







Trends in Montgomery County: A Look at People, Housing, and Jobs Since 1990

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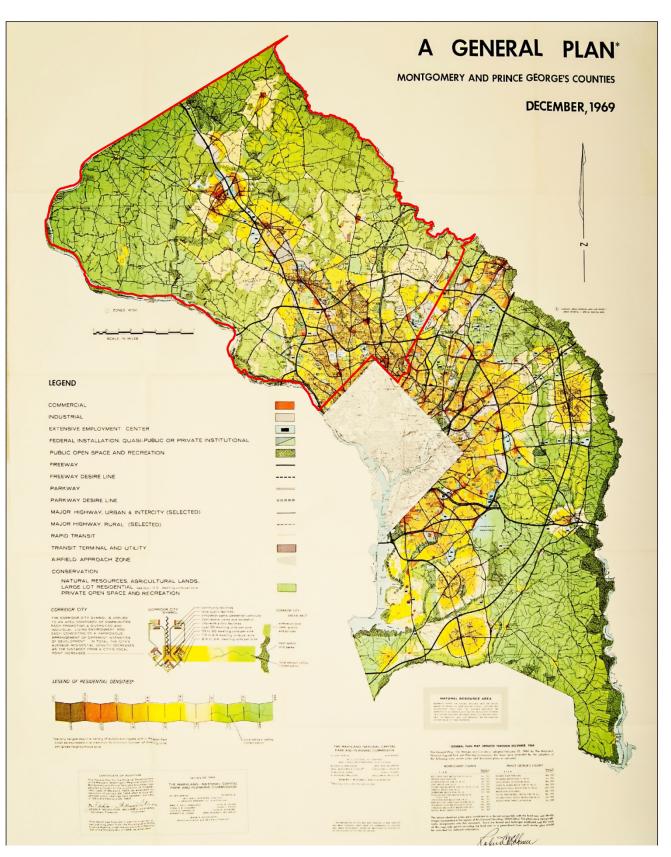


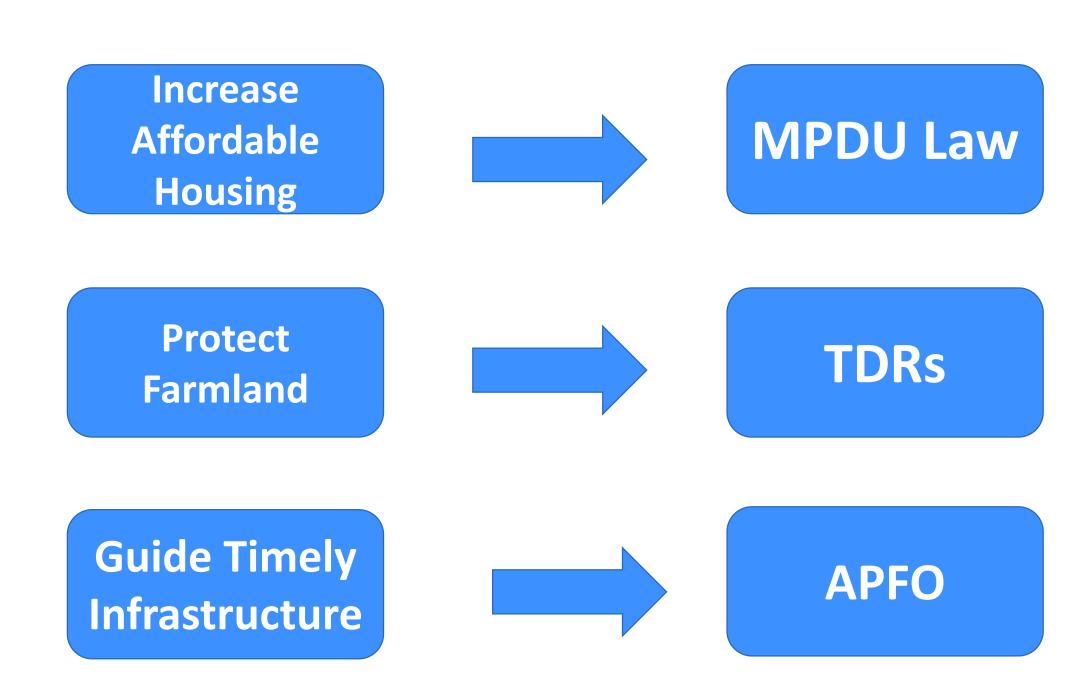
1964 General Plan "...on Wedges and Corridors"





1969 General Plan and its Implementation









Why Update the General Plan?

- The last comprehensive update was in 1969
- The county changed from a bedroom community to a major employment center with a diverse population of more than 1 million people
- We are entering another era of disruptive technologies and cultural shifts
- Now is the time to step back and create a visionary plan for the next 30 years
- Change is an opportunity to thrive

Montgomery County is growing, but more slowly than in past decades.

