

Demographics

General Profile

Total Population

The Odenton Small Planning Area has 37,916 residents or 7.74 percent of the total population in Anne Arundel County. The population in the Odenton Small Planning Area also includes 1,453 persons in group quarters¹, consisting of 1,264 military personnel on the Fort George G. Meade Military Reservation and other institutionalized and non-institutionalized individuals. From 1990 to 2000, the Odenton Small Planning Area grew by 9,713 people, or 34.44 percent. This population growth rate – one of the highest among Small Planning Areas in the County – was significantly above the County’s overall rate of 14.6 percent. By 2010, the Odenton Small Planning Area is projected to increase in population to 44,400², or 17 percent from 2000.

Population by Age

In 2000, the Odenton Small Planning Area had 3,799 preschool-aged children (ages 0-4), 7,685 school-aged children (ages 5-17), and 1,803 senior citizens (65 years old and over). All other residents fell into the 18-44 and 45-64 age groups who can be classified as “household and career formers” and “the established household and career”.

Table 1. Population by Age, 1990 and 2000

	0-4	5-17	18-44	45-64	65+	Total
Persons in 1990	2,821	5,609	14,733	4,007	1,033	28,203
Persons in 2000	3,799	7,685	18,604	6,025	1,803	37,916
Actual Change (1990-2000)	978	2,076	3,871	2,018	770	9,713
% Change (1990-2000)	34.67%	37.01%	26.27%	50.36%	74.54%	34.44%

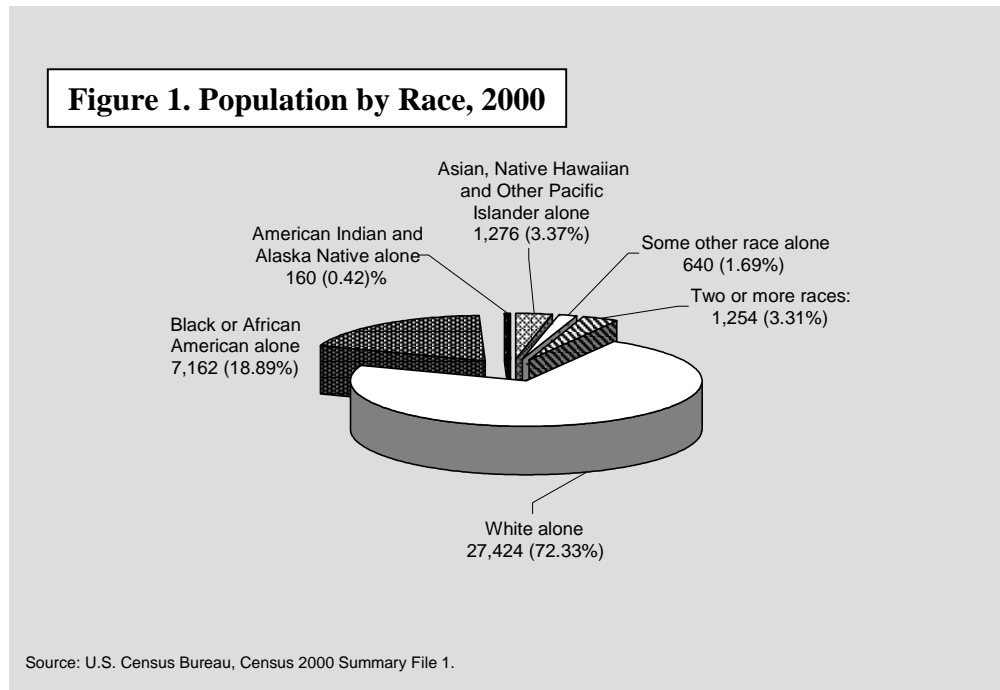
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 1990 Summary Tape File 1 and Census 2000 Summary File 1

From 1990 to 2000, population growth occurred in all age groups in the Odenton Small Planning Area. The 65 and over age group experienced the most rapid growth, followed by the 45-64 age group. This was a reflection of countywide demographic trends that are a consequence of an increasing life expectancy of senior citizens and aging baby boomers.

