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## 2000 CENSUS

### Household Type and Relationship 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 household type and relationships including 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 household type and relationship characteristics of the entire population. Future reports may include various cross-tabulations such as household type and relationship by age or by race.

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

##### ***Household Type***

Howard County has a greater percentage of family households compared to both the U.S. and Maryland – 73.1 percent for Howard County compared to 68.6 and 68.1 percent for Maryland and the U.S, respectively, according to the 2000 Census. 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 in the same household related by birth, marriage or adoption.

For the U.S. and Maryland about half of all households consist of married couple family households. By comparison, about 60 percent of all households in Howard County have married couples. The corollary to this is that there are greater percentages of non-family and other family households in Maryland and U.S. compared to Howard County. Other family households primarily 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 include householders living alone and unmarried partners. For Maryland, 31.4 percent of all households are non-family households. For the entire U.S. the percentage is 31.9 percent. The tables and charts below summarize these data for both 2000 and 1990. The change from 1990 to 2000 is also shown and discussed further below.

**1990 Household Type -- United States, Maryland and Howard County**

Category	United States		Maryland		Howard County	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Family households	64,517,947	70.2%	1,245,814	71.2%	50,691	74.2%
Married-couple family	50,708,322	55.1%	948,563	54.2%	43,089	63.1%
Other family	13,809,625	15.0%	297,251	17.0%	7,602	11.1%
Male householder, no wife present	3,143,582	3.4%	65,362	3.7%	1,861	2.7%
Female householder, no husband present	10,666,043	11.6%	231,889	13.3%	5,741	8.4%
Nonfamily households	27,429,463	29.8%	503,177	28.8%	17,646	25.8%
<b>Total Households</b>	<b>91,947,410</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1,748,991</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>68,337</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

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

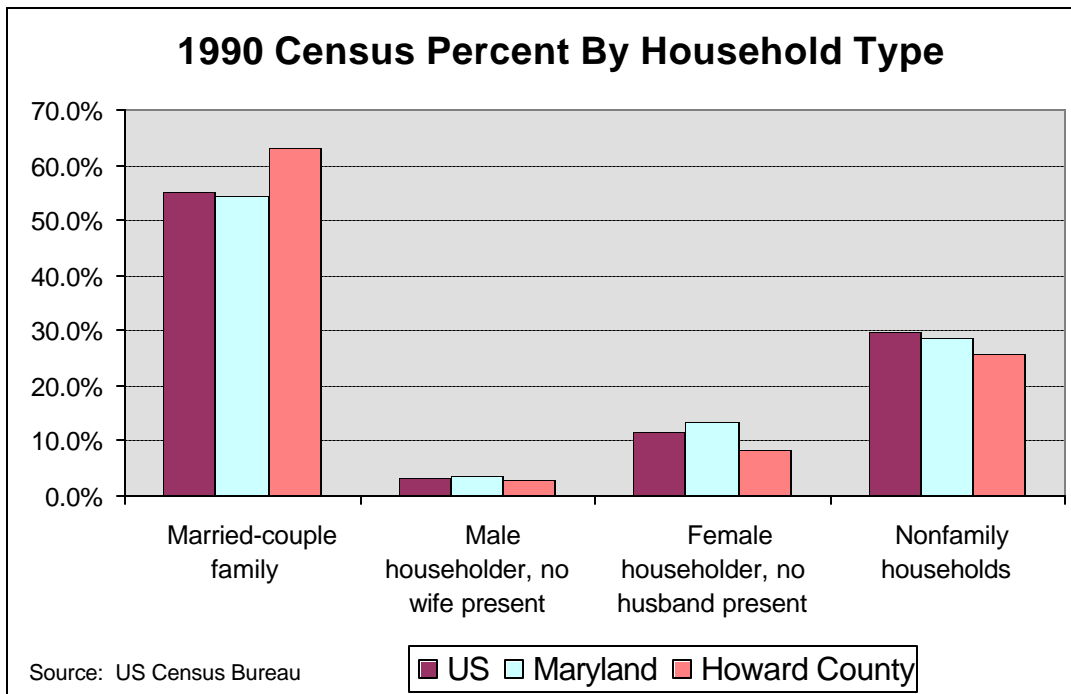
Category	United States		Maryland		Howard County	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Family households	71,787,347	68.1%	1,359,318	68.6%	65,790	73.1%
Married-couple family	54,493,232	51.7%	994,549	50.2%	54,441	60.5%
Other family	17,294,115	16.4%	364,769	18.4%	11,349	12.6%
Male householder, no wife present	4,394,012	4.2%	84,893	4.3%	2,798	3.1%
Female householder, no husband 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%
<b>Total Households</b>	<b>105,480,101</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1,980,859</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>90,043</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

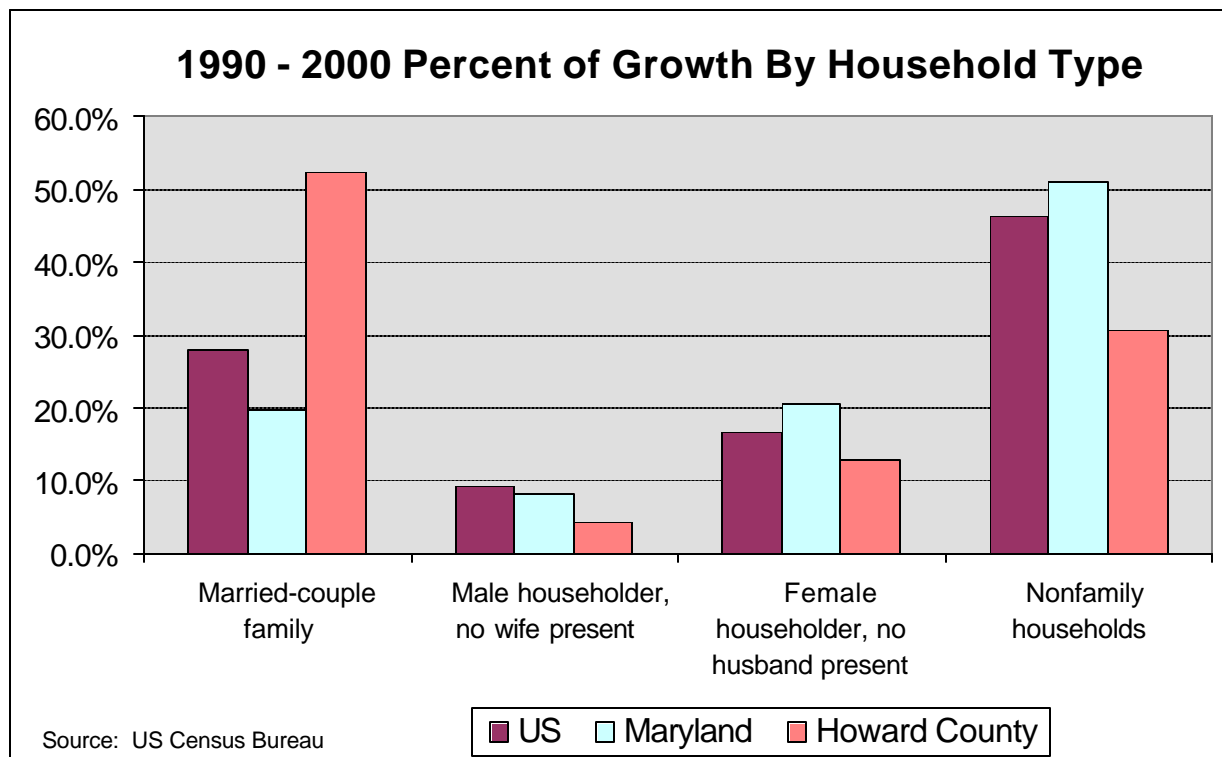
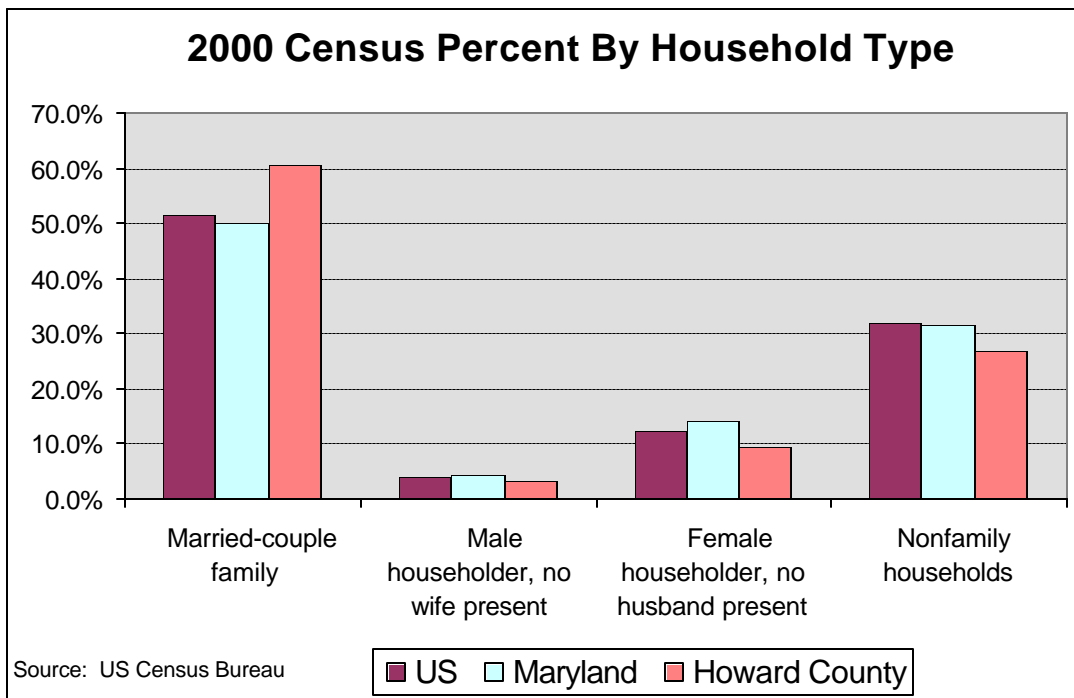
Source: U.S. Census Bureau

**1990 to 2000 Growth by Household Type -- United States, Maryland and Howard County**

Category	United States		Maryland		Howard County	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Family households	7,269,400	53.7%	113,504	49.0%	15,099	69.6%
Married-couple family	3,784,910	28.0%	45,986	19.8%	11,352	52.3%
Other family	3,484,490	25.7%	67,518	29.1%	3,747	17.3%
Male householder, no wife present	1,250,430	9.2%	19,531	8.4%	937	4.3%
Female householder, no husband present	2,234,060	16.5%	47,987	20.7%	2,810	12.9%
Nonfamily households	6,263,291	46.3%	118,364	51.0%	6,607	30.4%
<b>Total Households</b>	<b>13,532,691</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>231,868</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>21,706</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Source: U.S. Census Bureau





In 1990, the same general pattern as in 2000 was apparent, with Howard County having a greater percentage of family and married couple households compared to Maryland and the U.S. Since 1990, 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. The decrease in the percentage of family and married couple households and increase in non-family households in Howard County, was not as extensive,

however. 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 above chart shows, more than 50 percent of all new households in the County between 1990 and 2000 were married couples, significantly greater than the percentages for Maryland and the U.S. About 30 percent of the total household growth in Howard County were non-family households compared to about 50 percent for Maryland and 46 percent for the U.S.

***Family Households***

Looking at family households more closely, of the total 65,790 in Howard County in 2000, 29,226 or about 44 percent are the “traditional” nuclear family defined as a married couple living with one of more of their own children under 18. This represents about one-third of the total 90,043 households in Howard County. In Maryland, the nuclear family percentage is about 34 percent of total families and 23 percent of all households. For the U.S. the percentages are similar at about 35 percent and 24 percent, respectively. This again indicates Howard County’s relative status as more of a bedroom community.

The next greatest family category for the U.S., Maryland and Howard County is married couples not living 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 percent of all family households in this category at 41.3 percent, followed by 39.2 percent for Maryland and 38.3 percent for Howard County.

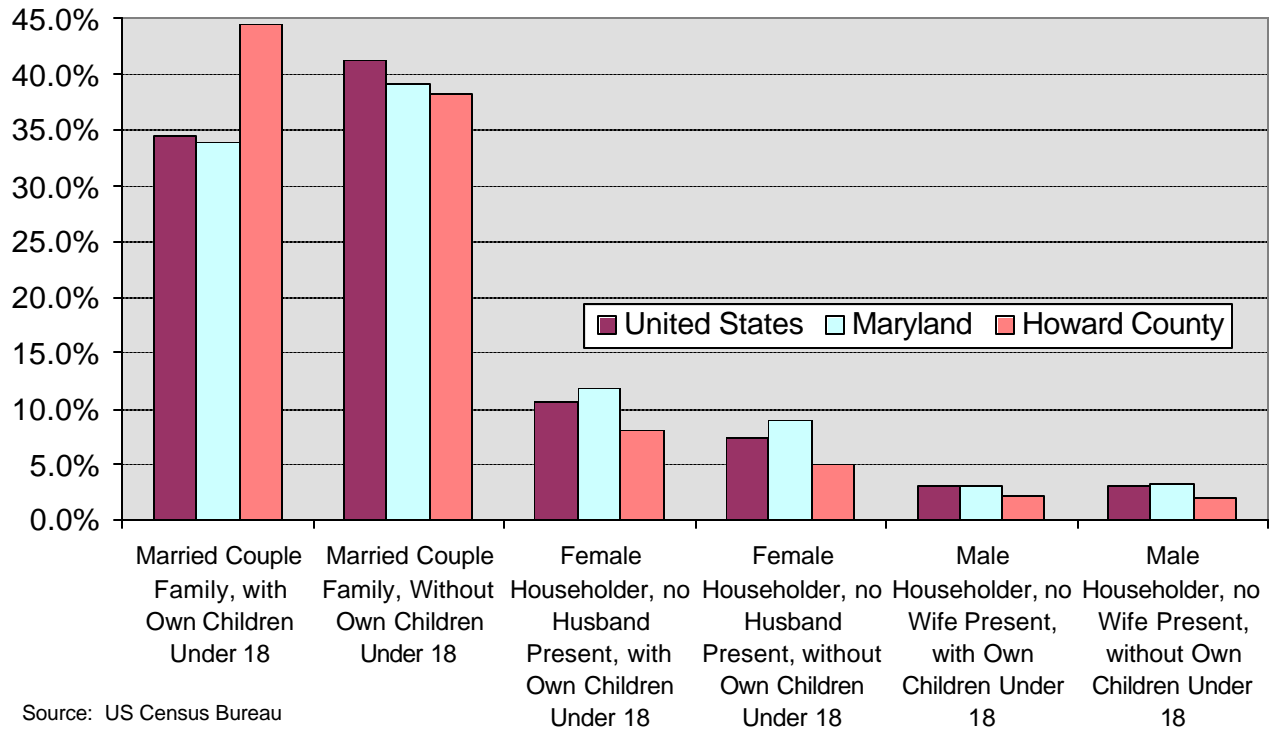
The other four categories include female and male householders with no spouse present and living with and without their own children under 18. The largest of these are female householders with no husband present living with their own children under 18. This category ranges from 10.5 percent of all families in the U.S. to 11.7 percent in Maryland to 8.1 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 2.0 percent in Howard County to 3.2 percent in Maryland. The amount of men in this category living with and without their own children under 18 is more evenly split compared to women. The table and chart below summarize these data.

