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2000 CENSUS Race Characteristics

Introduction

The Department of Planning and Zoning’s first Research Report, Issue 1, provided a summary of the 2000 Census results for Howard County. In that report, various datasets on population, age, race, housing, household type and relationship information were summarized. *This current report discusses more detailed results on race including regional, state, and national comparisons as well as more detailed comparisons between different locations within the County. Comparisons are also made to 1990 populations.* Note that this current report covers the overall racial composition of the population. Future reports will cover such items as race by age, race by housing, and race by household type and relationship.

Howard County Compared to Maryland and U.S.

The table and chart below summarize the 2000 population by race in Howard County compared to Maryland and the United States.

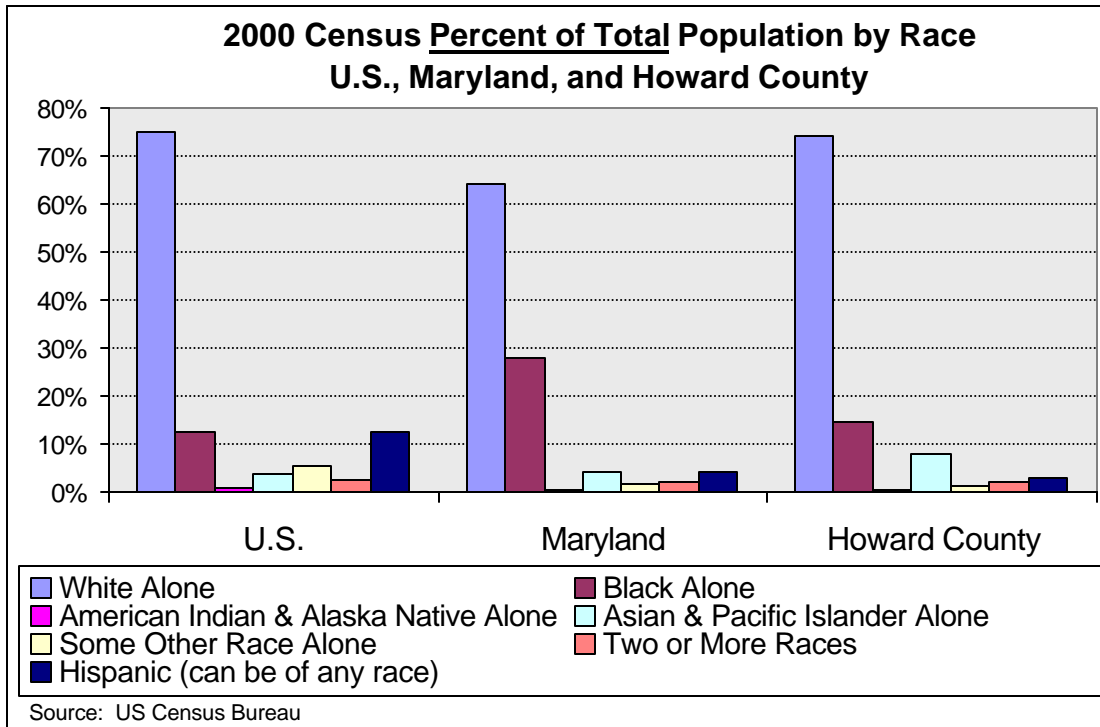
2000 Population by Race - United States, Maryland & Howard County

	United States		Maryland		Howard County	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Population of One Race Alone	274,595,678	97.6%	5,192,899	98.0%	242,407	97.8%
White	211,460,626	75.1%	3,391,308	64.0%	184,215	74.3%
Black	34,658,190	12.3%	1,477,411	27.9%	35,730	14.4%
American Indian & Alaska Native	2,475,956	0.9%	15,423	0.3%	583	0.2%
Asian & Pacific Islander	10,641,833	3.8%	213,232	4.0%	19,124	7.7%
Some Other Race	15,359,073	5.5%	95,525	1.8%	2,755	1.1%
Population of Two or More Races (1)	6,826,228	2.4%	103,587	2.0%	5,435	2.2%
TOTAL POPULATION	281,421,906	100.0%	5,296,486	100.0%	247,842	100.0%
Total Hispanic Population (2)	35,305,818	12.5%	227,916	4.3%	7,490	3.0%

(1) This option was available for the first time in the 2000 Census.

(2) Hispanic Origin can be from any race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau



The 2000 population in Howard County was about 74 percent White, similar to the U.S. as a whole. The State of Maryland had a 64 percent White population. The Black population represented 14.4 percent of the total Howard County population in 2000, slightly more than the 12.3 percent nationally and much less than the 27.9 percent in Maryland. Nationally, the Asian and Pacific Islander population was 3.8 percent of the total in 2000. This compares to 4.0 percent in Maryland and a higher 7.7 percent in Howard County. Hispanics, which can be of any race, represented about 12.5 percent of the total U.S. population in 2000. This compares to only 4.3 percent Hispanic in Maryland and 3.0 percent in Howard County.

For the first time in Census history residents were able to choose more than one race. Nationally, 2.4 percent of the population indicated that they were of more than one race compared to 2.2 percent in Howard County and 2.0 percent in Maryland.

Although not directly comparable, insight can be gleaned from the 1990 and 2000 Census race data by observing the change based on those who chose one race in 2000. By looking at these statistics the overall racial diversity in the U.S., State, and County grew over the last ten years. The tables below indicate the extent of this change.

1990 Population by Race - United States, Maryland & Howard County

	United States		Maryland		Howard County	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Population of One Race Alone	248,709,873	100.0%	4,781,468	100.0%	187,328	100.0%
White	199,686,070	80.3%	3,393,964	71.0%	155,899	83.2%
Black	29,986,060	12.1%	1,189,899	24.9%	22,019	11.8%
American Indian & Alaska Native	1,959,234	0.8%	12,972	0.3%	402	0.2%
Asian & Pacific Islander	7,273,662	2.9%	139,719	2.9%	8,098	4.3%
Some Other Race	9,804,847	3.9%	44,914	0.9%	910	0.5%
Population of Two or More Races (1)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
TOTAL POPULATION	248,709,873	100.0%	4,781,468	100.0%	187,328	100.0%
Total Hispanic Population (2)	22,354,059	9.0%	125,102	2.6%	3,699	2.0%

(1) This option was available for the first time in the 2000 Census.

(2) Hispanic Origin can be from any race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

1990 to 2000 Population Growth by Race - United States, Maryland & Howard County (Showing Percent of Total 10 Year Growth)

	United States		Maryland		Howard County	
	Increase	Percent	Increase	Percent	Increase	Percent
Population of One Race Alone						
White	11,774,556	36.0%	(2,656)	-0.5%	28,316	46.8%
Black	4,672,130	14.3%	287,512	55.8%	13,711	22.7%
American Indian & Alaska Native	516,722	1.6%	2,451	0.5%	181	0.3%
Asian & Pacific Islander	3,368,171	10.3%	73,513	14.3%	11,026	18.2%
Some Other Race	5,554,226	17.0%	50,611	9.8%	1,845	3.0%
TOTAL POPULATION (1)	32,712,033	100.0%	515,018	100.0%	60,514	100.0%
Total Hispanic Population (2)	12,951,759	39.6%	102,814	20.0%	3,791	6.3%

(1) Includes those who chose more than one race in 2000 Census (choice not available in 1990).

(2) Hispanic Origin can be from any race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

1990 to 2000 Population Growth by Race - United States, Maryland & Howard County (Showing 10 Year Percentage Growth)

	United States		Maryland		Howard County	
	Increase	% Growth	Increase	% Growth	Increase	% Growth
Population of One Race Alone						
White	11,774,556	5.9%	(2,656)	-0.1%	28,316	18.2%
Black	4,672,130	15.6%	287,512	24.2%	13,711	62.3%
American Indian & Alaska Native	516,722	26.4%	2,451	18.9%	181	45.0%
Asian & Pacific Islander	3,368,171	46.3%	73,513	52.6%	11,026	136.2%
Some Other Race	5,554,226	56.6%	50,611	112.7%	1,845	202.7%
TOTAL POPULATION (1)	32,712,033	13.2%	515,018	10.8%	60,514	32.3%
Total Hispanic Population (2)	12,951,759	57.9%	102,814	82.2%	3,791	102.5%

(1) Includes those who chose more than one race in 2000 Census (choice not available in 1990).

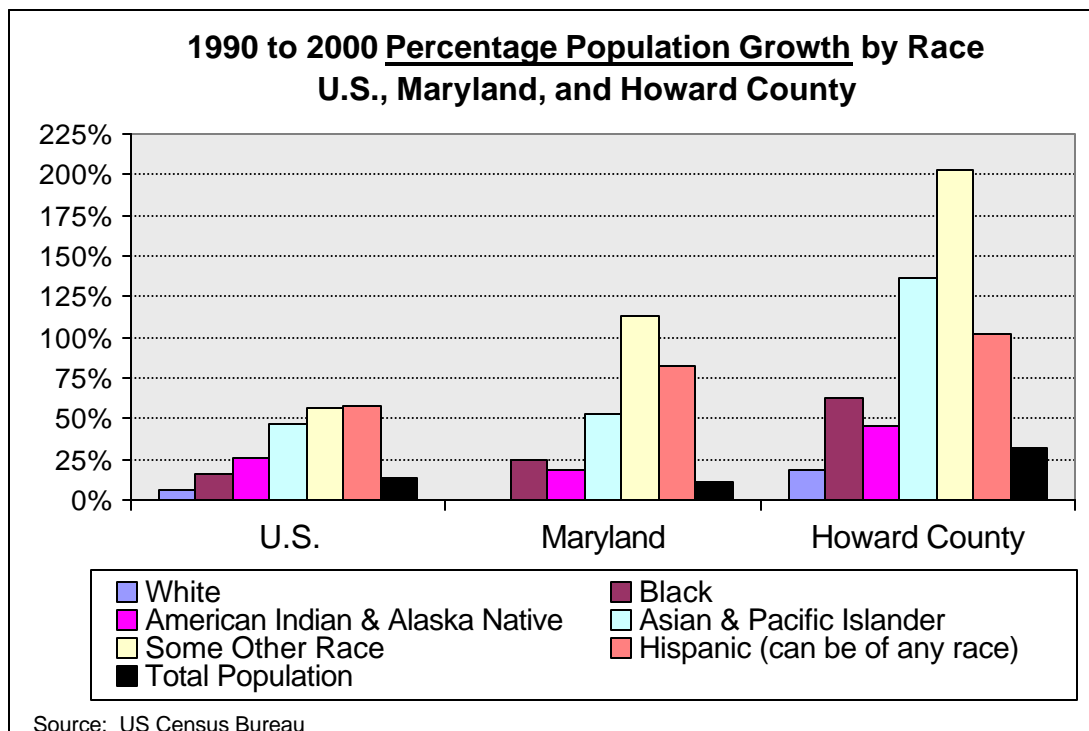
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Source: U.S. Census Bureau

The U.S. population grew by about 32.7 million from 1990 to 2000, a 13.2 percent increase. This compares to a total population increase of 10.8 percent in Maryland and 32.3 percent in Howard County.

