

Alexandria 2010 Census Data Profile

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Alexandria Student Art



Demographic Profile

- ❑ Population growth, characteristics, and change over time.
- ❑ Comparison within Alexandria, to the region, and to the nation.
- ❑ Three Census Bureau sources:
 - Decennial Census, 2010 and prior years (citywide and to the census block level)
 - 2010 American Community Survey (citywide)
 - 2006-2010 American Community Survey 5-year average (citywide and by census tract)

Alexandria 2010
Census Data Profile



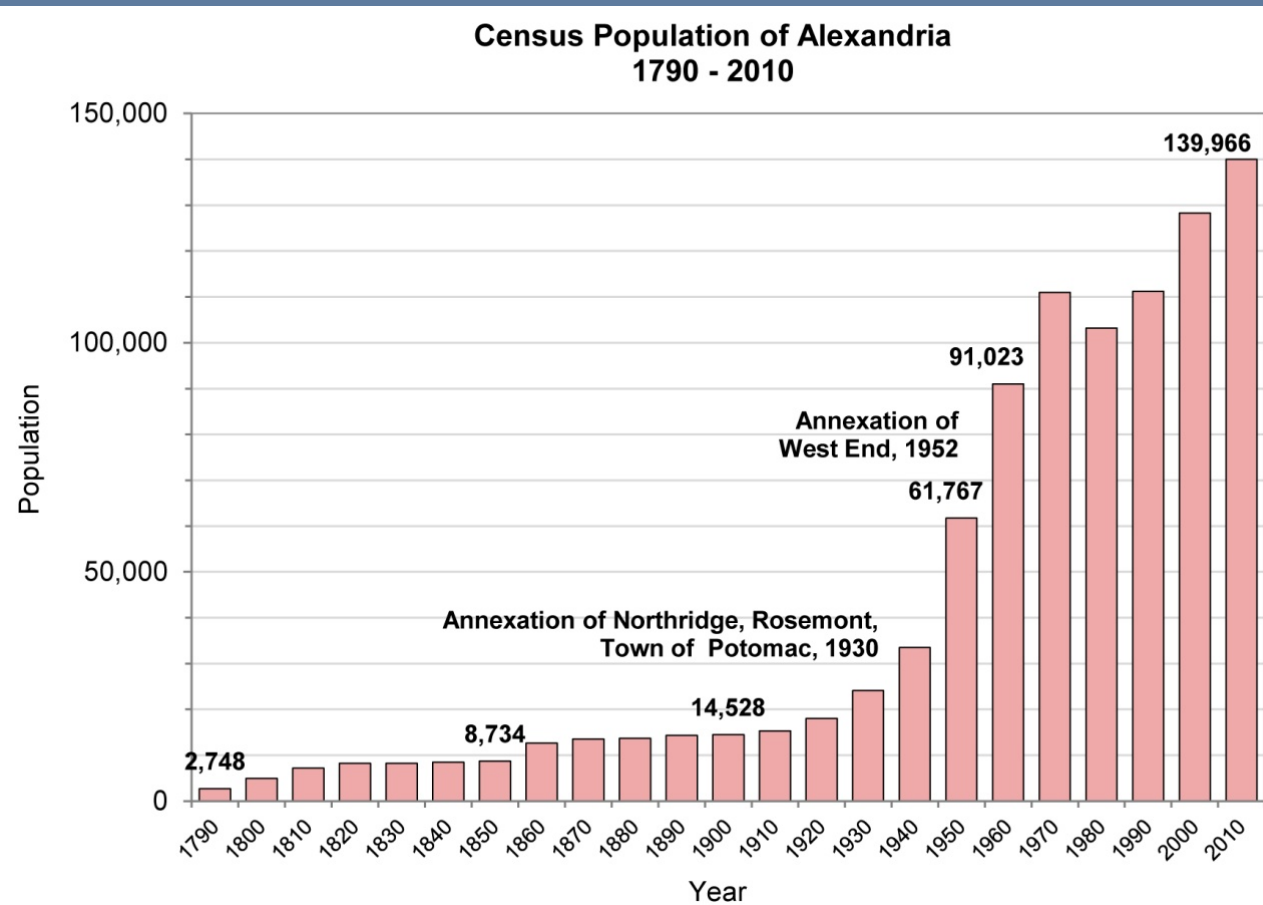
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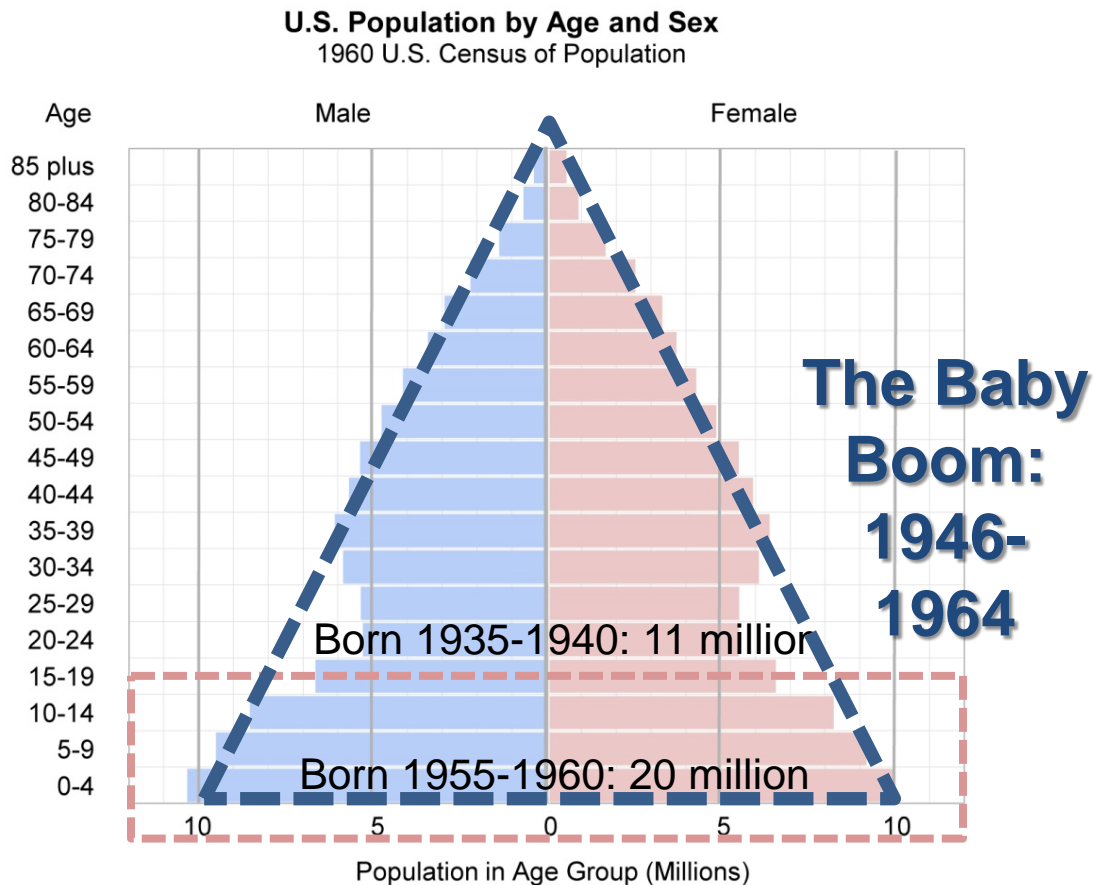
220 Years of Census Counts

- ❑ First Census in 1790
- ❑ Annexations and internal growth
- ❑ About 1% per year since 1960
- ❑ 139,966 in 2010



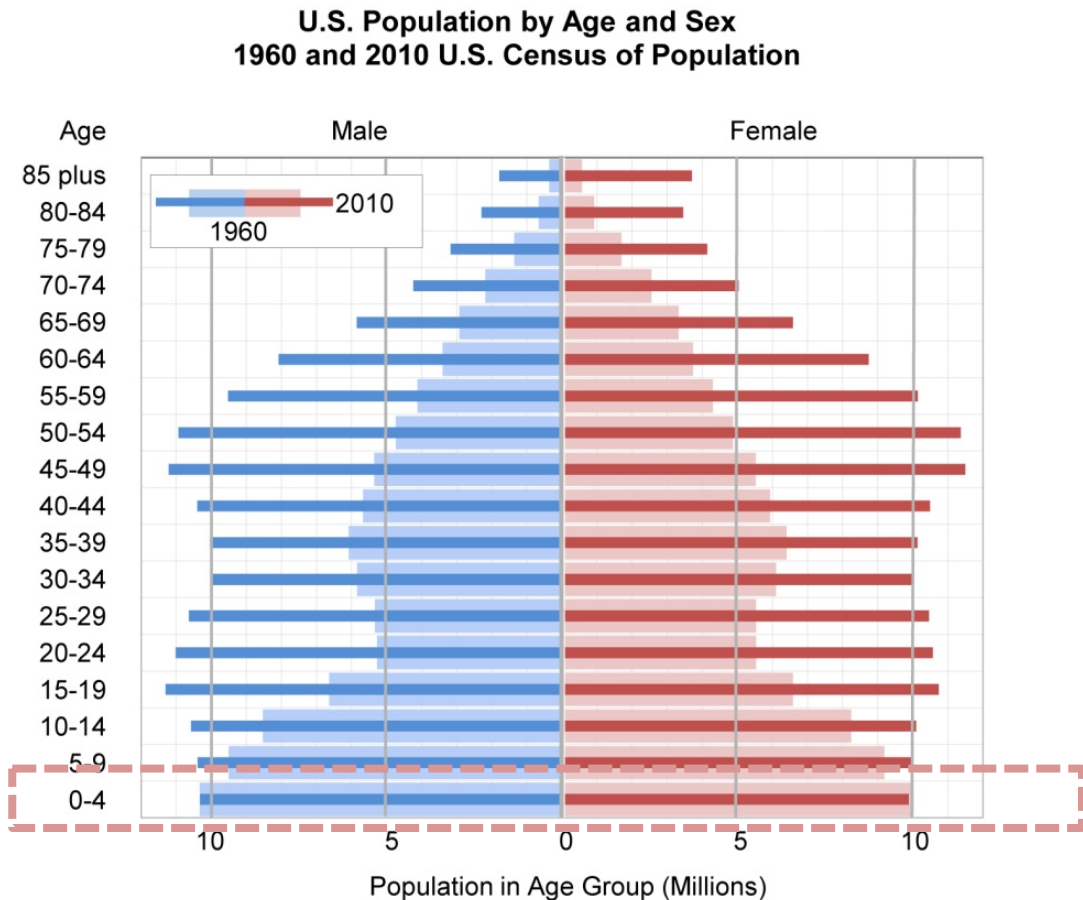
U.S. 1960 Age-Sex Pyramid – 50 years ago

- 1960 shows 20 years of baby-boom growth
- The traditional age-sex pyramid of a steadily increasing population.



