

Maryland Precinct Population Data

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A MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY

This report contains precinct (VTD) population counts for the twenty-three counties and Baltimore City. The counts shown are derived from the 2000 Decennial Census: **Public Law (P.L.) 94-171 Data for Maryland** prepared by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

The Maryland Department of Planning has completed its review of the Census Bureau's coding of the individual census blocks (the smallest geographic areas for which population counts are available) to precincts (census voting districts, VTDs). Based on minor errors identified through this review, corrections have been made to a few of the precinct boundaries and population counts. The population count for the remaining precincts are unchanged as are the counts for the state, counties and Baltimore City.

The precinct (census voting district) population counts provided in this report are based on precinct boundaries provided by the local boards of elections. The precinct boundaries must conform to features acceptable to the U.S. Bureau of the Census. In some instances (146 of the 1670 precincts) this requirement could not be met, resulting in voting district boundaries that are slightly different than the true precinct boundaries. All voting district boundaries used to derive the precinct counts were reviewed and certified by the local board of elections. The precincts contained in this listing conform to boundaries as they existed in April 1, 2000.

Included at the end of the precinct report are the summaries of the 2000 population counts by existing congressional district (Appendix A) and state legislative district and subdistrict (Appendix B). These summaries are prepared by aggregating the individual precinct counts based on "membership lists" which assign each precinct to its respective congressional and state legislative district or subdistrict. This membership information is shown in columns 1 and 2 of the detailed precinct listing that appears in the body of this report.

In addition to the paper listing, the precinct counts are available in an electronic format. Detailed counts are available from the P.L. 94-171 file for individual tabulation blocks within precincts. Also available are electronic and paper copies of the census and Maryland Department of Planning maps outlining voting precincts for counties, as well as detailed voting district block maps. These products can be obtained by contacting the Maryland Department of Planning. Members and staff of the Maryland General Assembly should contact Karl Aro, Executive Director, Department of Legislative Services.

Please direct inquires about data contained in this report to Nasrin Rahman, Maryland Department of Planning.

CERTIFICATION OF DATA

Maryland 2000 census population counts by county and election precinct (census voting district, VTD) as contained in this report are the official data released to Maryland. The counts are derived from the Census 2000 Redistricting Data (P.L. 94-171) Summary File for Maryland prepared by the U.S. Bureau of the Census and released on March 19, 2001.

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Special thanks are extended to the Boards of Elections of the 23 counties and Baltimore City. Mapping and verifying precinct boundaries on unfamiliar maps is a tedious and time-consuming effort. Nevertheless, our visits and phone calls to the local boards were always warmly received. We thank them for their gracious cooperation and assistance throughout the 2000 Census process.

REDISTRICTING DATA and PRODUCTS

A. Derivation of Precinct Counts

The census voting district (vtd) counts presented in this report are derived from the 2000 Decennial Census: **Public Law (P.L.) 94-171 Data for Maryland**, prepared by the Bureau of the Census and received by the State of Maryland on March 19, 2001.

The U.S. Bureau of the Census is required under Public Law (P.L.) 94-171, enacted by Congress in 1975, to provide census data to state governments. It specifies that within a year following Census Day (by April 1, 2001), the Census Bureau must send to the Governor and legislature of each state the population data needed to redraw congressional and state legislative district.

To meet the legal requirements, the Census Bureau created the 2000 a program to allow states to receive census data for voting districts (election precincts in Maryland). Maryland participated fully in this program. Specifically, the Maryland Department of Planning outlined the boundaries of voting districts (precincts) on census maps. In accordance with guidelines established by the Census Bureau, the precincts had to follow census tabulation block boundaries (census tabulation blocks are the smallest geographic areas for which the Census Bureau reports population data).

Where the actual precinct boundaries did not follow census block boundaries, the closest available census block boundary was used to approximate the precinct (voting district). The mapped census voting district boundaries for each jurisdiction were reviewed and certified by the local boards of elections before they were reported to the Census Bureau.

The P.L. 94-171 data file Maryland received on March 19, 2001 contained 2000 census population data for voting districts (precincts) based on the boundaries as outlined on the census block maps.

Shortly after receiving the P.L. 94-171 data file and county block maps, the Maryland Department of Planning initiated its review of the Census Bureau's coding of census tabulation blocks to precincts. This review has been completed and resulted in the identification of a few errors affecting the boundaries used to tabulate the population counts for 7 of 1670 precincts in Maryland. The following types of errors were corrected:

1. A few census blocks were assigned to the wrong census voting district; and
2. In one instance (Calvert County), the local election board subsequently modified two precincts (two original precincts were split into two parts resulting in four precincts rather than the two original).

The affected precinct boundaries were corrected and the population counts were retabulated by correctly aggregating the Census Bureau P.L. 94-171 population counts for tabulation blocks in each of the seven impacted voting districts (precincts) . The population for all the remaining precincts (1663) as reported on the P.L. 94-171 data file are unchanged as are the counts for the state, counties and Baltimore City. A complete listing of the 2000 census counts by county and voting district (precinct) is found in the body of this report.