**Family Households in 2000 -- United States, 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	24,835,505	34.6%	461,446	33.9%	29,226	44.4%
Married Couple Family, Without Own Children Under 18	29,657,727	41.3%	533,103	39.2%	25,215	38.3%
Female Householder, no Husband Present, with Own Children Under 18	7,561,874	10.5%	159,342	11.7%	5,331	8.1%
Female Householder, no Husband Present, without Own Children Under 18	5,338,229	7.4%	120,534	8.9%	3,220	4.9%
Male Householder, no Wife Present, with Own Children Under 18	2,190,989	3.1%	41,384	3.0%	1,501	2.3%
Male Householder, no Wife Present, without Own Children Under 18	2,203,023	3.1%	43,509	3.2%	1,297	2.0%
<b>Total Family Households</b>	<b>71,787,347</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1,359,318</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>65,790</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Source: US Census Bureau

## 2000 Census Percent of Total Family Households



### *Non-Family Households*

As indicated earlier, about 27 percent of all households in Howard County, slightly more than 24,000, were of non-family households according to the 2000 Census. Of these households in Howard County, the significant majority, about 77 percent, consist of residents living alone. This represents about 1 in every 5 households in the County, about 20 percent. The percentages are higher for the State and the U.S. as a whole – 79.7 and 80.8 percent of non-family households and 25.0 and 25.8 percent of all households, about one in every four, for Maryland and the U.S., respectively. The table below and the chart on the following page summarize this information.

**Non-Family Households in 2000 -- United States, Maryland and Howard County**

Non-Family Household Category	United States		Maryland		Howard County	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Householder living alone	27,230,075	80.8%	495,459	79.7%	18,767	77.4%
Householder not living alone	6,462,679	19.2%	126,082	20.3%	5,486	22.6%
<b>Total Non-Family Households</b>	<b>33,692,754</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>621,541</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>24,253</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

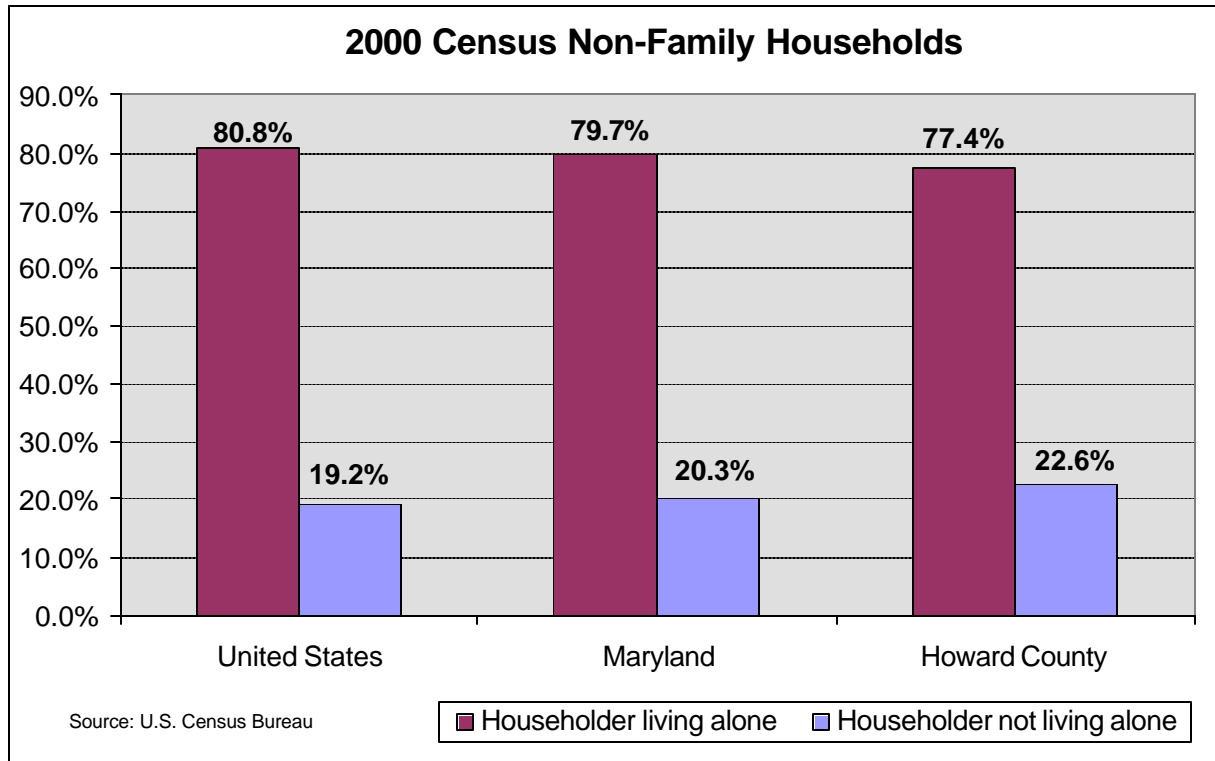
Source: US Census Bureau

### *Unmarried Partner Households*

The 2000 Census also reported that there were 4,221 unmarried partner households in Howard County, 4.7 percent of total households. Slightly higher percentages occur for the State and U.S. These include same sex and opposite sex close personal relationships. The data are summarized in the table below.

**Unmarried Partner Households in 2000 -- United States, Maryland and Howard County**

Non-Family Household Category	United States		Maryland		Howard County	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Unmarried partner households	5,475,768	5.2%	110,335	5.6%	4,221	4.7%
All Other Households	100,004,333	94.8%	1,870,524	94.4%	85,822	95.3%
<b>Total Households</b>	<b>105,480,101</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1,980,859</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>90,043</b>	<b>100.0%</b>



**Intra-State Comparisons – Year 2000**

The tables, charts and maps on the following pages compare household type and relationship characteristics for Maryland jurisdictions, including all counties and Baltimore City, for the year 2000. Compared to most other jurisdictions in Maryland, Howard County has greater percentages of family households, family households with children under 18, and the traditional nuclear family households (married couple with own children under 18).

In particular, Howard ranks 3rd in the State behind Calvert and Charles counties for the percentage of family households with children under 18 and also ranks third behind Calvert and Carroll counties for the percentage of nuclear family households. Howard ranks 9<sup>th</sup> (out of 24 jurisdictions) for the percentage of family households in general, including those both with and without children.

As would be expected, Howard County ranks further down at 16<sup>th</sup> in the percentage of non-family households. For the percentage of householders living alone, Howard ranks 17<sup>th</sup> out of the 24 jurisdictions. For female family headed households with no husband present Howard ranks

even lower at 20<sup>th</sup>. Again, these statistics indicate Howard County's recognized status as 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.

The first table below provides a summary of the percentages for various household and family categories for all the jurisdictions listed in alphabetical order. Total households are also provided to indicate the relative size of each jurisdiction. Note that Howard County ranks 19<sup>th</sup> in the total number of households (90,043) out of the 24 jurisdictions. However, the next most populous county, Anne Arundel, has about twice the number of households as Howard. In fact, the five most population jurisdictions – Anne Arundel, Baltimore City, Prince Georges, Baltimore and Montgomery Counties – contain close to 70 percent the total households in the State. This should be kept in mind when looking at the percentages, as the same percentage for a more populous jurisdiction yields greater numbers of households for a particular category.

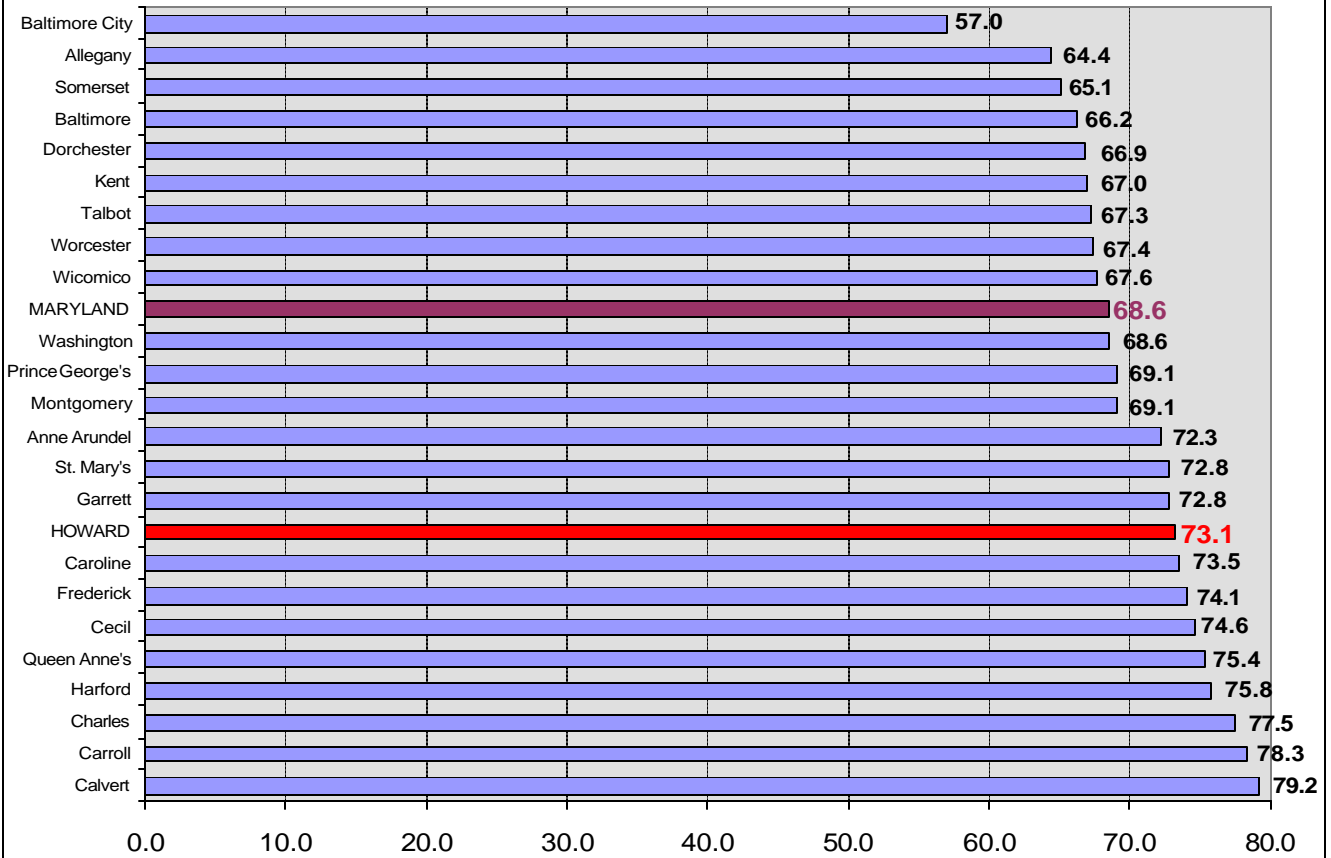
The charts on the following pages rank the jurisdictions for five of the household and family categories better showing the relative differences. The associated thematic map on each page helps to show geographic concentrations and comparisons. The data in the maps are shown in equal ranges with the darker the shade representing the greater the percentage.

#### Households and Families in Maryland, 2000 Census

Jurisdiction	Total Households	Percent of total households							
		Family Households					Nonfamily Households		
		Total	With Own Children Under 18	Type of Family			Total	Living Alone	
				Married Couple Family	Married Couple Family With Own Children < 18	Female Householder No Husband Present		Total	65 Years and Over
Allegany	29,322	64.4	26.5	50.6	18.9	10.3	35.6	30.1	15.2
Anne Arundel	178,670	72.3	34.9	57.2	26.4	11.1	27.7	21.3	6.4
Baltimore	299,877	66.2	30.2	49.4	21.0	12.8	33.8	27.3	10.1
Baltimore City	257,996	57.0	25.5	26.7	10.0	25.0	43.0	34.9	11.3
Calvert	25,447	79.2	41.7	64.8	33.4	9.9	20.8	16.3	5.7
Caroline	11,097	73.5	34.8	54.3	23.4	13.6	26.5	21.5	9.4
Carroll	52,503	78.3	39.7	66.5	33.0	8.3	21.7	17.5	7.4
Cecil	31,223	74.6	37.0	58.6	27.2	11.1	25.4	19.9	7.1
Charles	41,668	77.5	41.1	58.0	29.2	14.5	22.5	17.2	5.2
Dorchester	12,706	66.9	27.3	47.5	16.5	15.5	33.1	28.2	13.5
Frederick	70,060	74.1	38.6	61.1	30.8	9.4	25.9	20.1	6.7
Garrett	11,476	72.8	32.6	60.7	25.7	8.4	27.2	23.5	10.6
Harford	79,667	75.8	38.7	61.9	30.4	10.2	24.2	19.7	6.8
<b>Howard</b>	<b>90,043</b>	<b>73.1</b>	<b>40.0</b>	<b>60.5</b>	<b>32.5</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>26.9</b>	<b>20.8</b>	<b>4.6</b>
Kent	7,666	67.0	26.3	51.7	17.3	11.1	33.0	27.8	13.7
Montgomery	324,565	69.1	35.0	55.2	27.7	10.5	30.9	24.4	7.7
Prince George's	286,610	69.1	35.3	44.0	21.4	19.6	30.9	24.1	4.9
Queen Anne's	15,315	75.4	33.3	62.2	25.8	9.5	24.6	19.6	7.9
St. Mary's	30,642	72.8	38.3	57.8	29.0	10.6	27.2	21.3	5.7
Somerset	8,361	65.1	25.9	46.1	16.3	15.1	34.9	29.4	12.9
Talbot	14,307	67.3	26.4	54.4	19.1	9.8	32.7	27.8	13.0
Washington	49,726	68.6	31.3	54.0	22.2	10.7	31.4	26.0	11.1
Wicomico	32,218	67.6	32.3	49.2	21.1	14.1	32.4	24.8	9.8
Worcester	19,694	67.4	24.5	53.2	16.6	10.8	32.6	26.3	11.6
<b>Maryland</b>	<b>1,980,859</b>	<b>68.6</b>	<b>33.4</b>	<b>50.2</b>	<b>23.3</b>	<b>14.1</b>	<b>31.4</b>	<b>25.0</b>	<b>8.1</b>