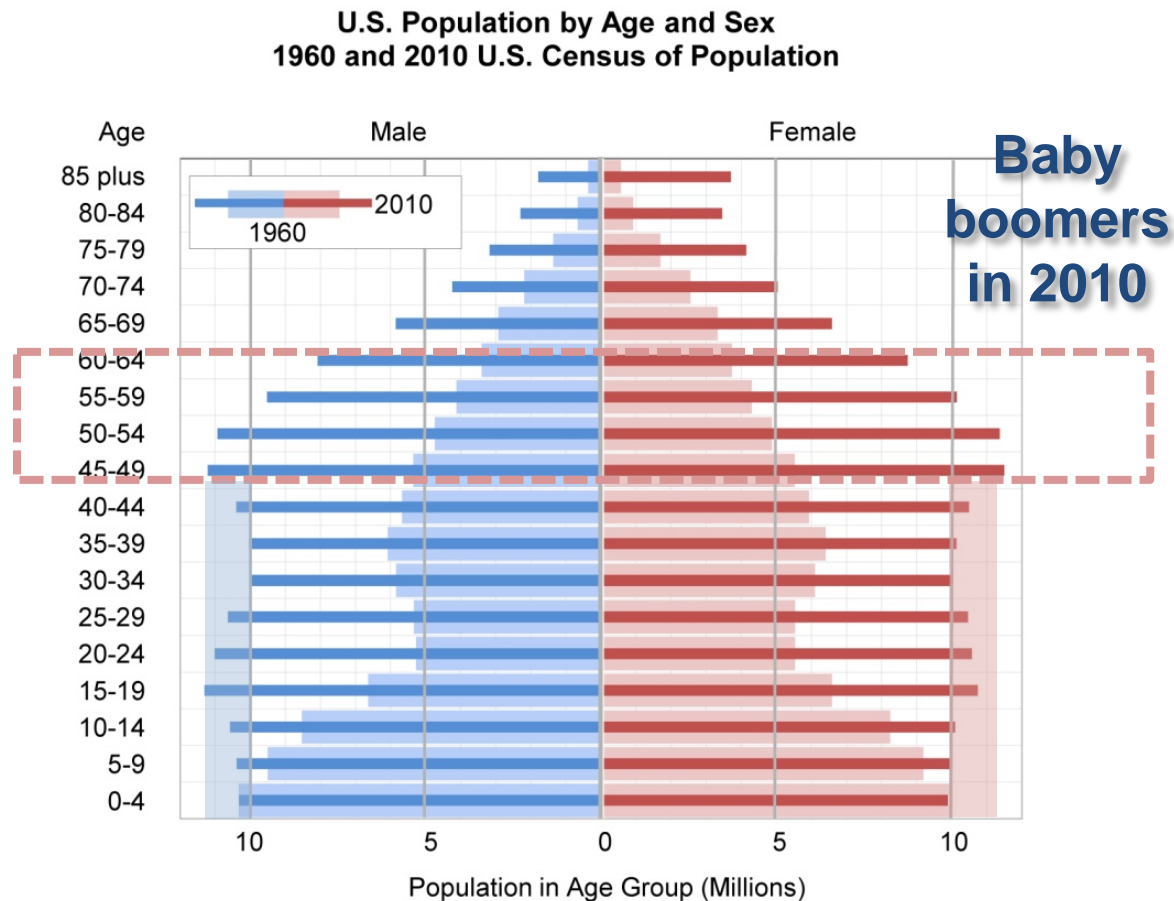
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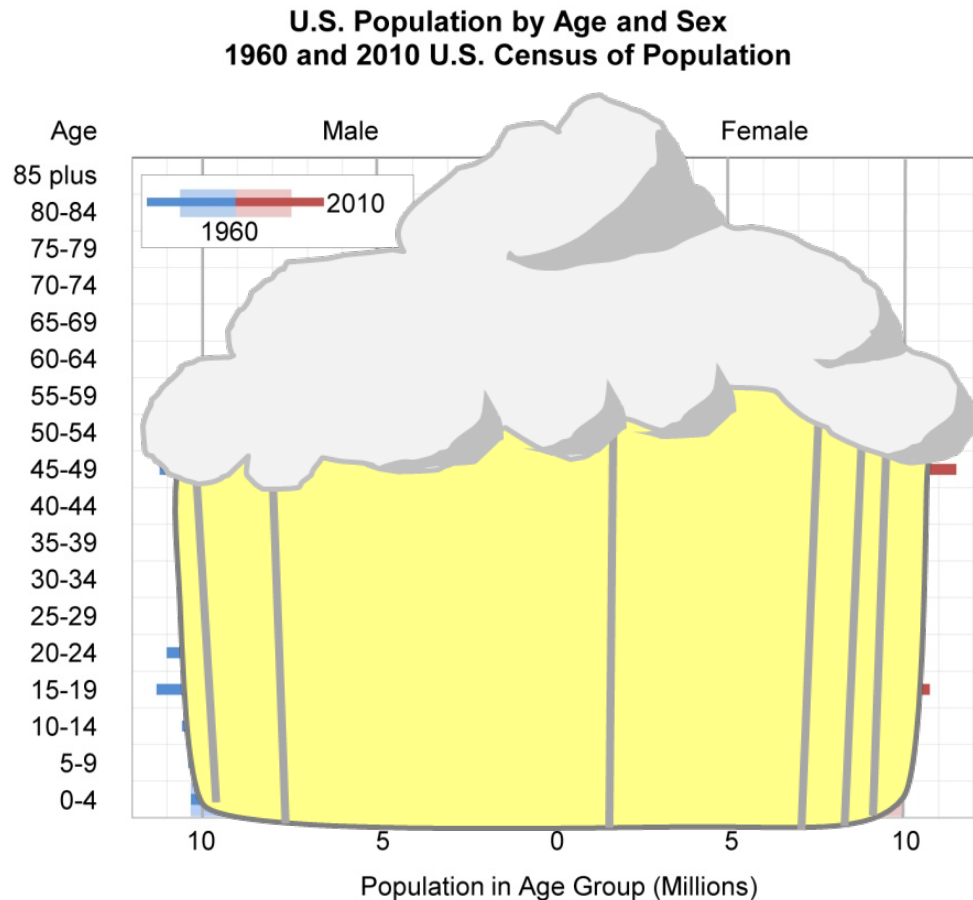
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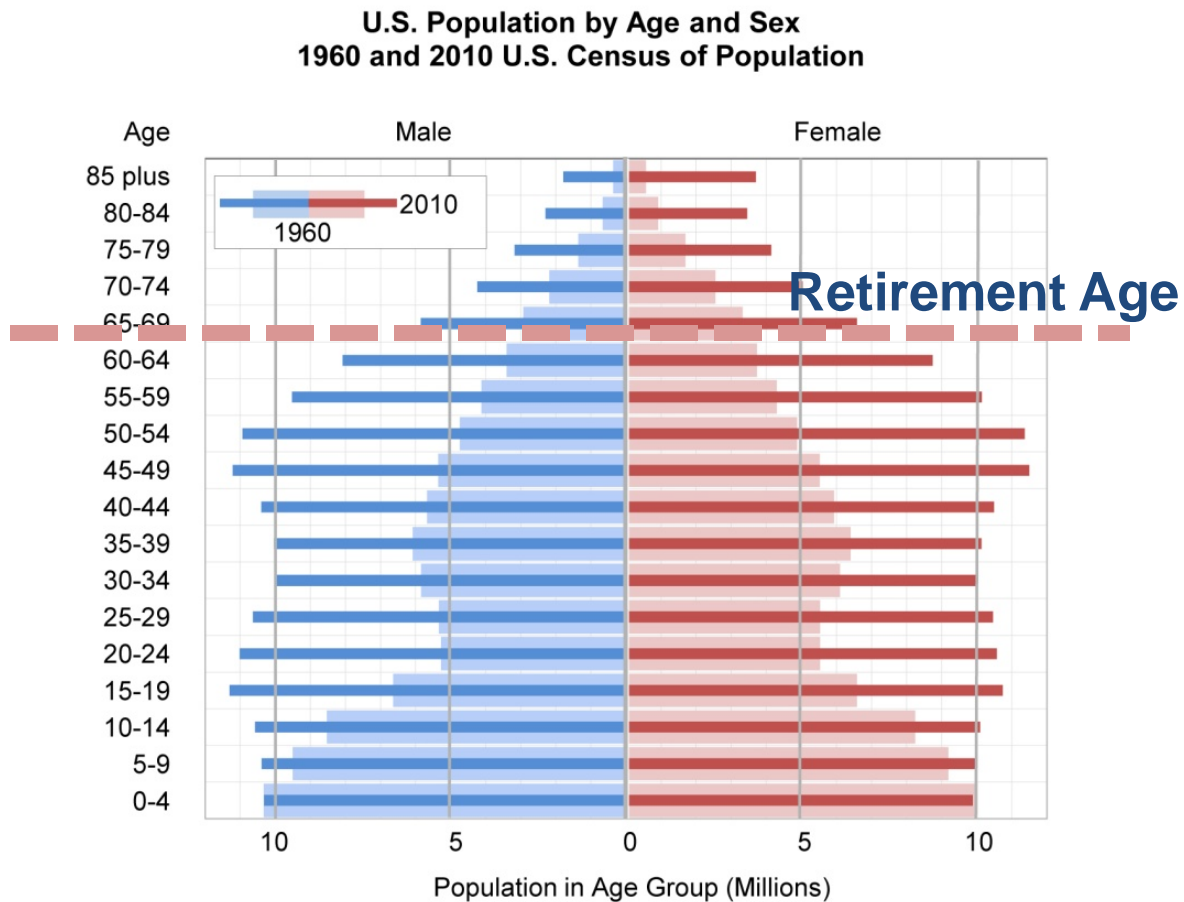
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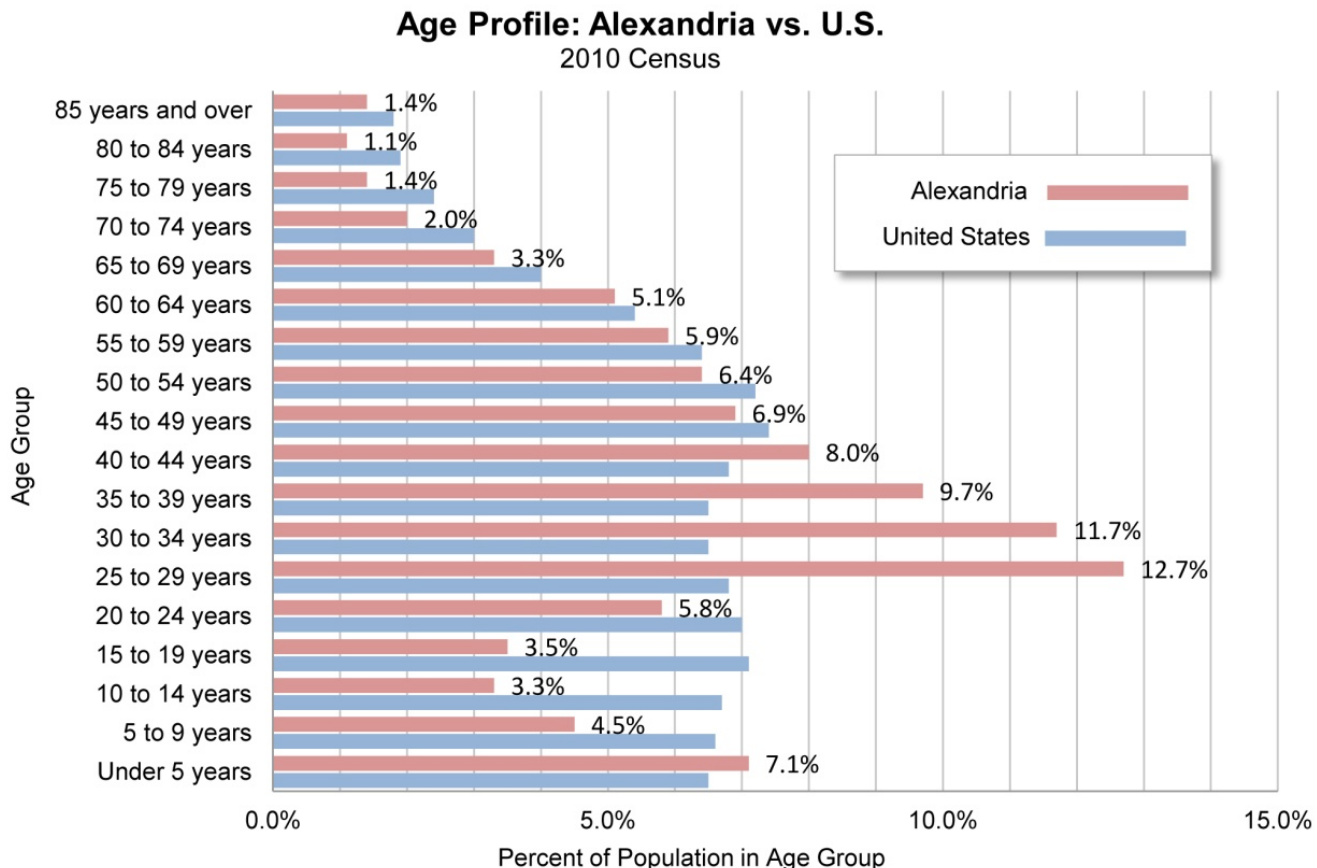