Million-plus population since 2012

2017: 1,058,800

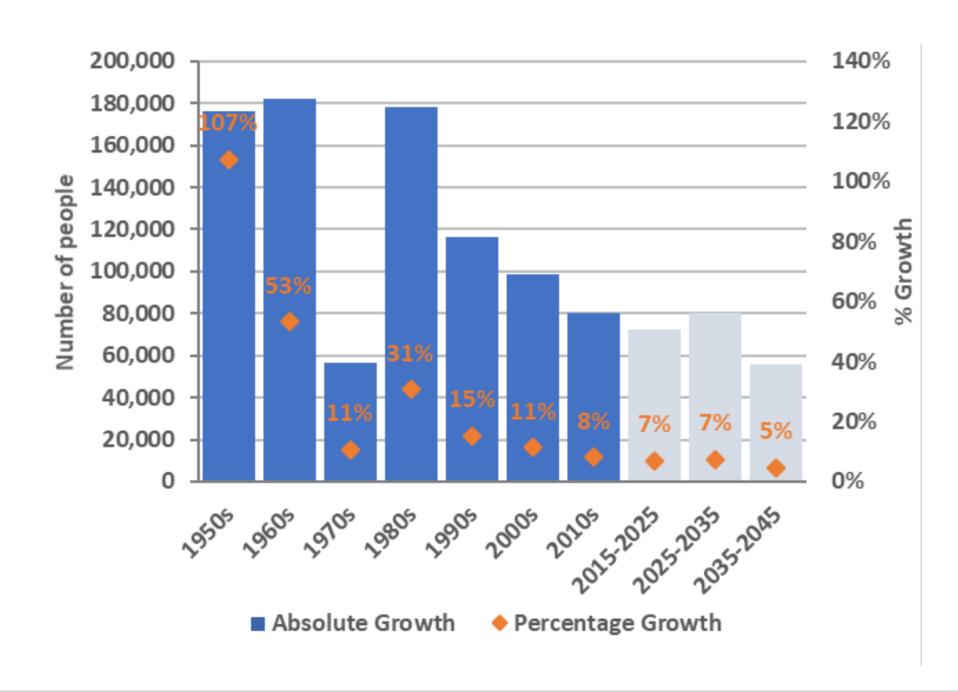


1990: 765,500 +293,300

38% population increase since 1990

Largest county in Maryland

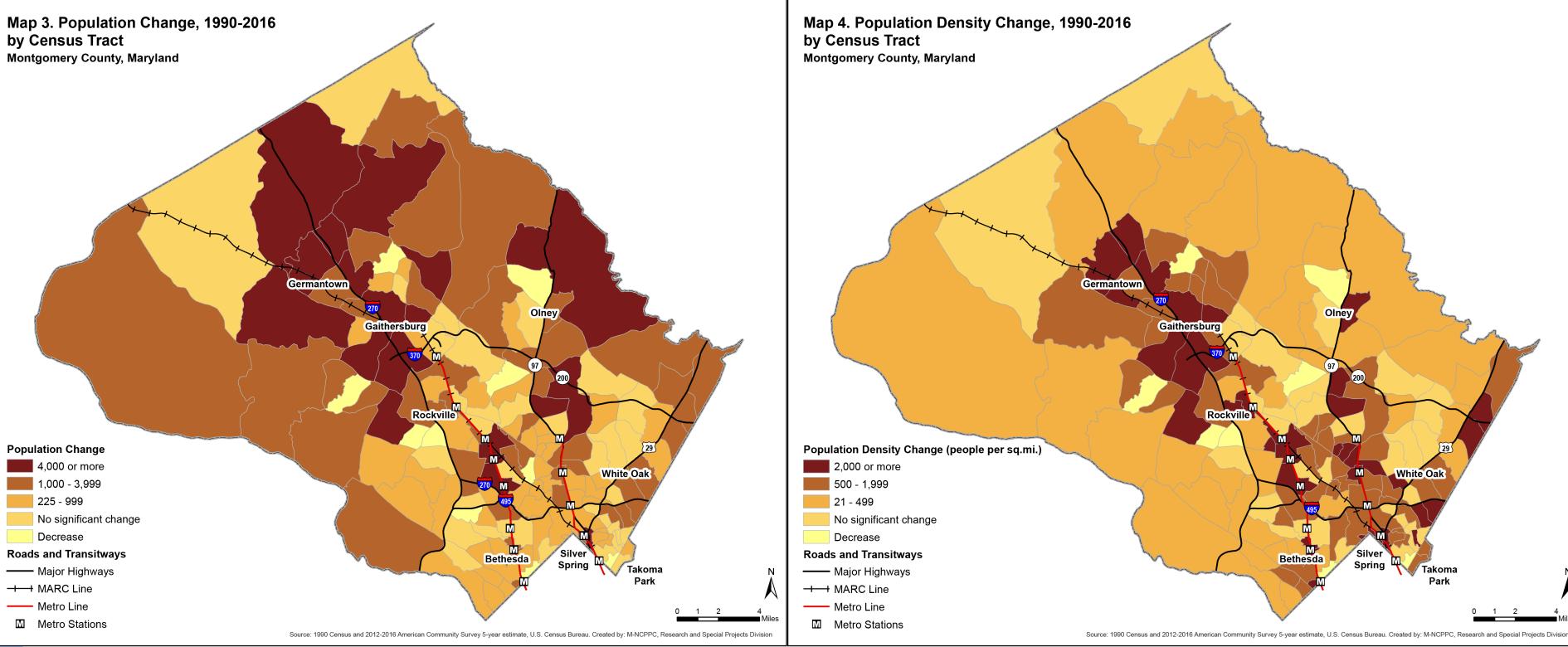
Decreasing gain and rate of growth since 1990







Most of the growth has occurred in outer lying areas and along transit corridors.







Immigration contributes to significant diversity.



Increasing foreign-born population

2016: 344,645



1990: 141,166 +203,500 (59%)





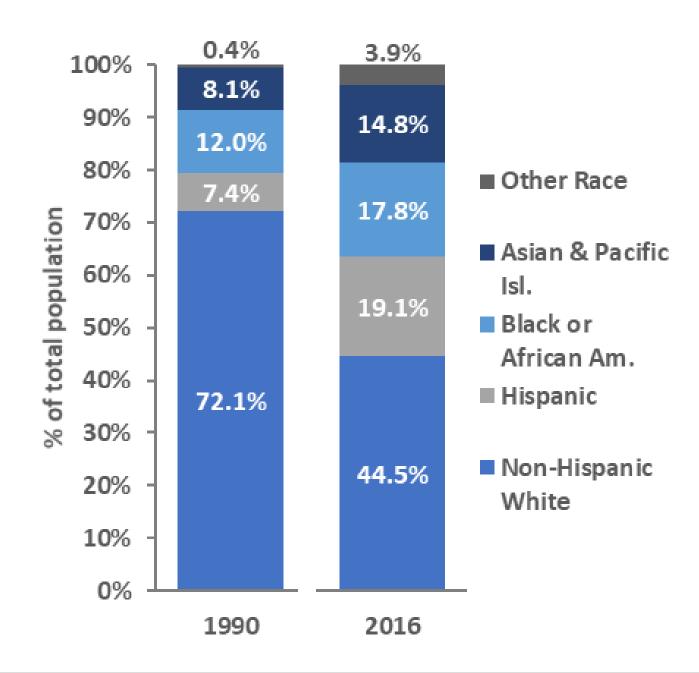
Majority from Latin America (37%) & Asia (37%)

- El Salvador (47,792, 14%)
- China (28,243, 8%)
- India (24,306, 7%)



