

Chapter 4

Demographics

Population

The 2000 population for Severna Park was 35,367 persons, a 9.2% increase from the 1990 Census. The population is expected to increase to 36,476 people by the year 2020¹.

Age characteristics of the Severna Park population show that it has a higher percentage of school age children than the rest of the County with 20.3% of its residents aged 5-17 years compared to a County-wide school aged percentage of 17.8%. The proportion of workforce population (18-54 years) is less than the County average (53.9% vs. 57.4%) and the percentage of residents 65 years of age and over is slightly above the County average (10.4 % vs. 9.4%).

Housing

In 2000, there were 11,990 households in Severna Park. Projected household growth to 2020 indicates an increase of about 2300 households. 1990 Census data shows that 90.3% of households in Severna Park are owner occupied. The average household size in 1990 for Severna Park was 2.90 persons, compared to 2.69 countywide. It is anticipated that household size will decline to 2.55 persons by 2020.

Employment

Data on employment in Severna Park is based on 1990 Census figures, which is the most recent information available. In 1990, there were 17,689 employed persons in Severna Park. Most of these employees worked in the trade (20.3%) and services (31.7%) sector. Major employers in Severna Park include Anne Arundel County (Police and Fire Headquarters), Anne Arundel County Schools, Giant Food, and Meridian Health Care. The Severna Park area has the highest mean income, at \$70,473 per household, of any planning area in the County.

Additional demographic data for Severna Park is included in Appendix A.

¹ Anne Arundel County Office of Planning and Zoning “Quick Stats”, draft version 2000.