Labor Force Growth Will Slow

- 1960 0-4 age group are 50-54 in 2010
- When the last of that group reaches age 65 in 2025, labor force growth by natural increase will end



Alexandria and U.S. 2010 Age Profile



❑ Seniors – about 2/3 the national average

❑ Young singles and couples – about twice the average

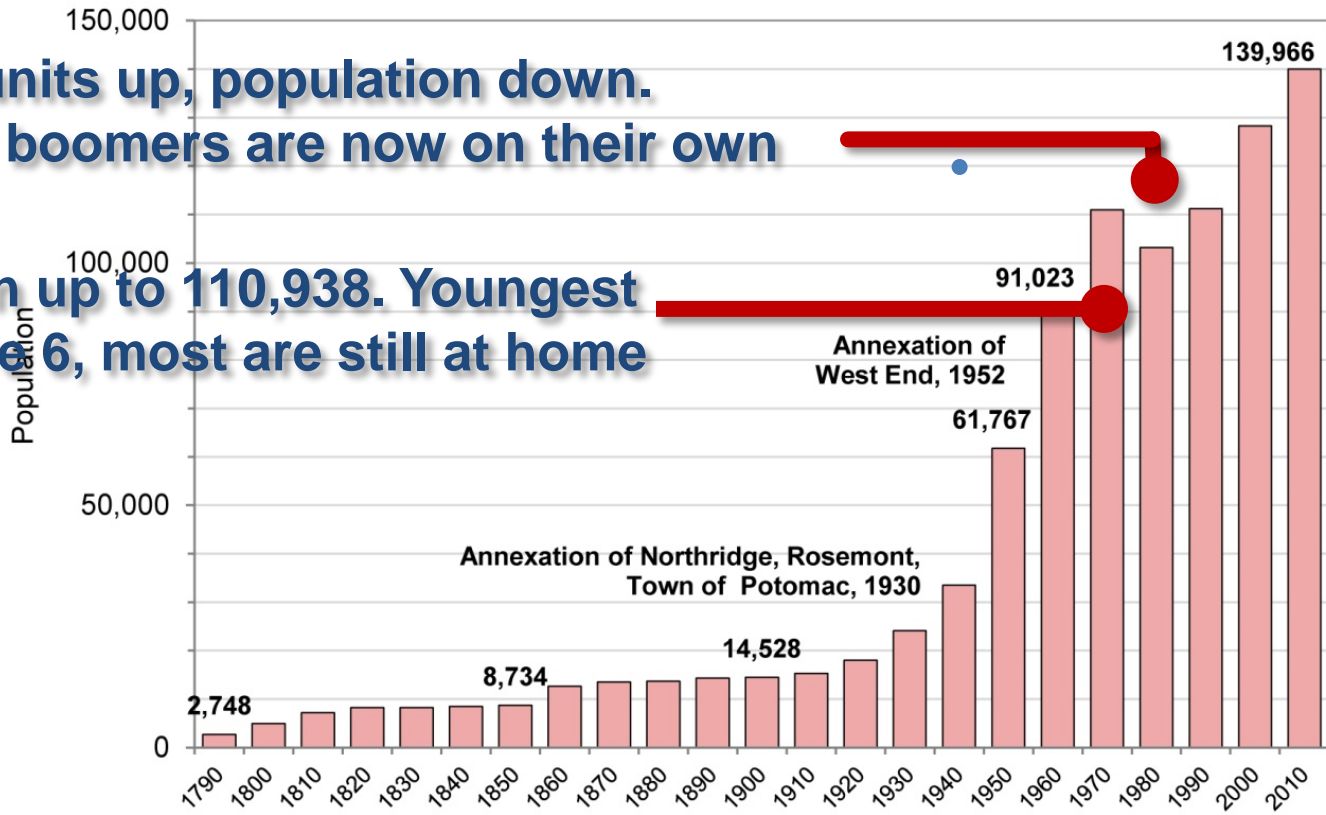
❑ School age – about half the national average

Alexandria's Population Growth

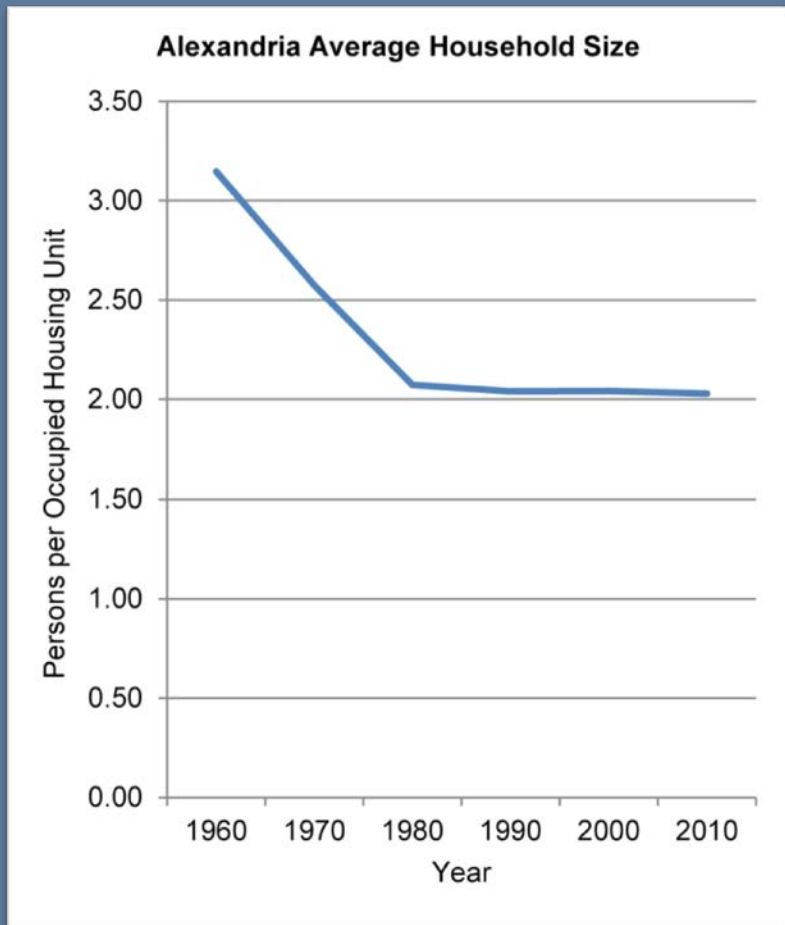
Census Population of Alexandria
1790 - 2010

❑ 1980 – Housing units up, population down.
Most of the baby boomers are now on their own

❑ 1970 – Population up to 110,938. Youngest
baby boomers are 6, most are still at home

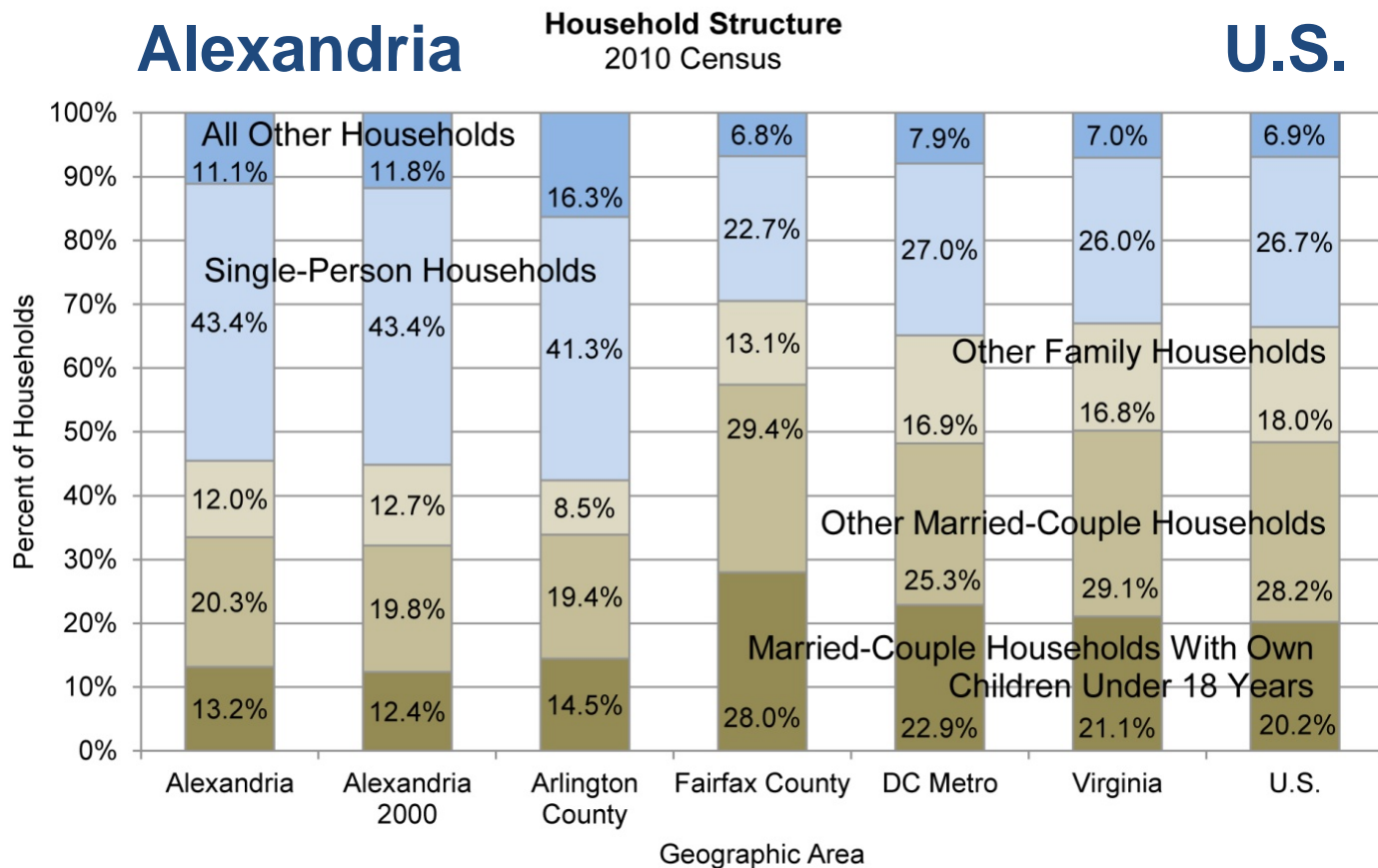


Average Household Size



- ❑ Fell in 1970 and 1980 with apartment construction and children leaving home
- ❑ Little changed since 1980

