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Summary of Initial Release of 2020 Census Data

The U.S. Bureau of the Census released its first round of data for the year 2020 on August 12, 2021. The data covers general demographic data at the national, state, county, and sub-county level. Below are tables and important points from each major category representing Prince George's County. Data from 2010 are provided to provide some context and to account for any notable changes. Additional data will be released in the coming months from the Census Bureau and from supplemental census surveys (e.g. the American Community Survey), which will provide more detailed data, and will offer a more complete assessment of changes. It is important to note that the data is based on response rates and enumeration activities for the 2020 Census, and it is likely to be refined and adjusted in the coming years.

Total Population in Maryland and Prince George's County

	2010	2020	2010 vs. 2020 Numerical Change	2010 vs. 2020 Percent Change
Maryland	5,773,552	6,177,224	403,672	7%
Prince George's County	863,420	967,201	103,781	12%

- Maryland's population grew by 403,672 between 2010 and 2020 for a 7% increase.
- Prince George's County grew by 103,781 between 2010 and 2020 for a 12% change.
- Consistent with recent decades, Prince George's continues to make up about 15% of the state's total population.
- The absolute increase in population of 103,781 was the largest of any County in Maryland

General Age Trends in Prince George's County

	2010	% Total Pop	2020	% Total Pop	Numerical Change	% Change
Population 18+	657,421	76.1%	756,049	78.2%	98,628	15%
Population Under 18	205,999	23.9%	211,152	21.8%	5,153	2.5%



- The population over 18 appears to have grown as a larger proportion of the county's total population between 2010 and 2020 for a 15% increase. This could also be reflective of the overall aging of the population nationally and in the County.
- The proportion of the population under 18 has decreased slightly, from 23.9% in 2010 to 21.8% in 2020, though the total number of those under 18 has grown by over 5,100 for a 2.5% increase.

Population by Race and Ethnicity in Prince George's County

	2010	%	2020	%	Change	% Change
Total	863,420	100%	967,201	100%	/	/
White (only)	166,059	19.9%	124,863	12.9%	-41,196	-24.8%
Black/AA (only)	556,620	66.6%	578,703	59.8%	22,083	4%
Native American (only)	4,258	0.5%	8,935	0.9%	4,677	109.8%
Asian (only)	35,172	4.2%	41,875	4.3%	6,703	19.1%
Pacific Islander (only)	541	0.06%	546	0.06%	5	0.9%
Other	73,441	8.8%	139,685	14.4%	66,244	90.2%
Multiracial	27,329	3.3%	72,594	7.5%	45,265	165.6%
Total	863,420	100%	967,201	100%	/	/
Hispanic	128,972	14.9%	205,463	21.2%	76,491	59.3%

- In the 2010-2020 period for the county, the white population dropped by almost 25% – the only cohort in the county to show a decline in the 2020 count.
- The black population showed a numerical gain of over 22,000 for a 4% increase in that cohort, though its proportion of the overall county population declined from 66.6% to 59.8%.
- Native Americans showed an increase of almost 110%, though their populations are in smaller numbers. Asians showed significant numerical gains, but remain slightly over 4% of the population. Pacific Islander populations showed only small gains.
- The “other” and general multiracial (representing all combinations) had increases of 90.2% and 165.6%, respectively, and both showed large numerical gains. This is consistent with a national trend for people increasingly identifying as “other” or multiracial and can possibly explain some shifts in the numbers of other demographic groups.
- Those who reported their ethnicity as Hispanic made up 21.2% of the County's population in 2020, up from 14.9% from 2010.”

Housing Units and Occupancy in Prince George's County

	2010	%	2020	%
Total Housing Units	328,182	/	359,957	/
Occupied Housing Units	304,042	92.6%	342,216	95.1%
Vacant Housing Units	24,140	7.4%	17,741	4.9%
Total Group Quarters Population	19,328	/	19,683	/

- Preliminary Census data for housing reveals 31,775 more housing units were reported or identified between 2010 and 2020. The increase in housing units is consistent with the increase in population.
- Housing occupancy remains high, even increasing from 92.6% in 2010 to 95.1% in 2020.
- Housing vacancy has also declined by several thousand units, from about 7.4% in 2010 to 4.9% in 2020. The 4.9 percent is within the historical average for the County and the 7.4 % may represent an anomaly due to the recession.
- The population living in group quarters (e.g. dormitories, senior facilities, military housing) has not changed much since 2010, though as of the release data of this data, the total numbers do not reflect some of the incarcerated population that will be adjusted into the final count that is used for redistricting purposes.