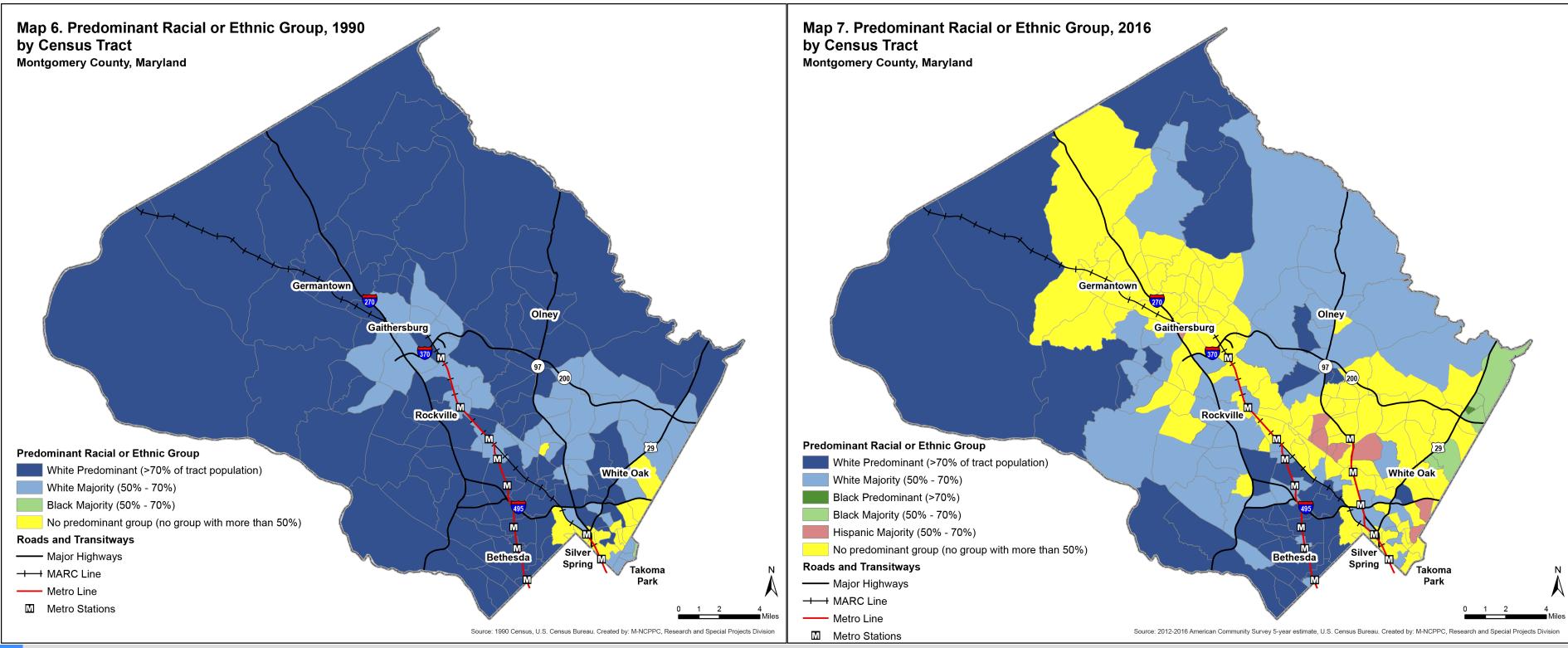
Greater racial & ethnic diversity

People of Color: 579,397 (56%)





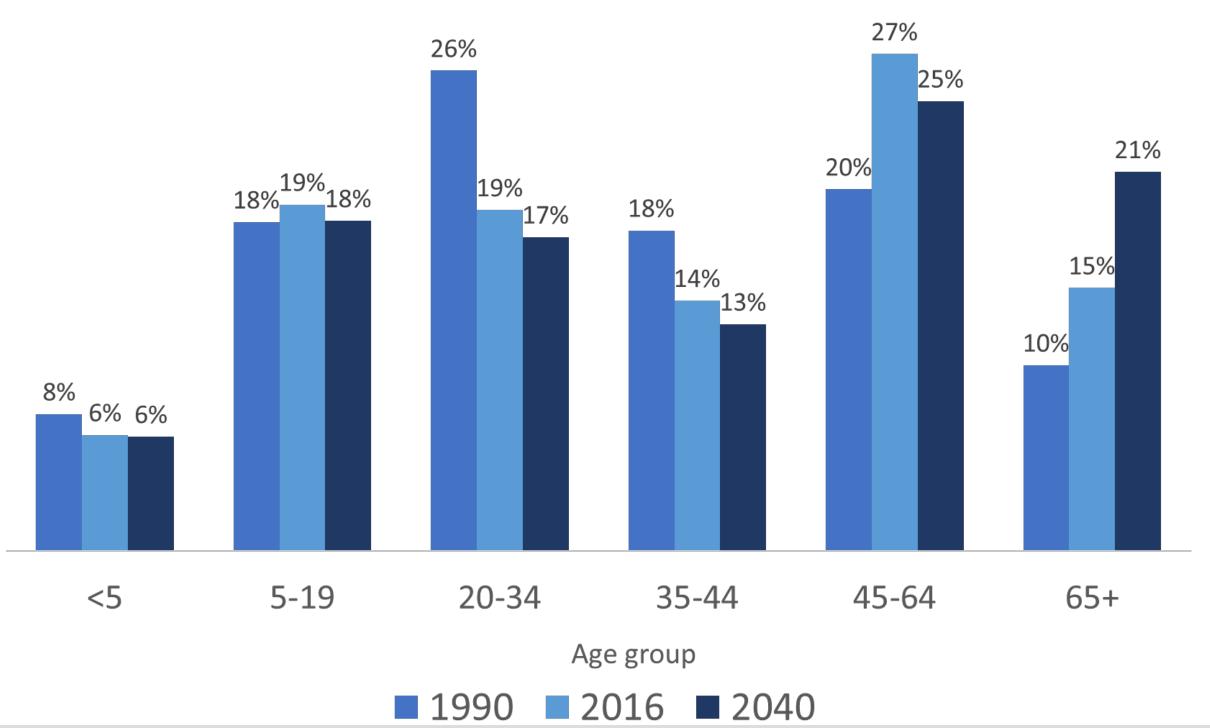
Racial and ethnic diversity is increasingly distributed across the county.





