



The U.S. Constitution requires that the population of the United States be counted every 10 years. The goal of the census is to count everybody, count them only once, and count them in the right place on Census Day. Facts gathered in the census also help to shape decisions for the rest of the decade about public health, neighborhood improvements, transportation, education, senior services and much more.

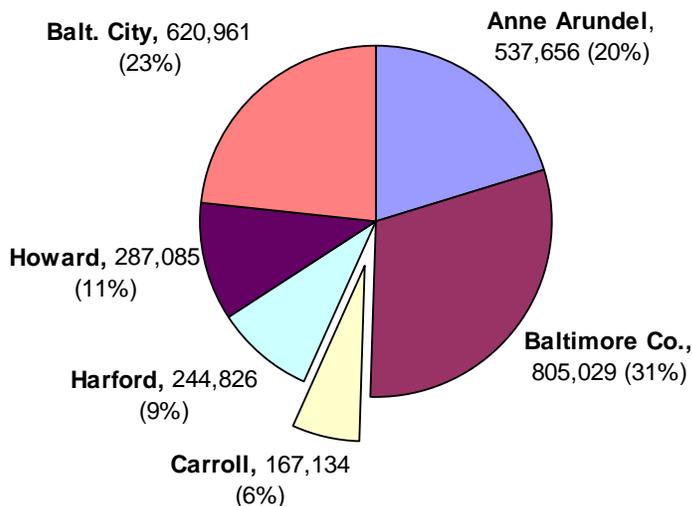
The count determines which states gain or lose representation in Congress. It also determines the amount of state and federal funding communities receive over the course of the decade. Data from the 2010 Census will directly affect how more than \$4 trillion is allocated to local, state and tribal governments over the next 10 years.

The U.S. Census Bureau released local 2010 Census data on February 9, 2011. Maryland's population grew from 5,296,486 to 5,773,552 between 2000 and 2010, representing a 9.0 percent gain. The total change was ranked 15th among the 50 states, while the percent change was ranked 24th (and below the national growth rate of 9.7 percent).

Carroll County Population

Carroll County's population has increased by 16,237 persons over the last decade to 167,134 persons. As a result, the County has grown by 10.8%, Carroll's lowest rate of growth since the 1940's (8.5%), but still greater than the state and national growth rate. Carroll continues to represent roughly 6% of the Baltimore region's population, unchanged since 2000.

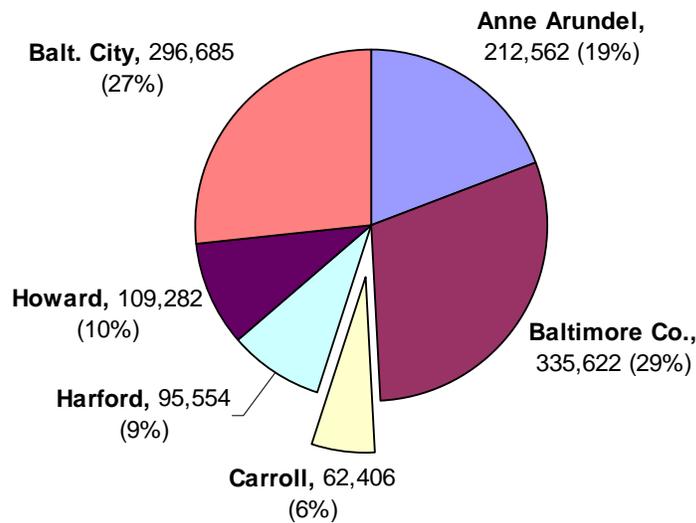
2010 Census - Population - Baltimore Region



Carroll County Housing Units

The number of dwelling units in Carroll County's has increased by 8,146 units over the last decade. This means that out of all the units existing in 2010 (62,406) roughly 15% had been constructed over the last decade. While that number is substantial, it represents a relatively steep drop from the previous decade (1990-2000), when the County's housing stock grew by 25%. Carroll represents roughly 6% of the region's housing units, up slightly from 2000 (5%).

