 27 percent of all households in Howard County, 28,416 households, were of non-family households according to the 2010 Census. Of these households in Howard County, the significant majority, about 81 percent, consist of residents living alone. This is about 22 percent of all households in Howard County. The percentages are higher for Maryland and the U.S. as a whole with about 26 and 27 percent of all households consisting of residents living alone, respectively.

Non-Family Households in 2010 - United States, Maryland, and Howard County

|  | United States |  | Maryland |  | Howard County |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Non-Family Houshold Category | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Householder Living Alone | $31,204,909$ | $79.6 \%$ | 563,003 | $79.4 \%$ | 22,903 | $80.6 \%$ |
| Householder Not Living Alone | $7,973,087$ | $20.4 \%$ | 146,406 | $20.6 \%$ | 5,513 | $19.4 \%$ |
| Total Non-Family Households | $\mathbf{3 9 , 1 7 7 , 9 9 6}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0 \%}$ | $\mathbf{7 0 9 , 4 0 9}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0 \%}$ | $\mathbf{2 8 , 4 1 6}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0 \%}$ |

*Source: U.S. Census Bureau


## Unmarried Partner Households

The 2010 Census also reported that there were 4,853 unmarried partner households in Howard County, 4.6 percent of total households. Slightly higher percentages result for Maryland and U.S. Unmarried partner households include same sex and opposite sex close personal relationships and include both family and non-family households. The data are summarized in the table below.

Unmarried Partner Households in 2010 - United States, Maryland, and Howard County

|  | United States |  | Maryland |  | Howard County |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Household Category | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Unmarried Partner | $7,744,711$ | $6.6 \%$ | 137,828 | $6.4 \%$ | 4,853 | $4.6 \%$ |
| All Other Households | $108,971,581$ | $93.4 \%$ | $2,018,583$ | $93.6 \%$ | 99,896 | $95.4 \%$ |
| Total Households | $\mathbf{1 1 6 , 7 1 6 , 2 9 2}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0 \%}$ | $\mathbf{2 , 1 5 6 , 4 1 1}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0 \%}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 4 , 7 4 9}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0 \%}$ |

*Source: U.S. Census Bureau

## Intra-State Comparisons - Year 2000

The charts and maps on the following pages compare household type and relationship characteristics for Maryland counties and Baltimore City for the year 2010. The associated thematic map on each page helps to show geographic concentrations and comparisons. The data in the maps are shown in equal ranges with the darker shades representing the greater percentages.

Compared to most other jurisdictions in Maryland, Howard County has greater percentages of family households, family households with children under 18, and traditional nuclear family households (married couple with own children under 18). In particular, Howard County ranks $1^{\text {st }}$ in Maryland (out of 24 jurisdictions) for the percentage of households with children under 18 at 37 percent. The statewide average is 30 percent. Worcester County on the eastern shore has the least in this category at 21 percent. Howard County also ranks $1^{\text {st }}$ for nuclear families with 29 percent of all households. The Maryland percentage for nuclear families is 20 percent, 1 out of every five households in the state. Baltimore City has the smallest in this category with only 8 percent. Howard ranks $6^{\text {th }}$ for family households in general including those both with and without children under 18 at 73 percent. This compares to 67 percent statewide. Calvert County has the highest percentage in this category at 77 percent.

Howard County ranks further down at $17^{\text {th }}$ in the percentage of householders living alone with about 22 percent of all households. This compares to a higher 26 percent for Maryland. Baltimore City had the highest percentage of householders living alone at 36 percent. Calvert County had the least with 18 percent. Again, these statistics indicate Howard County's recognized status as more of a bedroom community, the same status also shared by other growing and relatively newer suburban jurisdictions in Maryland primarily located in the more central part of the State.

Percent Family Households by Maryland Jurisdiction - 2010


## Percent Family Households by Maryland Jurisdiction in 2010





## Percent Family Households with Own Children Under 18 by Maryland Jurisdiction in 2010



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## Percent Traditional "*Nuclear Family" Households with Own Children Under 18 by Maryland Jurisdiction in 2010


*Nuclear Family defined as a husband-wife couple family with at least one child under 18 years old.

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## Percent Households with Householder Living Alone by Maryland Jurisdiction in 2010




## Comparisons Within Howard County

The series of tables below indicate household type within Howard County, showing the results by Regional Planning Districts (RPD). The first table shows the absolute numbers and the next two tables show the percentage breakdowns.