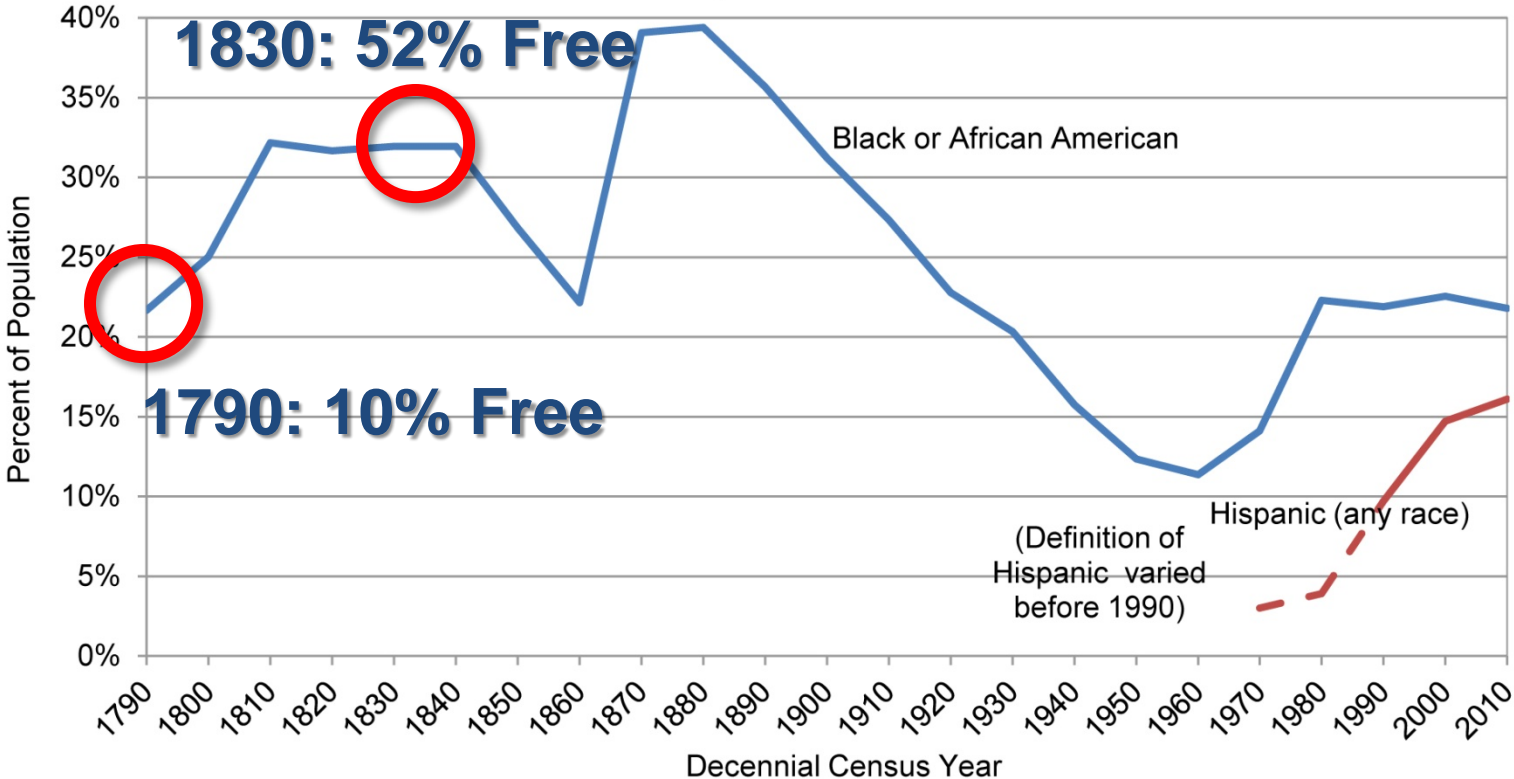
Household Structure



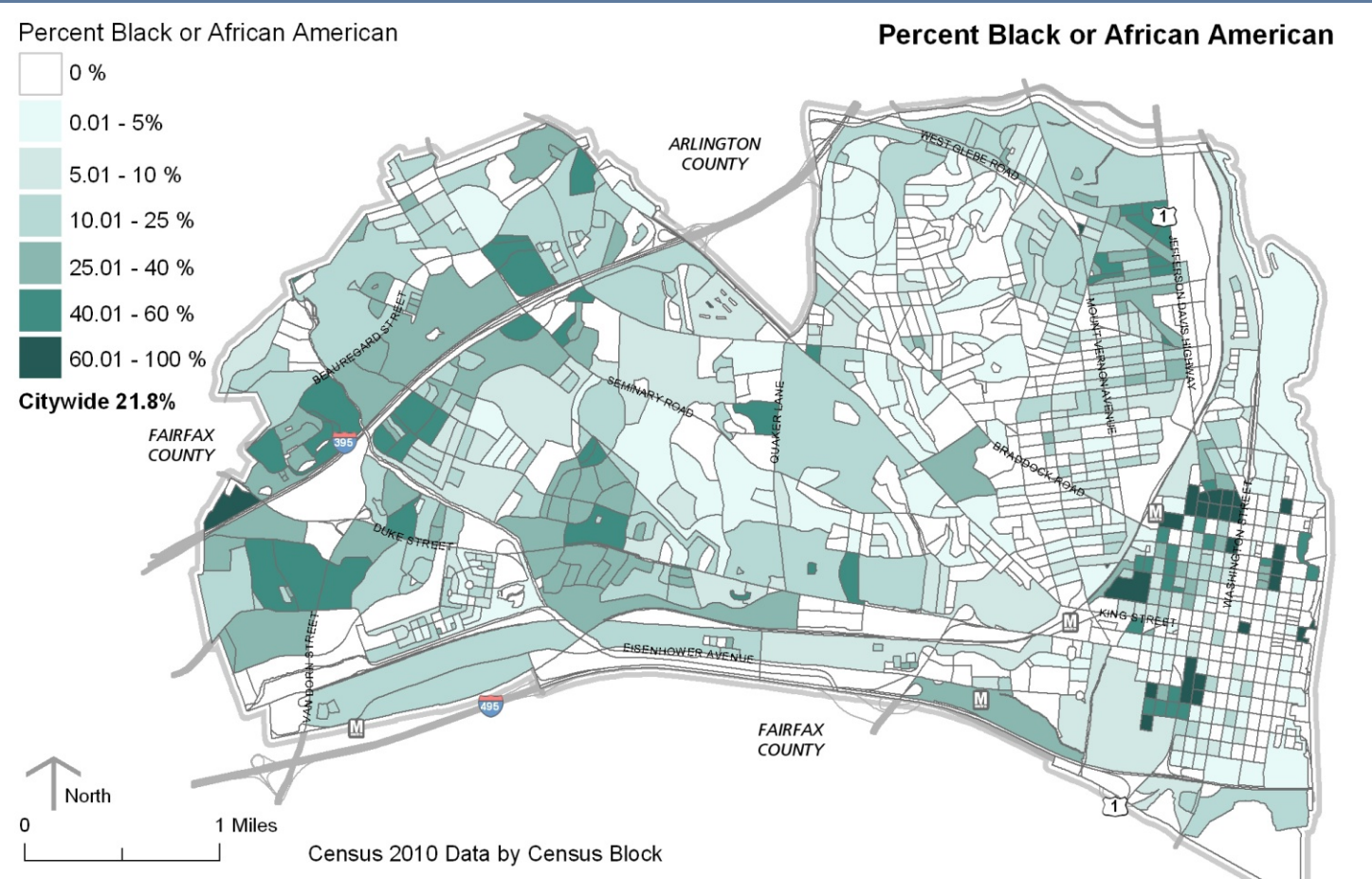
- 45.5% family households
- 13.2% married couples with children, up from 12.4% in 2000
- 43.4% single-person households, same as 2000, rank 7th in U.S. among places over 50,000.

Racial and Ethnic Minorities

Alexandria's Principal Minority Racial and Ethnic Groups
1790 through 2010 Census



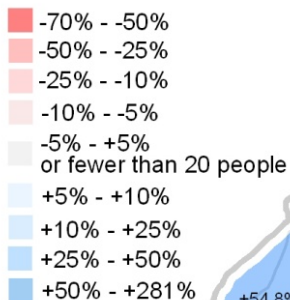
Percent Black or African American



- Distributed in various parts of the City
- Some concentrations in individual blocks.
- 21.8% of population, down from 22.5% in 2000