Close to 40 percent of the national population increase, almost 13 million people, indicated that they were of Hispanic origin, which is about a 58 percent growth rate from 1990 to 2000. The ten year percentage growth rates of Hispanics in Maryland and Howard County were also high – 82 percent and 102 percent, respectively – although the absolute numbers were less given the relatively smaller numbers in 1990.

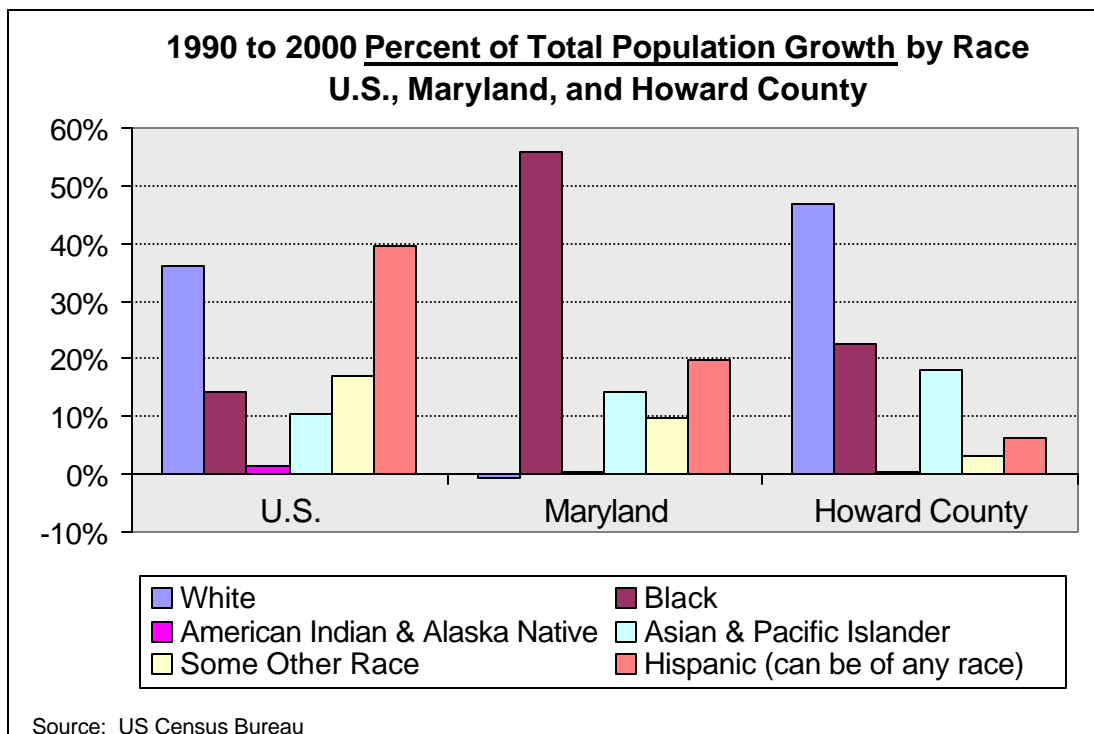
The relative *growth rates* of several of the minority populations in Howard County were greater than Maryland and the U.S. This is due to the fact that the absolute numbers of minorities living in Howard County in 1990 were relatively small. For example, the number of Asian and Pacific Islanders in Howard County grew from 8,098 in 1990 to 19,124 in 2000 – a total increase of 11,026 and a growth rate of 136 percent. Clearly, Howard County, like the rest of the U.S. has gained a more diverse population over the last decade. The 10 year percentage growth rates are shown graphically in the chart below.



In absolute terms, the White population in the U.S. grew by almost 11.8 million, 36 percent of the total 32.7 million population increase. The remaining 20.9 million people were of other races (including those who chose more than one race). This, along with the large growth in Hispanics, which can be of any race, clearly indicate the increasing diversity of the American population.

In Maryland, the growing diversity is even more pronounced. In fact, Statewide the White population actually *decreased* by a few thousand, while the total population, increased by 515,018, all due to minority growth. About 56 percent of this increase were Blacks (287,512), 14 percent Asian and Pacific Islanders (73,513) and 10 percent some other race (50,611). About 20 percent of the total population increase in Maryland were of Hispanic origin, about half of the U.S. percentage.

In Howard County, a slight majority of the 60,514 10 year total population increase consisted of minorities. About 47 percent of the increase were Whites (28,316), 23 percent Blacks (13,711), 18 percent Asian and Pacific Islanders (11,026) and 3 percent some other race (1,845). About 6 percent of the total population increase in Howard County were of Hispanic origin. The percent share of the total population growth is shown in the chart below.



Intra-State and Regional Comparisons

The table below summarizes the population breakdown by race for Maryland counties (and Baltimore City), from the most populous jurisdiction to the least populous. Howard County is the sixth most populous jurisdiction in the State. The charts further below summarize these results graphically for the nine largest jurisdictions, which also include all of the counties in the Baltimore Metropolitan Area as well as Baltimore City.

2000 Population by Race by Maryland Jurisdiction

Maryland Jurisdiction	White Alone	Black Alone	American Indian & Alaska Native	Asian & Pacific Islander Alone	Some Other Race Alone	Two of More Races	Total Population	Hispanic Population (1)
Montgomery	565,719	132,256	2,544	99,063	43,642	30,117	873,341	100,604
Prince George's	216,729	502,550	2,795	31,479	27,078	20,884	801,515	57,057
Baltimore	561,132	151,600	1,923	24,189	4,685	10,763	754,292	13,774
Baltimore City	205,982	418,951	2,097	10,207	4,363	9,554	651,154	11,061
Anne Arundel	397,789	66,428	1,455	11,535	4,164	8,285	489,656	12,902
Howard	184,215	35,730	583	19,124	2,755	5,435	247,842	7,490
Harford	189,678	20,260	498	3,442	1,500	3,212	218,590	4,169
Frederick	174,432	12,429	404	3,330	1,806	2,876	195,277	4,664
Carroll	144,399	3,433	330	1,162	471	1,102	150,897	1,489
Washington	118,348	10,247	239	1,105	611	1,373	131,923	1,570
Charles	82,587	31,411	907	2,262	869	2,510	120,546	2,722
St. Mary's	70,320	12,003	291	1,620	525	1,452	86,211	1,720
Cecil	80,272	3,361	280	618	430	990	85,951	1,306
Wicomico	61,438	19,717	185	1,496	678	1,130	84,644	1,842
Allegany	69,702	4,006	114	409	140	559	74,930	571
Calvert	62,578	9,773	220	676	368	948	74,563	1,135
Worcester	37,791	7,754	86	291	170	451	46,543	596
Queen Anne's	36,120	3,560	90	242	173	378	40,563	444
Talbot	27,720	5,193	60	315	259	265	33,812	615
Dorchester	21,302	8,708	70	203	119	272	30,674	385
Garrett	29,496	128	22	64	26	110	29,846	131
Caroline	24,322	4,398	110	168	376	398	29,772	789
Somerset	13,949	10,172	92	120	118	296	24,747	334
Kent	15,288	3,343	28	112	199	227	19,197	546
Total	3,391,308	1,477,411	15,423	213,232	95,525	103,587	5,296,486	227,916

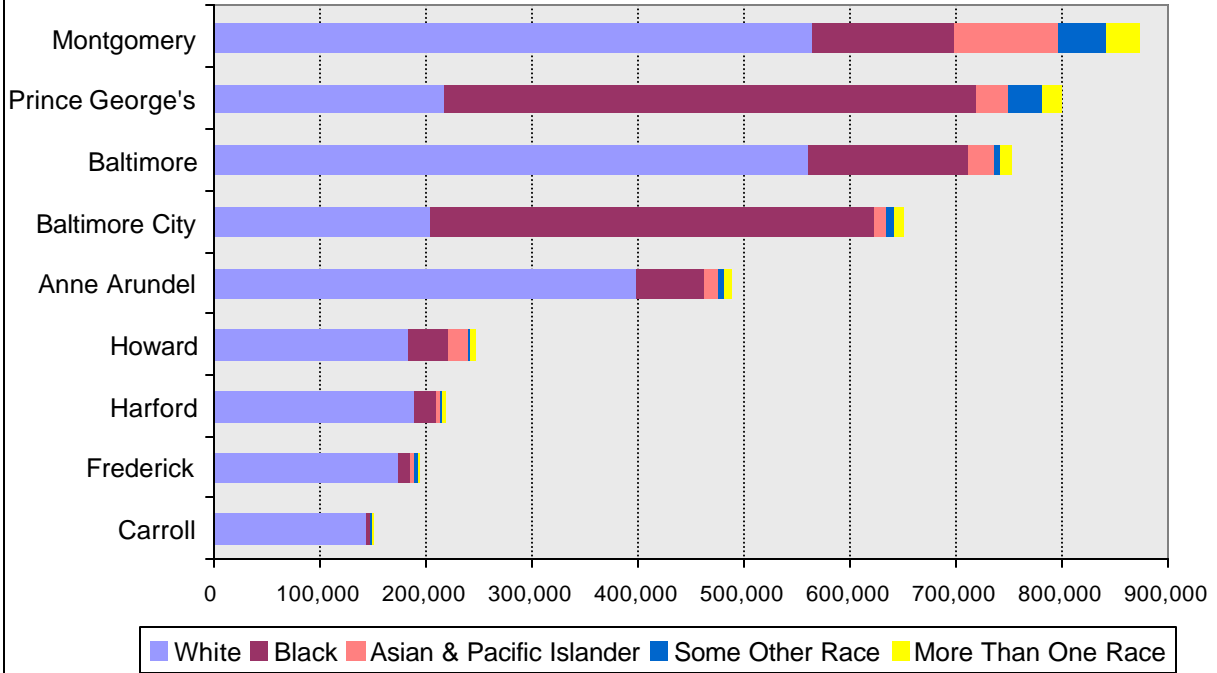
(1) Hispanic Origin can be from any race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Montgomery, Baltimore and Anne Arundel counties – the first, third and fifth most populous jurisdictions in the State, respectively – have the largest White populations. Montgomery County also has by far the largest Asian and Pacific Islander population with more than three times the number in Prince George’s County, which has the second largest, and more than five times the number in Howard County, the fourth largest. It is interesting to note, however, that Howard County is only second after Montgomery County in the percent Asian and Pacific Islanders *of the total county* population – 8 percent for Howard compared to 11 percent for Montgomery in the year 2000. Prince George’s County and Baltimore City – the second and fourth most populous jurisdictions in the State, respectively – have the largest Black populations.