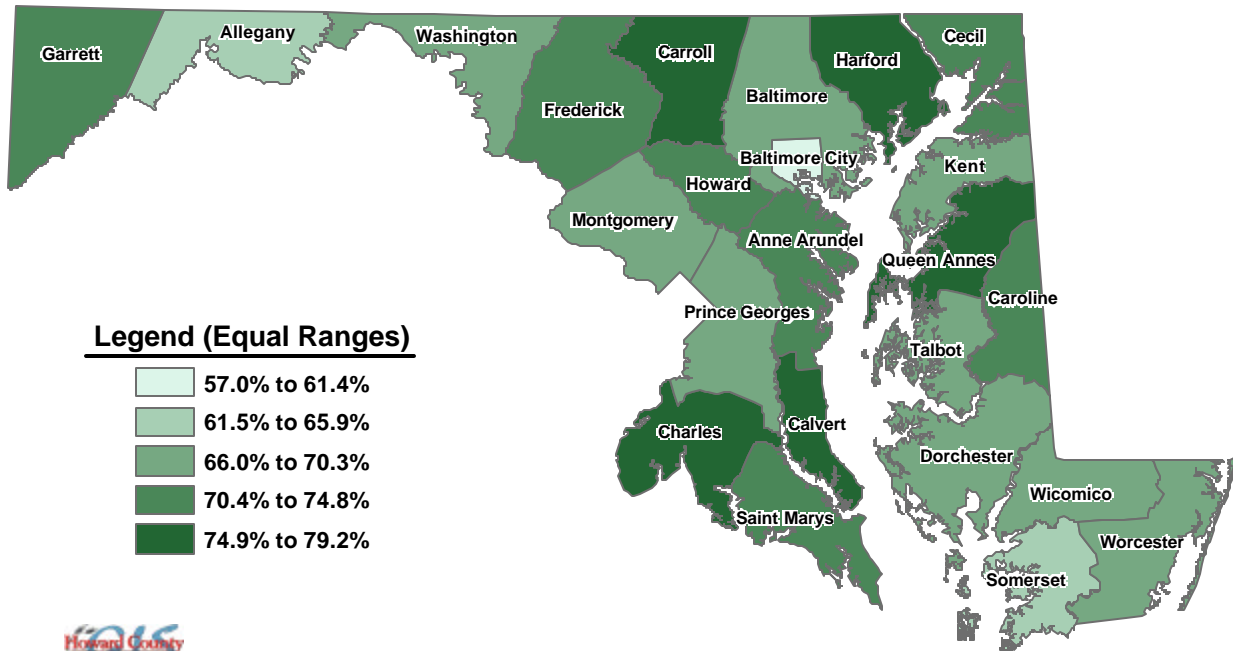
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## % Family Households by Maryland Jurisdiction -- Year 2000



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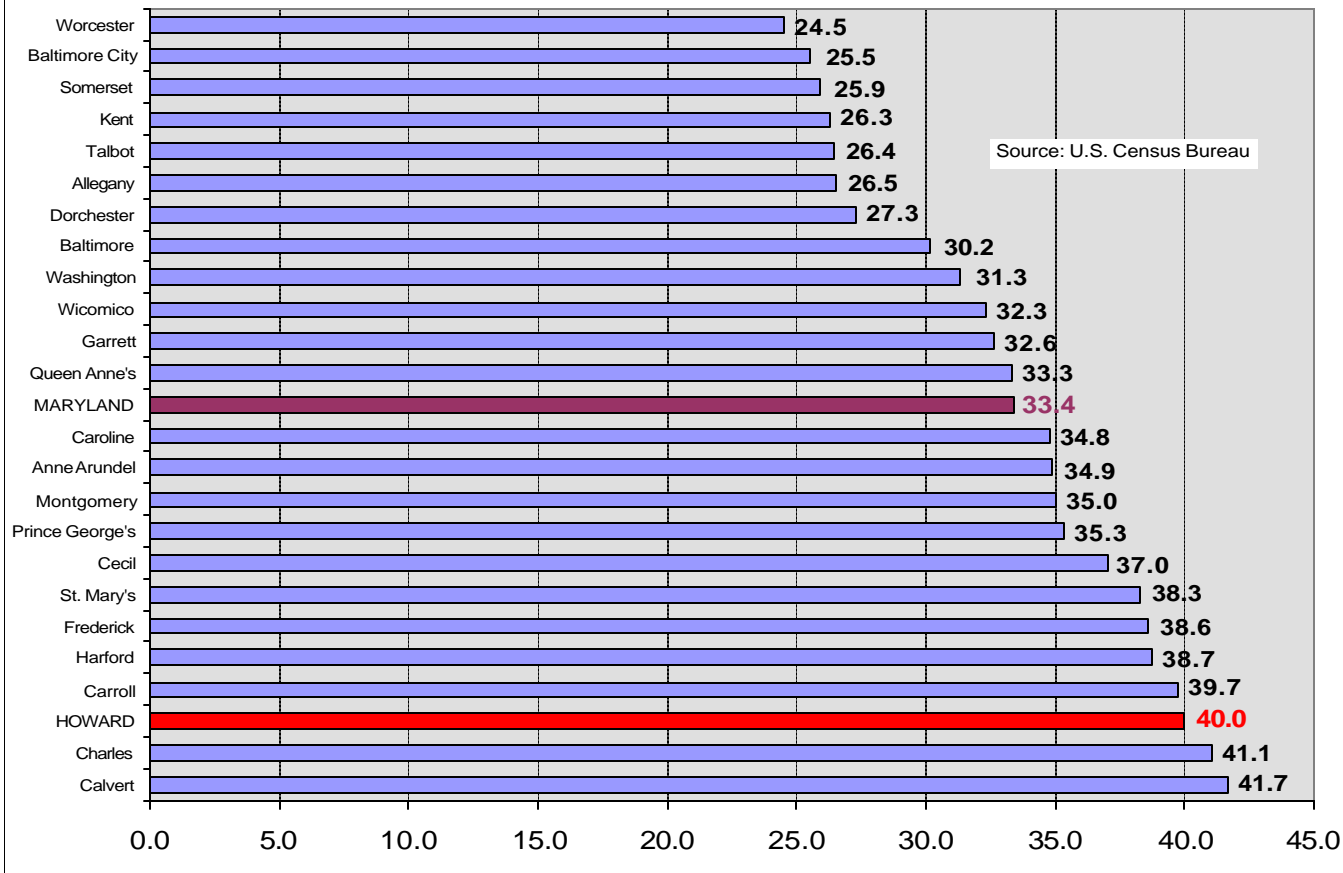
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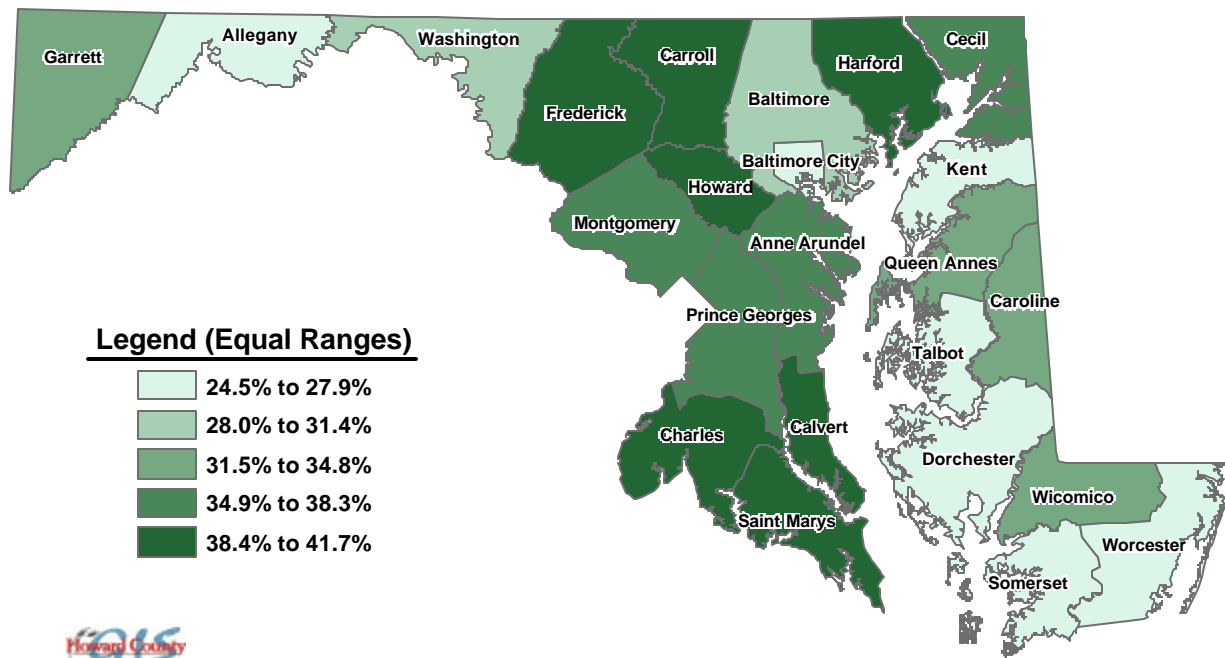
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## % Households With Own Children Under 18 by Maryland Jurisdiction -- Year 2000

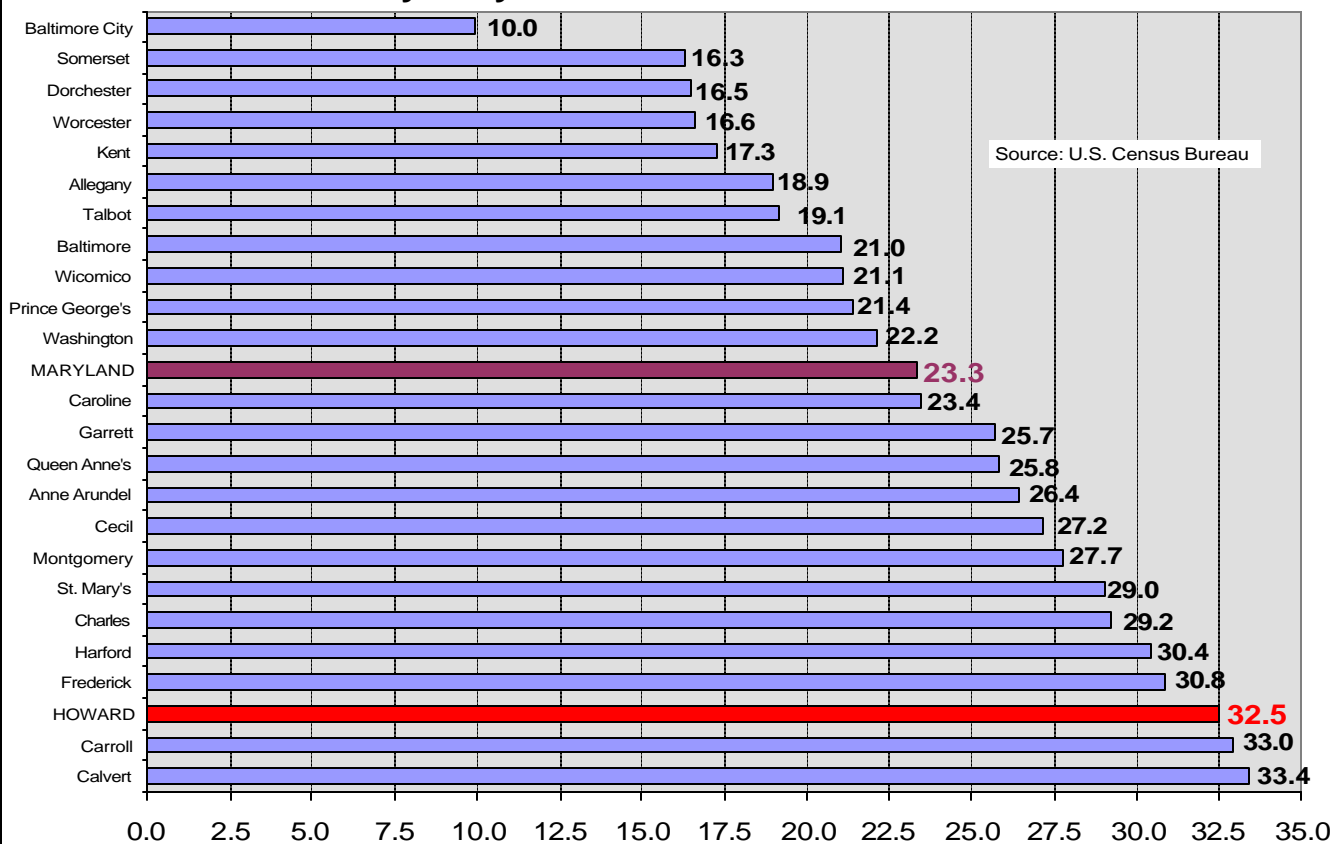


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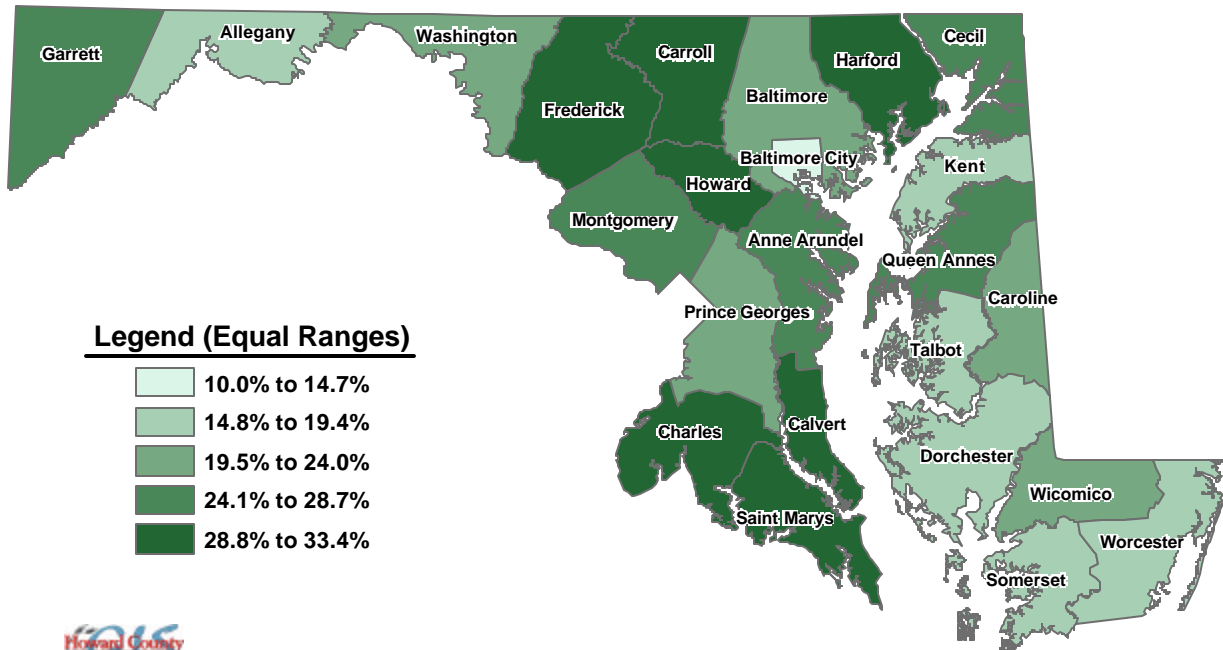