Black and African American – 2000 to 2010

Percent Change in Black Share of Population
2000 Census to 2010 Census



Citywide **-3.2%**

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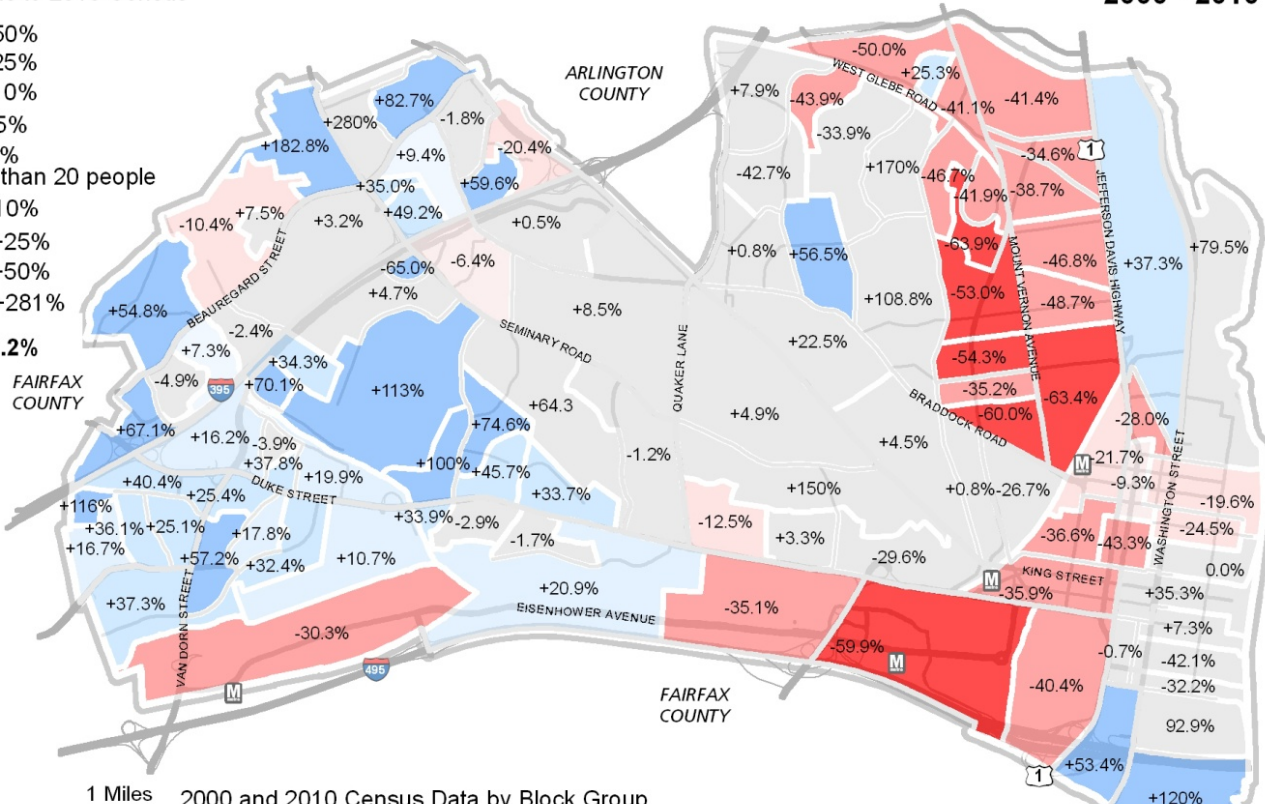


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2000 and 2010 Census Data by Block Group

Some changes may be the result of changes in block group boundaries

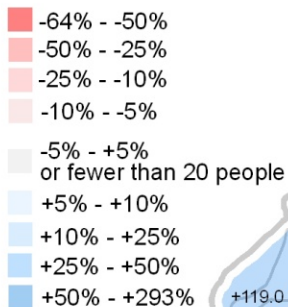
Percent Change in Black Share of Population
2000 - 2010



- Overall change in number is small, up by 1,576 to 30,491 citywide.
- Change in distribution is dramatic and continues trends

Change in Hispanic 2000 - 2010

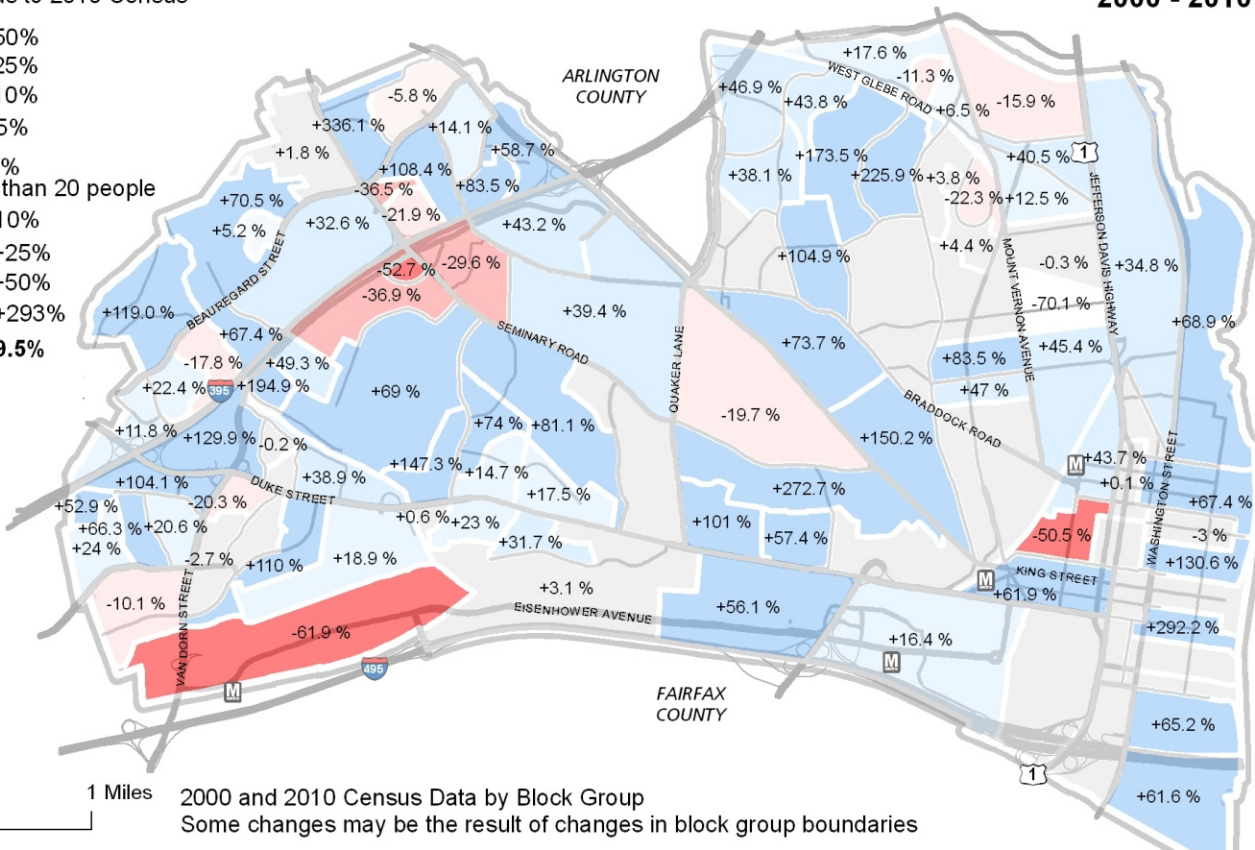
Percent Change in Hispanic Share of Population
2000 Census to 2010 Census



Citywide **+9.5%**

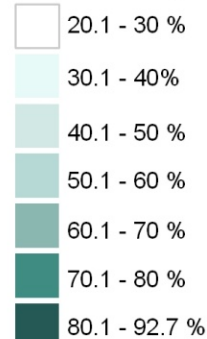
Percent Change in Hispanic Share of Population
2000 - 2010