Montgomery County along with Prince George’s County have the largest multiracial populations. These two counties also have the largest populations who chose the some other race category. The Census Bureau notes that a significant number residents who chose some other race are of Hispanic origin, which is further summarized in the second chart below. (Note that this chart, too, is broken down by race given those who indicated that they were of Hispanic origin can be from any race.)

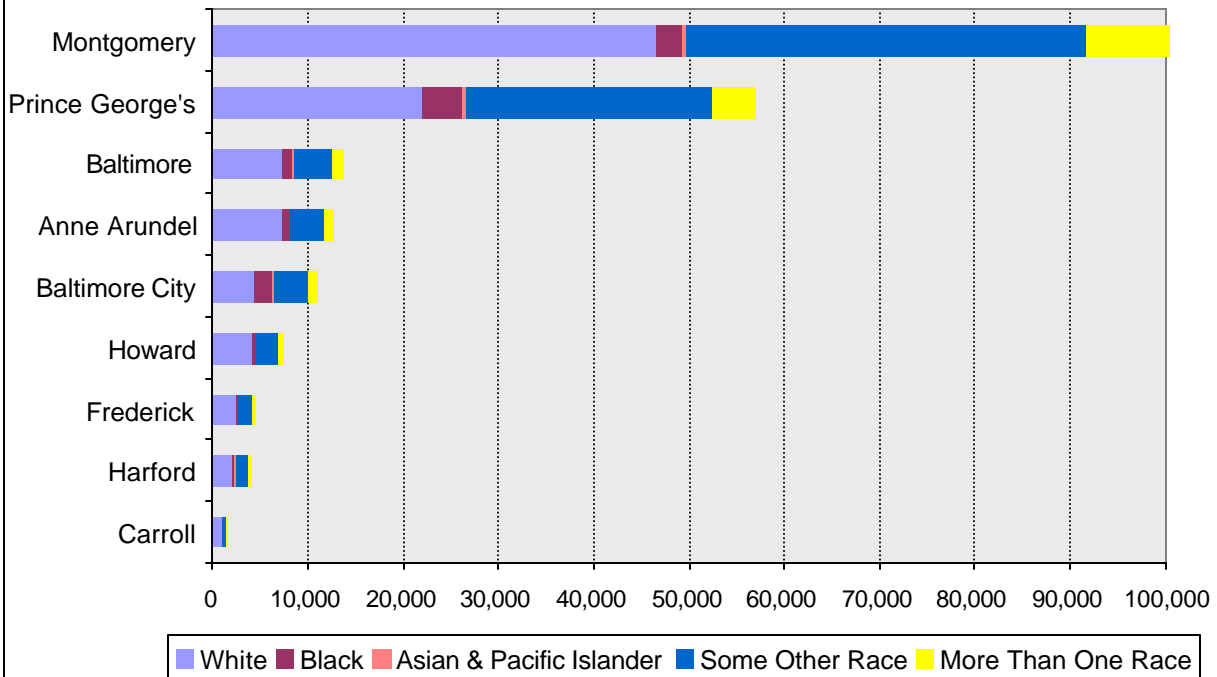
Total Population by Race in Baltimore Region - Year 2000



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Note: Some Other Race Includes American Indian & Alaska Native

Hispanic Population by Race in Baltimore Region - Year 2000

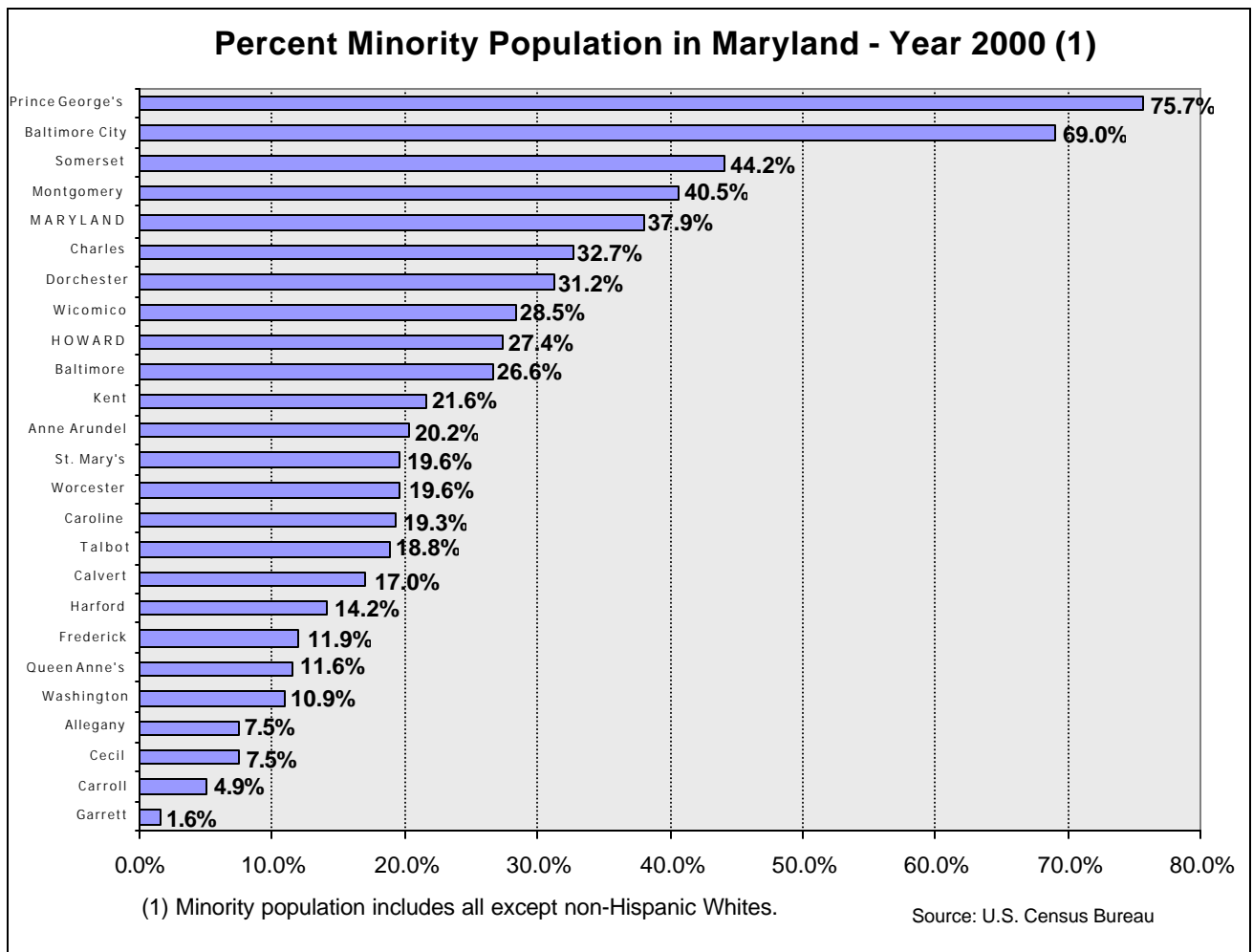


Source: U.S. Census Bureau

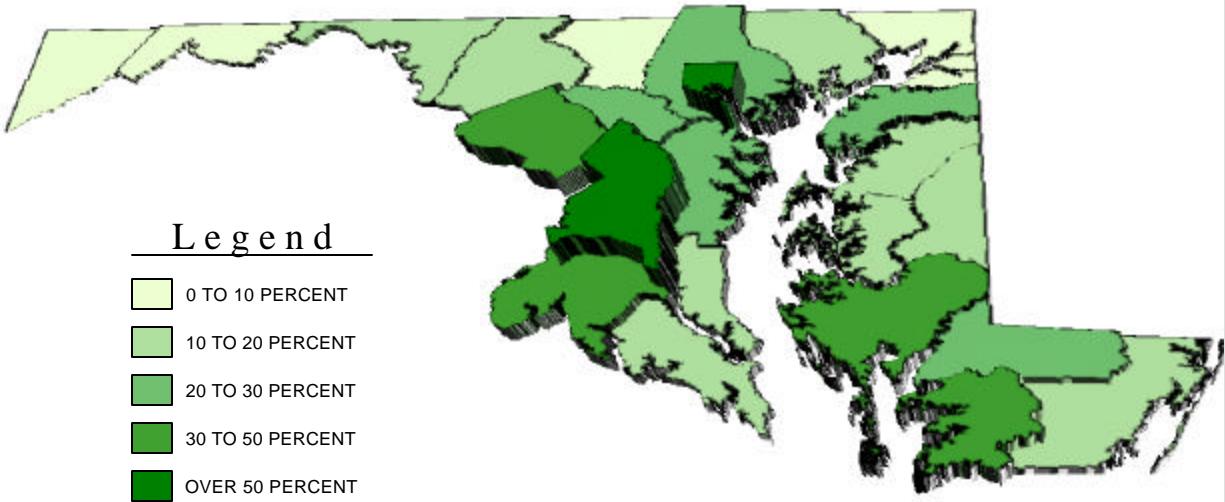
Note: Some Other Race Includes American Indian & Alaska Native

It is clear from this chart that Montgomery County has the greatest Hispanic population. Most are White Hispanics or, as just indicated, of Some Other Race. Prince George's County has the second greatest number of Hispanics. Montgomery and Prince George's County made up close to 70 percent of all Hispanics in the State in 2000. Howard County, by comparison, had 3.2 percent of all Hispanics living in the State in 2000.

As indicated in the chart and map below, which shows the percent minority population for each jurisdiction, three of the four most populous jurisdictions in the State also have the greatest minority populations. These are Prince George's County, Baltimore City, and Montgomery County, where the percent minority populations were 75.7, 69.0 and 40.5 percent, respectively, in 2000. Minority populations are defined as all persons except non-Hispanic Whites. Statewide, minorities consisted of 37.9 percent of the total 2000 population. The three jurisdictions mentioned above, in addition to Somerset County, all have minority percentages greater than the Statewide percentage. In 2000, the minority population in Howard County was 27.4 percent, the eight greatest in the State.