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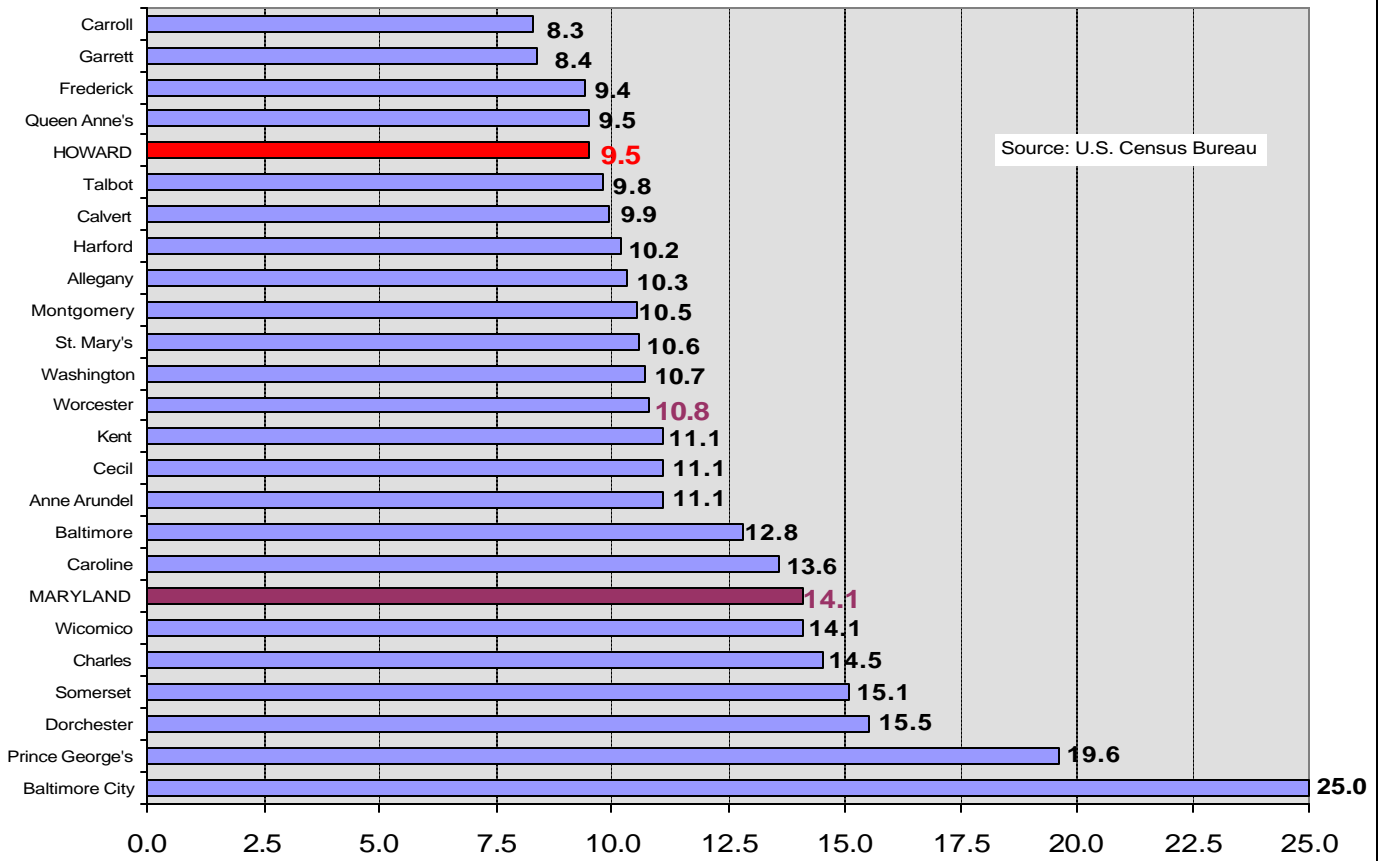
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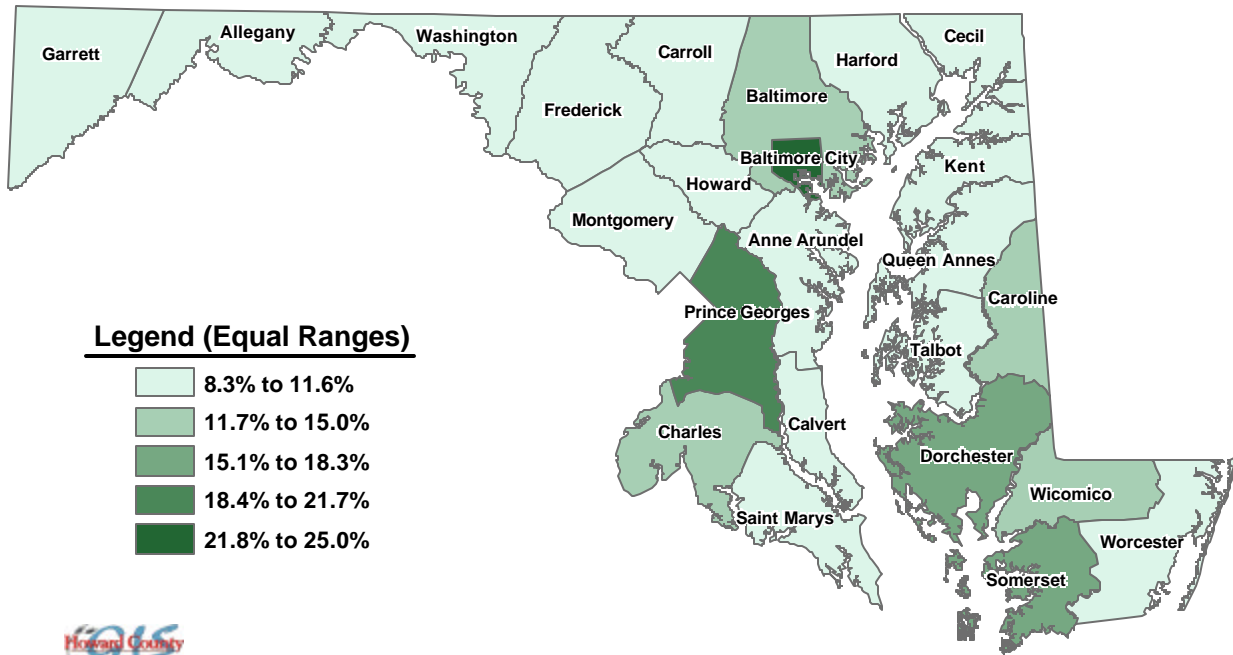
### Map 3 Percent "Nuclear Family" Households by Maryland Jurisdiction in 2000



## % Female Family Household, no Husband Present by Maryland Jurisdiction -- Year 2000

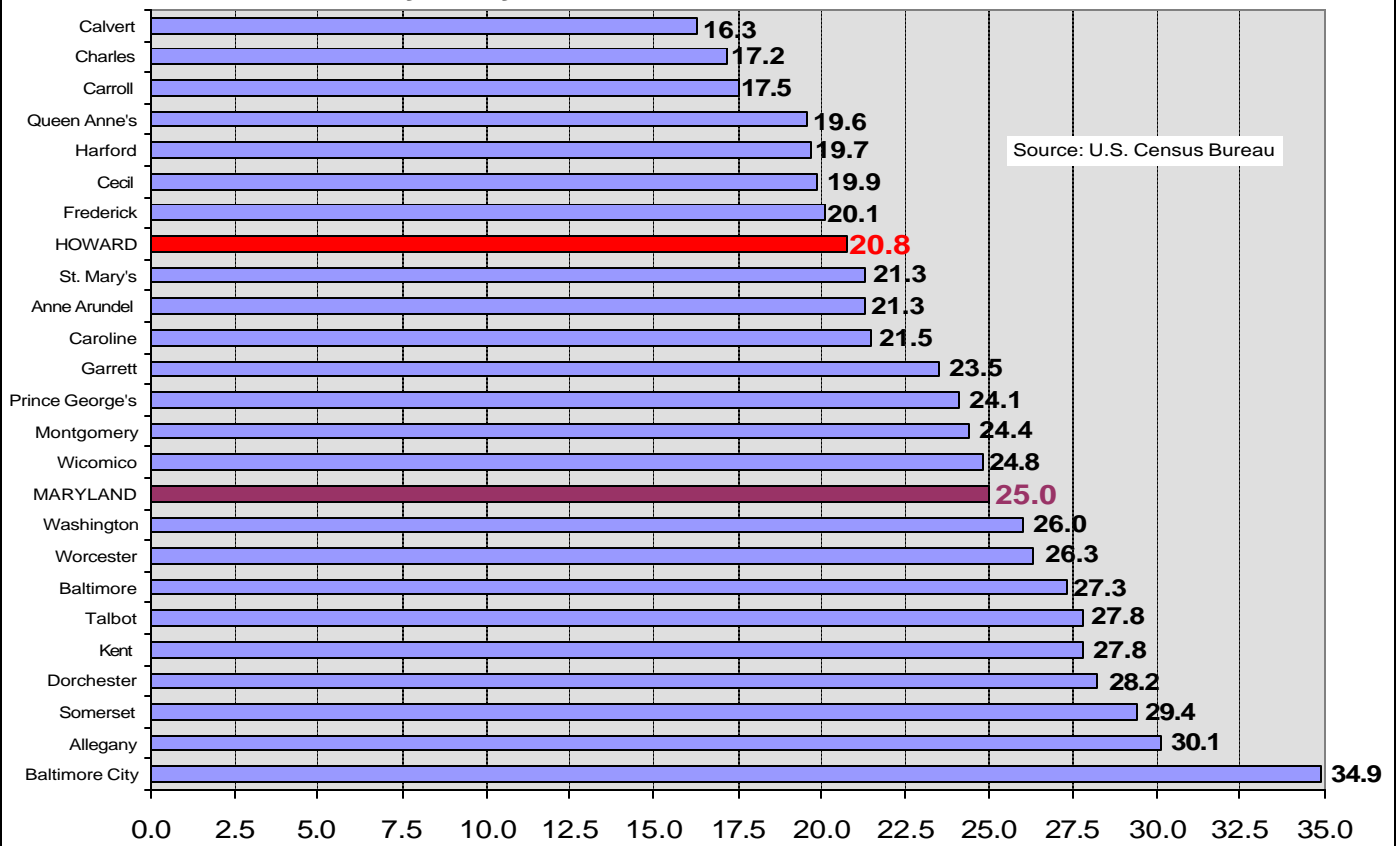


### Map 4 Percent Female Family Households, no Husband Present by Maryland Jurisdiction in 2000

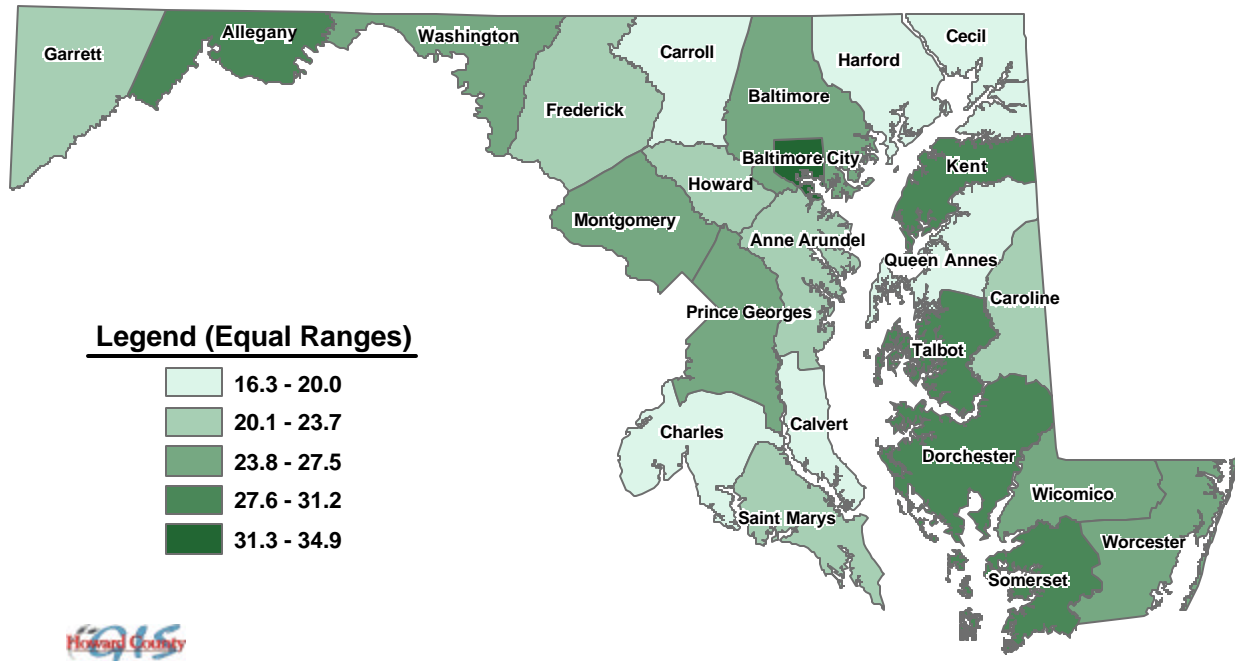


Source: U.S. Census Bureau

## % Households with Householder Living Alone by Maryland Jurisdiction -- Year 2000



## Map 5 Percent Households with Householder Living Alone by Maryland Jurisdiction in 2000



## Comparisons Within Howard County – Year 2000

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

The percentages in red are those percentages that are less than the total percentage for the associated category. For example, as shown in the second table, 37.3 percent of all family households in Howard County are located in Columbia. This is *less than* the 40.3 percent of all County households that are located in Columbia. On the other hand, 48.4 percent of all non-family households in the County are located in Columbia, a *greater percentage* than the 40.3 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 - 2000

Category	Ellicott West							TOTAL
	Elkridge	City	Friendship	Cooksville	Clarksville	Columbia	Laurel	
Family households	8,091	14,436	3,093	3,243	3,975	24,551	8,401	<b>65,790</b>
Married-couple family	6,609	12,496	2,835	2,956	3,663	19,322	6,560	<b>54,441</b>
Other family	1,482	1,940	258	287	312	5,229	1,841	<b>11,349</b>
Male householder, no wife present	383	508	89	95	113	1,106	504	<b>2,798</b>
Female householder, no husband present	1,099	1,432	169	192	199	4,123	1,337	<b>8,551</b>
Nonfamily households	3,269	4,486	448	468	503	11,735	3,344	<b>24,253</b>
<b>Total Households</b>	<b>11,360</b>	<b>18,922</b>	<b>3,541</b>	<b>3,711</b>	<b>4,478</b>	<b>36,286</b>	<b>11,745</b>	<b>90,043</b>

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Howard County Household Type by Regional Planning District - 2000  
(As Percent of Total Household Type Category)

Category	Ellicott West							TOTAL
	Elkridge	City	Friendship	Cooksville	Clarksville	Columbia	Laurel	
Family households	12.3%	21.9%	4.7%	4.9%	6.0%	37.3%	12.8%	100%
Married-couple family	12.1%	23.0%	5.2%	5.4%	6.7%	35.5%	12.0%	100%
Other family	13.1%	17.1%	2.3%	2.5%	2.7%	46.1%	16.2%	100%
Male householder, no wife present	13.7%	18.2%	3.2%	3.4%	4.0%	39.5%	18.0%	100%
Female householder, no husband present	12.9%	16.7%	2.0%	2.2%	2.3%	48.2%	15.6%	100%
Nonfamily households	13.5%	18.5%	1.8%	1.9%	2.1%	48.4%	13.8%	100%
<b>Total Households</b>	<b>12.6%</b>	<b>21.0%</b>	<b>3.9%</b>	<b>4.1%</b>	<b>5.0%</b>	<b>40.3%</b>	<b>13.0%</b>	<b>100%</b>