- Most areas show an increase.
- No dramatic location shifts

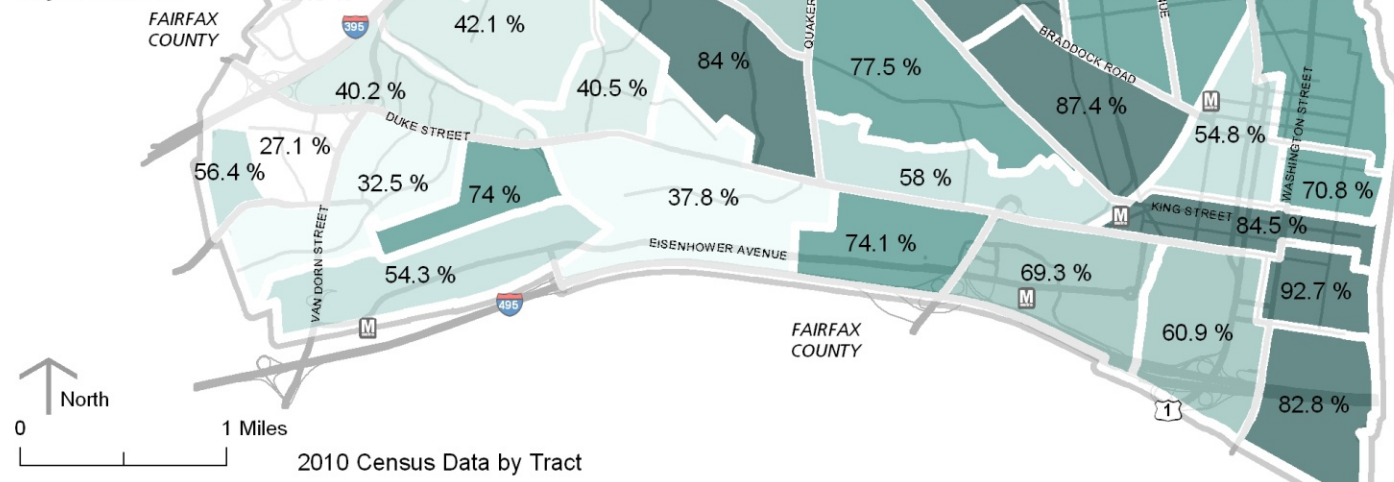


Percent Non-Hispanic White

Percent of Population Non-Hispanic White



Citywide 53.5%

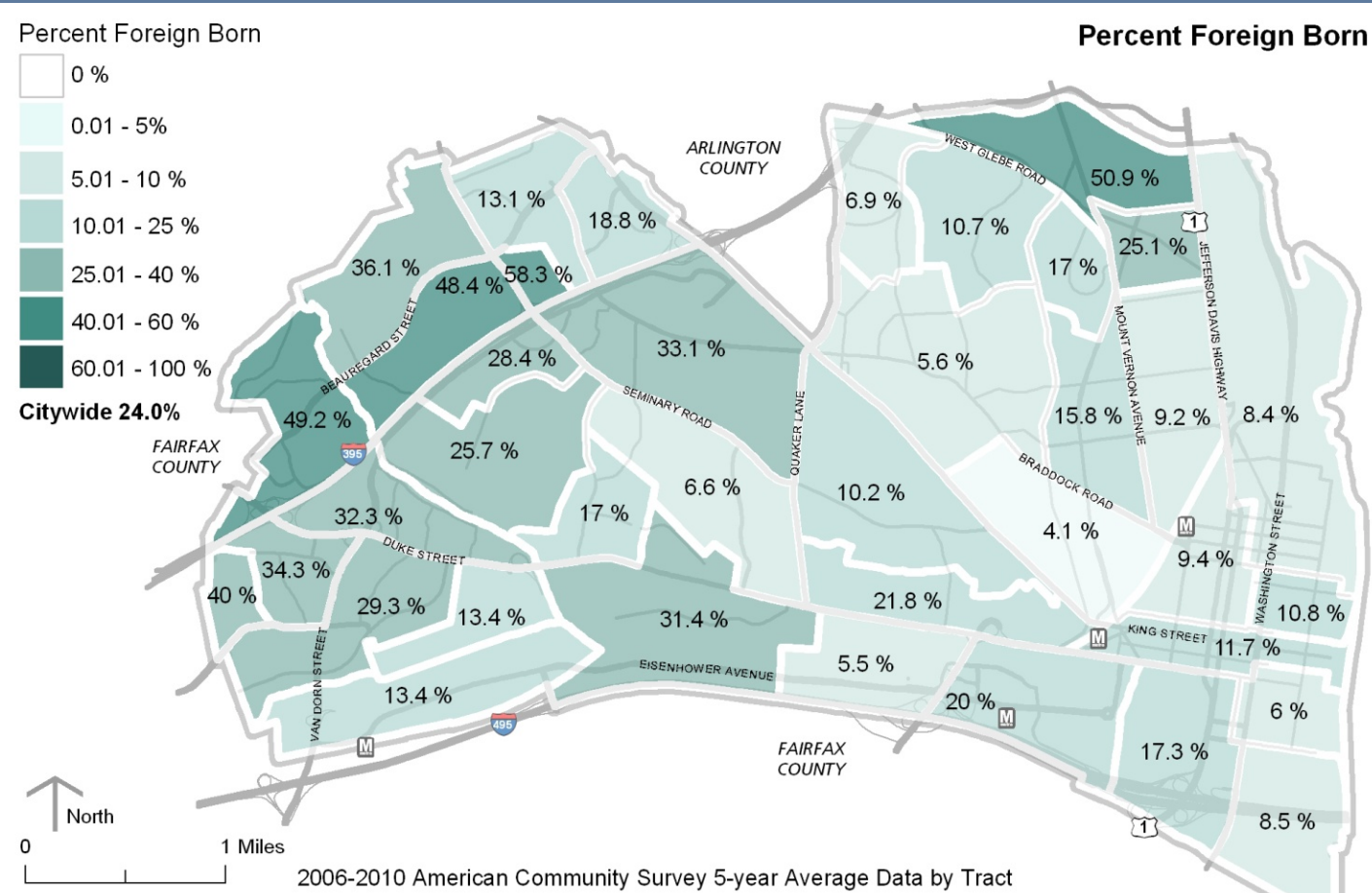


Citywide share similar to 2000

American Community Survey

- ❑ Detailed questionnaire administered continuously
 - Employment, education, commuting, income, place of birth, cars available, language spoken, ancestry, disability, rent and mortgage, others.
- ❑ A very small sample – 1% of households per year.
- ❑ 5-year average – 5% sample.
- ❑ High margin of error, particularly for small populations and small geographic areas.

Percent Foreign Born

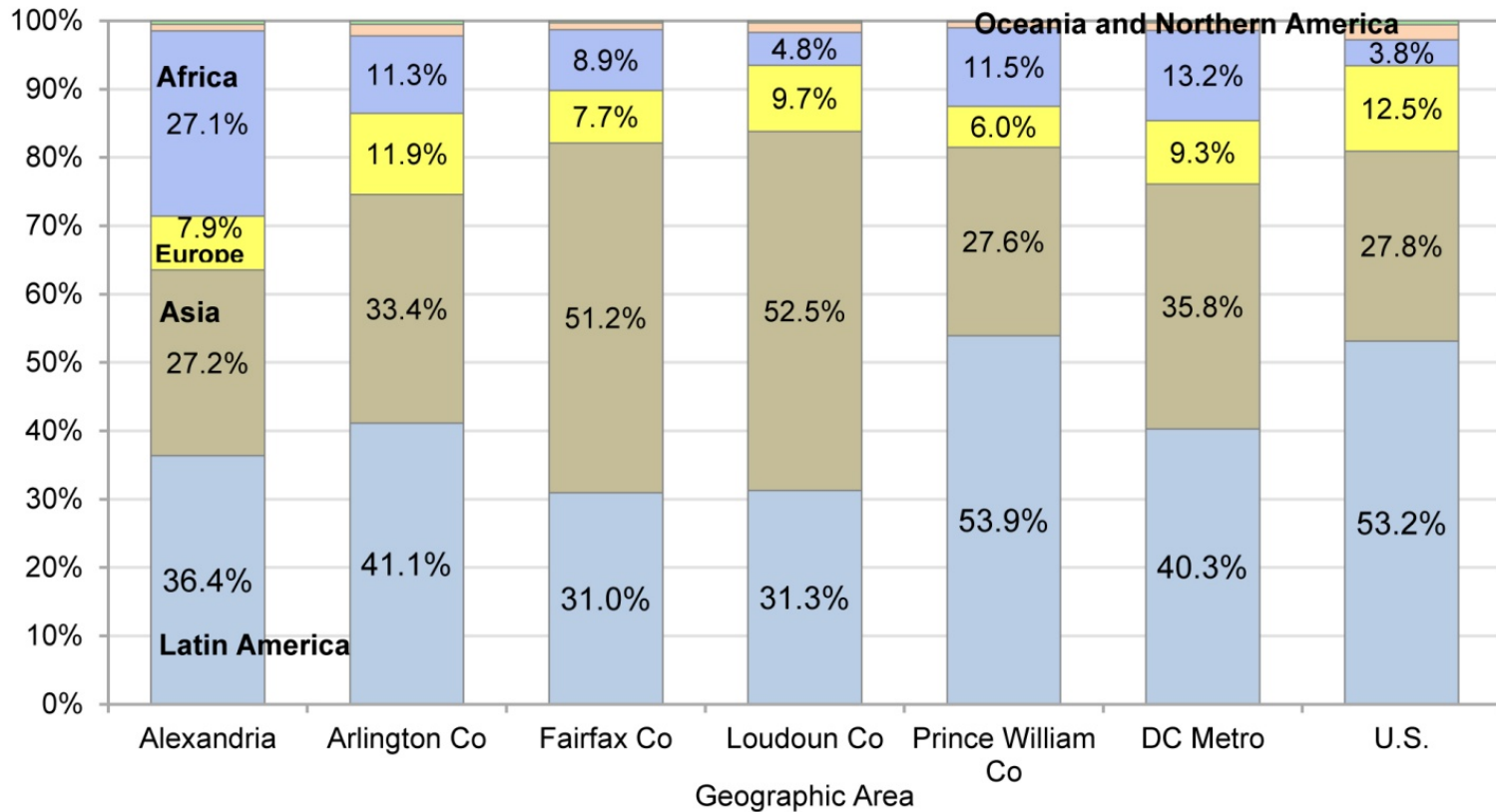


- 24% citywide, down from 25.4% in 2000
- Highest shares are in apartments

Region of Origin of Foreign Born

World Region of Origin of Foreign Born
American Community Survey 2006-2010 5-year average

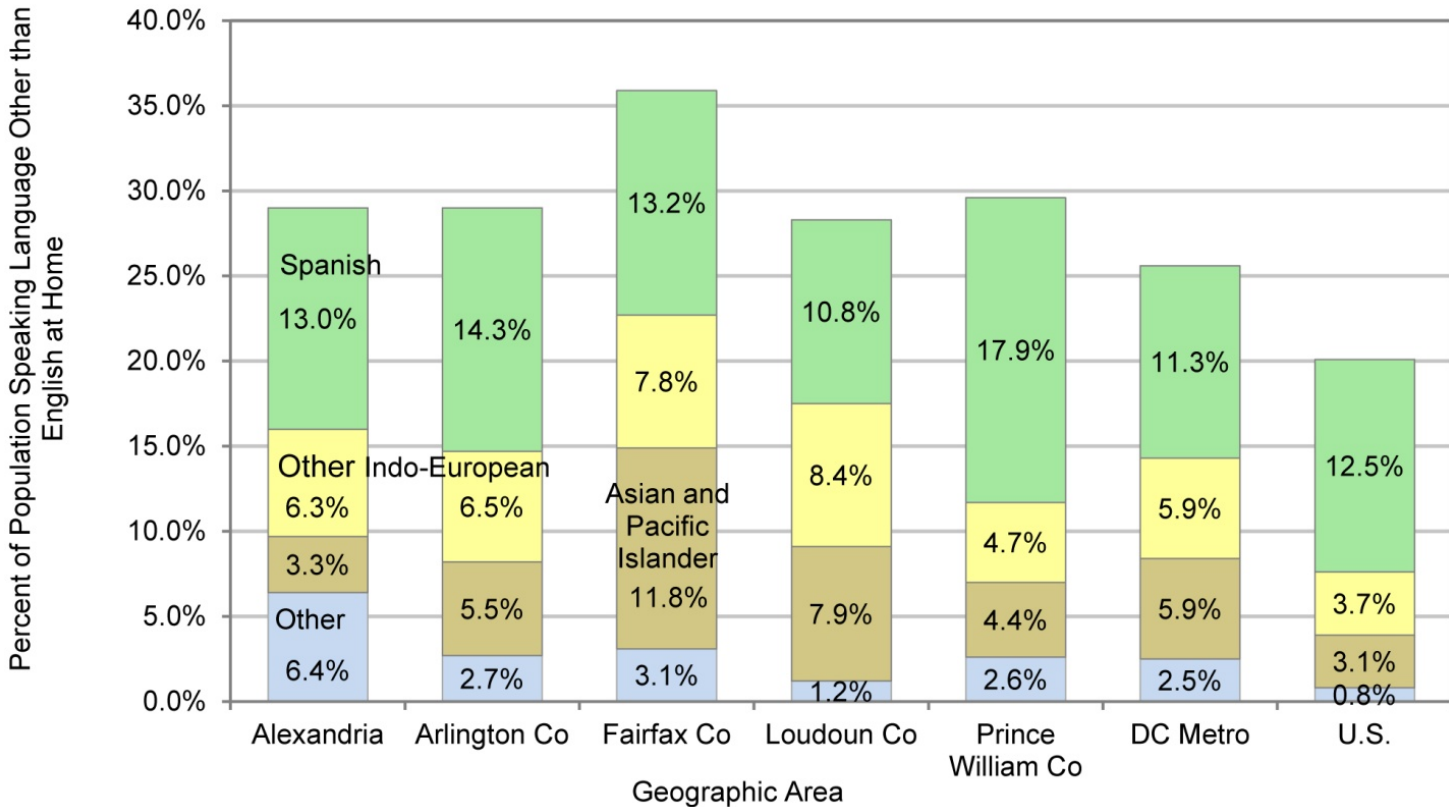
Percent of Foreign Born Population from Each Region



From Africa – 7 times the national average
8,695 people

Language Spoken at Home

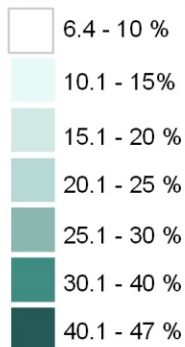
Language Spoken at Home
American Community Survey 2006-2010 5-year Average



- Citywide share 29%, compared to 20% for the U.S.
- Schools reported 138 native languages for students in 2011.