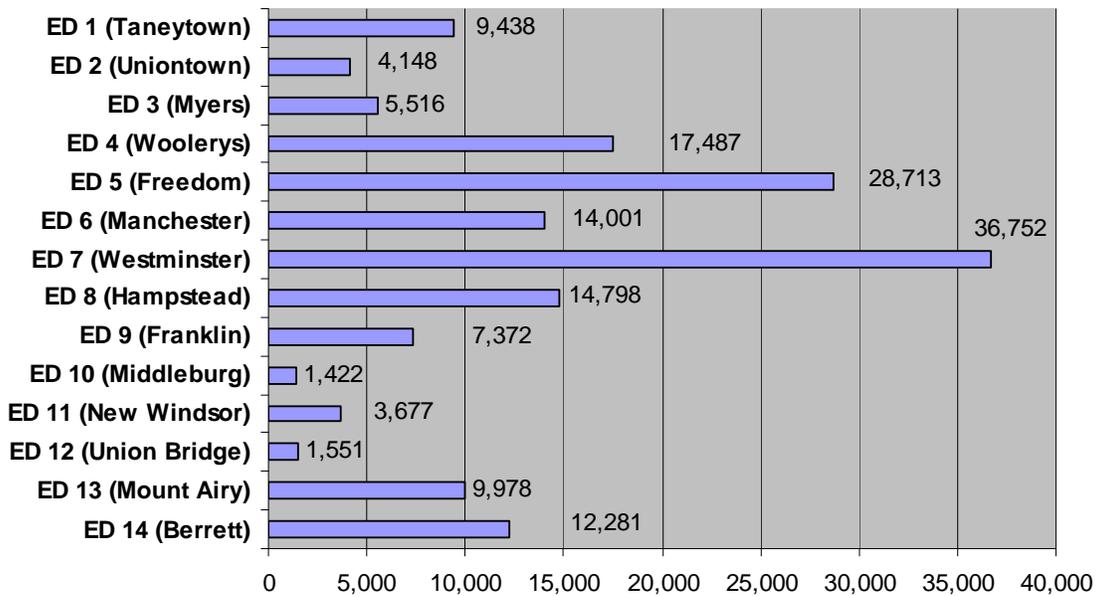
2010 Census - Housing Units - Baltimore Region



Population & Housing by Election District

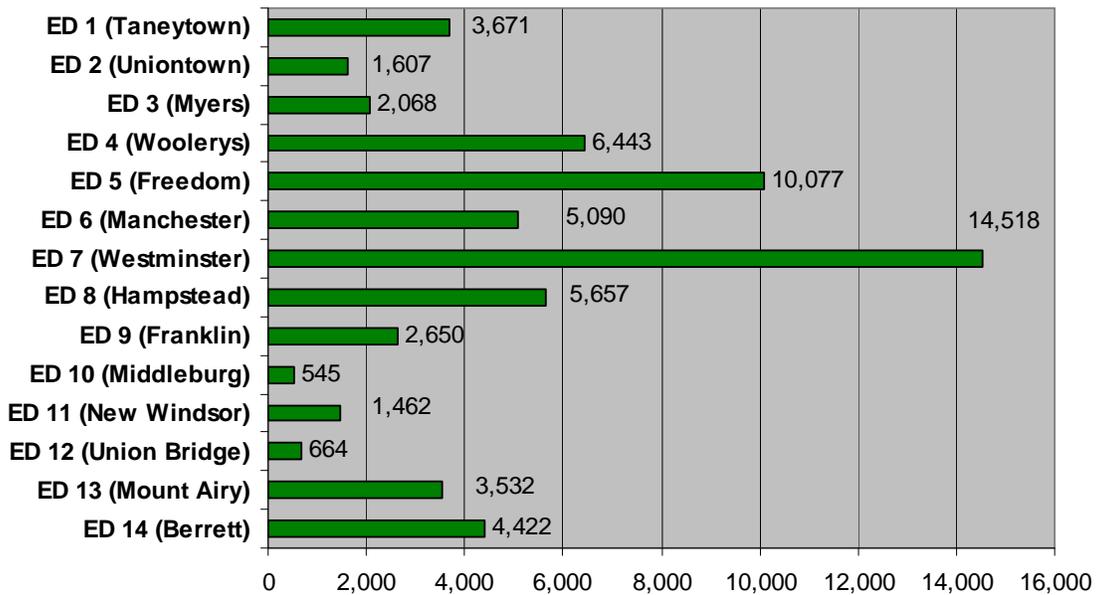
The Westminster (36,752) Election District continues to be the most populated election districts in Carroll County while the Freedom Election District is the most populous, with approximately 972 persons per square mile. Of the County's 14 election districts, Westminster and Freedom represent 16% of the County's total land mass, but contain nearly 40% (65,465) of the County's overall population. Conversely, the Middleburg, Uniontown, and Myers Election Districts are the least populous, each containing less than 150 persons per square mile.

