

Demographics

Population

The estimated 1999 population for the Crofton Small Area is 27,243¹. Based on current projections, the population of the Crofton Small Area will increase to 32,878 by the year 2020. This represents an almost 21% increase in population between 1999 and 2020. By comparison, Anne Arundel County is projected to grow by less than 14% during the same time period.

The population for this area has a slightly higher percentage of school children ages 5-17 years with 19.0%, than the County with 17.8%. The percentage of workforce population, ages 18-54, is 60.6% which is slightly higher than the County at 57.4%. The Crofton Small Area's retirement age population, age 65 and over, is lower at 6.9% than the County at 9.4%.

In regard to race and gender, this area is 91.4% white compared to 82% for the County, and is 49.2% male compared to 50.5% for the County.

Housing

There are an estimated 10,082 households in the Crofton Small Area in 1999. Projected housing unit and household growth to 2020 indicates an increase of 3,572 households. This projected household growth rate is over 35 %, the County household growth rate during this same time period is less than 30%. Census data from 1990 indicates that nearly 74% of households in the Crofton Small Area are owner occupied.

The average household size in this area, as well as County wide, is declining. The projected household size for the Crofton Small Area in 1999 is 2.64 persons, compared to the County household size of 2.65. It is anticipated that the average household size will decrease to 2.33 persons by the year 2020.

Employment

Data on employment for the Crofton Small Area are based on 1990 Census figures, which is the most recent information available. In 1990, there were 10,497 employed persons living in this area. People employed in executive, administrative and managerial roles comprised the largest sector with 21.5%. Household incomes in the Crofton Small Area are the third highest of the sixteen small planning areas of the County. The median household income in 1990 was \$55,442, with a County median of \$45,147. Major employers include Jasper's Restaurant, K-Mart, Giant Food Store, Fed Ex, Associated Building Maintenance, and E.L. Gardiner, Inc.

¹ All demographic information used in this Plan, unless otherwise specified, are taken from the County Demographers Report, dated June 30, 1999. The full report for the Crofton Small Area is included in Appendix A.