



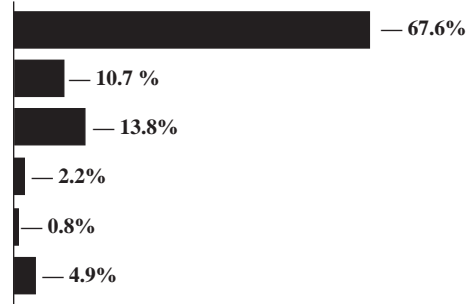
EMPLOYMENT

Number of Employed Residents 24,110 Females Employed 11,436 (58.7%)

The wage disparity between men and women has received attention since the 1980's. The disparity still exists. For Rockville residents, the median earnings for men working full time, year round is \$14,976 higher than for their female counterparts. This difference exceeds the county disparity of \$13,291 and the national disparity of \$9,863.

Commuting to Work

Car, truck or van – drove alone ... 16,139 (67.6%)
 Car, truck or van – carpooled 2,547 (10.7%)
 Public transportation 3,308 (13.8%)
 Walked 537 (2.2%)
 Other means 184 (0.8%)
 Worked at home 1,173 (4.9%)
 Mean travel time to work 30.4 minutes



DISABLED RESIDENTS

Disability is defined in the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 as a “physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of the major life activities.” Using this definition 16 percent of Rockville residents over the age of 21 are disabled according to Census 2000 data. Our older residents, age 65 and over, are nearly three times as likely (35.7%) to have a disability as those between the ages of 21 and 64. These numbers are similar at the county and national levels.

¹ The information in this document is taken from data provided by the U.S. Census Bureau except as indicated.
² Based on records kept by the City of Rockville.
³ Information provided by Montgomery County Public Schools.
⁴ Data provided by The Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation, April 2000.



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Our Changing City

Look around! Life in Rockville is gradually changing. The City of Rockville's Department of Neighborhood and Community Services is presenting this data¹ to increase awareness of the trends and issues shaping the needs of Rockville residents.

CURRENT POPULATION AS OF 2000

- 47,388 people live in Rockville
- 51.2 percent are female and 48.8 percent are male

Rockville's population has increased gradually from 43,371 in 1990. However, we will see a significant increase in population when the King Farm and Falls Grove developments are completed. The City's Department of Community Planning and Development Services projects that in 2010, there will be 69,659 city residents.

AGE

Not only are Rockville residents living longer, but they are choosing to retire in Rockville as well. The senior population in Rockville has grown significantly from 2,768 residents in 1980 to 6,215 residents in 2000. This represents an increase of 124 percent.

Age	% in 1980	% in 1990	% in 2000
0-4 years	6.8%	6.9%	6.3%
5-17	22.4%	16.3%	17.1%
18-24	11.9%	9.2%	6.9%
25-34	17.7%	18.4%	14.2%
35-44	14.3%	17.5%	17.9%
45-64	20.2%	21.4%	24.4%
65-74	3.5%	6.2%	6.8%
75 and over	2.7%	4.1%	6.3%

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ETHNICITY

Asians are the largest ethnic minority in Rockville at 14.8 percent. Within this community, there are more residents of Chinese, Asian Indian, and Korean origin than other Asian groups.

Race	1990	%	2000	%	Change '90-'00	% Change
White	35,491	79.2%	32,120	67.8%	(3,371)	-9.5%
Black or African American	3,699	8.3%	4,317	9.1%	618	16.7%
American Indian*	119	0.3%	160	0.3%	41	34.5%
Asian:	4,394	9.8%	7,030	14.8%	2,636	60.0%
Asian Indian	668	1.5%	984	2.1%	316	47.3%
Cambodian	21	0.0%	**	—	—	—
Chinese	1,501	3.3%	2,888	6.1%	1,387	92.4%
Filipino	267	0.6%	592	1.2%	325	121.7%
Japanese	577	1.3%	565	1.2%	(12)	-2.1%
Korean	704	1.6%	971	2.0%	267	37.9%
Pacific Islander‡	21	0.0005%	15	0.0%	(6)	-28.6%
Thai	79	0.2%	**	—	—	—
Vietnamese	276	0.6%	316	0.7%	40	14.5%
Other Asian	280	0.6%	714	1.5%	434	155%
Other Races	1,132	2.5%	2,265	4.8%	1,133	100.1%
Two or More Races	—	—	1,481	3.1%	—	—
TOTAL	44,835	100.0%	47,388	100.0%	2,553	5.7%

