

## Introduction to Carroll County

According to the 2010 US Census, taken in April 2010, there were 167,134 people and 62,406 households in Carroll County. The county covers an area of 456 square miles and has an average population density of 366 persons per square mile.

The county is a part of the Baltimore Metropolitan Region which includes Baltimore City and the following counties: Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford, and Howard. Carroll County's 2010 population made up six (6) percent of the total population for the Baltimore Metropolitan Region, maintaining the same percentage it held in 2000.

There are eight (8) incorporated municipalities located within Carroll County. They are Hampstead, Manchester, Mount Airy, New Windsor, Sykesville, Taneytown, Union Bridge, and Westminster. These jurisdictions have primary responsibility within their jurisdictions for such services as public safety, planning and zoning, road maintenance, and code enforcement. The unincorporated area, which contains an estimated 72 percent of the county's population, comes under the direct jurisdiction of County government.