Driven by the baby boomers, the population is aging.

Percentage of Population by Age Group



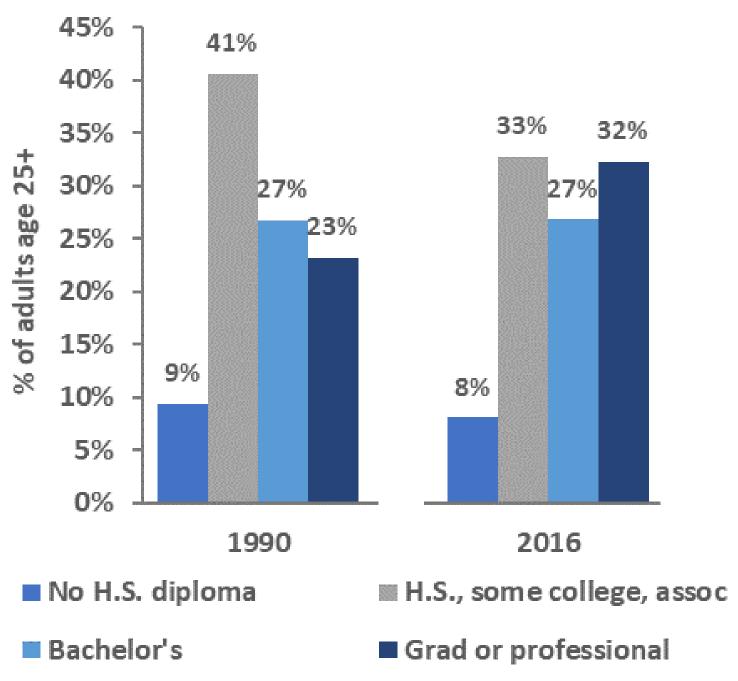
Increased median age from 33.9 years in 1990 to 39 years in 2016





Montgomery County remains highly educated.



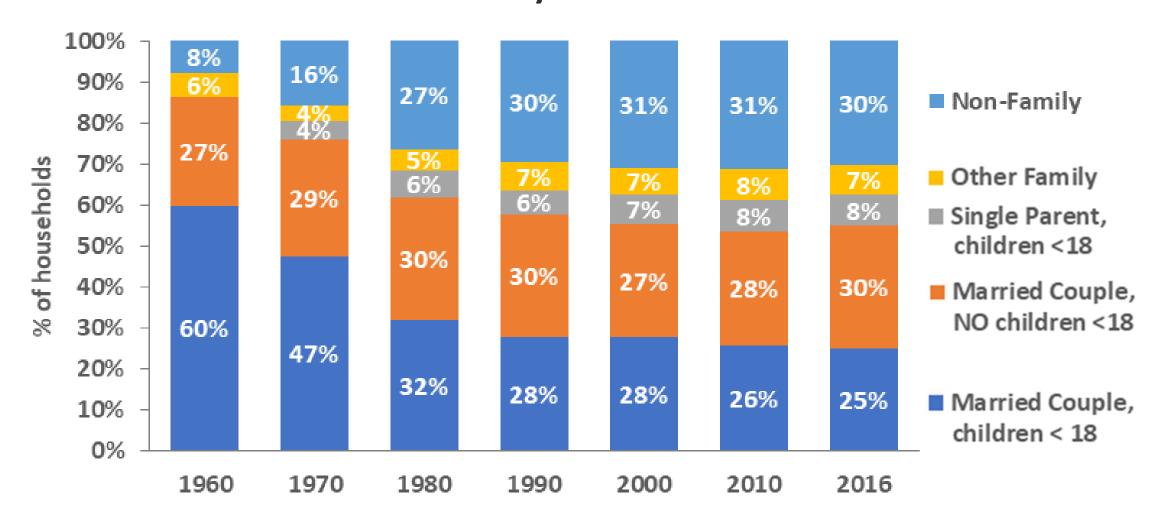


Highly educated adult residents:

- 59% have BA degrees compared to 50% in region
- Concentration of advanced degrees 5th in US
- High levels of educational attainment correlated with management, business and science jobs and high median income households

Types of households stabilize after 1990

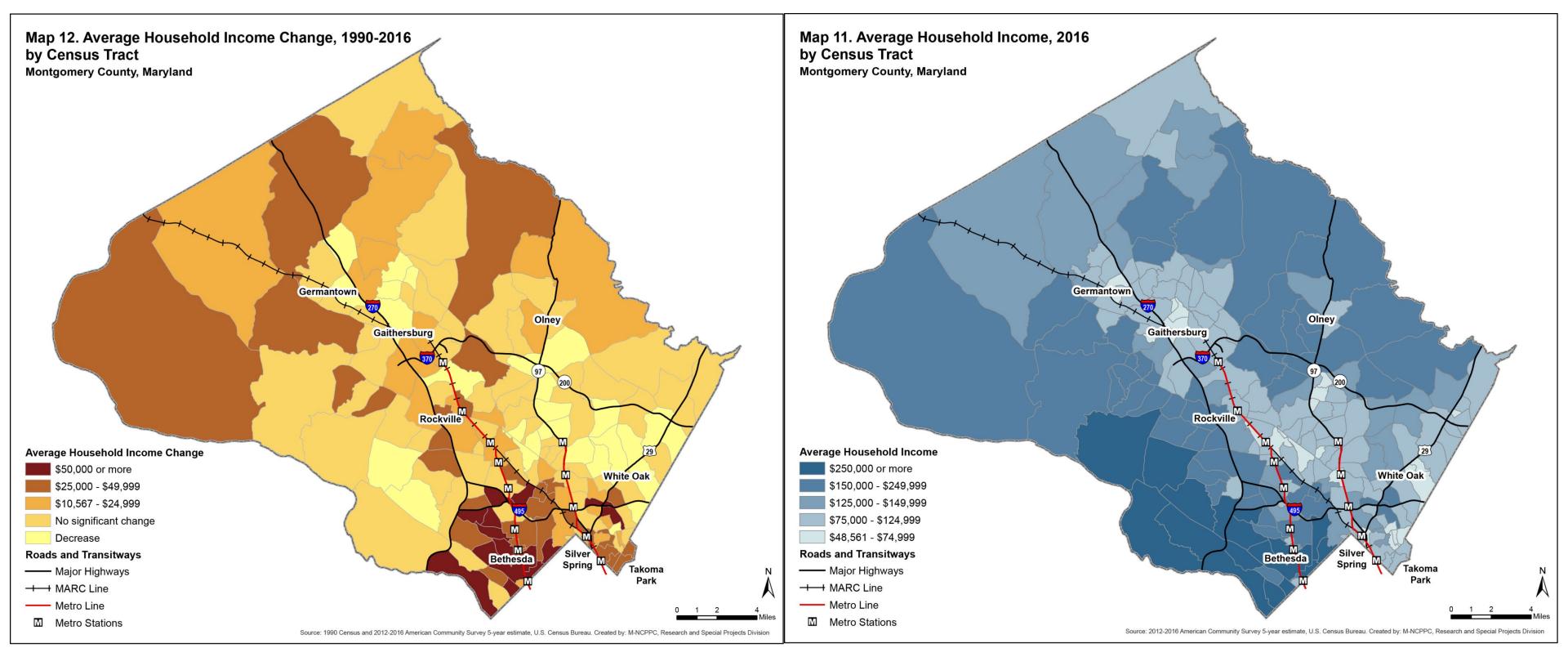
Wider variety of household types since 1960, but distribution relatively stable since 1990