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Howard County Household Type by Regional Planning District - 2000  
(As Percent of Total RPD)

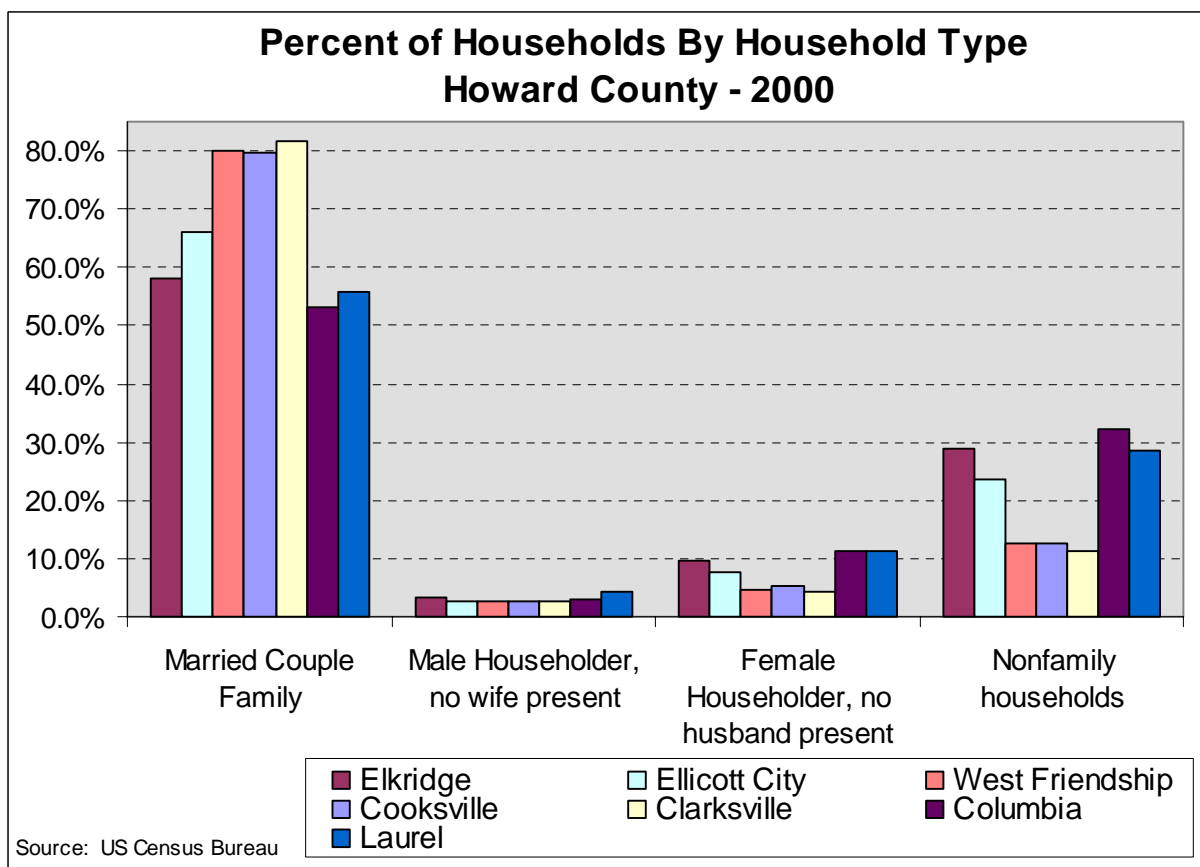
Category	Ellicott West							TOTAL
	Elkridge	City	Friendship	Cooksville	Clarksville	Columbia	Laurel	
Family households	71.2%	76.3%	87.3%	87.4%	88.8%	67.7%	71.5%	73.1%
Married-couple family	58.2%	66.0%	80.1%	79.7%	81.8%	53.2%	55.9%	60.5%
Other family	13.0%	10.3%	7.3%	7.7%	7.0%	14.4%	15.7%	12.6%
Male householder, no wife present	3.4%	2.7%	2.5%	2.6%	2.5%	3.0%	4.3%	3.1%
Female householder, no husband present	9.7%	7.6%	4.8%	5.2%	4.4%	11.4%	11.4%	9.5%
Nonfamily households	28.8%	23.7%	12.7%	12.6%	11.2%	32.3%	28.5%	26.9%
<b>Total Households</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>

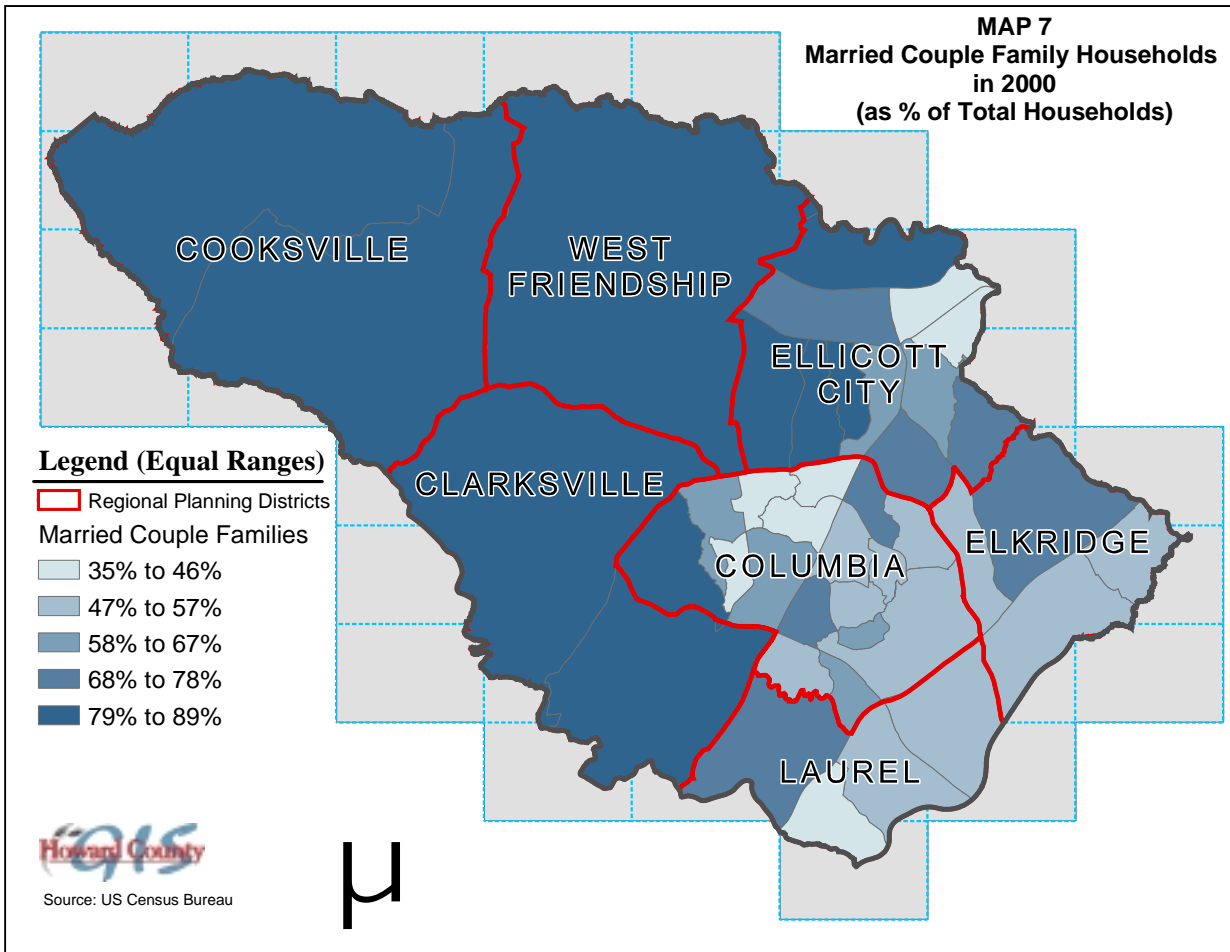
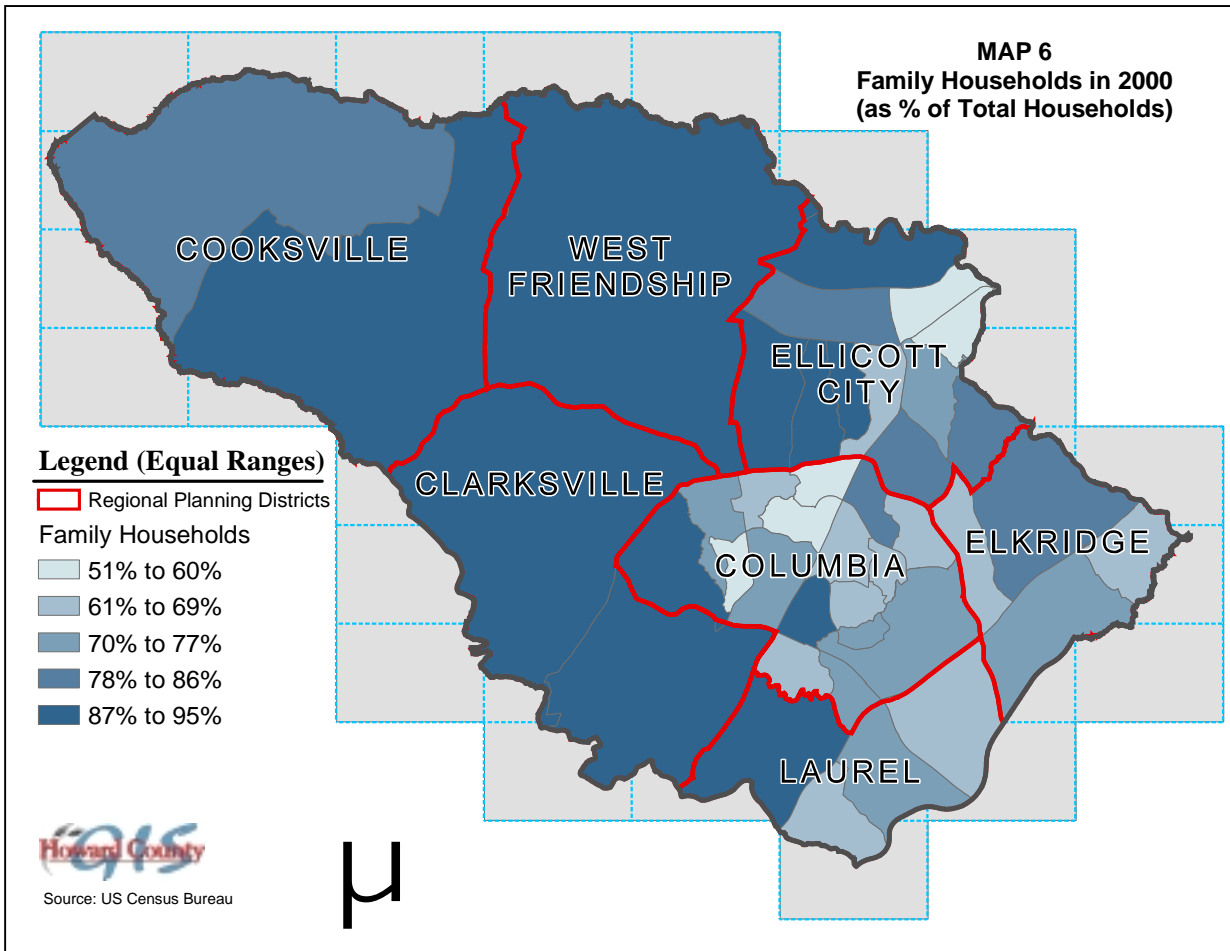
Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Generally, the differences between percentages are small, but patterns 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.

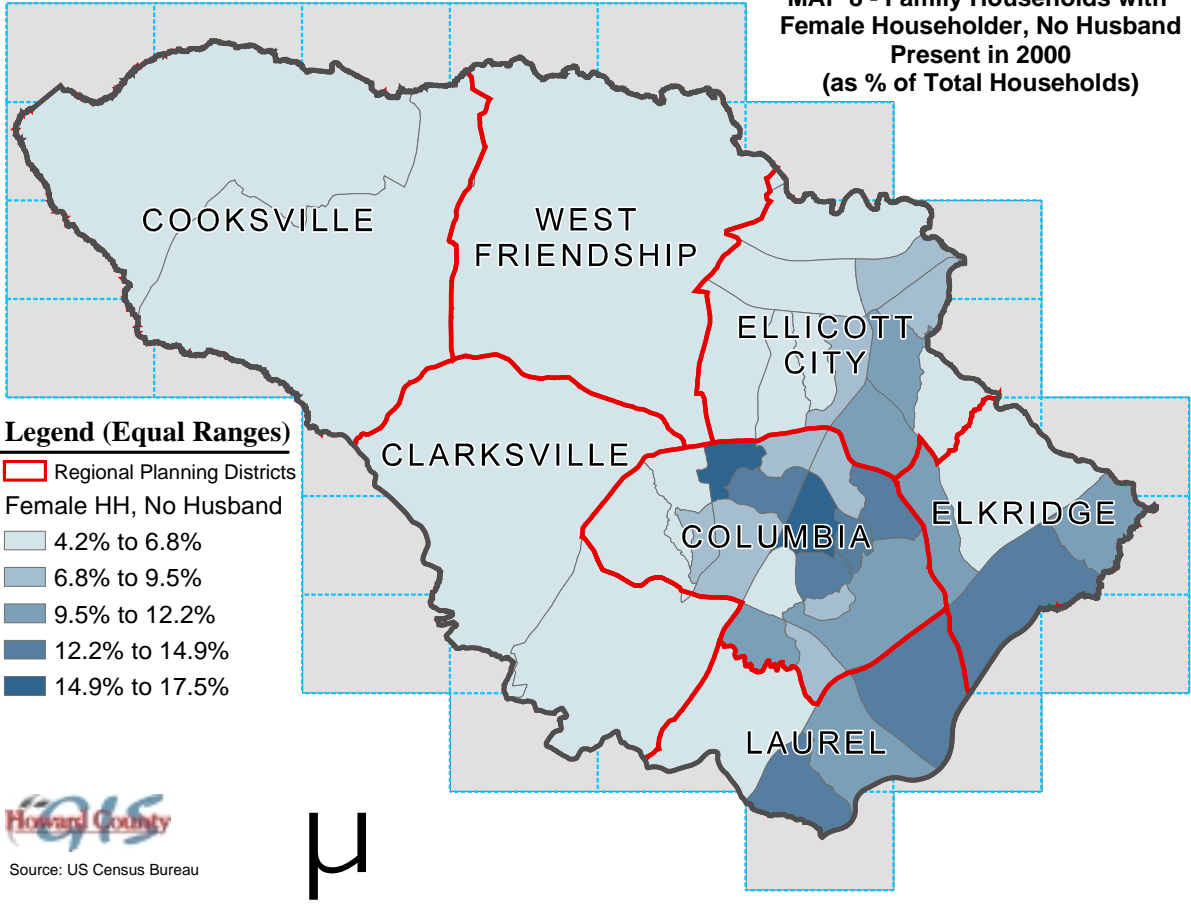
The chart below graphically illustrates these results by RPD. The thematic maps beginning on the next page show variations by census tract which depict even smaller areas within each RPD. The following summarize some of the major findings:

- Clarksville has the greatest percentages of both family and married couple family households, 88.8 percent and 81.8 percent of total households there, respectively. West Friendship and Cooksville also have high percentages, at only one to two percentage points lower.
- Laurel has the greatest percentage of other family households with 15.7 percent, followed closely by Columbia with 14.4 percent and Ellicott City at 13.0 percent. As subsets of this, Laurel also has the greatest percentages of both male and female single parent households. Most of these households in both Laurel and Ellicott City 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 with 32.3 percent. This is closely followed by Ellicott City with 28.8 percent and West Friendship with 28.5 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.