Also included in this report are summaries of the 2000 population counts by existing congressional districts (see Appendix A) and state legislative districts (See Appendix B). These summaries are prepared by aggregating the individual precinct counts to its respective congressional district and state legislative district (or subdistrict). It is shown in columns 1 and 2 of the detailed precinct listing that appears in the body of this report. **It is important to note that in a few instances the existing precincts (voting districts) may not conform exactly to congressional and state legislative district boundaries as adopted in 1991.**

B. Precinct Population Data Items

The census data items for the state, counties and precincts as shown in this report are displayed in two parts. Part A, Table 2 (pages numbered 3 through 49) contain a count of all persons, one race alone (six race categories), two or more races, a count of all persons of Hispanic\Latino origin of any race and a count of total persons 18 years old and over (the voting age population). Part B, Table 3 (pages numbered 50 through 96) repeats the count of all persons and the count of total persons 18 years old and over (the voting age population) and is followed by a count of persons 18 years old and over by one race alone (six race categories), 18 years old and over two or more races and persons 18 years old and over of Hispanic\Latino origin.

Persons of Hispanic\Latino origin are not a race category and instead are a subset of the total population. The sum of persons in the six race categories plus persons of two or more races equals the total population. Not included in this report, but available on the P. L. 94-171 data file, are counts of persons of all 57 race combination of two or more races.

C. Definitions of P.L. 94-171 Data Items

1. *Race*

The data on race that appears in the P.L. 94-171 file were derived from answers to

the question on race that was asked of all persons. The concept of race as used by the Census Bureau reflects self-identification by people according to the race or races with which they closely identify. These categories are socio-political constructs and should not be interpreted as being scientific or anthropological in nature. Further, the race categories include both racial and national-origin groups.

The racial classifications used by the Census Bureau adhere to the October 30, 1997, Federal Register Notice entitled, “Revisions to the Standards for the Classification of Federal Data on Race and Ethnicity” issued by the Office of Management and Budget(OMB). These standard govern the categories used to collect and present federal data on race and ethnicity. The OMB requires five minimum categories (American Indian and Alaska Native, Asian, Black or African American, Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander, and White) for race. The race categories are described in the report with a sixth category, “Some other Race” added as approved by the OMB. In addition to the six race groups, the OMB also states that respondents should be offered the option of selecting one or more races.

White - A person having origins in any of the original people of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa. It includes those who indicated their race as “White” or reported entries such as Irish, German, Italian, Lebanese, New Easterner, Arab, or Polish.

Black or African American- A person having origins in any of the Black racial groups of Africa. It includes who indicated their race as “Black, African American or Negro” or reported written entries such as African American, Afro-American, Kenyan, Nigerian, or Haitian.

American Indian and Alaska Native - A person having origin in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America) and who maintain tribal affiliation or community attachment.

Asian - A person having origins in any of the original people of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent including, for example Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Island, Thailand, and Vietnam. It includes “Asian Indian,” “Malaysia,” “Filipino,” “Korean,” “Japanese,” “Vietnamese,” and “Other Asian.”

Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander - A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands. Asian or Chamorro,” “Samoan,” and “Other Pacific Islander,”

Some other Race - Includes all other responses not included in the “White,” “Black or African American,” “American Indian and Alaska Native,” “Asian,”

and “Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander” race categories described above. Respondents providing write-in entries such as multiracial, mixed, interracial, Wesort, or a Hispanic/Latino group (for example Mexican, Cuban or Puerto Rican) in the “Some other race” category are included here.

Two or more races - People may have chosen to provide two or more races either by checking two or more race response check boxes, by providing multiple write-in responses, or by some combination of check boxes and write-in responses. There are 57 possible combinations of two or more races based on the race categories of the above six races.

2. *Hispanic or Latino*

(Persons who identify their origin as Spanish, Hispanic or Latino may be of any race)

The data on Hispanic or Latino population were derived from answers to a question that was asked of all persons on the 2000 census questionnaire. The terms “Spanish,” Hispanic origin,” and “Latino” are used interchangeably. Some respondents identify with all three terms while others may identify with only one of these three specific terms. People who identify with the terms “Spanish,” “Hispanic,” or “Latino” are those who classify themselves in one of the specific Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino categories listed on the questionnaire - “Mexican, Mexican American, Chicano,” “Puerto Rican,” or “Cuban” - as well as those who identify with one of the specific origins listed on the questionnaire but indicated that they are “other Spanish/Hispanic/Latino,” their origins are from Spain, Spanish-speaking countries of Central or South America, the Dominican Republic or people identifying themselves generally as Spanish, Spanish American, Hispanic, Hispano, Latino and so on. All write-in responses to the “other Spanish/Hispanic/Latino” category were coded.

Origin can be viewed as the heritage, nationality group, lineage, or country of birth of the person or the person’s parents or ancestors before their arrival in the United States.

3. *Age*

The data on age (specifically person of voting age, 18 years and older) were derived from answers to a question that was asked of all persons. The age classification is based on the age of the person in complete years as of April 1, 2000.

4. P.L. 94-171 Data Products

The voting district (precinct) counts shown in this report are available from the Maryland Department of Planning in electronic form for use with personal computer spreadsheet software.