Map 1 – Percent Minority Population by Maryland Jurisdiction in 2000



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Comparisons Within Howard County – Year 2000

The tables below summarize the 2000 population by race in Howard County by Regional Planning District (RPD). The first table indicates the populations and the next two tables show the percentage breakdowns. (Refer to the maps beginning on Page 13 to see a delineation of the Regional Planning Districts.)

Howard County Population by Race by Regional Planning District -- 2000

	West							TOTAL
	Elkridge	Ellicott City	Friendship	Cooksville	Clarksville	Columbia	Laurel	
Population of One Race Alone	31,218	52,088	10,525	11,577	13,903	91,124	31,972	242,407
White	25,266	41,432	9,538	10,919	12,301	61,765	22,994	184,215
Black	3,601	3,785	466	454	554	20,550	6,320	35,730
American Indian & Alaska Native	74	78	14	38	31	231	117	583
Asian & Pacific Islander	1,984	6,499	457	123	958	7,020	2,083	19,124
Some Other Race	293	294	50	43	59	1,558	458	2,755
Population of Two or More Races (1)	624	890	120	96	196	2,638	871	5,435
TOTAL POPULATION	31,842	52,978	10,645	11,673	14,099	93,762	32,843	247,842
Total Hispanic Population (2)	704	1,117	132	171	238	3,884	1,244	7,490

(1) This option was available for the first time in the 2000 Census.

(2) Hispanic Origin can be from any race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Howard County Percent Population by Race by Regional Planning District -- 2000 (as percent of total race category)

	West							TOTAL
	Elkridge	Ellicott City	Friendship	Cooksville	Clarksville	Columbia	Laurel	
Population of One Race Alone	12.9%	21.5%	4.3%	4.8%	5.7%	37.6%	13.2%	100.0%
White	13.7%	22.5%	5.2%	5.9%	6.7%	33.5%	12.5%	100.0%
Black	10.1%	10.6%	1.3%	1.3%	1.6%	57.5%	17.7%	100.0%
American Indian & Alaska Native	12.7%	13.4%	2.4%	6.5%	5.3%	39.6%	20.1%	100.0%
Asian & Pacific Islander	10.4%	34.0%	2.4%	0.6%	5.0%	36.7%	10.9%	100.0%
Some Other Race	10.6%	10.7%	1.8%	1.6%	2.1%	56.6%	16.6%	100.0%
Population of Two or More Races (1)	11.5%	16.4%	2.2%	1.8%	3.6%	48.5%	16.0%	100.0%
TOTAL POPULATION	12.8%	21.4%	4.3%	4.7%	5.7%	37.8%	13.3%	100.0%
Total Hispanic Population (2)	9.4%	14.9%	1.8%	2.3%	3.2%	51.9%	16.6%	100.0%

(1) This option was available for the first time in the 2000 Census.

(2) Hispanic Origin can be from any race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Howard County Percent Population by Race by Regional Planning District -- 2000 (as percent of total RPD)

	West							TOTAL
	Elkridge	Ellicott City	Friendship	Cooksville	Clarksville	Columbia	Laurel	
Population of One Race Alone	98.0%	98.3%	98.9%	99.2%	98.6%	97.2%	97.3%	97.8%
White	79.3%	78.2%	89.6%	93.5%	87.2%	65.9%	70.0%	74.3%
Black	11.3%	7.1%	4.4%	3.9%	3.9%	21.9%	19.2%	14.4%
American Indian & Alaska Native	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%	0.3%	0.2%	0.2%	0.4%	0.2%
Asian & Pacific Islander	6.2%	12.3%	4.3%	1.1%	6.8%	7.5%	6.3%	7.7%
Some Other Race	0.9%	0.6%	0.5%	0.4%	0.4%	1.7%	1.4%	1.1%
Population of Two or More Races (1)	2.0%	1.7%	1.1%	0.8%	1.4%	2.8%	2.7%	2.2%
TOTAL POPULATION	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100%
Total Hispanic Population (2)	2.2%	2.1%	1.2%	1.5%	1.7%	4.1%	3.8%	3.0%

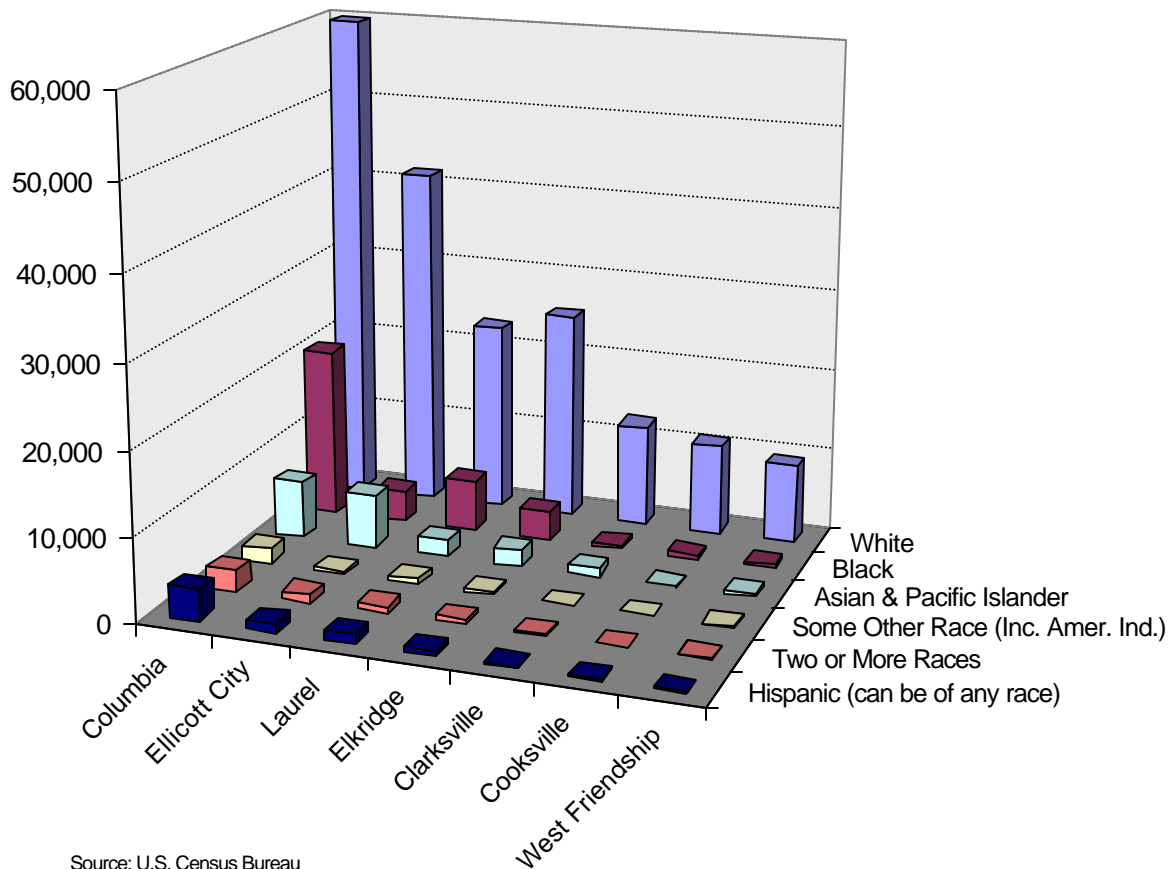
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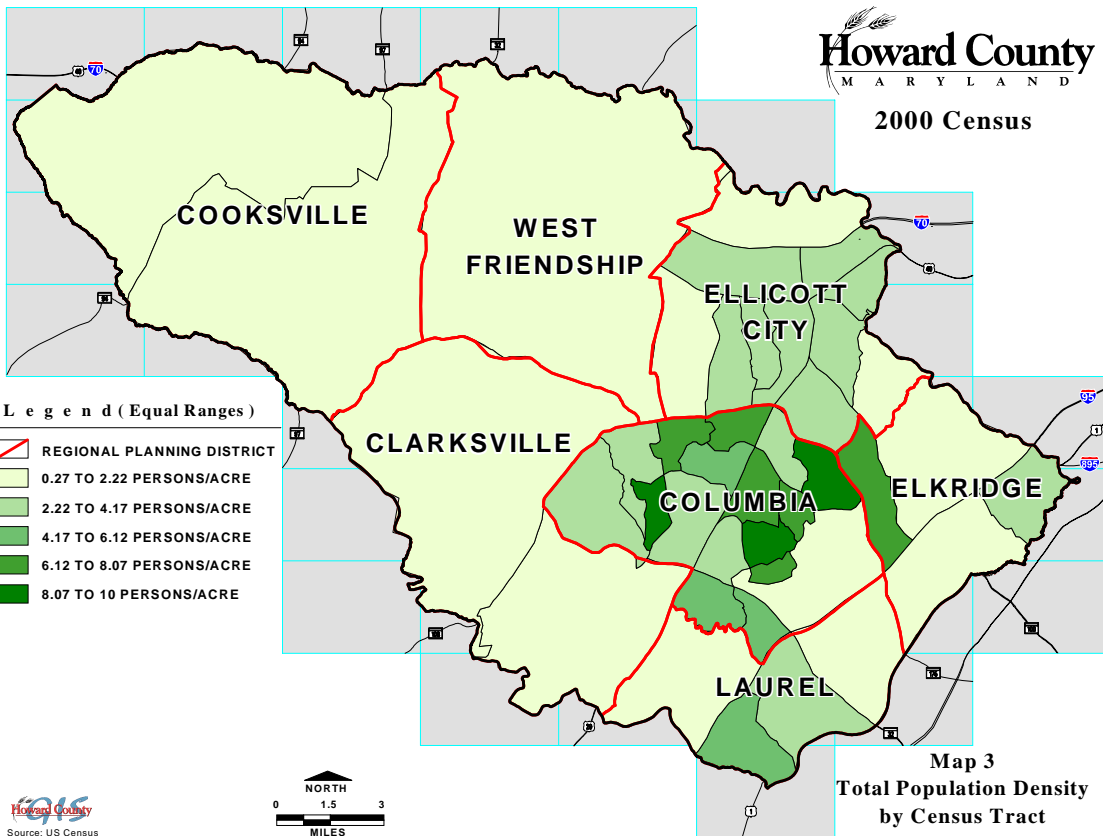
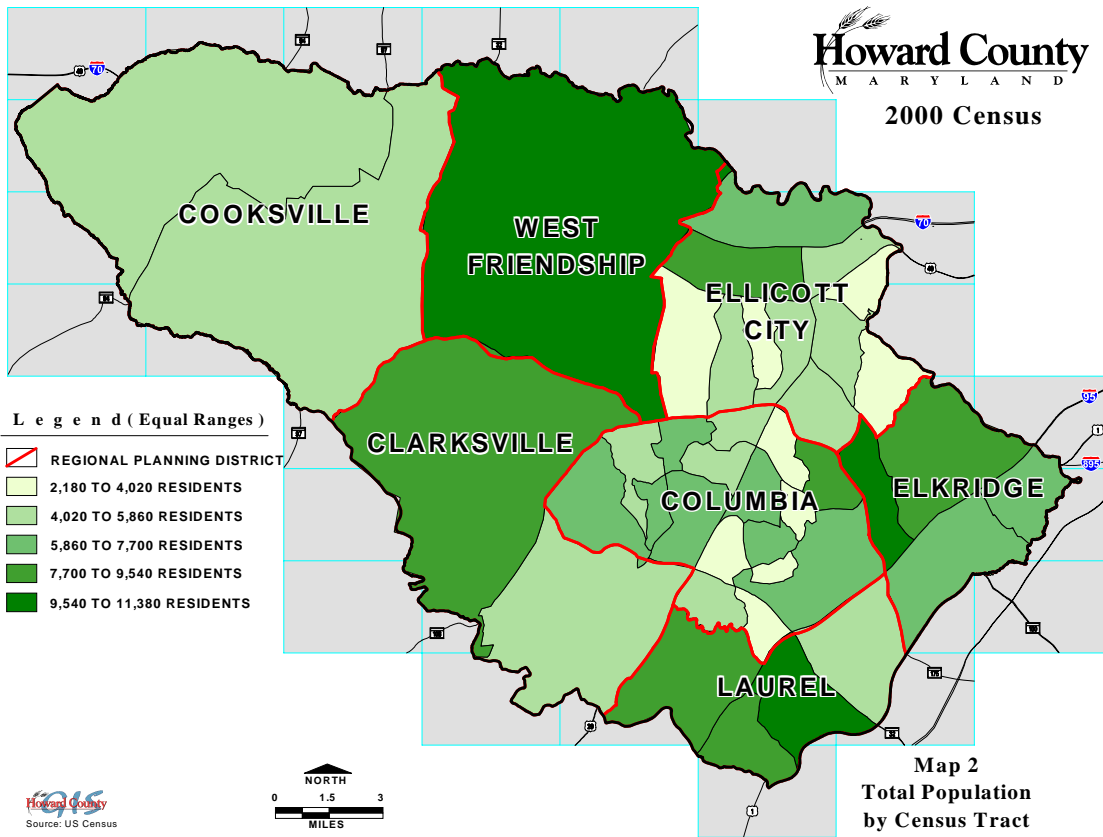
The chart below shows the population by race for each RPD graphically. Columbia, which has the greatest overall population, also has the greatest population for each race category. Ellicott City has the second largest White population. Ellicott City also has the second largest Asian and Pacific Islander population, although it is only slightly less compared to Columbia. Laurel has the second largest Black population, followed by Ellicott City and Elkridge. Slightly more than half of all Hispanics in Howard County live in Columbia as well as do almost half of all residents who chose more than one race.

