Demographic Profile

- Population growth, characteristics, and change over time.
- Comparison within Alexandria, to the region, and to the nation.
- Three Census Bureau sources:
  - Decennial Census, 2010 and prior years (citywide and to the census block level)
  - 2010 American Community Survey (citywide)
  - 2006-2010 American Community Survey 5-year average (citywide and by census tract)
220 Years of Census Counts

- First Census in 1790
- Annexations and internal growth
- About 1% per year since 1960
- 139,966 in 2010
U.S. 1960 Age-Sex Pyramid – 50 years ago

- 1960 shows 20 years of baby-boom growth
- The traditional age-sex pyramid of a steadily increasing population.
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Labor Force Growth Will Slow

- 1960 0-4 age group are 50-54 in 2010
- When the last of that group reaches age 65 in 2025, labor force growth by natural increase will end
Alexandria and U.S. 2010 Age Profile

- Seniors – about 2/3 the national average
- Young singles and couples – about twice the average
- School age – about half the national average
Alexandria’s Population Growth

- **1970** – Population up to 110,938. Youngest baby boomers are 6, most are still at home.

- **1980** – Housing units up, population down. Most of the baby boomers are now on their own.
Average Household Size

- Fell in 1970 and 1980 with apartment construction and children leaving home
- Little changed since 1980
Household Structure

- **45.5% family households**
- **13.2% married couples with children, up from 12.4% in 2000**
- **43.4% single-person households, same as 2000, rank 7th in U.S. among places over 50,000.**
Racial and Ethnic Minorities

Alexandria's Principal Minority Racial and Ethnic Groups
1790 through 2010 Census

1830: 52% Free
1790: 10% Free

(Definition of Hispanic varied before 1990)
Hispanic (any race)
Percent Black or African American

- Distributed in various parts of the City
- Some concentrations in individual blocks.
- 21.8% of population, down from 22.5% in 2000

Citywide 21.8%
Black and African American – 2000 to 2010

Overall change in number is small, up by 1,576 to 30,491 citywide.

Change in distribution is dramatic and continues trends.
Percent Hispanic

- Distributed in various parts of the City
- Not as many concentrated areas as the black and African American population
- 16.1% of population, up from 14.7% in 2000

Citywide 16.1%
Most areas show an increase.
No dramatic location shifts
Percent Non-Hispanic White

Citywide share similar to 2000
American Community Survey

- Detailed questionnaire administered continuously
  - Employment, education, commuting, income, place of birth, cars available, language spoken, ancestry, disability, rent and mortgage, others.
- A very small sample – 1% of households per year.
- 5-year average – 5% sample.
- High margin of error, particularly for small populations and small geographic areas.
Alexandria Demographic Profile

Percent Foreign Born

- 24% citywide, down from 25.4% in 2000
- Highest shares are in apartments

Map showing percent foreign born across different areas of Alexandria.

2006-2010 American Community Survey 5-year Average Data by Tract
Region of Origin of Foreign Born

World Region of Origin of Foreign Born
American Community Survey 2006-2010 5-year average

- **Africa** - 27.1%
  - From Africa: 7 times the national average
  - 8,695 people

- **Asia** - 27.2%
  - 33.4%

- **Latin America** - 36.4%
  - 41.1%

- **Oceania and Northern America**
  - 7.9%
  - 11.3%

- **Europe**
  - 11.9%

Geographic Area:
- Alexandria
- Arlington Co
- Fairfax Co
- Loudoun Co
- Prince William Co
- DC Metro
- U.S.

- Percent of Foreign Born Population from Each Region

- 100%
- 90%
- 80%
- 70%
- 60%
- 50%
- 40%
- 30%
- 20%
- 10%
- 0%

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Language Spoken at Home

Citywide share 29%, compared to 20% for the U.S.

Schools reported 138 native languages for students in 2011.
Commuting by Public Transportation

- Citywide share 22.3%, significantly up from 16.4% in 2000
- Metro is key, density also affects transit share
Educational Attainment

- 60% with a 4-year degree or more, 4th among U.S. counties and independent cities.
- Up from 54% in 2000
- More than twice the national average
Median Household Income

- Areas with small households tend to have low incomes.
- Some areas with larger households are also low-income areas.
56.7% of households are renters, down from 60% in 2000.
Average Household Size

- Single-family and garden apartment areas have the largest average household sizes.
- City 2.02, region averages 2.64, U.S. 2.58
22% moved in in the past year
Of those, about 28% moved from within Alexandria.
To find out more

- The complete report, additional information, links and contacts can be found at:

  [http://alexandriava.gov/Demographics](http://alexandriava.gov/Demographics)