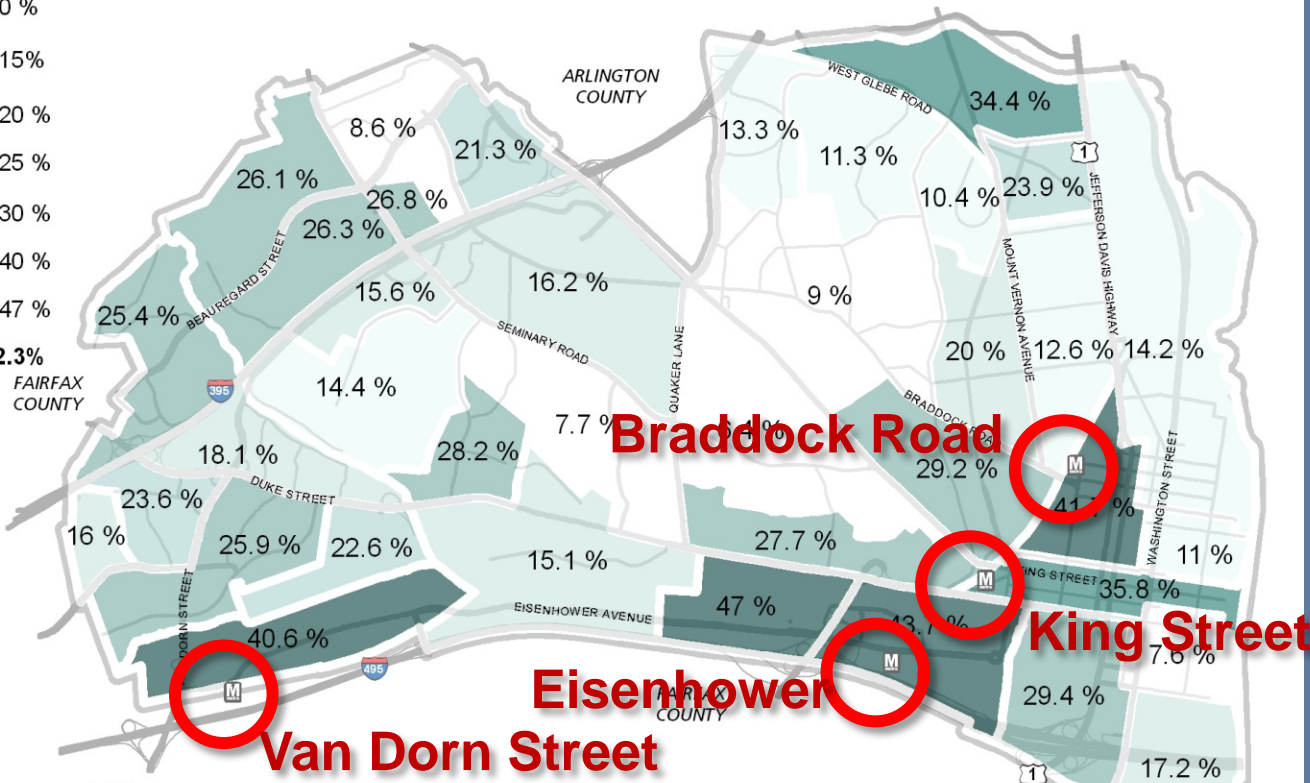
Commuting by Public Transportation

Percent of Workers Commuting by Transit



Citywide 22.3%

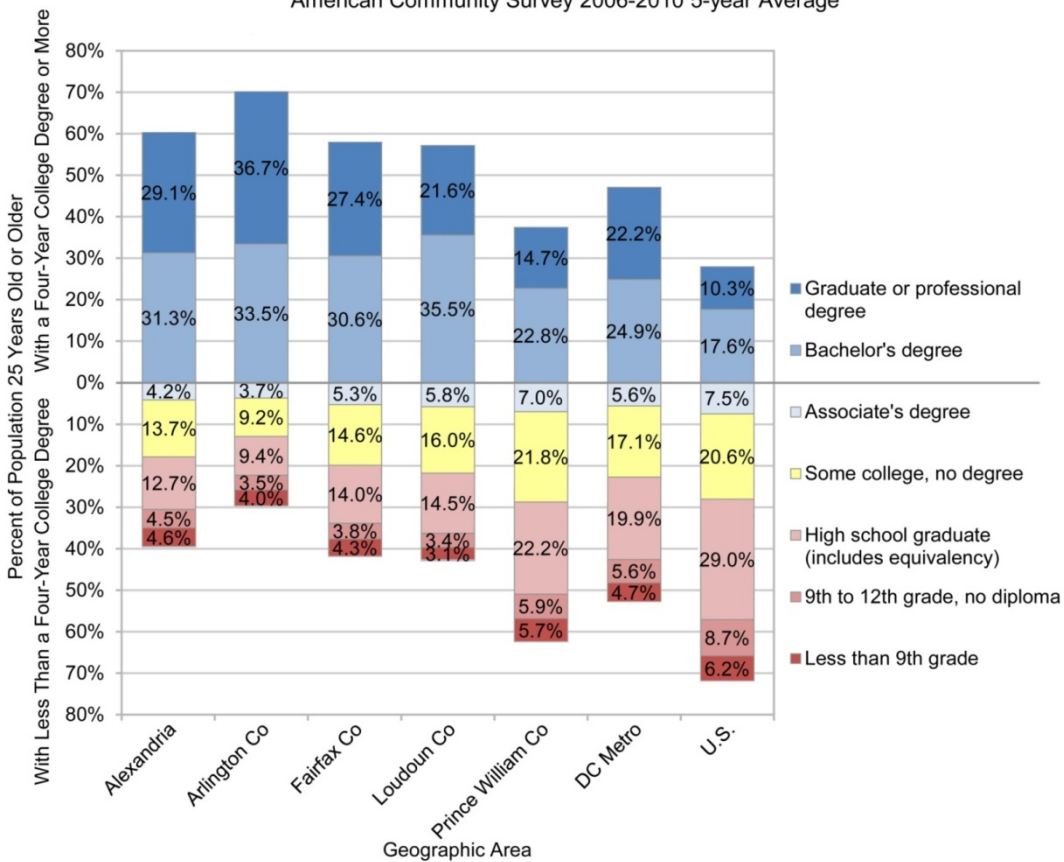
Percent of Workers Commuting by Public Transportation



- Citywide share 22.3%, significantly up from 16.4% in 2000
- Metro is key, density also affects transit share

Educational Attainment

Educational Attainment for Population 25 Years and Older
American Community Survey 2006-2010 5-year Average



- 60% with a 4-year degree or more, 4th among U.S. counties and independent cities.

- Up from 54% in 2000

- More than twice the national average

Median Household Income

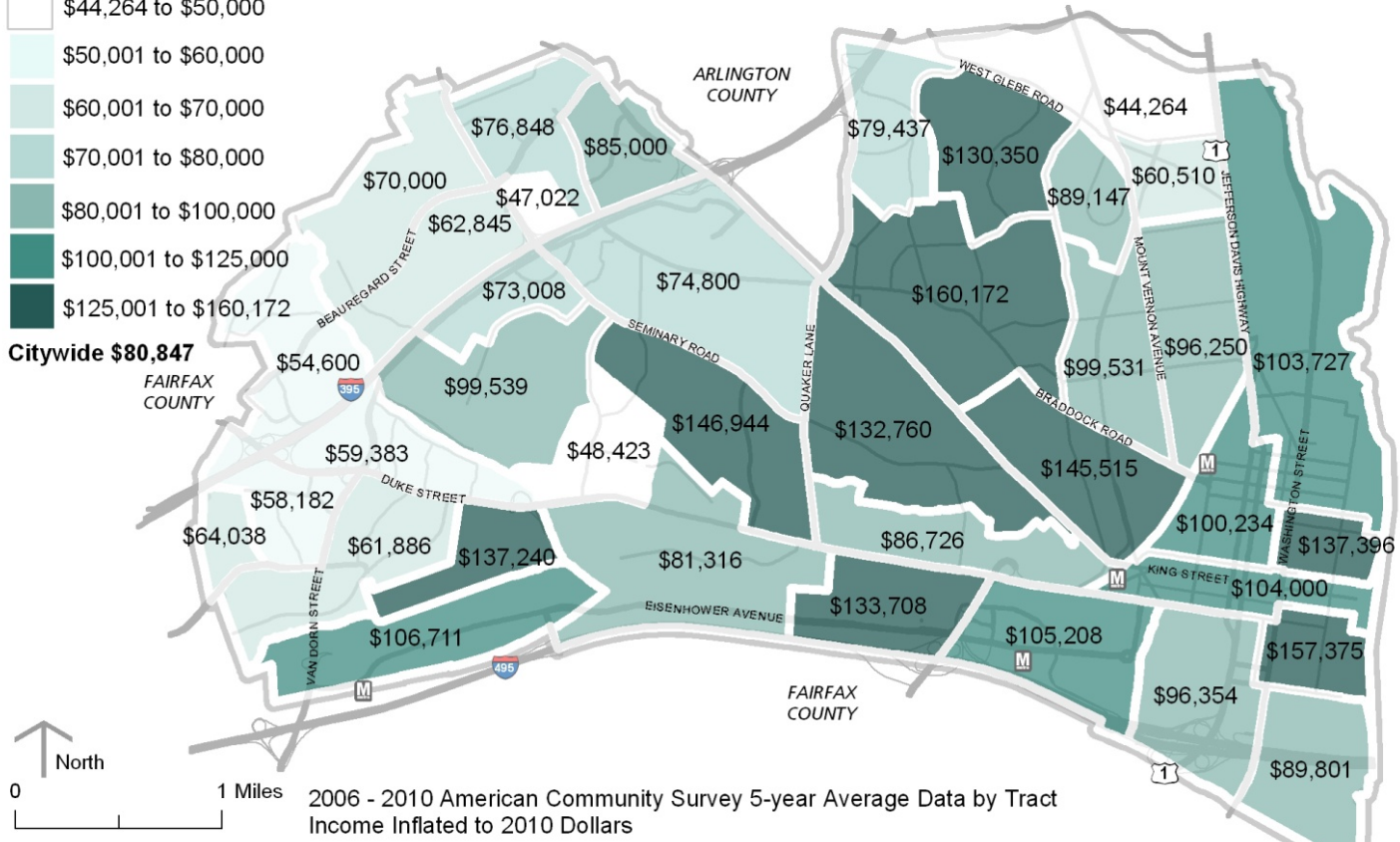
Median Household Income



Citywide **\$80,847**

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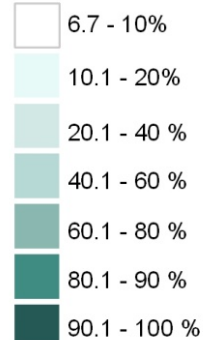


2006 - 2010 American Community Survey 5-year Average Data by Tract
Income Inflated to 2010 Dollars

- Areas with small households tend to have low incomes
- Some areas with larger households are also low-income areas

