# MONTGOMERY COUNTY QUICKSTATS
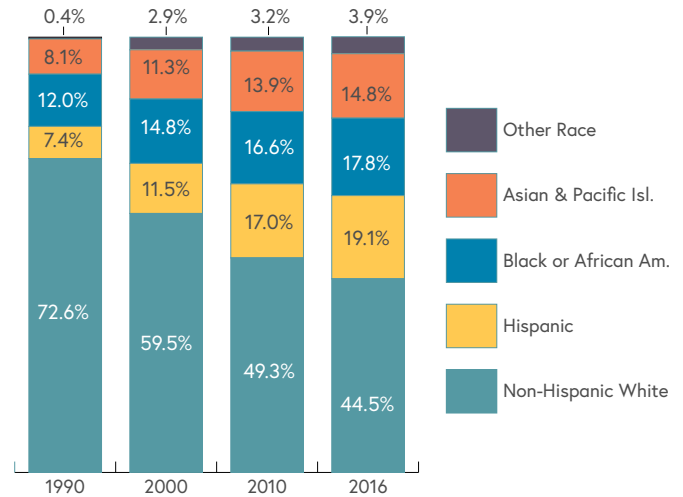
## 2016 Population and Housing Update

### 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.

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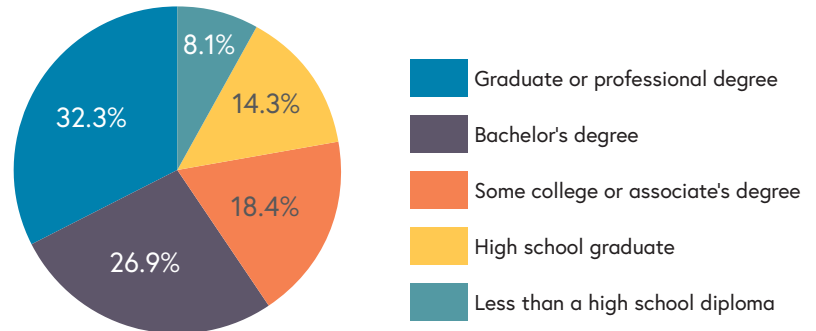
**Change in Race and Hispanic Origin, 1990-2016**

| Race/Origin | 1990 | 2000 | 2010 | 2016 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Other Race | 0.4% | 2.9% | 3.2% | 3.9% |
| Asian & Pacific Isl. | 8.1% | 11.3% | 13.9% | 14.8% |
| Black or African Am. | 12.0% | 14.8% | 16.6% | 17.8% |
| Hispanic | 7.4% | 11.5% | 17.0% | 19.1% |
| Non-Hispanic White | 72.6% | 59.5% | 49.3% | 44.5% |

**Largest Foreign-Born Populations**

| Country | Population | Percent of 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% |

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## Education

Educational Attainment (Age 25 and Older)



- Graduate or professional degree
- Bachelor's degree
- Some college or associate's degree
- High school graduate
- Less than a high school diploma

- 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.

## 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.

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