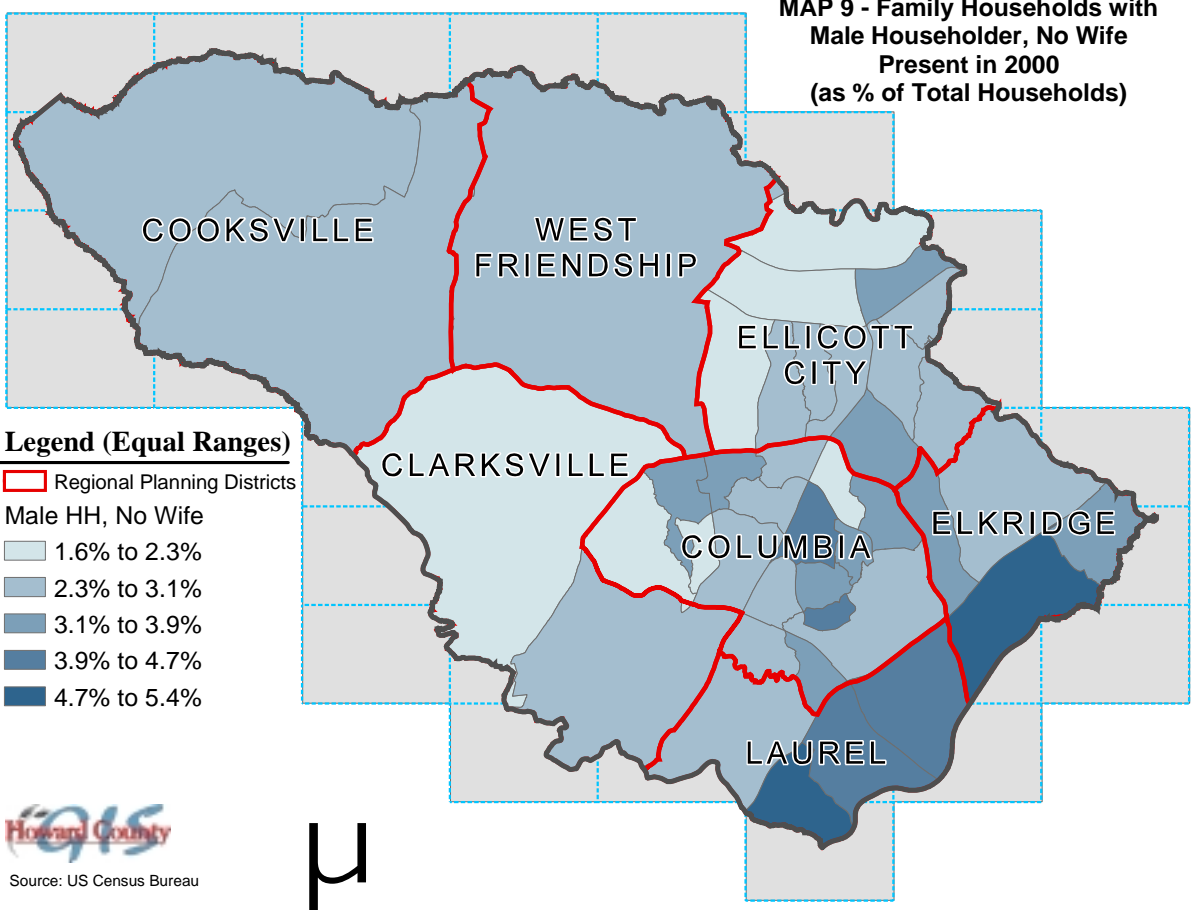




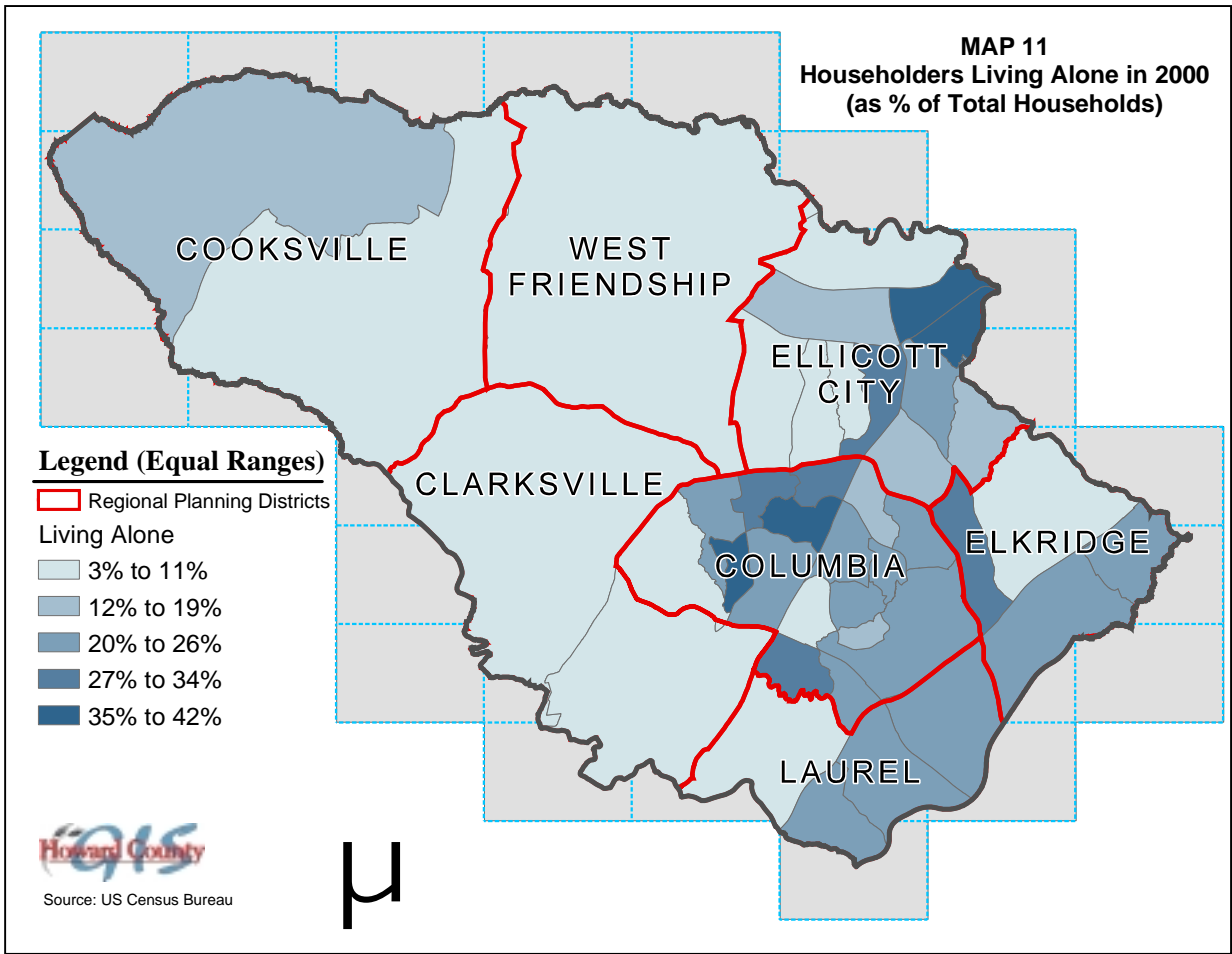
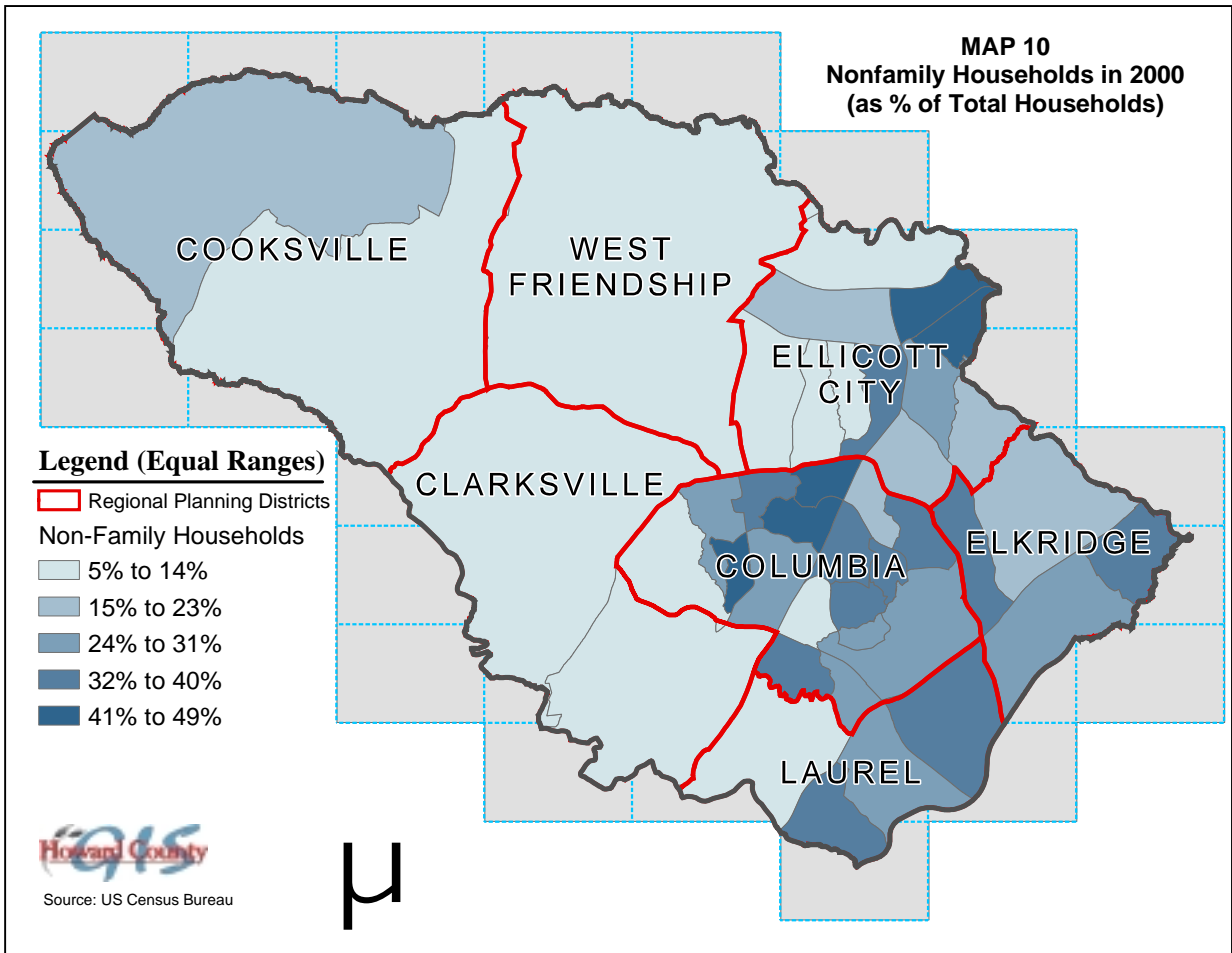
**MAP 8 - Family Households with Female Householder, No Husband Present in 2000 (as % of Total Households)**



**MAP 9 - Family Households with Male Householder, No Wife Present in 2000 (as % of Total Households)**







### 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 children under 18. The maps on the subsequent pages summarize the data at the census tract level.

For the family household category, Elkridge has the greatest percentage of nuclear families, defined as married couples living with their own children under 18, at close to 50 percent. At the smaller area level, however, as is apparent in Map 12, 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 (47.1 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 (10.8 percent and 6.0 percent of total family households, respectively). Laurel has the greatest percentage of single fathers, although the percentages are relatively low at under 4 percent for each category.