*Includes Alaskan Natives

** Included in "other races" in 1980 and 2000

‡ Includes Native Hawaiian

Rockville's Hispanic or Latino population is now the second largest minority in Rockville. The 2000 Census found 5,529 Rockville residents or 11.7 percent who identify as Hispanic or Latino. **This is an increase of 50.7 percent from 1990.** Hispanics now number 35.3 million nationwide and have overtaken African Americans as the nation's largest minority group. (NOTE: The above table does not include Hispanic residents because the Census counts people of Hispanic origin separately from race. A person of Hispanic origin can be of any race.)

FAMILY LIFE

Families: Rockville is still a city of families. Almost 70 percent of all households in Rockville are family households. But just 33 percent of Rockville households include children younger than 18 years. 865 households (15 percent of the households with children) are headed by single women.

Grandparents as Caregivers: 22.1 percent (197) of Rockville grandparents who live in households with grandchildren under the age of 18 are primary caregivers. This compares to 42 percent nationally.

HOUSING

Housing continued to be expensive in Rockville in 2000.

- Median Rent in Rockville: \$972 (\$914 in Montgomery County; \$602 nationally).
- Median Value of Owner-Occupied Units: \$198,700 (\$221,800 in Montgomery County; \$119,600 nationally).
- Local homeless shelters served 156 Rockville residents in FY 02²



MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME

Area	1989	1994	1999
Rockville	\$52,250	\$55,120	\$68,074
Montgomery County	\$54,089	\$60,861	\$71,551
United States	\$30,056	\$32,264	\$41,994

When considering median household income it's useful to know that 29.8 percent of Rockville households had incomes in excess of \$100,000 in 1999. By way of contrast, 8.5 percent or 1,456 households earned less than \$15,000. The Census placed the poverty threshold at \$17,603 for 1999 with a poverty rate for Rockville of 7.6% (as compared with 5.4% for Montgomery County).

Another indicator of poverty in Rockville is the number of school-age children who qualify for FARMS (Free and Reduced-price Meals). While the percentage is different school to school, the overall rate in the 2000-2001 school year was 16.3 percent for the entire city (21.6 percent for Montgomery County). To qualify for the program that year, a family of four had an annual income of \$32,653³ or less.

IMMIGRATION

Thirty-one percent of Rockville residents (14,644) were foreign-born according to Census 2000. Of this number, more than half (8,365 people) were recent immigrants, having entered the country between 1990 and March 2000. Approximately forty-eight percent of these immigrants were born in Asian countries: thirty percent were from Latin America.

The most urgent need for this population is English language instruction. Thirty-seven percent of Rockville residents report speaking a language other than English at home. Among schools in Rockville, Twinbrook Elementary School has the highest percentage of children enrolled in the English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Program (25 percent or 150 children). The average ESOL population for all elementary schools in Montgomery County is 10 percent.³

Our foreign-born residents often lack access to health care as well. Nationally, 21% of all Asian and Pacific Islanders and 37% of Latinos are uninsured.⁴ Frequently, immigrants are employed in low wage jobs and cannot afford to pay for health insurance on their own.

EDUCATION

More than half of Rockville residents, 25 years and older, are college graduates. The high school drop-out rate in Rockville has improved from 2.1 percent in 1990 to 1.5 percent in 2002. But fewer high school seniors in Rockville planned to go on to college (81.5 percent in 2001-02 compared with 92 percent in 1990). The college-bound rate for the entire county in 2001-02 was 74.7 percent.

Rockville Residents with a college degree by ethnicity:

- 67.7% Asian residents
- 56.3% White residents
- 23.9% Black or African American residents
- 23.3% Hispanic or Latino residents

Residents	Rockville	Montgomery Co.	United States
Less than high school diploma	10.8%	9.7%	19.6%
H.S. graduate (including equivalency)	36.2%	35.8%	54.9%
Bachelor's degree	24.3%	27.1%	15.5%
Graduate/professional degree	28.6%	27.5%	8.9%