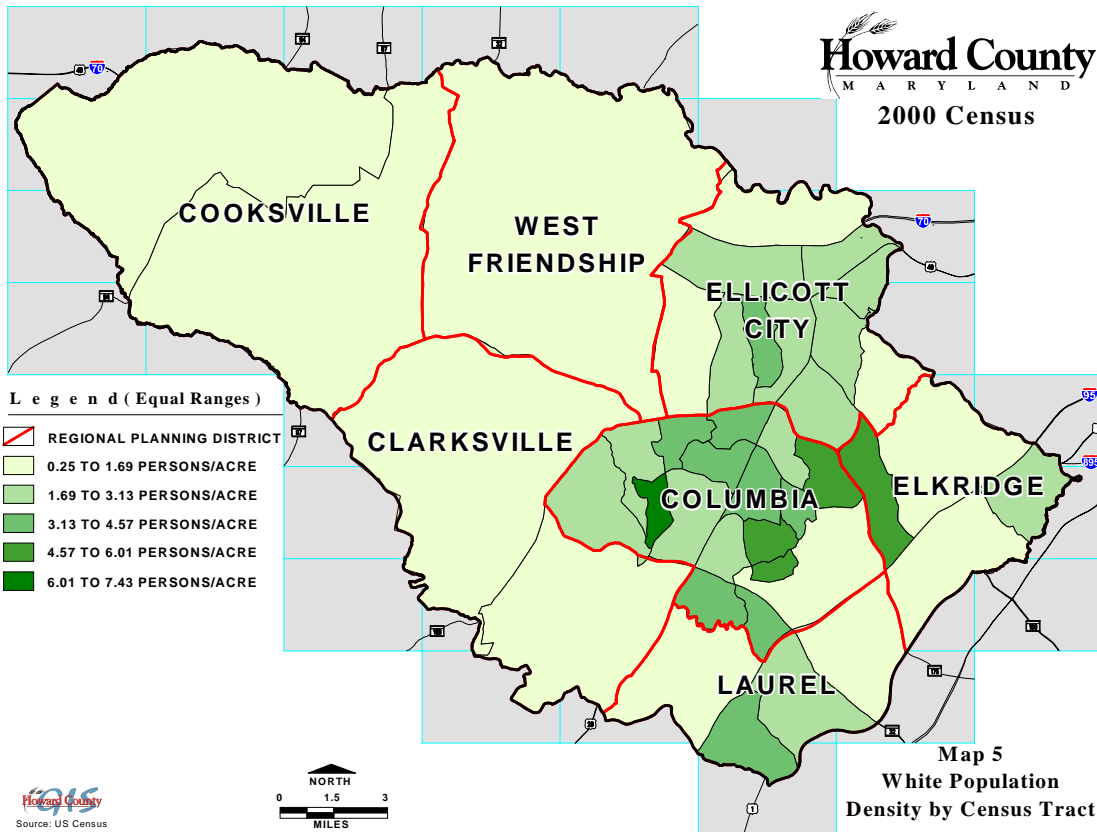
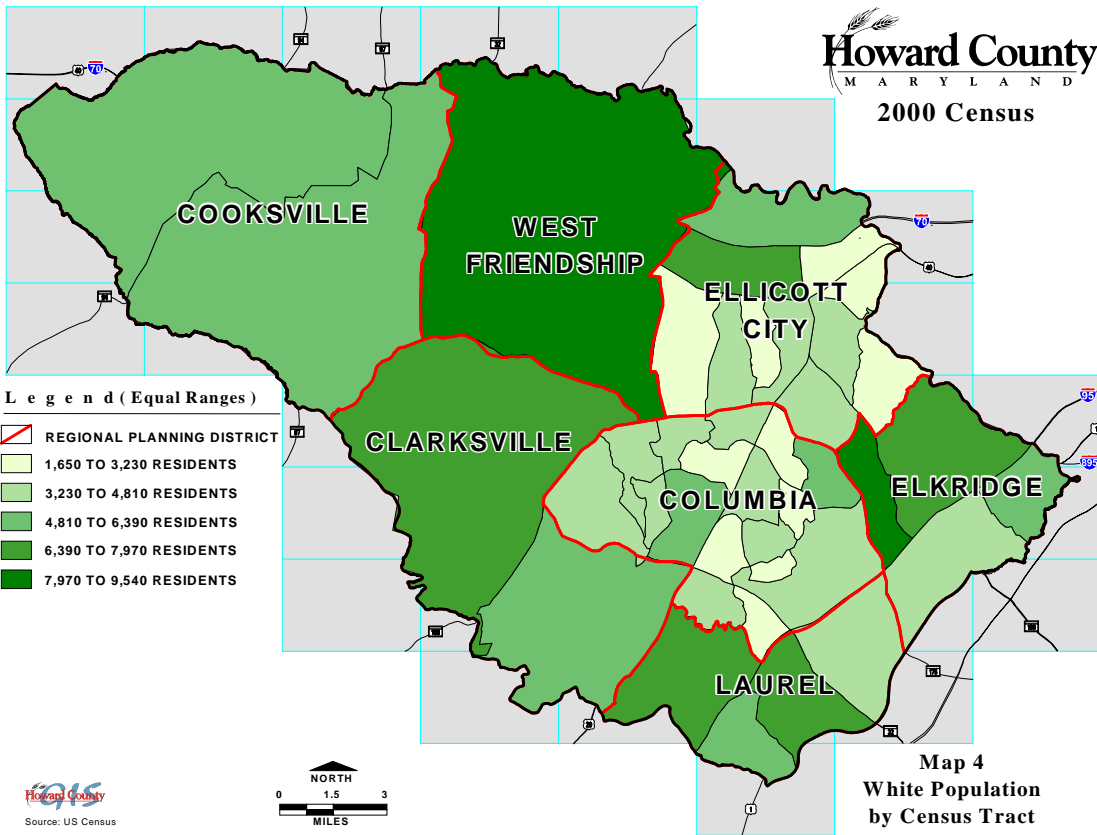
Howard County Population in 2000