Howard County Family Households by Regional Planning District - 2000

Family Household Category	Ellicott West							TOTAL
	Elkridge	City	Friendship	Cooksville	Clarksville	Columbia	Laurel	
Married Couple Family, with Own Children Under 18	3,975	6,702	1,379	1,585	1,877	9,905	3,803	29,226
Married Couple Family, Without Own Children Under 18	2,634	5,794	1,456	1,371	1,786	9,417	2,757	25,215
Female Householder, no Husband Present, with Own Children Under 18	713	863	73	94	96	2,648	844	5,331
Female Householder, no Husband Present, without Own Children Under 18	386	569	96	98	103	1,475	493	3,220
Male Householder, no Wife Present, with Own Children Under 18	214	261	50	50	61	572	293	1,501
Male Householder, no Wife Present, without Own Children Under 18	169	247	39	45	52	534	211	1,297
<b>Total Family Households</b>	<b>8,091</b>	<b>14,436</b>	<b>3,093</b>	<b>3,243</b>	<b>3,975</b>	<b>24,551</b>	<b>8,401</b>	<b>65,790</b>

Source: US Census Bureau

Howard County Family Households by Regional Planning District - 2000  
(As Percent of Total Family Household Category)

Family Household Category	Ellicott West							TOTAL
	Elkridge	City	Friendship	Cooksville	Clarksville	Columbia	Laurel	
Married Couple Family, with Own Children Under 18	13.6%	22.9%	4.7%	5.4%	6.4%	33.9%	13.0%	100%
Married Couple Family, Without Own Children Under 18	10.4%	23.0%	5.8%	5.4%	7.1%	37.3%	10.9%	100%
Female Householder, no Husband Present, with Own Children Under 18	13.4%	16.2%	1.4%	1.8%	1.8%	49.7%	15.8%	100%
Female Householder, no Husband Present, without Own Children Under 18	12.0%	17.7%	3.0%	3.0%	3.2%	45.8%	15.3%	100%
Male Householder, no Wife Present, with Own Children Under 18	14.3%	17.4%	3.3%	3.3%	4.1%	38.1%	19.5%	100%
Male Householder, no Wife Present, without Own Children Under 18	13.0%	19.0%	3.0%	3.5%	4.0%	41.2%	16.3%	100%
<b>Total Family Households</b>	<b>12.3%</b>	<b>21.9%</b>	<b>4.7%</b>	<b>4.9%</b>	<b>6.0%</b>	<b>37.3%</b>	<b>12.8%</b>	<b>100%</b>

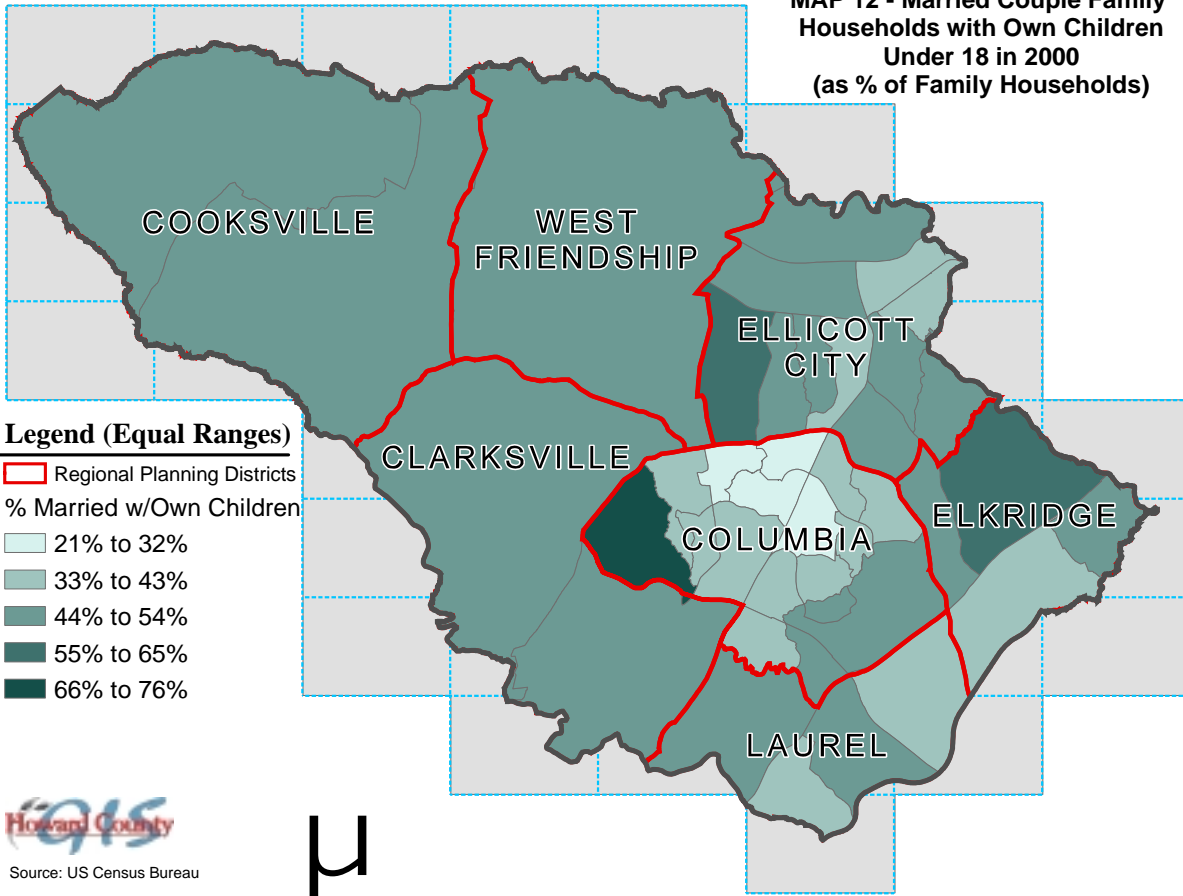
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Howard County Family Households by Regional Planning District - 2000  
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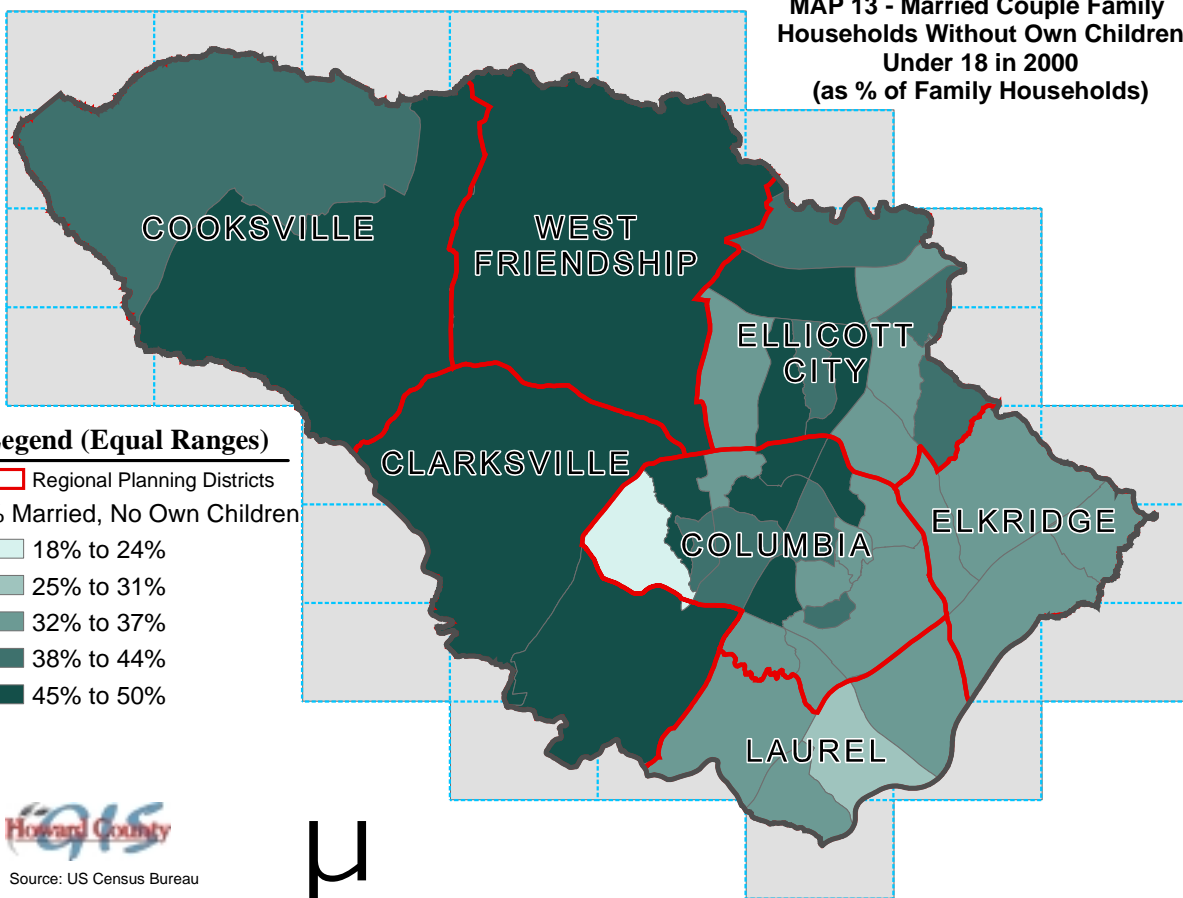
Family Household Category	Ellicott West							TOTAL
	Elkridge	City	Friendship	Cooksville	Clarksville	Columbia	Laurel	
Married Couple Family, with Own Children Under 18	49.1%	46.4%	44.6%	48.9%	47.2%	40.3%	45.3%	44.4%
Married Couple Family, Without Own Children Under 18	32.6%	40.1%	47.1%	42.3%	44.9%	38.4%	32.8%	38.3%
Female Householder, no Husband Present, with Own Children Under 18	8.8%	6.0%	2.4%	2.9%	2.4%	10.8%	10.0%	8.1%
Female Householder, no Husband Present, without Own Children Under 18	4.8%	3.9%	3.1%	3.0%	2.6%	6.0%	5.9%	4.9%
Male Householder, no Wife Present, with Own Children Under 18	2.6%	1.8%	1.6%	1.5%	1.5%	2.3%	3.5%	2.3%
Male Householder, no Wife Present, without Own Children Under 18	2.1%	1.7%	1.3%	1.4%	1.3%	2.2%	2.5%	2.0%
<b>Total Family Households</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>

Source: US Census Bureau

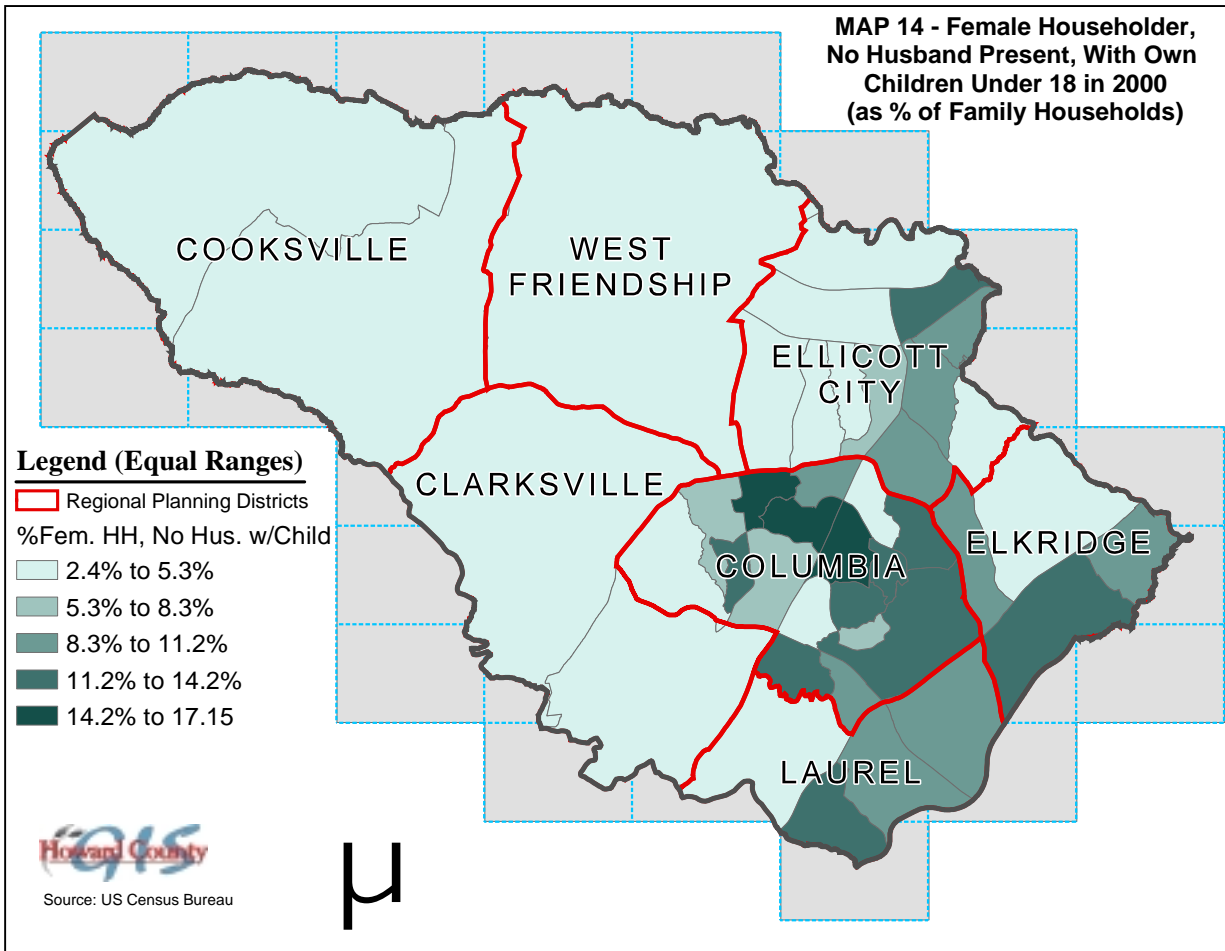
**MAP 12 - Married Couple Family Households with Own Children Under 18 in 2000  
(as % of Family Households)**



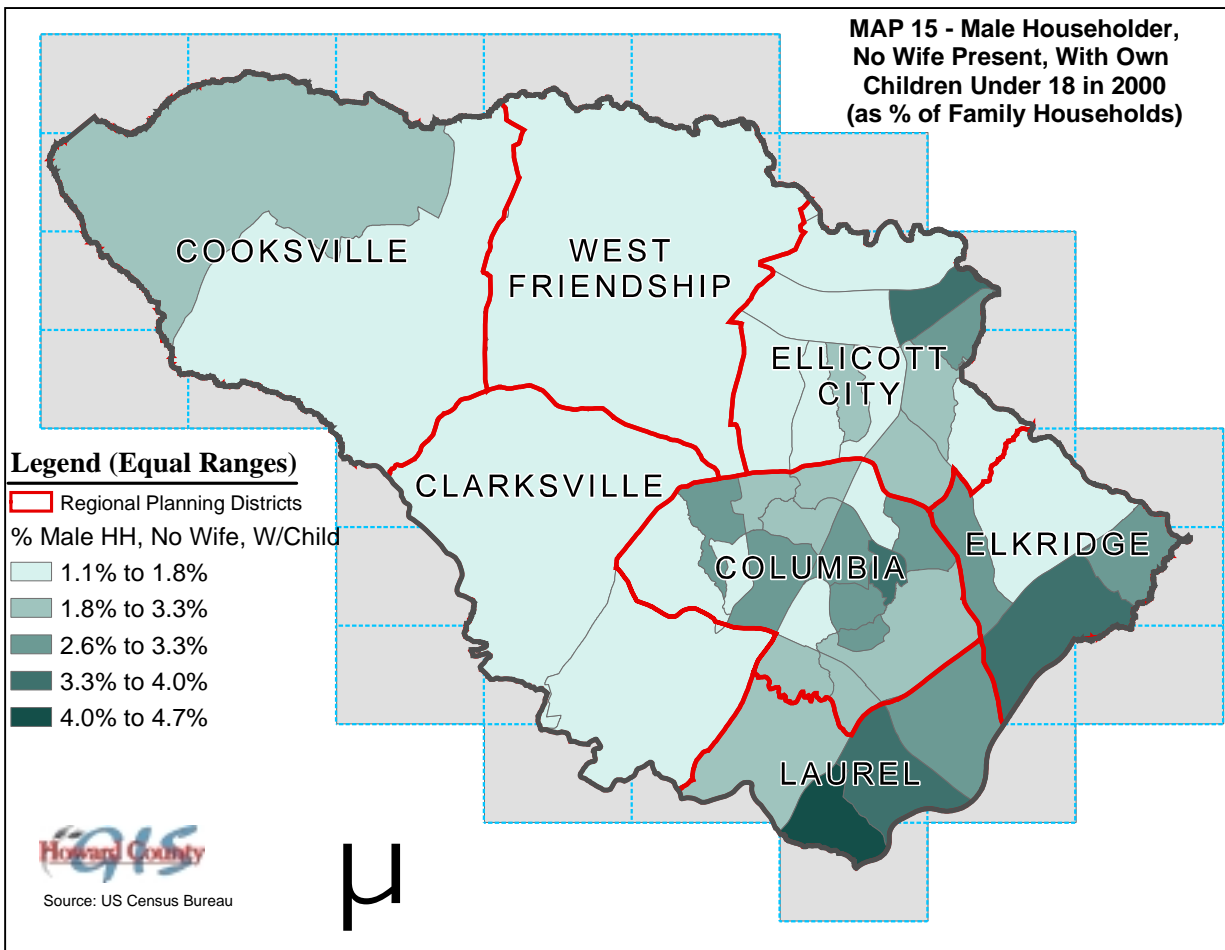
**MAP 13 - Married Couple Family Households Without Own Children Under 18 in 2000  
(as % of Family Households)**



**MAP 14 - Female Householder, No Husband Present, With Own Children Under 18 in 2000 (as % of Family Households)**



**MAP 15 - Male Householder, No Wife Present, With Own Children Under 18 in 2000 (as % of Family Households)**



### Non-family Households

The tables and chart below summarize the non-family households by Regional Planning District. As indicated previously, there were 24,253 non-family households in Howard County in 2000. Most of these, 18,767, consist of householders living alone. Columbia has the greatest percentage of householders living alone at over 25 percent of total households. This is followed by Elkridge with 21.5 percent, Laurel with 20.4 percent and Ellicott City with 19.1 percent. West Friendship, Cooksville and Clarksville have relatively less residents living alone with only 10.2, 9.6 and 8.6 percent of total households in each region, 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.