In addition, the full P.L. 94-171 CD-ROM can be ordered through the Census Bureau. A variety of other electronic formats are available including individual tabulation block files.

For more information on the P.L. 94-171 data, Contact Nasrin Rahman, Maryland Department of Planning.

5. Map Products

There are three map types that support the Public Law (P.L.) 94-171 program. The Census Bureau's (item 1 & 2 below) products can be ordered as paper plots or as electronic files in two format, Adobes Portable Document Format (PDF) and Hewlett Packard Graphic Language 2 (HP-GL/2 on DVD). The pdf is available through the Census Bureau American Fact Finder and as CD-ROM products. The Maryland Department of Planning has prepared individual maps for each of the 23 counties and Baltimore City with overlay of the precinct (voting district) boundaries. These maps (see item 3 below) can be ordered as paper plots or as electronic files, PDF format.

1. P.L.94-171 County Block Map (2000) - Census Bureau

These maps show the greatest detail and most complete set of geographic information. The large-scale maps depict the smallest geographic entities for which the Census Bureau presents population count data, census blocks. The maps show the boundaries, names, and codes for American Indian/Alaska Native/Hawaiian home land areas, county subdivision, places, census tracts, blocks and for this series, voting districts (precincts) as delineated by the U.S. Census Bureau. For each county the map set is at the same scale while maps for adjacent counties may be at different scales. Each county is covered by an index map, one or more parent sheets at a single scale, and when necessary, inserts at larger scale(depending on the density of the block pattern). For the entire State of Maryland there are 698 map sheets including inserts (size app. 33" x 36").

2. **P.L. 94-171 Voting District Outline Maps (2000) - Census Bureau**

These county-based maps show the boundaries and codes for voting district as delineated by the state in Phase 2, Voting District Project. The feature underlying these boundaries and the names of these features are also shown. The scales of the maps are optimized to keep the number of maps sheets for each area to a minimum, but the scale and number of sheets vary by the areal size of the county. The maps may include one or more insets for densely settled areas. There are 92 map sheets, including inserts covering the entire State of Maryland (size approx. 33" x 36").

3. **P. L. 94-171 Voting District Jurisdiction Maps (2000) - Maryland Department of Planning**

This map set shows the boundaries for voting districts (precincts) for all 23 counties and Baltimore City individually. The base maps are Maryland State Highway Administration General Highway maps. Each General Highway map identifies major streets, roadways, area designations and roadside culture. The voting districts (precincts) are labeled using the Census Bureau voting district codes. The scale of the map set is 1:100,00 except for Baltimore City (1:24,000).

Copies of these maps can be ordered through the Census Bureau or the Maryland Department of Planning. Members of the Maryland General Assembly should call Karl Aro, Department of Legislative Services at (410) 946-5200 or (301) 970-5200

For more information on the P.L. 94-171 maps, call Nasrin Rahman at (410) 767- 4211.

Note: in preparing this section, materials from the 2000 Census Decennial file and publication were used: **Public Law (P.L.) 94-171 Data for Maryland and its Technical Documentation** prepared by the Bureau of the Census --Washington: The Bureau [producer and distributor], February 2001.

2000 CENSUS PRECINCT COUNTS

The following pages contain precinct population counts for Maryland's twenty-three counties and Baltimore City. The counts shown are derived from the 2000 Decennial Census: **Public Law (P. L.) 94-171 Data for Maryland** prepared by the U.S. Bureau of the Census .

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Table 1

MARYLAND 2000 CENSUS VOTING DISTRICTS, VTD
 (PRECINCTS) BY JURISDICTION
 SUMMARY REPORT

JURISDICTION	TOTAL VTDs	ACTUAL	PSEUDO
ALLEGANY	36	28	8
ANNE ARUNDEL	166	148	18
BALTIMORE CITY	325	279	46
BALTIMORE	187	179	8
CALVERT	17	13	4
CAROLINE	9	9	0
CARROLL	43	43	0
CECIL	14	14	0
CHARLES	28	28	0
DORCHESTER	38	34	4
FREDERICK	51	49	2
GARRETT	19	19	0
HARFORD	57	57	0
HOWARD	85	85	0
KENT	10	8	2
MONTGOMERY	227	204	23
PRINCE GEORGE'S	199	195	4
QUEEN ANNE'S	11	9	2
SOMERSET	21	17	4
ST. MARY'S	22	18	4
TALBOT	16	14	2
WASHINGTON	43	36	7
WICOMICO	34	26	8
WORCESTER	12	12	0
TOTAL	1670	1524	146

*Note

(1) Calvert County Precinct 02-006 (New) was formerly part of 2-003 and precinct 3-005 (new) was formerly part of 3-002. These two new precincts (02-006 and 3-005) are not shown in the U.S. Bureau of the Census 2000 TIGER/Line map file. These 2 VTDs are included in the above table.

(2) After reviewing and correcting the U.S. Bureau of the Census final 2000 V.T.D. boundary file additional precincts were identified as pseudo: Montgomery County precinct 04-014 and Baltimore County precinct 08-006 and 08-011.