 Non-family households are the most common household type since 2000

- Since 1990, married-couples with children < 18 are less common than:</p>
 - Married-couples with NO children < 18
 - Non-family households

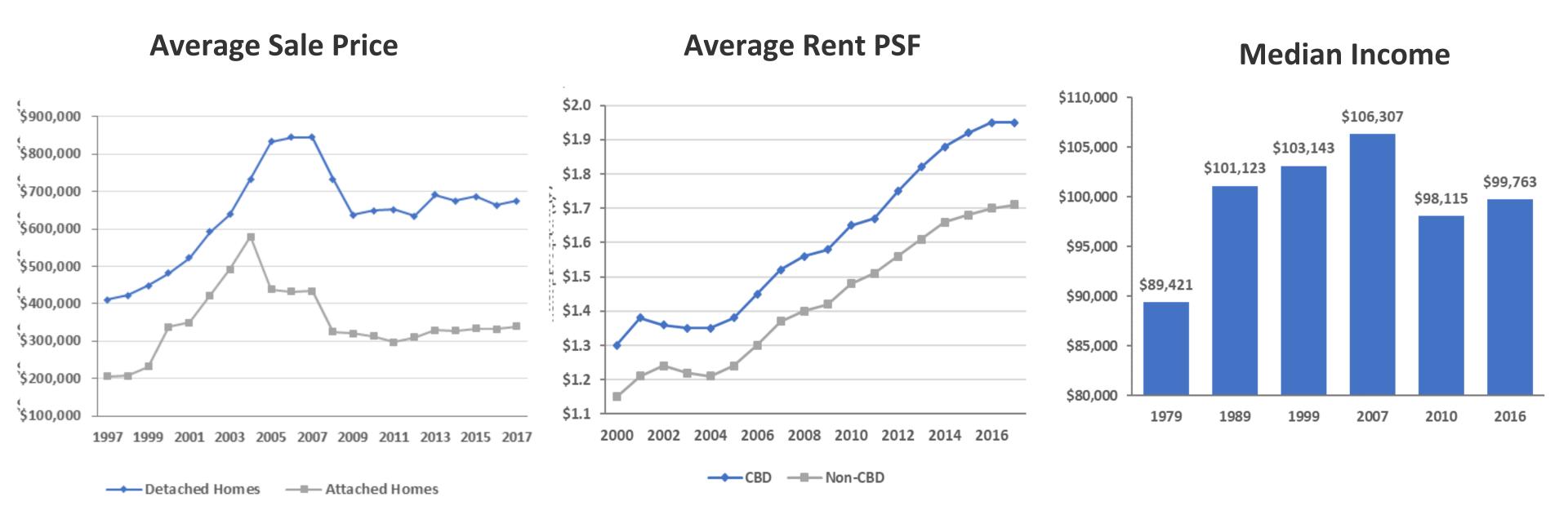
Change in household income from 1990 to 2016







Increases in housing prices have outpaced income growth.