The percentages in red are those less than the total percentage in the associated category. For example, as shown in the second table, 34 percent of all family households in Howard County are located in Columbia. This is less than the 37.6 percent of all County households that are located in Columbia. On the other hand, 47.1 percent of all nonfamily households in the County are located in Columbia, which represents a greater percentage than the 37.6 percent of total County households located in Columbia. These variations, although minor in some cases, do show the relative concentrations of household types in the County between regions.

Howard County Household Type by Regional Planning District - 2010

| Category | Elkridge | Ellicott City | West Friendship | Cooksville | Clarksville | Columbia | Laurel | TOTAL |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Family Households | 10,131 | 17,243 | 4,475 | 3,872 | 4,926 | 25,951 | 9,735 | 76,333 |
| Married-Couple Famlies | 8,013 | 14,630 | 4,016 | 3,465 | 4,445 | 19,736 | 7,366 | 61,671 |
| Other Family Households | 2,118 | 2,613 | 459 | 407 | 481 | 6,215 | 2,369 | 14,662 |
| Male Householder, no wife present | 536 | 694 | 147 | 124 | 173 | 1,339 | 626 | 3,639 |
| Female Householder, no huband present | 1,582 | 1,919 | 312 | 283 | 308 | 4,876 | 1,743 | 11,023 |
| Nonfamily Households | 4,079 | 5,271 | 935 | 600 | 675 | 13,386 | 3,470 | 28,416 |
| Total Households | 14,210 | 22,514 | 5,410 | 4,472 | 5,601 | 39,337 | 13,205 | 104,749 |

*Source: U.S. Census Bureau
Howard County Household Type by Regional Planning District - 2010
As Percent of Total Household Type Category

| Category | West |  |  |  |  |  |  | TOTAL |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Elkridge | Ellicott City | Friendship | Cooksville | Clarksville | Columbia | Laurel |  |
| Family Households | 13.3\% | 22.6\% | 5.9\% | 5.1\% | 6.5\% | 34.0\% | 12.8\% | 100\% |
| Married-Couple Famlies | 13.0\% | 23.7\% | 6.5\% | 5.6\% | 7.2\% | 32.0\% | 11.9\% | 100\% |
| Other Family Households | 14.4\% | 17.8\% | 3.1\% | 2.8\% | 3.3\% | 42.4\% | 16.2\% | 100\% |
| Male Householder, no wife present | 14.7\% | 19.1\% | 4.0\% | 3.4\% | 4.8\% | 36.8\% | 17.2\% | 100\% |
| Female Householder, no huband present | 14.4\% | 17.4\% | 2.8\% | 2.6\% | 2.8\% | 44.2\% | 15.8\% | 100\% |
| Nonfamily Households | 14.4\% | 18.5\% | 3.3\% | 2.1\% | 2.4\% | 47.1\% | 12.2\% | 100\% |
| Total Households | 13.6\% | 21.5\% | 5.2\% | 4.3\% | 5.3\% | 37.6\% | 12.6\% | 100\% |

*Source: U.S. Census Bureau
Howard County Household Type by Regional Planning District - 2010
As Percent of Total Regional Planning District

| Category | Elkridge | Ellicott City | West <br> Friendship | Cooksville | Clarksville | Columbia | Laurel | TOTAL |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Family Households | 71.3\% | 76.6\% | 82.7\% | 86.6\% | 87.9\% | 66.0\% | 73.7\% | 72.9\% |
| Married-Couple Famlies | 56.4\% | 65.0\% | 74.2\% | 77.5\% | 79.4\% | 50.2\% | 55.8\% | 58.9\% |
| Other Family Households | 14.9\% | 11.6\% | 8.5\% | 9.1\% | 8.6\% | 15.8\% | 17.9\% | 14.0\% |
| Male Householder, no wife present | 3.8\% | 3.1\% | 2.7\% | 2.8\% | 3.1\% | 3.4\% | 4.7\% | 3.5\% |
| Female Householder, no huband present | 11.1\% | 8.5\% | 5.8\% | 6.3\% | 5.5\% | 12.4\% | 13.2\% | 10.5\% |
| Nonfamily Households | 28.7\% | 23.4\% | 17.3\% | 13.4\% | 12.1\% | 34.0\% | 26.3\% | 27.1\% |
| Total Households | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% |

*Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Generally, the differences between percentages are small, but patters do become apparent in the tables. For example, concentrations of red in Ellicott City, West Friendship, Cooksville and Clarksville show that there is less of a propensity for there to be other family (non-married) and non-family households compared to the other areas. Concentrations of red in Columbia, Laurel and Elkridge, on the other hand, indicate that there is less of a propensity for there to be family and married couple family households.