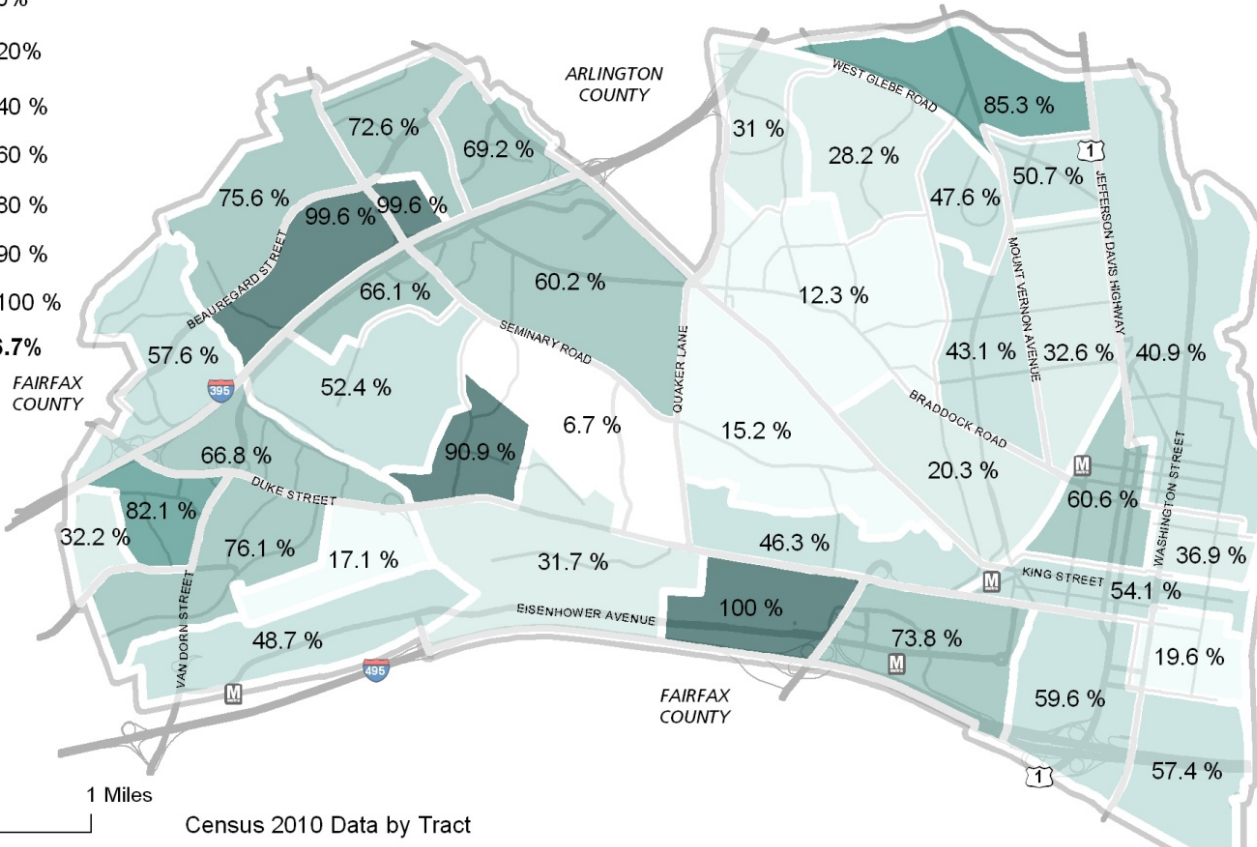
Housing Tenancy

Percent of Occupied Housing Units Rented



Percent Renter-Occupied Housing Units

Citywide **56.7%**

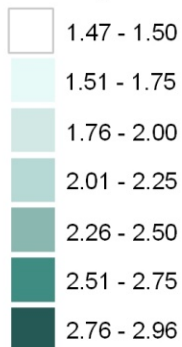


56.7% of households are renters, down from 60% in 2000

Census 2010 Data by Tract

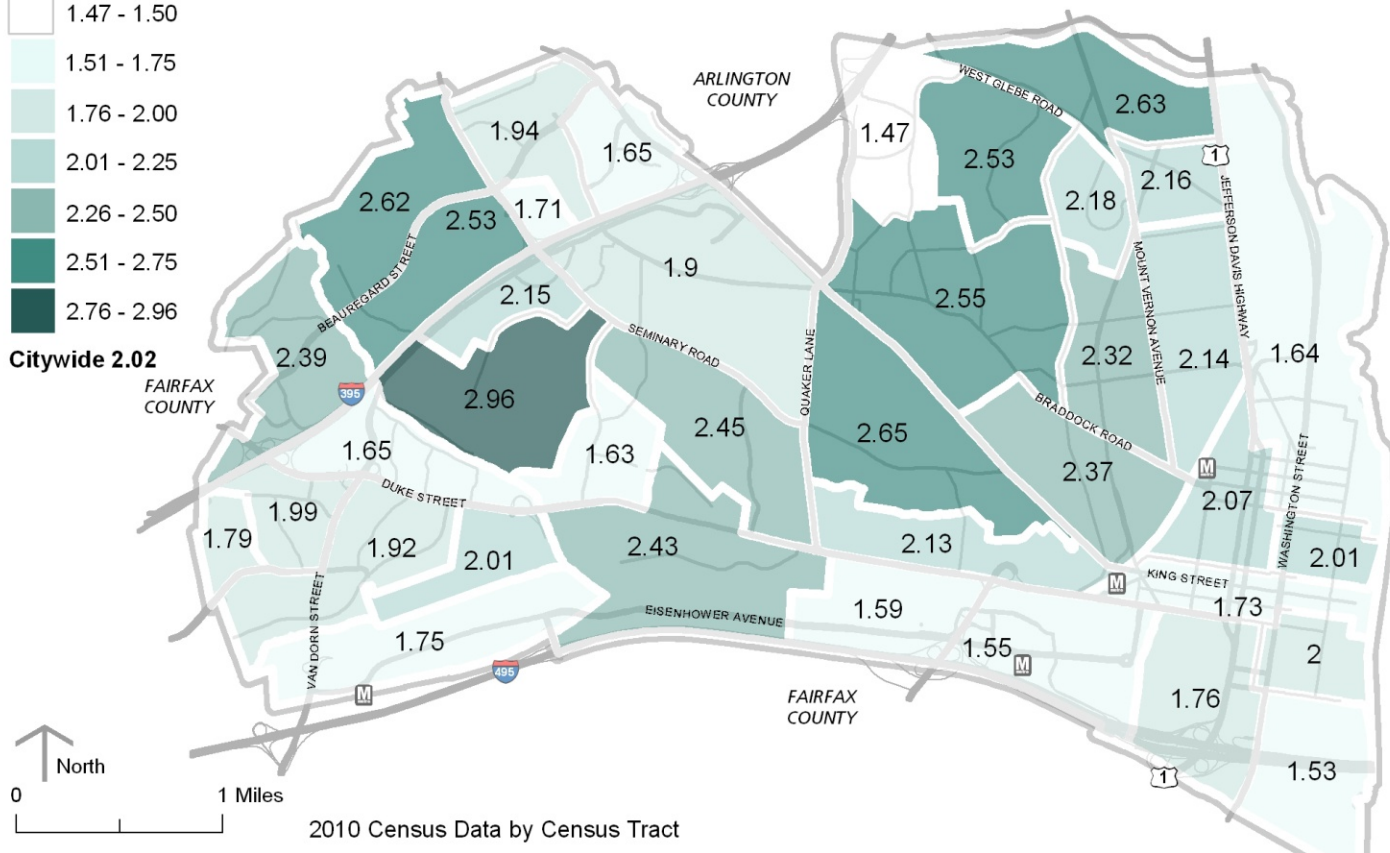
Average Household Size

Persons per Occupied Dwelling Unit



Citywide 2.02

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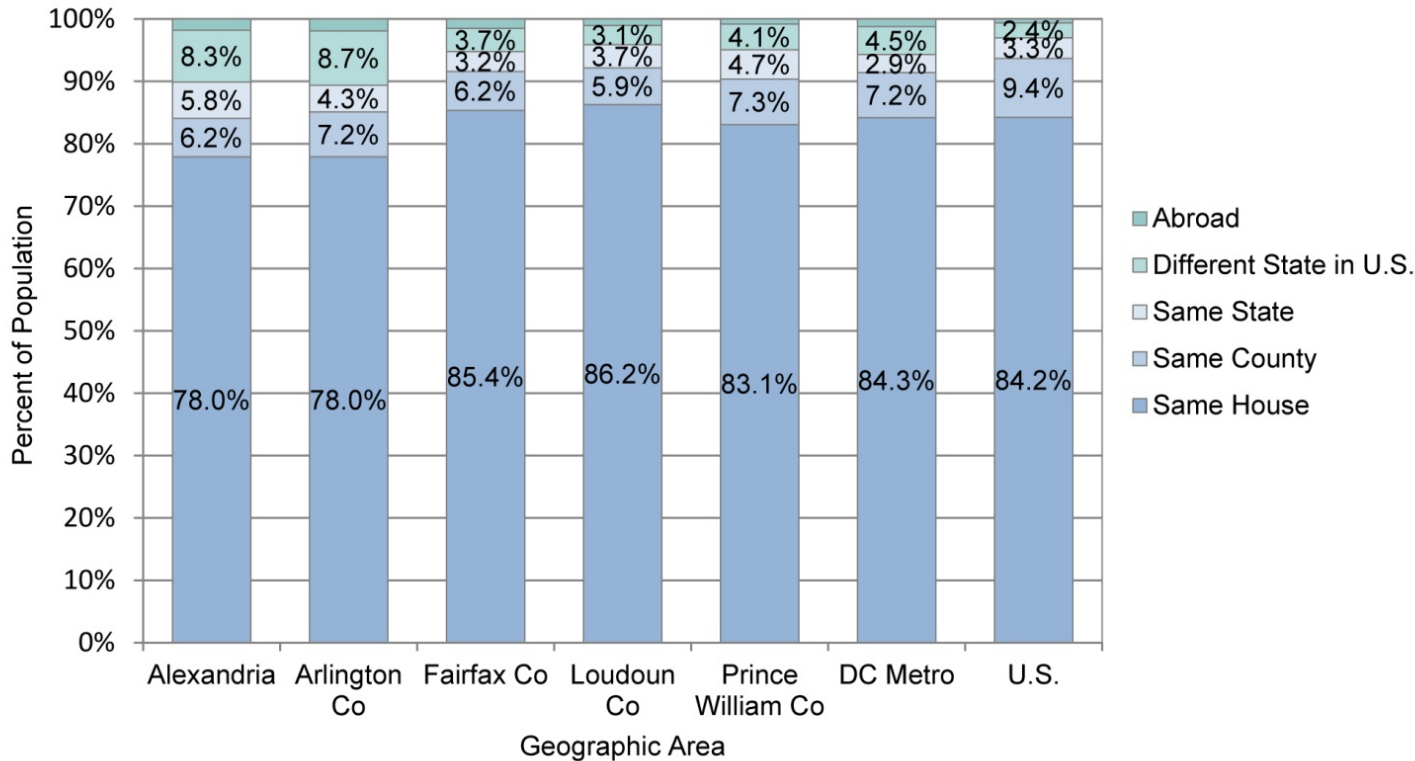


- Single-family and garden apartment areas have the largest average household sizes.
- City 2.02, region averages 2.64, U.S. 2.58

2010 Census Data by Census Tract

Residence One Year Ago – Mobile Population

Residence One Year Ago
Population One Year Old and Older
American Community Survey 2006-2010 Five-Year Average Data



- 22% moved in in the past year
- Of those, about 28% moved from within Alexandria.

To find out more

- ❑ The complete report, additional information, links and contacts can be found at:

<http://alexandriava.gov/Demographics>

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