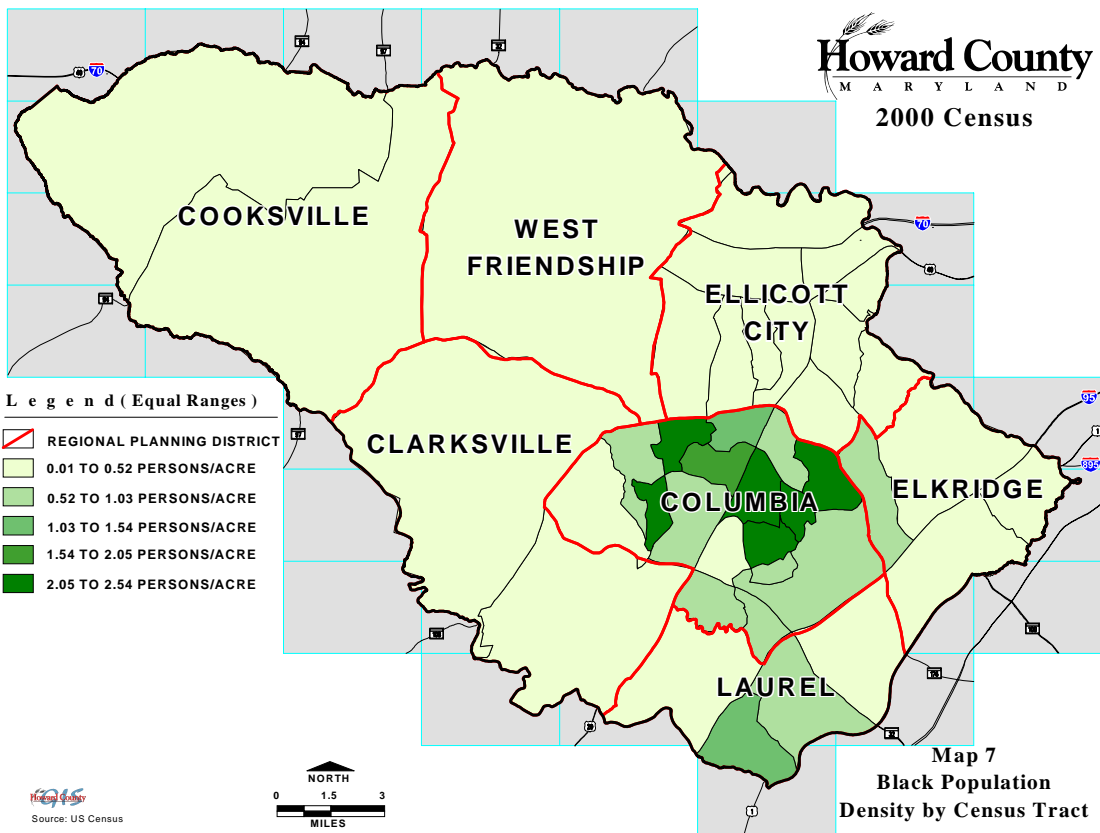
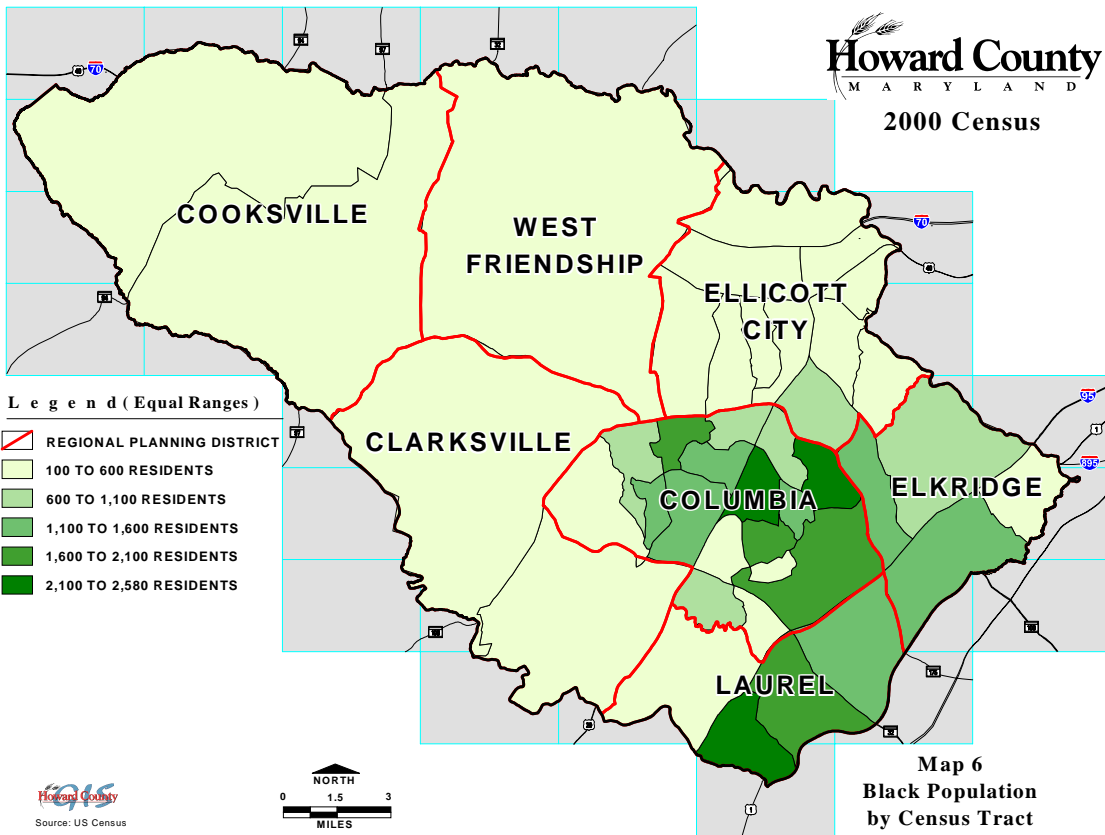


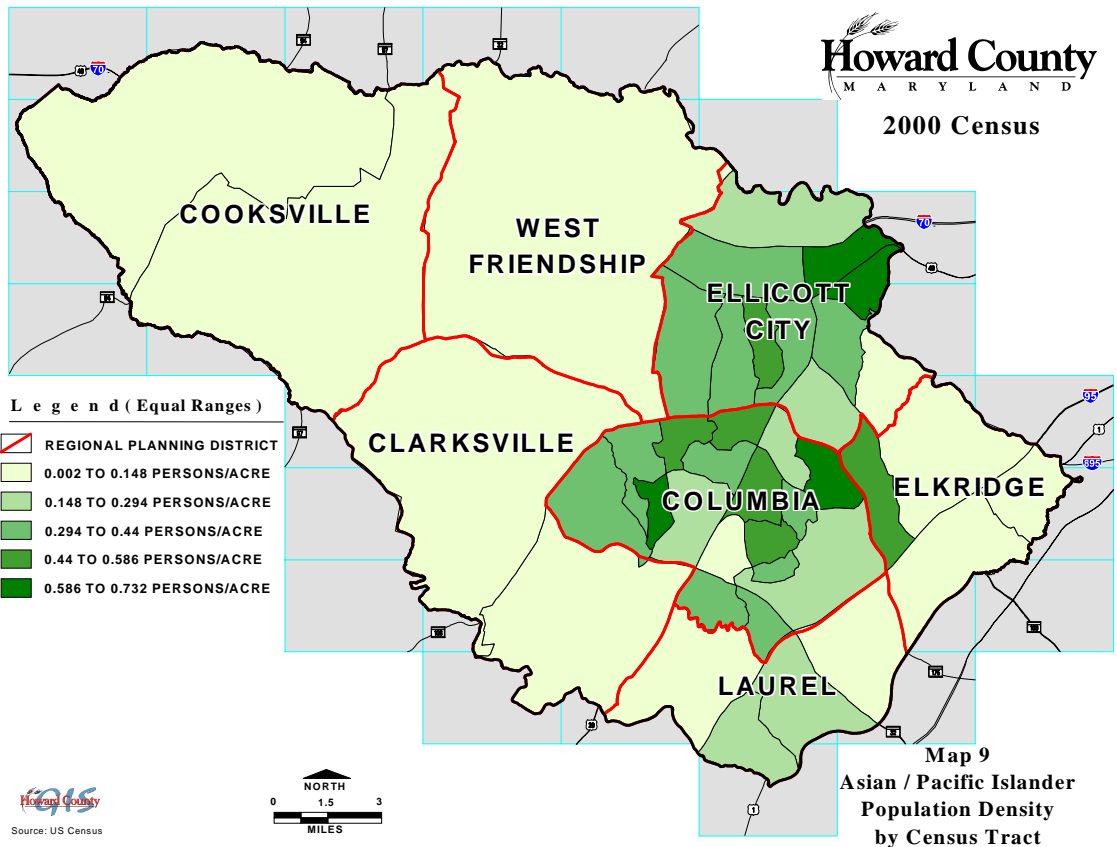
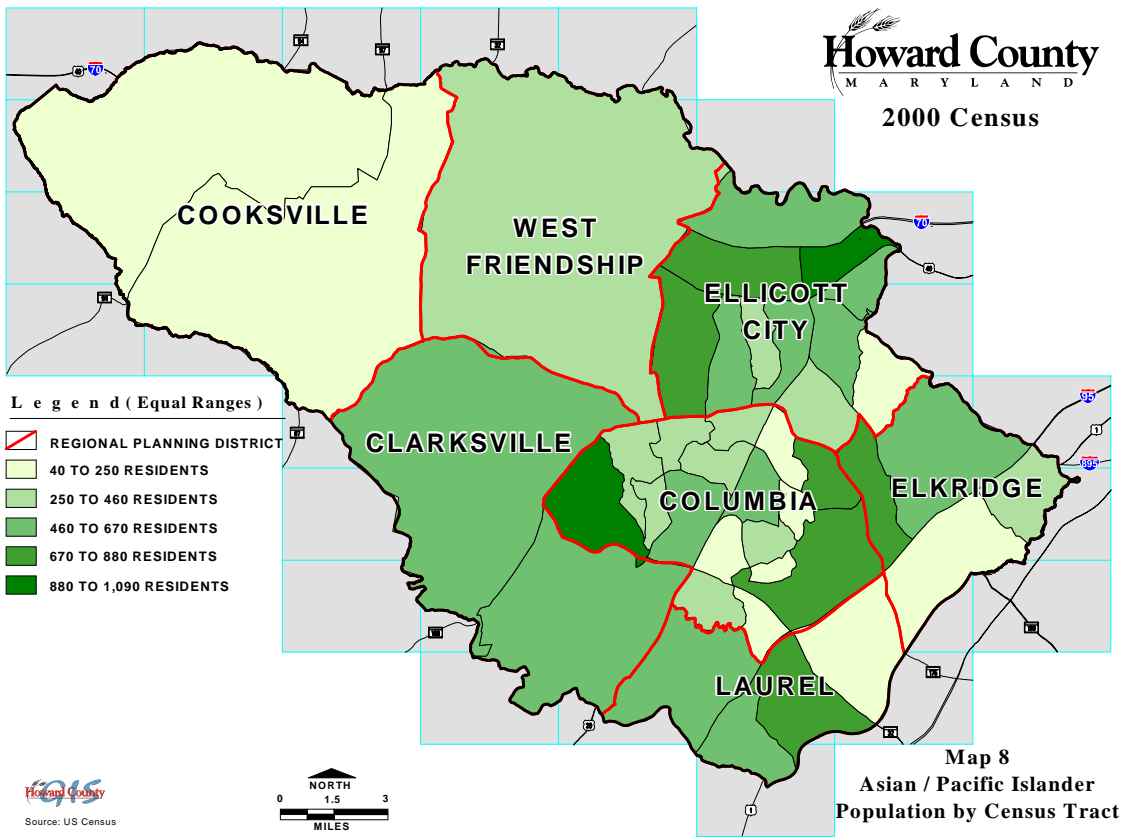
The series of maps on the following pages show a more detailed breakdown of the 2000 population in Howard County at the census tract level. The first pair of maps show the total population of all races – the darker the shade the greater the number. The subsequent pairs of maps show the populations by individual race. For each pair, the first map displays the total populations and the second map shows the *population densities*. The density maps better show the population concentrations by normalizing the results given that census tracts vary in acreage. The following summarizes some of the major findings:

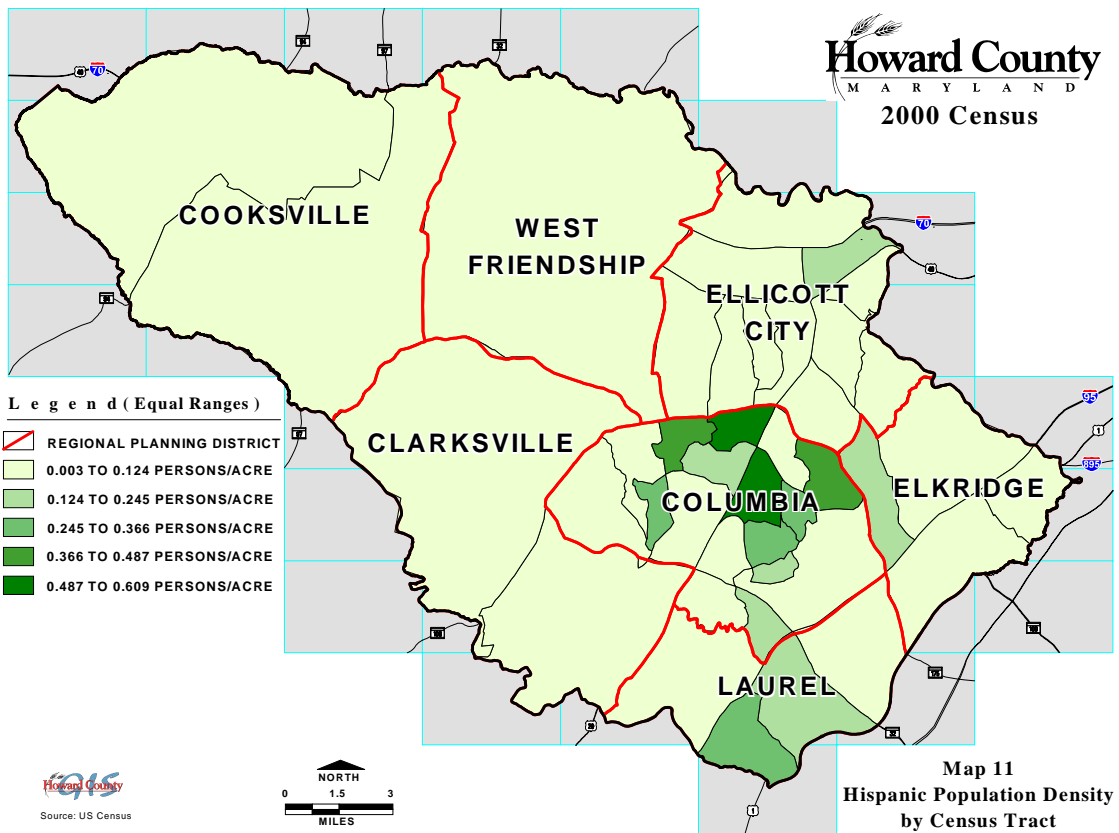
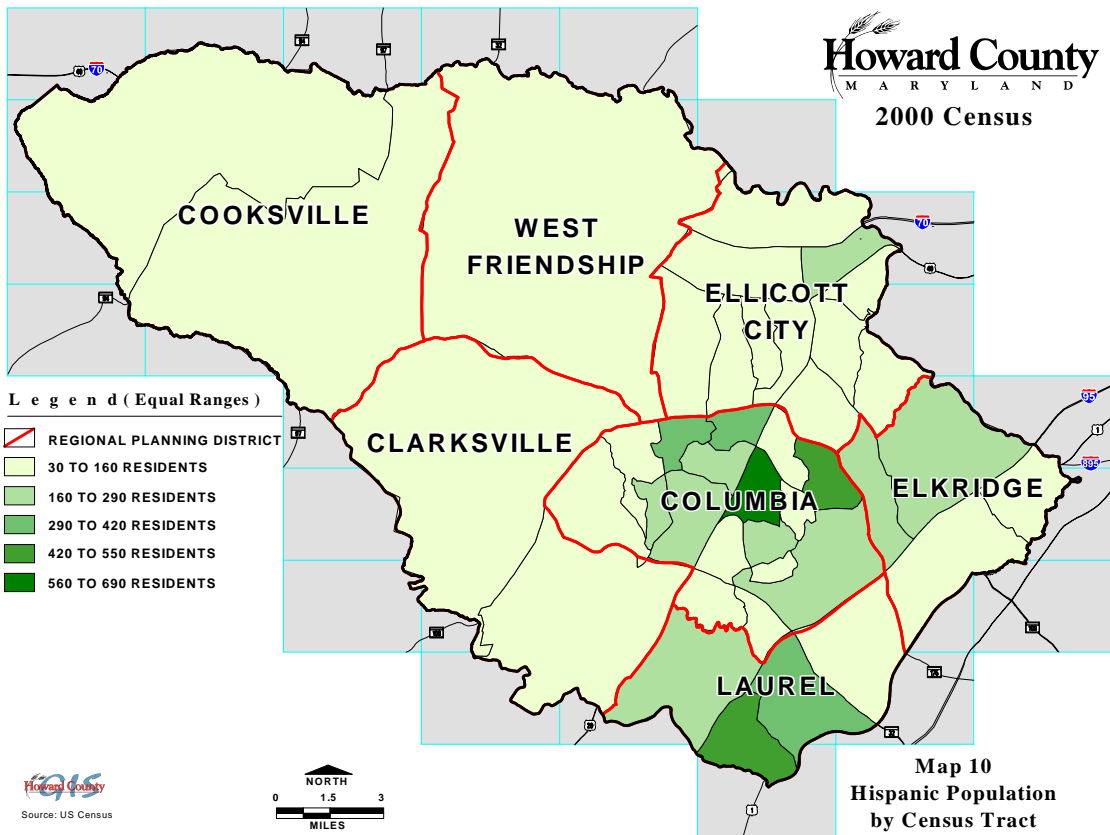
- The most densely populated areas of the County are in the east within areas of Columbia, Ellicott City, Elkridge and Laurel. The three densest census tracts, all in Columbia, have between about 8 and 10 persons per acre.
- In terms of absolute numbers, Whites make up most of the western population. The most dense White populations, however, are located in Columbia, Ellicott City and parts of Laurel and Elkridge. One census tract in Columbia has the greatest White population density of between about 6 and 7.4 persons per acre. Three census tracts in Columbia and one in Elkridge have between about 4.6 and 6 persons per acre.
- The majority of Blacks live in parts of Columbia, Elkridge and Laurel. The densest concentration of Blacks are located in six census tracts in Columbia with between about 2 and 2.5 persons per acre.
- Compared to other minorities, Asians and Pacific Islanders, although relatively small in numbers, are more dispersed throughout the County. They are primarily concentrated, however, in Columbia, Ellicott City, and parts of Laurel and Elkridge.
- Most Hispanics live in parts of Columbia, Laurel, Elkridge and Ellicott City with the greatest concentrations living in two census tracts in Columbia and one in Laurel.
- It is clear that most minorities live in eastern Howard County with lesser concentrations in the western areas of Cooksville, West Friendship and Clarksville.











1990 to 2000 Population Growth Within Howard County

The tables below summarize the 1990 to 2000 population growth by race in Howard County by Regional Planning District (RPD). As indicated earlier, the 2000 Census allowed for the first time the option of choosing more than one race. Since this option was not available in 1990, a multiple race comparison is not possible. However, those who chose more than one race in 2000 (2.2 percent of the total) are included in the total population differential between 1990 and 2000. The first table indicates the absolute change in population and the next two tables show the percentage breakdowns. The greatest percentage for each category is highlighted indicating where most of the growth has occurred.

Howard County Population Growth by Race by Regional Planning District -- 1990 to 2000

	West							TOTAL
	Elkridge	Ellicott City	Friendship	Cooksville	Clarksville	Columbia	Laurel	
Population of One Race Alone								
White	9,916	5,761	2,608	2,656	2,074	2,683	2,618	28,316
Black	2,014	1,679	140	57	143	5,882	3,796	13,711
American Indian & Alaska Native	28	27	(5)	20	14	40	57	181
Asian & Pacific Islander	1,555	3,946	272	66	633	3,264	1,290	11,026
Some Other Race	234	199	41	30	43	993	305	1,845
TOTAL POPULATION (1)	14,371	12,502	3,176	2,925	3,103	15,500	8,937	60,514
Total Hispanic Population (2)	412	538	75	111	99	1,879	677	3,791

(1) Includes those who chose more than one race in 2000 Census (choice not available in 1990).

(2) Hispanic Origin can be from any race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Howard County Percent Share of Population Growth by Race by Regional Planning District -- 1990 to 2000 (as percent of total race category)

	West							TOTAL
	Elkridge	Ellicott City	Friendship	Cooksville	Clarksville	Columbia	Laurel	
Population of One Race Alone								
White	35.0%	20.3%	9.2%	9.4%	7.3%	9.5%	9.2%	100.0%
Black	14.7%	12.2%	1.0%	0.4%	1.0%	42.9%	27.7%	100.0%
American Indian & Alaska Native	15.5%	14.9%	-2.8%	11.0%	7.7%	22.1%	31.5%	100.0%
Asian & Pacific Islander	14.1%	35.8%	2.5%	0.6%	5.7%	29.6%	11.7%	100.0%
Some Other Race	12.7%	10.8%	2.2%	1.6%	2.3%	53.8%	16.5%	100.0%
TOTAL POPULATION (1)	23.7%	20.7%	5.2%	4.8%	5.1%	25.6%	14.8%	100.0%
Total Hispanic Population (2)	10.9%	14.2%	2.0%	2.9%	2.6%	49.6%	17.9%	100.0%

(1) Includes those who chose more than one race in 2000 Census (choice not available in 1990).