2010 Census - Population - Carroll County Election Districts



The housing unit data is for the most part a mirror image of the population data. The Westminster (14,518) and Freedom (10,077) Election Districts contain roughly 40 percent of all housing units in Carroll County. Middleburg (545) and Union Bridge (664) contain the fewest number of housing units, although Union Bridge is the smallest election district in the County geographically. Based on the number of existing housing units per square mile, the Freedom (341), Westminster (314), and Mount Airy (215) Election Districts are the most densely developed election districts in the County residentially, with Middleburg (25) being the most sparsely developed.

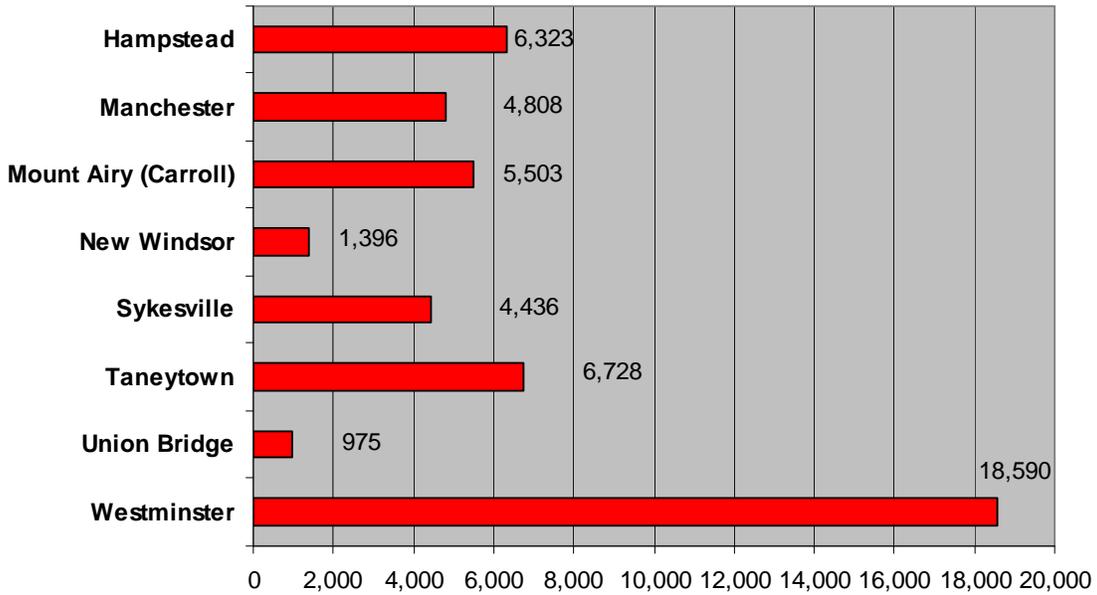
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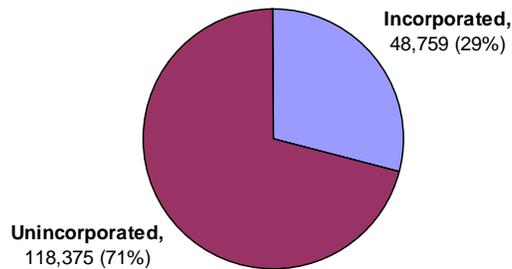
Population & Housing in Municipalities