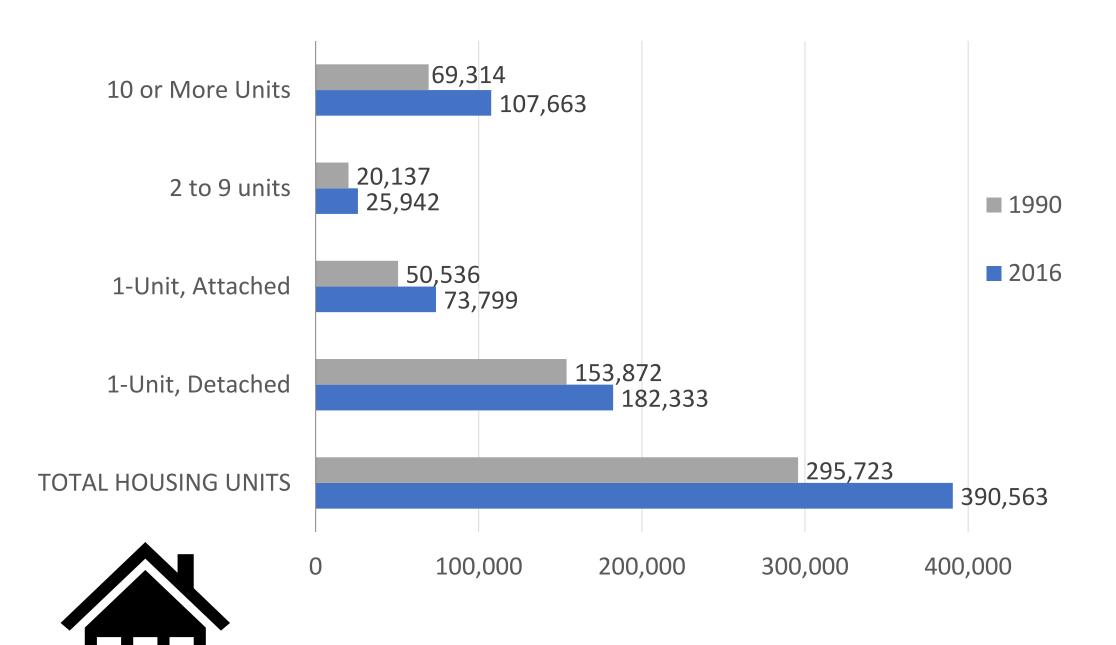


All dollar values adjusted for inflation



Growth of multifamily housing outpaced all other types

Number of housing units by type

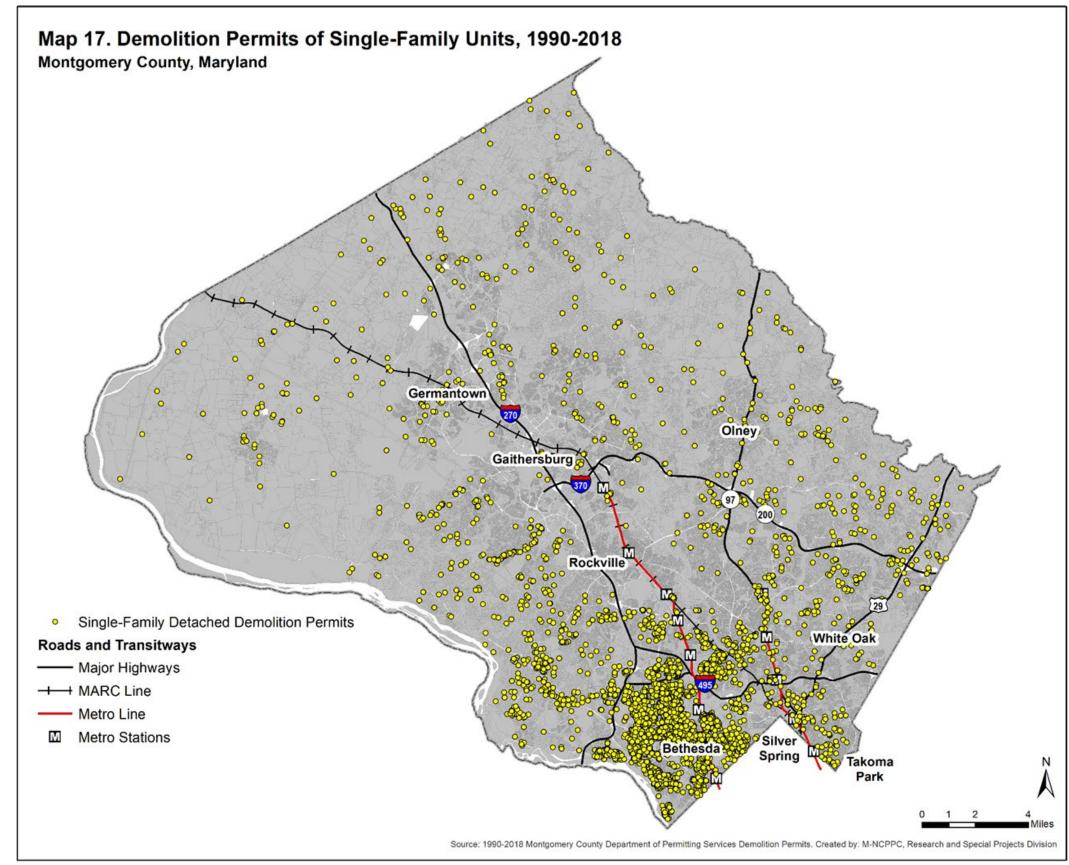


- 32% increase in the number of housing units from 295,723 to 390,563
- 49% increase in the number of multi-family units
- 25% increase in the number of single family units

Housing unit teardowns concentrated down-county and

primarily single-family

- **4,400** demolition permits issued for single-family homes since 1990
- 150 teardowns per year, on average
- 6 multi-family buildings were torn down or redeveloped since 1990
 - 756 units were demolished
 - 1,784 units added
 - 1,028 net new units yielded from redevelopment



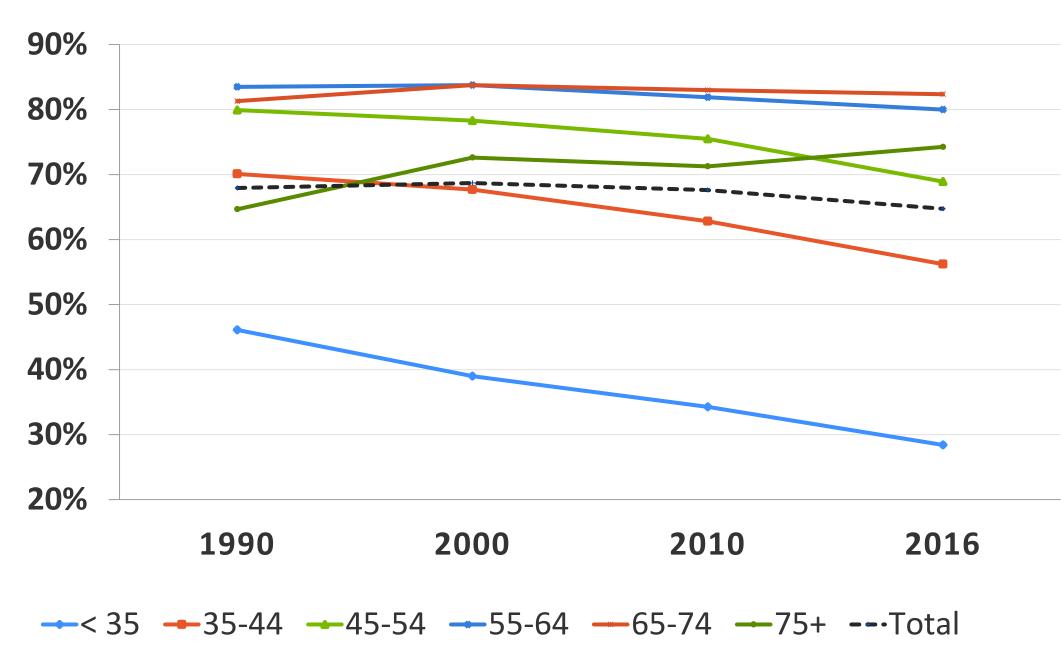




Increase in the number of older homeowners and decrease in the number of younger homeowners

- Increase in 75+ homeowners
- Decrease in younger homeowners
- Demand shifts:
 - Population changes
 - Affordability
 - Product diversity

Homeownership Rate by Age



Source: 1990-2010 Census, 2016 American Community Survey, 1-year estimate U.S. Census Bureau.





