

Alexandria is more diverse and better educated, and residents speak 45 different foreign languages. The United States Census reported that Alexandria's population reached 128,283 in 2000, a growth rate of 15.4% for the 1990s: 54% (68,889) white, 22% (28,463) African American, 15% (18,882) Hispanic, and 9% other. The total number of housing units in the City increased by almost 6,000 from 58,252 in 1990 to 64,251 in 2000. Most of this growth is due to new developments.

About one-third (11 of 32) of the census tracts in the City saw very little change in population levels. Census tracts in the western part of the City, the Landmark/Van Dorn area and a portion of Seminary West, gained population and diversity, including a sizable Ethiopian population.

Over half of the City's Hispanic population now lives west of Quaker Lane. The Hispanic population is also highly concentrated in certain census tracts, including Arlandria, which is home to almost one-quarter, or 4,436, of Hispanics in the City, double that from 1990. This growth occurred at a time when few new housing units were added within the tract and when the number of non-Hispanics in the census tract declined only marginally. The size of some existing households increased because of the redevelopment of nearby Arna Valley in Arlington, but it is likely that 2000 Census obtained a better count of the Hispanic population.



For the first time in 40 years, the number of children under age 18 in the City increased, from 17,132 in 1990 to a total of 21,537, an increase of 25.7%. Most of this growth was in the area west of Quaker Lane.

Did You Know?

CENSUS 2000				
Races	1990	2000	1990	2000
White	64.3%	53.7%	71,486	68,889
Black	21.5%	22.2%	23,957	28,463
Asian & Pac. Islanders	4.1%	5.7%	4,506	7,299

Hispanic	9.7%	14.7%	10,785	18,882
Other	0.4%	3.7%	449	4,750
	100%	100%	111,183	128,283

* The average household size in the City - 2.04 - remained the same as in 1990.

* Single-person households accounted for 43% of all households in 2000 - increasing from 22,373 to 26,890 of the City's 61,889 households.

* According to the 2000 U.S. Census, 51.7% of the City's population is female and 48.3% is male, compared to 52.6% and 47.4%, respectively, in 1990. The average age is 34.4, compared to 33.5 in 1990.