(2) Hispanic Origin can be from any race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Howard County Percent Share of Population Growth by Race by Regional Planning District -- 1990 to 2000 (as percent of total RPD)

	West							TOTAL
	Elkridge	Ellicott City	Friendship	Cooksville	Clarksville	Columbia	Laurel	
Population of One Race Alone								
White	69.0%	46.1%	82.1%	90.8%	66.8%	17.3%	29.3%	46.8%
Black	14.0%	13.4%	4.4%	1.9%	4.6%	37.9%	42.5%	22.7%
American Indian & Alaska Native	0.2%	0.2%	-0.2%	0.7%	0.5%	0.3%	0.6%	0.3%
Asian & Pacific Islander	10.8%	31.6%	8.6%	2.3%	20.4%	21.1%	14.4%	18.2%
Some Other Race	1.6%	1.6%	1.3%	1.0%	1.4%	6.4%	3.4%	3.0%
TOTAL POPULATION (1)	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Total Hispanic Population (2)	2.9%	4.3%	2.4%	3.8%	3.2%	12.1%	7.6%	6.3%

(1) Includes those who chose more than one race in 2000 Census (choice not available in 1990).

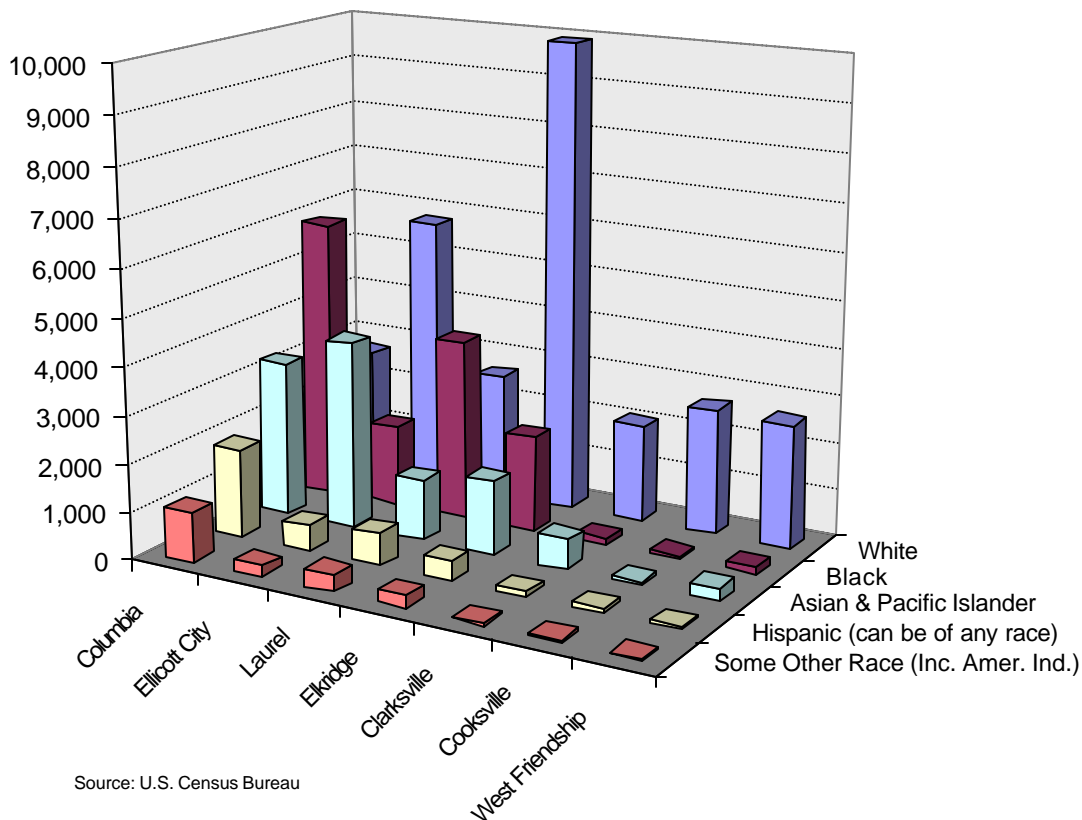
(2) Hispanic Origin can be from any race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

The chart below is a graphical representation of the population growth by race for each RPD from 1990 to 2000 in Howard County. The greatest growth in the White population occurred in Elkridge, and Columbia received the greatest increase in the Black population. Ellicott City had the greatest increase in the Asian and Pacific Islander population, closely followed by Columbia. Columbia also had the greatest increase in both the Hispanic and the Some Other Race categories.

Slightly more than 25 percent of the *total ten year Countywide population* increase of 60,515 occurred in Columbia, followed by Elkridge which had almost 25 percent of the growth. About 20 percent of the growth occurred in Ellicott City, 15 percent in Laurel, and about 5 percent each in West Friendship, Cooksville and Clarksville.

Howard County Population Growth -- 1990 to 2000



The table below shows the percent population increase from 1990 to 2000 for each RPD by race. Unlike the previous tables which show the *percent share of the total growth*, this table shows the *percentage increase in populations* which is a good indicator of the growth or change over time. For example, in Columbia which experienced a total population growth rate of 20 percent from 1990 to 2000, the White population increased by only 5 percent. This compares to the Hispanic, Asian and Black population growth rates of 94 percent, 87 percent and 40 percent in Columbia,

respectively. This clearly indicates the growing racial diversity in Columbia over the last ten years. This pattern also occurs, to a lesser or greater extent, in the other Regional Planning Districts, an indication that increasing racial diversity is a Countywide phenomenon.

Howard County Percent Population Growth by Race by Regional Planning District -- 1990 to 2000

	West							TOTAL
	Elkridge	Ellicott City	Friendship	Cooksville	Clarksville	Columbia	Laurel	
Population of One Race Alone								
White	65%	16%	38%	32%	20%	5%	13%	18%
Black	127%	80%	43%	14%	35%	40%	150%	62%
American Indian & Alaska Native	61%	53%	-26%	111%	82%	21%	95%	45%
Asian & Pacific Islander	362%	155%	147%	116%	195%	87%	163%	136%
Some Other Race	397%	209%	456%	231%	269%	176%	199%	203%
TOTAL POPULATION (1)	82%	31%	43%	33%	28%	20%	37%	32%
Total Hispanic Population (2)	141%	93%	132%	185%	71%	94%	119%	102%

(1) Includes those who chose more than one race in 2000 Census (choice not available in 1990).

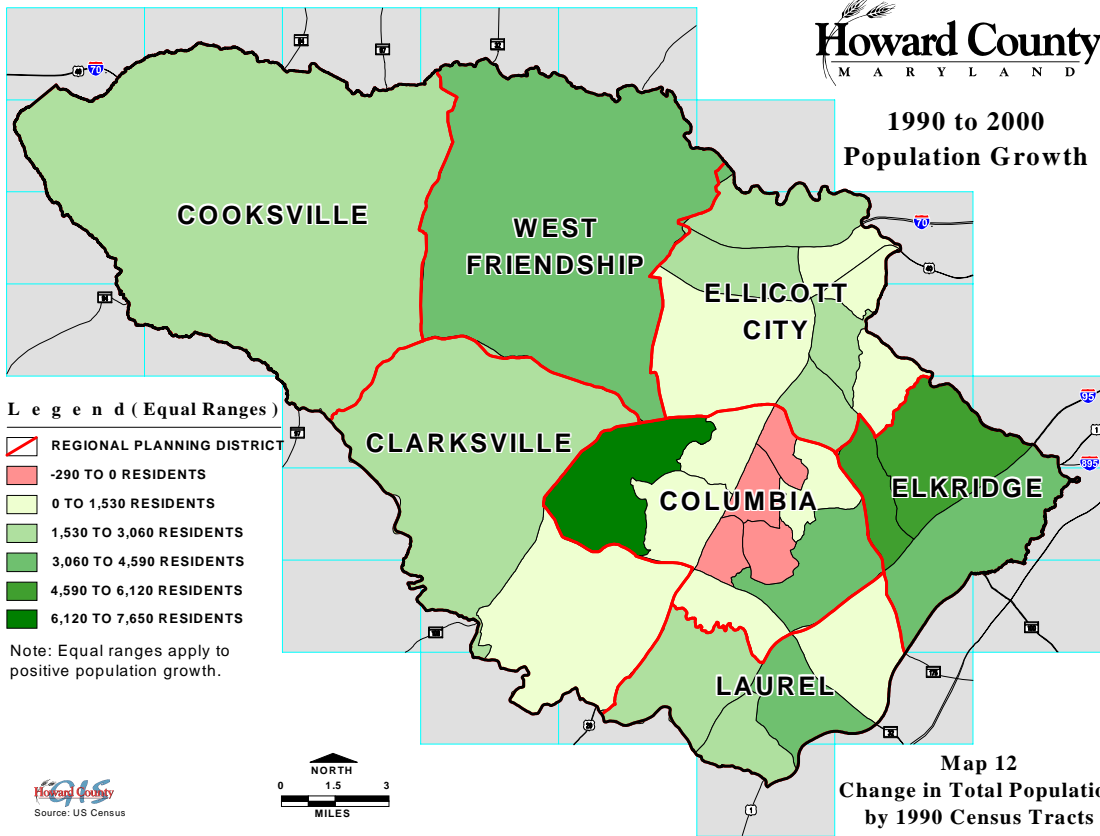
(2) Hispanic Origin can be from any race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

The series of maps below show the population growth by race by census tract. The maps better show how the populations increased within each of the Regional Planning Districts – the darker the shade, the greater the number. The first map shows the total population growth. The subsequent maps show the population growth for each race. The last map shows the growth in the minority population (all except non-Hispanic Whites). The following summarizes some of the major findings:

- Census tracts just east of Route 29 in Columbia have had slight population *declines* over the last ten years. The *total* population has decreased in these tracts by as much as 290 residents. The White population, however, in some of these areas has decreased by a larger amount, by up to 1,110 residents. A decrease in the White population has also occurred in parts of Laurel, Ellicott City and West Columbia.
- Areas with the greatest increase in *total* population include the west part of Columbia bordering Route 108 (including River Hill) as well as Elkridge, the north part of Laurel, and eastern Columbia (including Kendall Ridge).
- Elkridge and the above mentioned parts of Columbia have also seen relatively large increases in both the Black and White populations. There has also been a relatively large increase of Blacks in Laurel. Most growth in Western Howard County has been from White residents.
- Asian and Pacific Islander growth has been concentrated in the west part of Columbia (River Hill), as well as parts of Ellicott City and Elkridge. The greatest increases in the Hispanic population, although smaller in numbers compared to the other races, have also occurred in parts of Columbia and Laurel.
- It is clear that the most of the minority population growth has occurred in Eastern Howard County.

1990 to 2000
Population Growth



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