A large workforce <u>lives</u> here



Nearly 600,000 in 2016 – 2nd largest regionally



Workforce **grew 31%** since 1990



Most (60%) work in the county



Aging residents remain in the workforce

Sizes of job sectors remained stable



Private sector: 68-73%



Federal government: 13-15%



State/local government: 8%



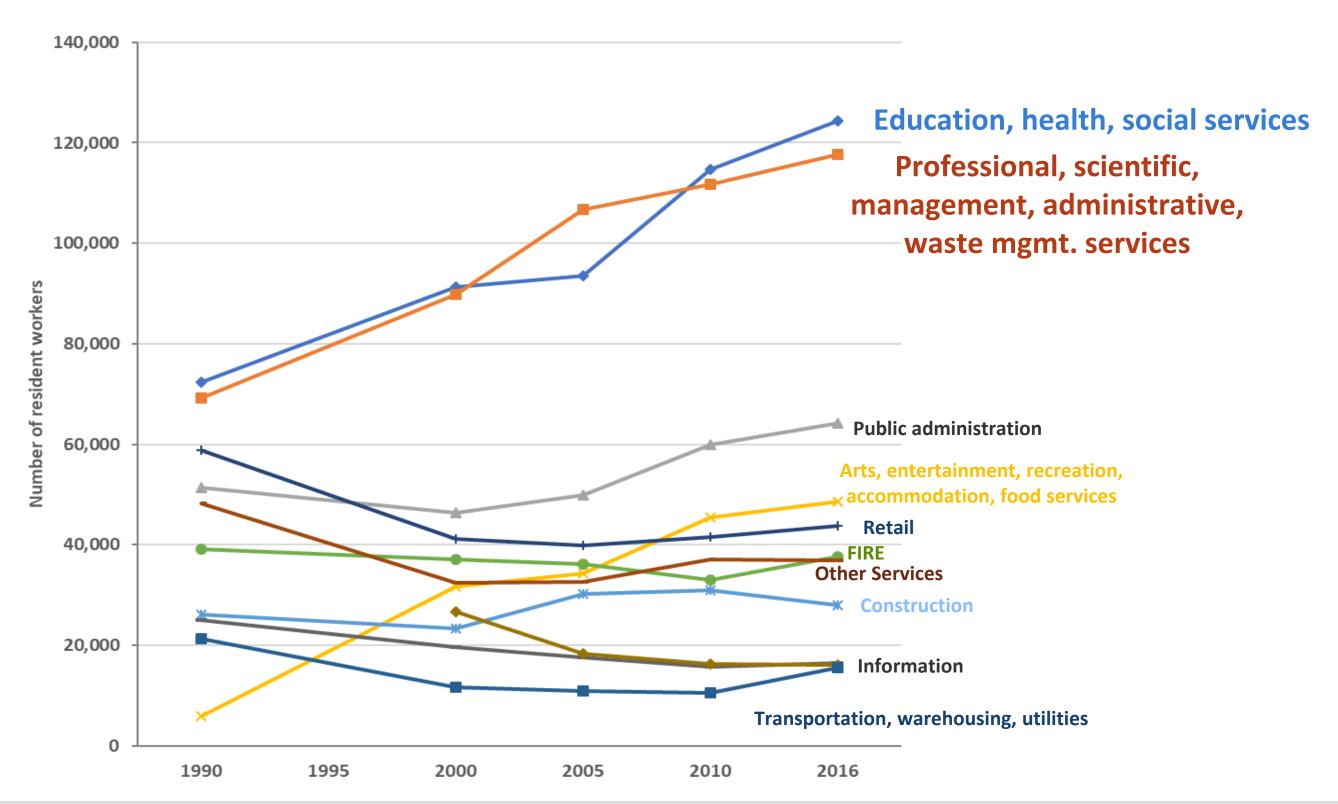
Self-employed: 6-7%

The top two industries employed 40% of residents in 2016, compared to 33% in 1990.