Carroll County's municipal population continues to be a relatively small portion (29%) of the overall population. However, it does represent a 3% increase from the 2000 Census, when the municipal population made up only 26% of the County total population. With 18,590 persons, Westminster remains the County's largest municipality; nearly triple the size of the County's next largest municipality Taneytown (6,728). Carroll's fastest growing municipalities over the last decade were the Carroll portion of Mount Airy (85%), Manchester (44%), and Taneytown (31%).

2010 Census - Population - Carroll County Municipalities

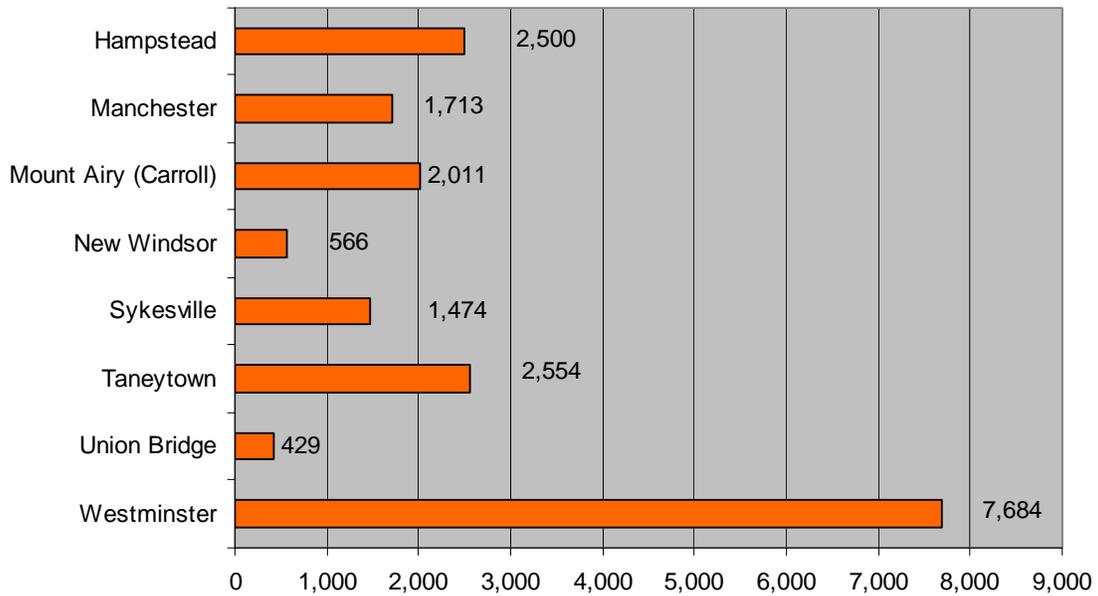


2010 Census - Incorporated & Unincorporated Population (Carroll County)



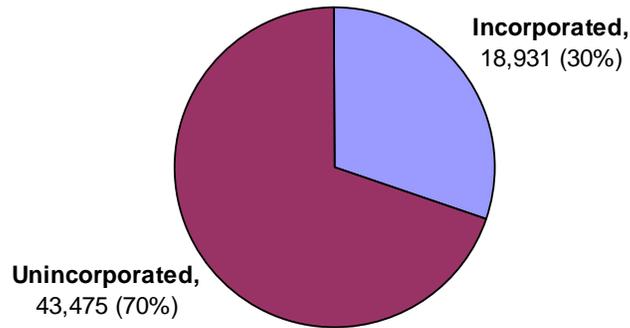
Westminster continues to be the largest municipality in Carroll County by a wide margin, containing nearly 41 percent of all municipal housing units in the county. Taneytown (2,554) and Hampstead (2,500) are next and have an almost identical number of housing units. Mount Airy would be Carroll's second largest municipality if it were not split between Carroll and Frederick Counties, yet it is still the fourth largest in Carroll with 2,011 housing units. Union Bridge (429) and New Windsor (566) continue to be Carroll's smallest municipalities.

2010 Census - Housing Units - Carroll County Municipalities



The number of housing units within a municipality (incorporated) has increased as a percentage of all housing units in Carroll County since the last Census was taken, from 27 to 30 percent.

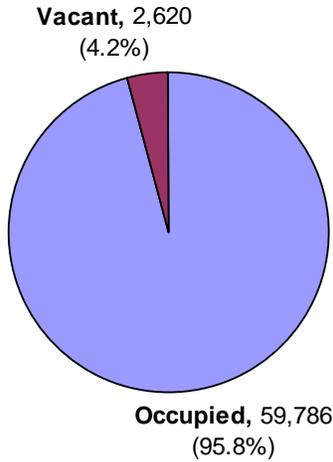
**2010 Census - Incorporated & Unincorporated Housing Units
(Carroll County)**



Carroll County Vacancy Rates

The County's vacancy rate was 4.2% for the 2010 Census. This represents a 31% increase from 2000, when the County's vacancy rate stood at 3.2%.

**2010 Census - Occupied & Unoccupied Housing Units
(Carroll County)**



Carroll County Racial Characteristics

