# MONTGOMERY COUNTY QUICKSTATS

# **2016 Population and Housing Update**



# **Population**

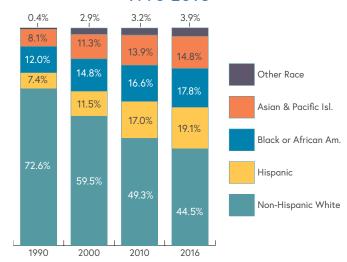
- The County's estimated population was 1,043,863 in July 2016, an increase of 67,542 people (6.9%) from July 2010.
- In 2016, children under 18 years of age comprised 23% (244,297) of the population, compared to people 65 and older at 15% (151,609).
- The median age of the population was 39 years in 2016, steadily increased from 36.8 years in 2000 as the large cohort of baby boomers aged.
- 2010 marked the first time racial and ethnic groups other than non-Hispanic whites comprised the majority of the County's population. In 2016, Hispanics were 19% (199,402) of all residents, African Americans 18% (185,442), Asians 15% (154,243), and non-Hispanic whites 44% (464,466).



## Place of Origin

- In 2016, one third (344,645) of the County's population was born outside the United States.
- Since 2010, the number of foreign-born residents increased by 30,147 (9%) to reach 344,645 in 2016.
- Of the foreign-born residents, 37% (128,553) were from Latin America, 37% (126,394) were from Asia, and 16% (56,270) were from Africa.
- 41% (400,298) of County residents spoke a language other than English at home.

#### Change in Race and Hispanic Origin, 1990-2016



### **Largest Foreign-Born Populations**

| Country     | Population | Percent of<br>Foreign Born |
|-------------|------------|----------------------------|
| El Salvador | 47,792     | 13.9%                      |
| China       | 28,243     | 8.2%                       |
| India       | 24,306     | 7.1%                       |
| Korea       | 15,185     | 4.4%                       |
| Ethiopia    | 15,139     | 4.4%                       |
| Vietnam     | 12,384     | 3.6%                       |
| Honduras    | 11,234     | 3.3%                       |
| Peru        | 10,229     | 3.0%                       |
| Iran        | 7,947      | 2.3%                       |
| Guatemala   | 7,564      | 2.2%                       |



# **Employment**

- 56% (313,507) of employed residents in 2016 worked in management, business, science, and arts.
- 73% (406,859) of employed residents were private wage and salary workers and 21% (118,476) were government workers.
- 65% (361,025) of workers drove alone to work, 9% (49,101) carpooled, 16% (85,766) traveled by public transit, 6% (34,141) worked from home, and 4% (22,729) commuted by other means.
- Montgomery's October 2017 unemployment rate was 3.1%, down three-tenths of a percentage point from October 2016. During the same year-over-year period, unemployment rates decreased from 3.9% to 3.6% in the Washington, D.C. metro area and 4.8% to 4.1% nationally.

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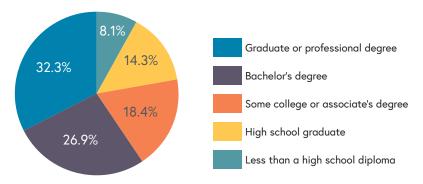
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### **Education**

- In 2016, 59% (423,556) of residents age 25 and older held a bachelor's degree or higher.
- 32% (231,258) of residents age 25 and older held an advanced degree, the fifth highest rate of any county in the USA.

### Educational Attainment (Age 25 and Older)





### **Income and Poverty**

- The County's median household income was \$99,763 in 2016, compared to \$95,843 for the Washington D.C. metro area and \$57,617 nationally.
- In 2016, the poverty rate in the County was 6.7% (69,755 people), compared to 8.4% in the region and 14% across the United States.



### Households

- The number of households in Montgomery County increased 4.4% from 357,086 in 2010 to 373,346 in 2016, a gain of 16,260 households.
- 65% (241,735) of households were owner-occupied and 35% (131,611) were renter-occupied.

## **Housing Costs**

- Median monthly owner costs decreased 13% from \$2,749 in 2010 to \$2,393 in 2016 (constant 2016 dollars).
- The percentage of homeowners who spent more than 30% of their income on mortgaged housing costs decreased from 37% (69,871) of households in 2010 to 28% (50,675) in 2016.
- Median monthly rent was \$1,662 in 2016, a 3% increase from 2010, adjusting for inflation.
- For renters, the share of households spending more than 30% of their income on housing costs decreased from 54% (62,740) of households in 2010 to 50% (62,912) in 2016.

Sources: 2016 American Community Survey, 1-year estimate, U.S. Census Bureau; Population Estimate Program, U.S. Census Bureau, March 2017; Employment, Local Area Unemployment Statistics, Bureau of Labor Statistics, December 2017.