Resident employment, by industry

600,000 residents in the workforce

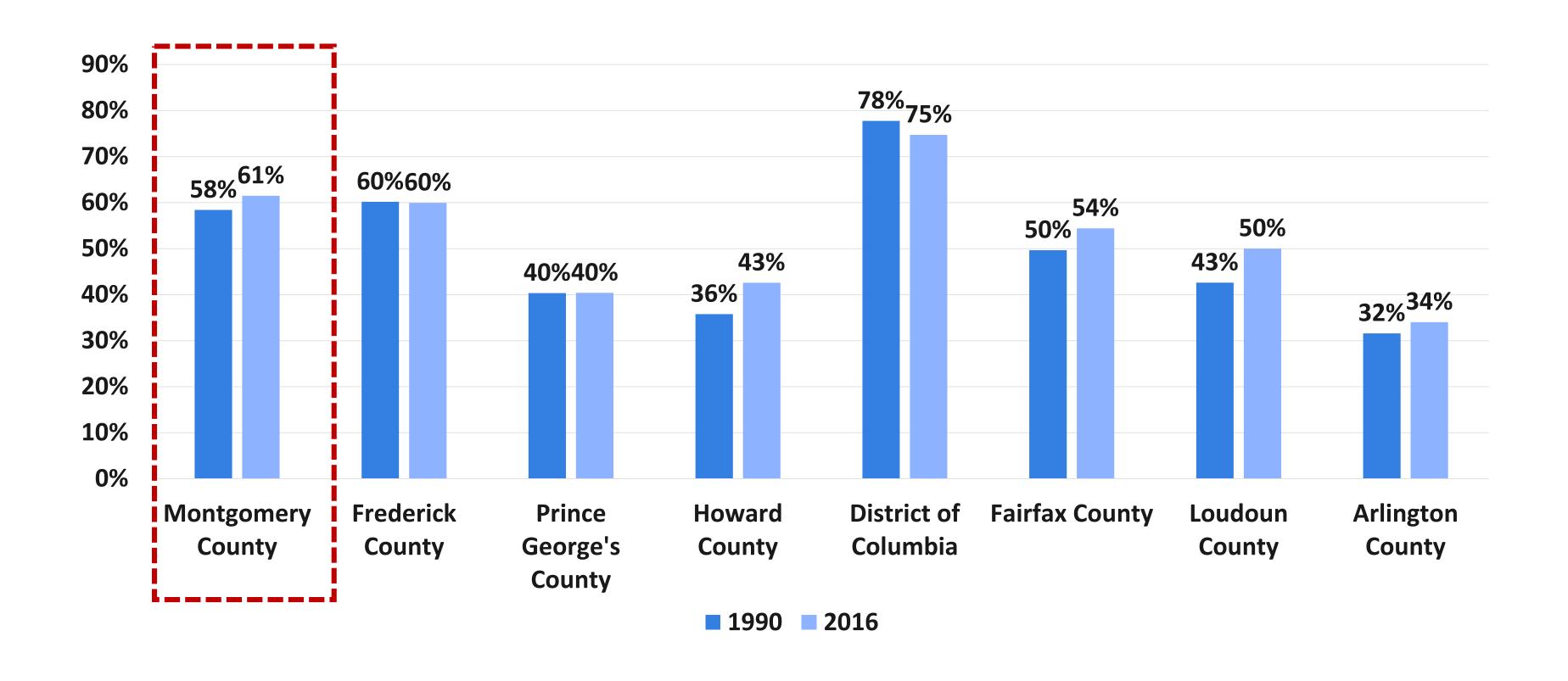
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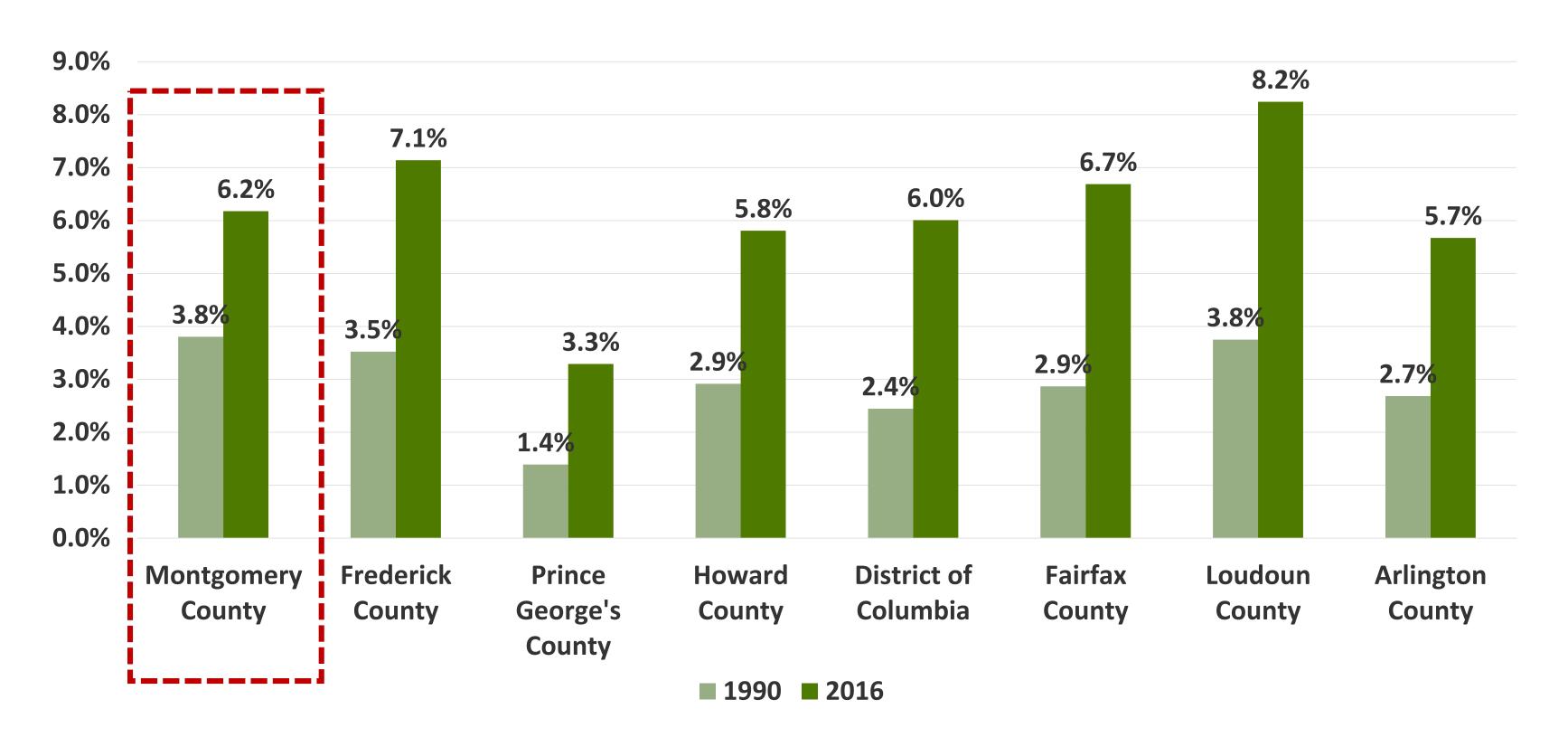


Most residents live and work in Montgomery County.



More people are working at home.

Percentage of resident workers who work at home



The number of QCEW jobs in the county increased by 21% since 1990 to 460,0000 in 2016.

The sizes of the sectors have remained stable over time, according to data in the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW)

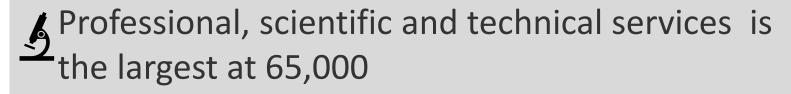


81% Private sector





10% Federal government



Health care and social assistance grew the fastest at 111%

Retail and construction jobs experience greatest declines



9% Local government





Implications for General Plan Update

- Increasing diversity
 - Population
 - Housing
- Aging demographics
- Incomes haven't kept up with costs
- Employment stable, but challenges remain
- Shift from development to <u>re</u>development



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