Population by Race and Ethnicity

In the Odenton Small Planning Area, there are 27,424 white and 10,492 non-white residents. The Odenton Small Planning Area is the 3rd most diverse in terms of the proportion of non-white population, which comprises 27.67 percent of the area’s total population. Among all the non-white residents, the largest group is African American (7,162 persons). The area also has 1,276 Asians, Native Hawaiians, or other Pacific Islanders; 160 American Indians or Alaska Natives; 640 residents from other races, and 1,254 residents who identify themselves as two or more races. Residents from Hispanic or Latino origin, comprise 4.92 percent of the total

population, about 1,867 residents, in the Odenton Small Planning Area.



Housing Inventory and Homeownership

In 2000, there were 13,480 housing units in the Odenton Small Planning Area. Between 1990 and 2000, the area’s housing inventory increased by 5,132 units or 61.48 percent. The housing inventory in the Odenton Small Planning Area includes 766 vacant units, or a 5.68 percent vacancy rate.

The median year for all housing units built in the Odenton Small Planning Area was 1972. Newer housing has been constructed in the Seven Oaks and Piney Orchard developments. The median year built for housing in these two Planned Unit Developments falls between 1992 and 1995.

Table 2. Housing Occupancy and Vacancy, 1990 and 2000

Data Category	1990	2000	Change 1990-2000	Percent Change
Housing Units	8,348	13,480	5,132	61.48%
Owner-occupied	3,950	8,007	4,057	102.73%
Homeownership Rate (%)	49.24%	62.98%	13.74%	---
Renter-occupied	4,072	4,707	635	15.59%
Vacant Units	326	766	440	---

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 1990 Summary Tape File 1 and Census 2000 Summary File 1.

There were 8,007 owner-occupied and 4,707 renter-occupied units in the Odenton Small Planning Area in 2000. The increase of owner-occupied units was more substantial than that of

renter-occupied units in both actual number and percent change. From 1990 to 2000, owner-occupied units grew by 102.73 percent, whereas renter-occupied units rose by 15.59 percent. The substantial growth in owner-occupied units has resulted in an increase in the homeownership rate in the Odenton Small Planning Area, from 49.24 percent in 1990 to 62.98 percent in 2000.

From 2000 through 2010, households in the Odenton Small Planning Area are projected to grow by 2,920, or 23 percent. Most of this growth is projected to occur in the Odenton Town Center, Seven Oaks, and Piney Orchard area. In addition, there will be new housing on the Fort George G. Meade Military Reservation. Through the Army's Residential Community Initiative (RCI), Fort Meade will demolish 2,500 units and replace them with 3,170 units in order to serve an expected influx of military families,³ as well as civilian families. The construction of these housing units will result in a significant growth in household population and the group quarters population in the Odenton Small Planning Area.

Household Types and Families

The Odenton Small Planning Area is predominantly family-oriented. Among 12,714 households, there are 9,878 families, representing about 77.69 percent of total households in the area. The proportion of married-couple family households over total households in the Odenton Small Planning Area is higher than that of the County's (72.31 percent). There was also a noticeable growth in both total families and married-couple families between 1990 and 2000 in the Odenton Small Planning Area.

Table 3. Households and Families, 1990 and 2000

Data Category	1990	2000	Change 1990-2000	Percent Change
TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS:	8,022	12,714	4,692	58.49%
Family Households (Families)	7,047	9,878	2,831	40.17%
Married Couple Families	6,104	8,029	1,925	31.54%
<i>with children under age 18</i>	<i>3,844</i>	<i>4,706</i>	<i>862</i>	<i>22.42%</i>
Male and Female Householder Families	943	1,849	906	96.08%
<i>with children under age 18</i>	<i>549</i>	<i>1,176</i>	<i>627</i>	<i>114.21%</i>
Non-Family Households	975	2,836	1,861	190.87%
<i>Percent of Total Households</i>	<i>12.15%</i>	<i>22.31%</i>	<i>10.15%</i>	<i>---</i>

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 1990 Summary Tape File 1 and Census 2000 Summary File 1.