The County's racial makeup continues to be largely white (92.9%). However, minority populations continue to increase as an overall percentage of the population (7.1%). The black population saw nearly a 1% increase over the last decade, while the Asian population (0.6%) and population of two or more races (0.8%) also saw gains in overall percentages.

**2010 Census - Racial Characteristics
(Carroll County)**

White	155,282	92.9%
Black or African American	5,332	3.2%
American Indian & Alaskan Native	328	0.2%
Asian	2,418	1.4%
Native Hawaiian & Other Pacific Islander	56	0.0%
Some Other Race	1,199	0.7%
Two or More Races	2,519	1.5%
Total	167,134	100.0%

Carroll County Age Characteristics

The County continues to age overall. The median age countywide has risen from 33.3 in 1990 to 36.9 in 2000 to 41.1 in 2010. Those aged 55 and over increased as a percentage of Carroll's population from 17.7 percent in 1990 to 19.6 percent in 2000 to 25.7 percent in 2010, while the largest percentages of the county's population remain within the 25 to 54 range (41.2% in 2010). It is also interesting to note that school age children (5 to 19) as a percentage of the population fell between 2000 (23.5%) and 2010 (21.9%).

2010 Census - Age Characteristics (Carroll County)		
under 5	9,031	5.4%
5 to 9	11,433	6.8%
10 to 14	12,600	7.5%
15 to 19	12,690	7.6%
20 to 24	9,398	5.6%
25 to 34	15,417	9.2%
35 to 44	23,658	14.2%
45 to 54	29,805	17.8%
55 to 59	11,541	6.9%
60 to 64	9,752	5.8%
65 to 74	11,895	7.1%
75 to 84	6,894	4.1%
85 and over	3,020	1.8%
Total	167,134	100.0%
Median Age	41.1	

Carroll County Persons Per Household

Average household size continues to trend downward, falling from 2.81 persons per household (pph) in 2000 to 2.74 pph in 2010. The southern part of the county continues to see larger household sizes than the rest of the county (2.97 pph Mount Airy town, 2.95 pph Mount Airy ED, and 2.94 Freedom ED). This is not only the result of families having fewer children, but also the result of an upward trend in small household types, such as non-family and single occupant households.