#### Non-Family Households in 2000 By Regional Planning District -- Howard County

Non-Family Household Category	Ellicott		West		Clarksville	Columbia	Laurel	TOTAL
	Elkridge	City	Friendship	Cooksville				
Householder living alone	2,441	3,611	360	356	386	9,219	2,394	18,767
Householder not living alone	828	875	88	112	117	2,516	950	5,486
<b>Total Non-Family Households</b>	<b>3,269</b>	<b>4,486</b>	<b>448</b>	<b>468</b>	<b>503</b>	<b>11,735</b>	<b>3,344</b>	<b>24,253</b>

Source: US Census Bureau

#### Non-Family Households in 2000 By Regional Planning District -- Howard County (As Percent of Total Non-Family Household Category)

Non-Family Household Category	Ellicott		West		Clarksville	Columbia	Laurel	TOTAL
	Elkridge	City	Friendship	Cooksville				
Householder living alone	13.0%	19.2%	1.9%	1.9%	2.1%	49.1%	12.8%	100.0%
Householder not living alone	15.1%	15.9%	1.6%	2.0%	2.1%	45.9%	17.3%	100.0%
<b>Total Non-Family Households</b>	<b>13.5%</b>	<b>18.5%</b>	<b>1.8%</b>	<b>1.9%</b>	<b>2.1%</b>	<b>48.4%</b>	<b>13.8%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Source: US Census Bureau

#### Non-Family Households in 2000 By Regional Planning District -- Howard County (As Percent of Total RPD)

Non-Family Household Category	Ellicott		West		Clarksville	Columbia	Laurel	TOTAL
	Elkridge	City	Friendship	Cooksville				
Householder living alone	74.7%	80.5%	80.4%	76.1%	76.7%	78.6%	71.6%	77.4%
Householder not living alone	25.3%	19.5%	19.6%	23.9%	23.3%	21.4%	28.4%	22.6%
<b>Total Non-Family Households</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Source: US Census Bureau

#### Total Households in 2000 By Regional Planning District -- Howard County

Non-Family Household Category	Ellicott		West		Clarksville	Columbia	Laurel	TOTAL
	Elkridge	City	Friendship	Cooksville				
Householder living alone	2,441	3,611	360	356	386	9,219	2,394	18,767
Householder not living alone	8,919	15,311	3,181	3,355	4,092	27,067	9,351	71,276
<b>Total Households</b>	<b>11,360</b>	<b>18,922</b>	<b>3,541</b>	<b>3,711</b>	<b>4,478</b>	<b>36,286</b>	<b>11,745</b>	<b>90,043</b>

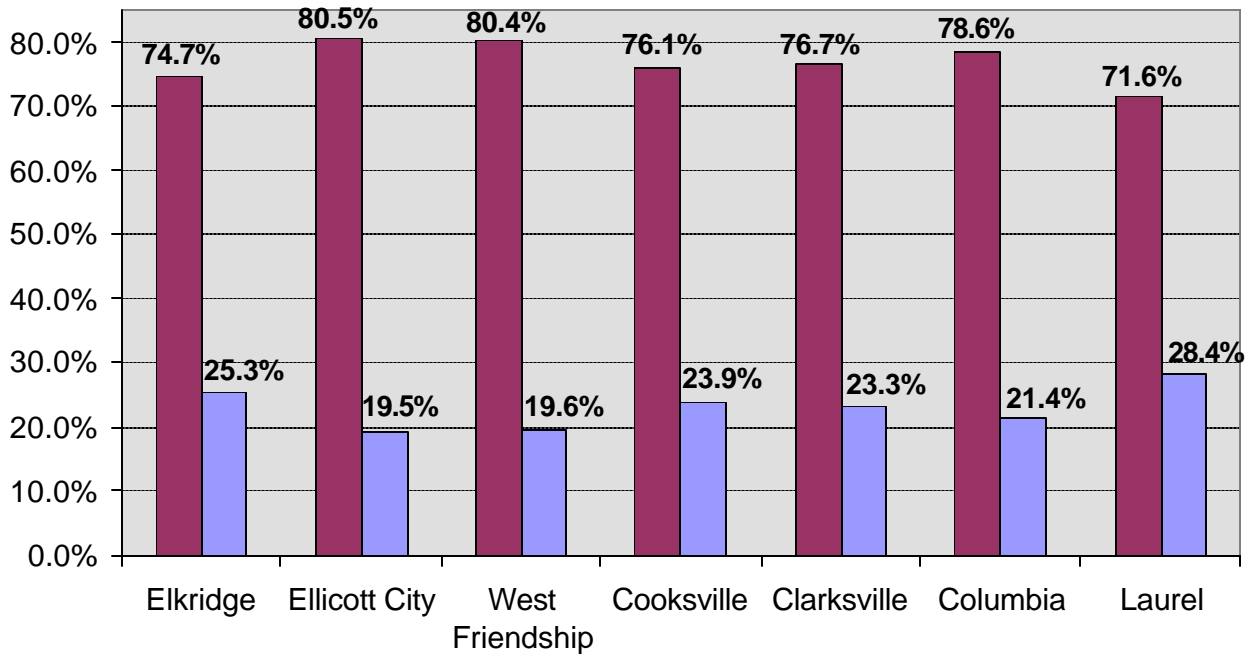
Source: US Census Bureau

#### Total Households in 2000 By Regional Planning District -- Howard County

Non-Family Household Category	Ellicott		West		Clarksville	Columbia	Laurel	TOTAL
	Elkridge	City	Friendship	Cooksville				
Householder living alone	21.5%	19.1%	10.2%	9.6%	8.6%	25.4%	20.4%	20.8%
Householder not living alone	78.5%	80.9%	89.8%	90.4%	91.4%	74.6%	79.6%	79.2%
<b>Total Households</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

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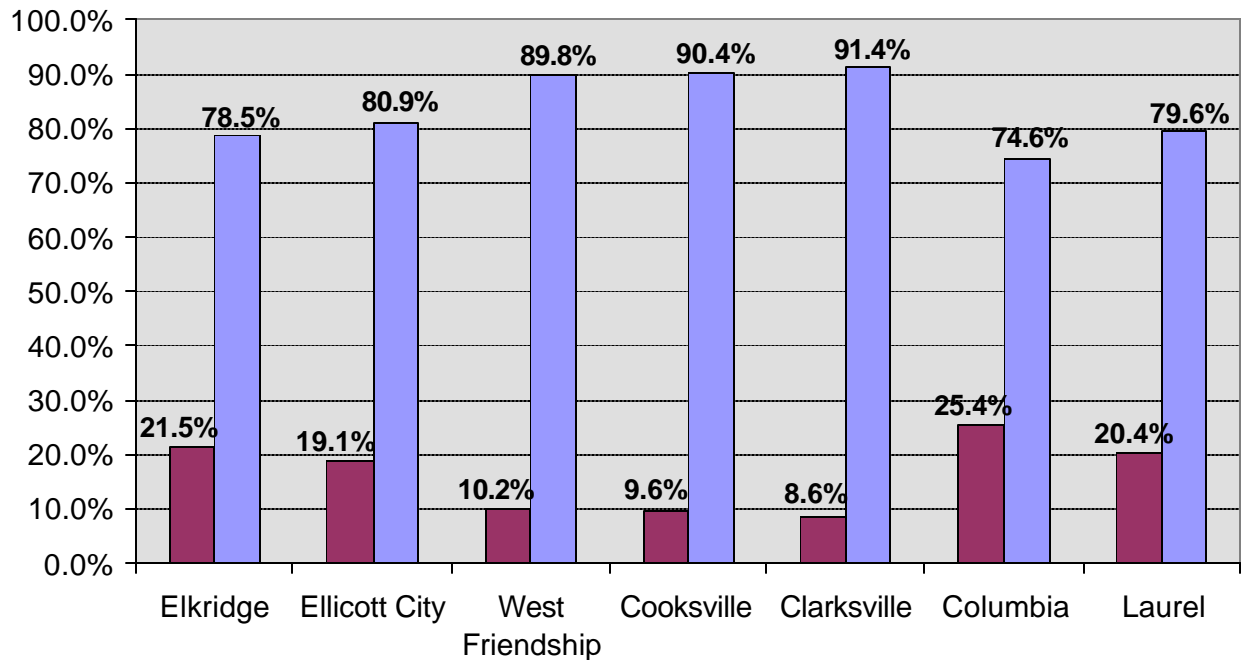
### Percent of Non-Family Households Howard County - 2000



Source: US Census Bureau

■ Householder living alone    ■ Householder not living alone

### Percent of Total Households Howard County - 2000



Source: US Census Bureau

■ Householder living alone    ■ Householder not living alone

**Unmarried Partner Households**

As indicated earlier, the 2000 Census reported that there were 4,221 unmarried partner households in Howard County, 4.7 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, Columbia and parts of Ellicott City.

**Unmarried Partner Households in 2000 by Regional Planning District -- Howard County**

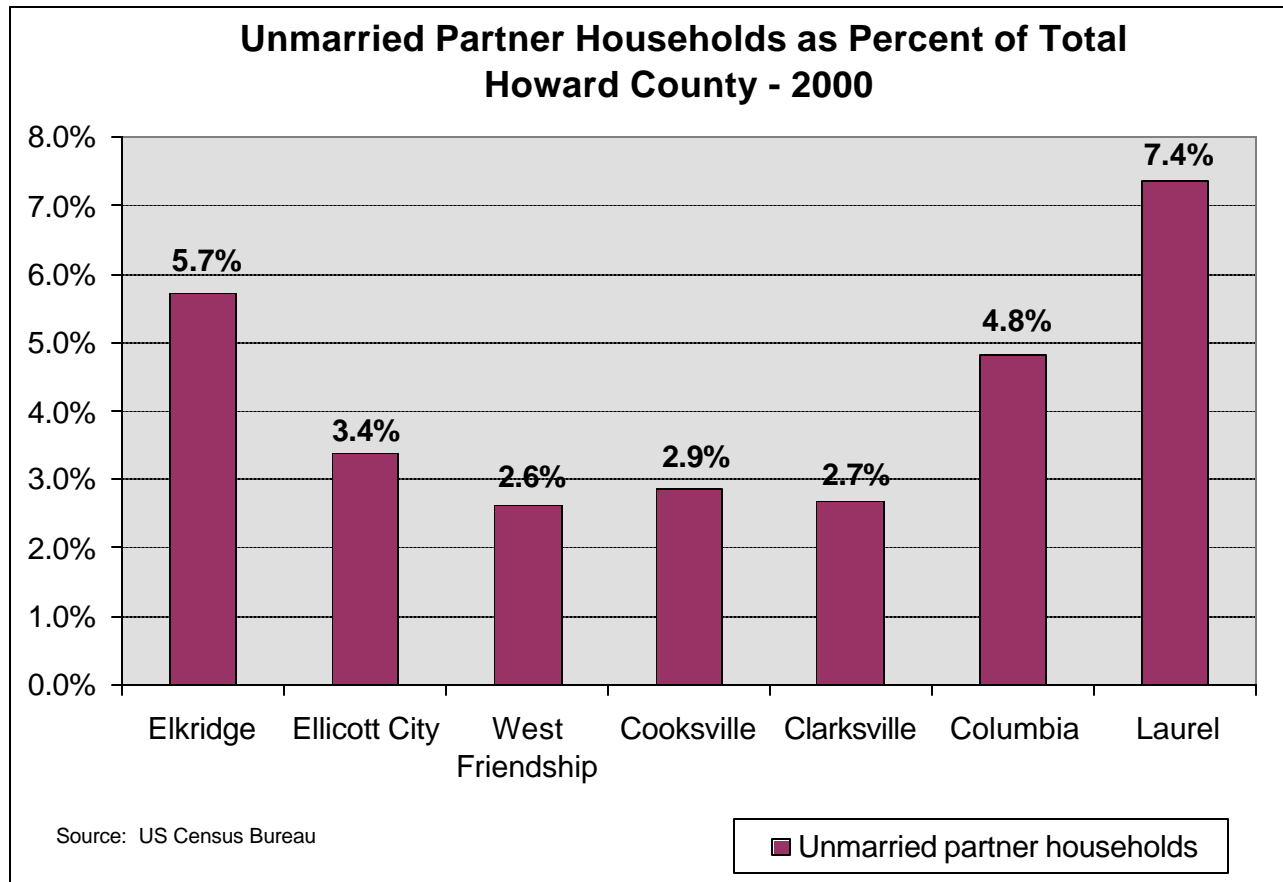
Non-Family Household Category	Ellicott		West		Clarksville	Columbia	Laurel	TOTAL
	Elkridge	City	Friendship	Cooksville				
Unmarried partner households	648	638	93	107	120	1,750	865	<b>4,221</b>
All Other Households	10,712	18,284	3,448	3,604	4,358	34,536	10,880	<b>85,822</b>
<b>Total Households</b>	<b>11,360</b>	<b>18,922</b>	<b>3,541</b>	<b>3,711</b>	<b>4,478</b>	<b>36,286</b>	<b>11,745</b>	<b>90,043</b>

Source: US Census Bureau

**Unmarried Partner Households in 2000 by Regional Planning District -- Howard County**

Non-Family Household Category	Ellicott		West		Clarksville	Columbia	Laurel	TOTAL
	Elkridge	City	Friendship	Cooksville				
Unmarried partner households	5.7%	3.4%	2.6%	2.9%	2.7%	4.8%	7.4%	4.7%
All Other Households	94.3%	96.6%	97.4%	97.1%	97.3%	95.2%	92.6%	95.3%
<b>Total Households</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Source: US Census Bureau



**MAP 16**  
**Unmarried Partner Households**  
**in 2000**  
**(as % of Total Households)**