In the Odenton Small Planning Area in 2000, there were 5,882 families – including married couple families (4,706) as well as male and female householder families (1,176) – that had children under 18 years old. Families with children under 18 years old amount to 59.55 percent of total families in the area. The future construction of new housing for military personnel and their families, and civilian families as well on the Fort George G. Meade Military Reservation will contribute to a growth of families with children under 18 years old.

Reflecting the trends countywide, single parent families (male and female householder families) with children in the Odenton Small Planning Area demonstrated a tremendously rapid growth rate from 1990 to 2000. Likewise, there was a remarkable growth in non-family households that consist of people living alone or with unrelated people. In 2000, about 22.31 percent of the area's total households were non-family households.

Socioeconomic Profile

Educational Attainment

In the Odenton Small Planning Area, the percent of residents 25 years old and over⁴ who have high school diplomas or hold higher educational levels ranks 4th among all the Small Planning Areas throughout the County. From 1990 to 2000, the percent of residents with high school diplomas or higher educational levels increased from 88.33 percent in 1990 to 91.99 percent in 2000. The proportion of residents who earned Bachelor's or higher degrees was on the rise also, from 19.80 percent to 30.42 percent during the same decade.

Table 4. Educational Attainment, 1990 and 2000

Data Category	1990	2000
Total Residents 25 Years Old and Over	15,755	23,390
Percent with high school diplomas or higher levels	88.33%	91.99%
Percent with Bachelor's or higher degrees	19.80%	30.42%

Sources: Census 1990 Summary Tape File 3 and Census 2000 Summary File 3.

Employment Status and Occupation

In 2000, there were 3,932 residents who served in the armed forces in the Odenton Small Planning Area. From 1990 to 2000, the number and proportion of residents in the armed forces declined, whereas those for residents in the civilian labor force increased during the same decade. The unemployment rate in the Odenton Small Planning Area dropped from 3.99 percent in 1990 to 3.21 percent in 2000.

Table 5. Labor Force and Employment Status, 1990 and 2000

Data Category	1990	2000	Change 1990-2000
Total Residents 16 Years Old and Over	20,469	28,094	7,625
In Labor Force:	16,408	22,211	5,803
Armed Forces	5,464	3,932	-1,532
Civilian	10,944	18,279	7,335
<i>Civilian Labor Force Participation Rate</i>	53.47%	65.06%	11.60%
Employed	10,507	17,692	7,185
Unemployed	437	587	150
<i>Unemployment Rate</i>	3.99%	3.21%	-0.78%

Sources: Census 1990 Summary Tape File 3 and Census 2000 Summary File 3.

In the Odenton Small Planning Area in 2000, the primary occupation category was management and professional, accounting for 42.27 percent of employed civilian residents. The secondary occupation category was sales and office support. About 29.65 percent of residents were employed in sales and office support occupations. Roughly less than 30 percent of the area's employed civilian residents work in services, construction, extraction, maintenance, production, transportation, and material moving occupations.

**Table 6. Occupation for Employed Civilians
16 Years Old and Over, 2000**

Major Occupations	% of Total Employed Civilians
Management and Professional Services	42.27%
Sales and Office Support	29.65%
Construction, Extraction, and maintenance	0.10%
Farming, Fishing, and Forestry	7.72%
Production, Transportation, and Material Moving	8.02%
Employed Civilians	17,692

Source: Census 2000 Summary File 3.

Employment Forecasts

In 2000, the estimated employment in the Odenton Small Planning Area is about 52,900. Major employers are the National Security Agency, Fort George G. Meade, Defense Security Agency, Defense Information School, International Paper Company, Comcast Cable, Marriott International, Ferguson Trenching, Inc., Arundel Senior High School, Environmental Protection Agency, and the Western District of the Anne Arundel County Police Department. Note that the number of jobs in 2000 far exceeds that of residents in the labor force in the Odenton Small Planning Area. Therefore, jobs in the Odenton Small Planning Area are, and will continue to be, held by workers from other areas within Anne Arundel County, Maryland, and the Washington-Baltimore region.

The Odenton Area is projected to have about 56,200 jobs, an increase of 3,290 from the job estimates in 2000, by the year 2010. Most of the employment growth is projected to take place on the Fort George G. Meade Military Reservation and the Odenton Town Center Area.