The chart below graphically illustrates these results by RPD. The thematic maps beginning on the next page show variations by census tract which depict even smaller areas within each RPD. The following summarize some of the major findings:

- Clarksville has the greatest percentage of married couple family households at 87.9 percent of total households. Cooksville and West Friendship follow closely.
- Laurel has the greatest percentage of other family households at 17.9 percent, followed by Columbia and then Elkridge. As subsets of this, Laurel has the greatest percentages of both male and female single parent households. Most of these households in both Laurel and Elkridge are concentrated east of I-95. In Columbia, they tend to be concentrated in the older villages.
- Columbia has the greatest percentage of non-family households at 34 percent. This is closely followed by Elkridge at 28.7 percent and Laurel at 26.3 percent. There are also concentrations of non-family households in parts of Ellicott City. Most of these non-family households consist of householders living alone. (See the maps on Page 20.)





## Family Households

The tables below summarize a further breakdown of family households by specific family household type in Howard County, including those with and without their own children under 18. The maps on the subsequent pages summarize the data at the census tract level.

Of family household categories, Elkridge has the greatest percentage of married couples living with their own children under 18, at close to 45 percent. At the smaller area level, however, as is apparent in the map below, the River Hill area of Columbia has an even greater percentage. West Friendship has the greatest percentage of married couples with no children under 18 (47.8 percent of total family households). Columbia has the greatest percentage of single mothers both living with their own children under 18 and living with no children under 18 (10.9 percent and 7.9 percent of total family households, respectively). Laurel has the greatest percentage of single father family households, although the percentages are relatively low at less than 4 percent for each category.

Howard County Family Households by Regional Planning District - 2010

| Category | Elkridge | Ellicott City | West Friendship | Cooksville | Clarksville | Columbia | Laurel | TOTAL |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Married-Couple Family, With Own Children Under 18 | 4,551 | 7,443 | 1,875 | 1,678 | 2,164 | 8,948 | 4,018 | 30,677 |
| Married-Couple Family, Without Own Children Under 18 | 3,462 | 7,187 | 2,141 | 1,787 | 2,281 | 10,788 | 3,348 | 30,994 |
| Female Householder, No Husband Present, With Own Children Under 18 | 998 | 1,088 | 142 | 119 | 153 | 2,823 | 1,008 | 6,331 |
| Female Householder, No Husband Present, Without Own Children Under 18 | 584 | 831 | 170 | 164 | 155 | 2,053 | 735 | 4,692 |
| Male Householder, No Wife Present, With Own Children Under 18 | 288 | 303 | 71 | 56 | 86 | 650 | 302 | 1,756 |
| Male Householder, No Wife Present, Without Own Children Under 18 | 248 | 391 | 76 | 68 | 87 | 689 | 324 | 1,883 |
| Total Family Households | 10,131 | 17,243 | 4,475 | 3,872 | 4,926 | 25,951 | 9,735 | 76,333 |

*Source: U.S. Census Bureau
Howard County Family Households by Regional Planning District - 2010
As Percent of Total Family Household Category

| Category | Elkridge | Ellicott City | West Friendship | Cooksville | Clarksville | Columbia | Laurel | TOTAL |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Married-Couple Family, With Own Children Under 18 | 14.8\% | 24.3\% | 6.1\% | 5.5\% | 7.1\% | 29.2\% | 13.1\% | 100\% |
| Married-Couple Family, Without Own Children Under 18 | 11.2\% | 23.2\% | 6.9\% | 5.8\% | 7.4\% | 34.8\% | 10.8\% | 100\% |
| Female Householder, No Husband Present, With Own Children Under 18 | 15.8\% | 17.2\% | 2.2\% | 1.9\% | 2.4\% | 44.6\% | 15.9\% | 100\% |
| Female Householder, No Husband Present, Without Own Children Under 18 | 12.4\% | 17.7\% | 3.6\% | 3.5\% | 3.3\% | 43.8\% | 15.7\% | 100\% |
| Male Householder, No Wife Present, With Own Children Under 18 | 16.4\% | 17.3\% | 4.0\% | 3.2\% | 4.9\% | 37.0\% | 17.2\% | 100\% |
| Male Householder, No Wife Present, Without Own Children Under 18 | 13.2\% | 20.8\% | 4.0\% | 3.6\% | 4.6\% | 36.6\% | 17.2\% | 100\% |
| Total Family Households | 13.3\% | 22.6\% | 5.9\% | 5.1\% | 6.5\% | 34.0\% | 12.8\% | 100\% |

*Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Howard County Family Households by Regional Planning District - 2010
As Percent of Total Regional Planning District

|  |  |  | West |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Category | Elkridge | Ellicott City | Friendship | Cooksville | Clarksville | Columbia | Laurel | TOTAL |
| Married-Couple Family, With Own Children Under 18 | 44.9\% | 43.2\% | 41.9\% | 43.3\% | 43.9\% | 34.5\% | 41.3\% | 40.2\% |
| Married-Couple Family, Without Own Children Under 18 | 34.2\% | 41.7\% | 47.8\% | 46.2\% | 46.3\% | 41.6\% | 34.4\% | 40.6\% |
| Female Householder, No Husband Present, With Own Children Under 18 | 9.9\% | 6.3\% | 3.2\% | 3.1\% | 3.1\% | 10.9\% | 10.4\% | 8.3\% |
| Female Householder, No Husband Present, Without Own Children Under 18 | 5.8\% | 4.8\% | 3.8\% | 4.2\% | 3.1\% | 7.9\% | 7.6\% | 6.1\% |
| Male Householder, No Wife Present, With Own Children Under 18 | 2.8\% | 1.8\% | 1.6\% | 1.4\% | 1.7\% | 2.5\% | 3.1\% | 2.3\% |
| Male Householder, No Wife Present, Without Own Children Under 18 | 2.4\% | 2.3\% | 1.7\% | 1.8\% | 1.8\% | 2.7\% | 3.3\% | 2.5\% |
| Total Family Households | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% |

*Source: U.S. Census Bureau



## Non-family Households

The tables and chart below summarize the non-family households by Regional Planning District. As indicated previously, there were 28,416 non-family households in Howard County in 2010. Most of these, 22,903, consist of householders living alone. Countywide, close to 23 percent or more than 1 in every 5 householders live alone. Columbia had the greatest percentage of householders living alone at close to 28 percent. This is followed by Elkridge with 22.1 percent, Laurel with 20.6 percent and Ellicott City with 19.5 percent. West Friendship, Cooksville and Clarksville have relatively less residents living alone with only 14.5, 10.3, and 9.4 percent of total households, respectively. Note that the first set of tables and chart represent total non-family households, whereas the second set of tables and chart include total households.

## Howard County Non-Family Households by Regional Planning District - 2010

|  | West |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Category | Elkridge | Ellicott City | Friendship | Cooksville | Clarksville | Columbia | Laurel | TOTAL |
| Householder Living Alone | 3,144 | 4,381 | 786 | 462 | 524 | 10,880 | 2,726 | $\mathbf{2 2 , 9 0 3}$ |
| Householder Not Living Alone | 935 | 890 | 149 | 138 | 151 | 2,506 | $\mathbf{7 4 4}$ | $\mathbf{5 , 5 1 3}$ |
| Total Non-Family Households | $\mathbf{4 , 0 7 9}$ | $\mathbf{5 , 2 7 1}$ | $\mathbf{9 3 5}$ | $\mathbf{6 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{6 7 5}$ | $\mathbf{1 3 , 3 8 6}$ | $\mathbf{3 , 4 7 0}$ | $\mathbf{2 8 , 4 1 6}$ |

*Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Howard County Non-Family Households by Regional Planning District - 2010 As Percent of Total Non-Family Household Category

|  | West |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Category |  |  |  | Cooksville | Clarksville | Columbia | Laurel | TOTAL |
| Householder Living Alone | 13.7\% | 19.1\% | 3.4\% | 2.0\% | 2.3\% | 47.5\% | 11.9\% | 100\% |
| Householder Not Living Alone | 17.0\% | 16.1\% | 2.7\% | 2.5\% | 2.7\% | 45.5\% | 13.5\% | 100\% |
| Total Non-Family Households | 14.4\% | 18.5\% | 3.3\% | 2.1\% | 2.4\% | 47.1\% | 12.2\% | 100\% |

*Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Howard County Non-Family Households by Regional Planning District - 2010 As Percent of Total Regional Planning District

| Category | Elkridge | Ellicott City | West Friendship | Cooksville | Clarksville | Columbia | Laurel | TOTAL |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Householder Living Alone | 77.1\% | 83.1\% | 84.1\% | 77.0\% | 77.6\% | 81.3\% | 78.6\% | 80.6\% |
| Householder Not Living Alone | 22.9\% | 16.9\% | 15.9\% | 23.0\% | 22.4\% | 18.7\% | 21.4\% | 19.4\% |
| Total Non-Family Households | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% |

*Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Howard County Total Households by Regional Planning District - 2010

| Category | Elkridge | Ellicott City | West <br> Friendship | Cooksville | Clarksville | Columbia | Laurel | TOTAL |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Householder Living Alone | 3,144 | 4,381 | 786 | 462 | 524 | 10,880 | 2,726 | 22,903 |
| Householder Not Living Alone | 11,066 | 18,133 | 4,624 | 4,010 | 5,077 | 28,457 | 10,479 | 81,846 |
| Total Households | 14,210 | 22,514 | 5,410 | 4,472 | 5,601 | 39,337 | 13,205 | 104,749 |

*Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Howard County Total Households by Regional Planning District - 2010 As Percent of Total Non-Family Household Category

| Category | Elkridge | Ellicott City | West <br> Friendship | Cooksville | Clarksville | Columbia | Laurel | TOTAL |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Householder Living Alone | 22.1\% | 19.5\% | 14.5\% | 10.3\% | 9.4\% | 27.7\% | 20.6\% | 21.9\% |
| Householder Not Living Alone | 77.9\% | 80.5\% | 85.5\% | 89.7\% | 90.6\% | 72.3\% | 79.4\% | 78.1\% |
| Total Households | 100.0\% | 100.0\% | 100.0\% | 100.0\% | 100.0\% | 100.0\% | 100.0\% | 100.0\% |

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## Unmarried Partner Households

As indicated earlier, the 2010 Census reported that there were 4,853 unmarried partner households in Howard County, 4.6 percent of total households. These include same sex and opposite sex close personal relationships. The data are summarized by individual RPD in Howard County in the table and chart below. The map on the next page shows the data by census tract. It is clear from the data that there are greater percentages of unmarried partner households in Laurel, Elkridge, and Columbia.

Howard County Unmarried Partner Households by Regional Planning District - 2010

|  | West |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Category | Elkridge | Ellicott City | Friendship | Cooksville | Clarksville | Columbia | Laurel | TOTAL |
| Unmarried Partner Households | 816 | 13,39 | 21,709 | 187 | 142 | 159 | 1,993 | 751 |
| All Other Households | 13,223 | 4,330 | 5,442 | 37,344 | 12,454 | $\mathbf{9 9 , 8 9 6}$ |  |  |
| Total Households | $\mathbf{1 4 , 2 1 0}$ | $\mathbf{2 2 , 5 1 4}$ | $\mathbf{5 , 4 1 0}$ | $\mathbf{4 , 4 7 2}$ | $\mathbf{5 , 6 0 1}$ | $\mathbf{3 9 , 3 3 7}$ | $\mathbf{1 3 , 2 0 5}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 4 , 7 4 9}$ |

*Source: U.S. Census Bureau

## Howard County Unmarried Partner Households by Regional Planning District - 2010

| Category | Elkridge | Ellicott City | West Friendship | Cooksville | Clarksville | Columbia | Laurel | TOTAL |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Unmarried Partner Households | 5.7\% | 3.6\% | 3.5\% | 3.2\% | 2.8\% | 5.1\% | 5.7\% | 4.6\% |
| All Other Households | 94.3\% | 96.4\% | 96.5\% | 96.8\% | 97.2\% | 94.9\% | 94.3\% | 95.4\% |
| Total Households | 100.0\% | 100.0\% | 100.0\% | 100.0\% | 100.0\% | 100.0\% | 100.0\% | 100.0\% |

*Source: U.S. Census Bureau




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