Household Income and Housing Expenses

Between 1990 and 2000, the median household income in the Odenton Small Planning Area rose from \$46,400 to \$59,190. However, the area's median household income in 2000 was slightly lower than the County's median of \$61,768.

The median gross rent increased from \$651 in 1990 to \$905 in 2000. During the same time period, the median home value changed from \$148,200 to \$156,600. The median gross rent in the Odenton Small Planning Area is higher than the County's median of \$798 in 2000. The median home value in the Odenton Small Planning Area is about the same as that of the County's (\$156,500).

In the Odenton Small Planning Area, some residents pay in excess of 30 percent or more of their household incomes on housing expenses. In 2000, about 23.66 percent of specified owner-occupied units (or owner households) and 35.15 percent of specified renter-occupied units (or renter households)⁵ spent 30 percent or more of their household incomes on housing expenses⁶. From 1990 to 2000, the proportion of specified renter-occupied units that paid more than 30 percent of their household incomes on housing expenses rose from 28.98 percent to 35.15 percent. The proportion for specified owner-occupied units rose from 17.82 percent in 1990 to 23.66 percent in 2000.

Table 7. Total Housing Expenses As Percentage of Household

Specified Occupied Units (Households)	1990	2000
Total Specified Renter-Occupied Units	2,333	2,728
Units with housing cost as 30% or more of household income	676	959
<i>Percent of total specified renter-occupied units</i>	28.98%	35.15%
Total Specified Owner-Occupied Units	3,508	7,182
Units with housing cost as 30% or more of household income	625	1,699
<i>Percent of total specified owner-occupied units</i>	17.82%	23.66%

Sources: Census 1990 Summary Tape File 3 and Census 2000 Summary File 3.

Note: The number of specified occupied units does not include housing units occupied by households reporting no income or a net loss.

Planning Implications

The Odenton Small Planning Area, situated in the western growth areas in the County, demonstrated the largest growth in the 1990s among all the small planning areas. Between 1990 and 2000, the Odenton Small Planning Area added 9,713 persons, 5,132 housing units, and 4,692 households. By 2010, the area is projected to increase by 6,500 residents and 2,900 households.

The future growth, with a concentration in the Odenton Town Center, Fort George G. Meade Reservation, and two Planned Unit Developments (Seven Oaks and Piney Orchard areas), will continue to pose challenges to traffic (both vehicular and pedestrian), adequacy of public services, neighborhood conservation, and preservation of environmental resources.

The demographic profile of the population of the Odenton Small Planning Area indicates a diversity of residents. This racial and cultural diversity may have impacts on the County's services, especially the school system. It is necessary to recognize the cultural and language differences before addressing residents' concerns and needs for services and housing choices in the Odenton Small Planning Area.

¹ The Census Bureau classifies all people not living in households as group quarters population. There are two types of group quarters: institutional (correctional facilities, nursing homes, and mental hospitals) and non-institutional (college dormitories, military barracks, group homes, and shelters).

² Forecasts for population, households, and employment were prepared by the Anne Arundel County Office of Planning and Zoning, January 2003. The forecasts are the Round 6 data set.

³ Ron Snyder: County lobbying for Meade school aid. *The Capital*. March 4, 2003.

⁴ The smallest census geography -- census block -- is used to best represent the Odenton Small Planning Area. The census data for the General Profile are available for census blocks, whereas the data for the Socioeconomic Profile at the same geography are not presented in a census file, due to the federal law of confidentiality. As a consequence, larger census geographies -- census block groups -- have to be used in the tabulation and analysis of the Socioeconomic Profile for the Odenton Small Area Plan.

⁵ According to the U.S. Bureau of the Census, "specified owner-occupied units" are owner-occupied, one-unit, detached and attached houses on less than 10 acres without a business or medical office on the property. "Specified renter-occupied units" include all renter-occupied units except one-unit detached and attached houses on 10 acres or more.

⁶ The affordability is measured by the U.S. Bureau of the Census as monthly housing costs as a percentage of a household income, which includes mortgage payments (or rents), utilities, and other housing expenses. A household has the affordability problem when its monthly housing expenses are equal to or greater than 30 percent of its household income.