

## City of Frederick gains most in new residents, 2018 to 2019

Leonardtown's population increased 28.9 percent between 2010 and 2019, largest nine-year change.

### 2019 municipal population growth and rankings in Maryland

Census estimates show that, in 2019, the state of Maryland had a population of 6,045,680. Maryland's municipalities (not including Baltimore City) contributed 15.5 percent to the state total or about 935,370 residents. Baltimore City contributed 9.8 percent to the state total or about 593,490 residents. Most Marylanders (74.7 percent), however, live in unincorporated areas of the state. [See [Chart 7](#)].

The top 10 municipalities ranked by 2019 population, not including Baltimore City, were City of Frederick (72,244), Rockville (68,079), Gaithersburg (67,985), Bowie (58,643), Hagerstown (40,100), Annapolis (39,223), Salisbury (32,935), College Park (32,163), Laurel (25,631) and Greenbelt (23,224).

### Population Growth, 2010 -2019

The incorporated places with the largest numeric change in population between 2010 and 2019 were Gaithersburg (+8,086), Frederick (+6,955), Rockville (+6,837), Bowie (+3,347) and Salisbury (+2,671). [See [Chart 3](#)]. Over the last nine years, it is the smaller towns that have experienced the largest percentage growth in population: Leonardtown in St. Mary's County (28.9%). Centreville in Queen Anne's County (16.2%), Port Tobacco in Charles (15.4%), Emmitsburg in Frederick (13.9%) and Gaithersburg (13.5%).

Gaithersburg which is Montgomery County's second largest municipality by population gained a total 8,086 persons since 2010— a 13.5 percent increase. This year the City has 85 fewer people than last. International Migration not domestic migration is the County's driver of population growth.

### Population Growth, 2018 -2019

Municipalities which added the largest number of residents in the last year were Frederick City (+299), Havre de Grace in Harford County (+227), LaPlata in Charles County (+176), and these three towns in Frederick County: Thurmont (+164), Walkersville(+153), and Brunswick (+148). [See [Chart 1](#)]. Incorporated places with significant percentage growth from 2018 to 2019 were Wicomico County's Delmar at (4.2%), Frederick County's Burkittsville (3.9%) and Myersville (2.4%), Queen Anne's County's Centreville (3.0%) and Templeville (2.6%) which is part in Queen Anne's and part in Caroline counties.

Around a tenth of all incorporated places (20 out of 157) in the state have experienced stable growth between 2018 and 2019: greater than one percent growth. Nearly a third (49 out of 157) showed slow growth: less than one percent growth. And about half of municipalities in the state (88 of 157) had no growth or lost population. [See [Table 3](#)]

Municipal population is concentrated primarily in the suburban Washington region: Montgomery, Prince George's and Frederick counties. In the suburban Washington region, 41.7 percent of Frederick County residents live in the jurisdiction's municipalities compared to 16.6 percent in Montgomery County and 24.5 percent in Prince George's. The other jurisdictions where most residents live in the incorporated portion include Allegany (44.8%) and Talbot (52.2%). [See [Table 4](#)]

Baltimore City is unique in that it is treated not just as a city but also as a county. This characteristic has been defined by the Census Bureau as an Independent City. Other Independent City governments include St. Louis city and Carson City NV.

Baltimore City continues to lose population. In April 2010, Census estimates show the City's population at 620,770 and by 2019 population had fallen to 593,490. The City's loss occurs in the last four years of this decade: averaging 7,260 persons each year or an annualized decline of 1.1 percent. A total 29,000 Baltimoreans exited the City from 2015 to 2019.

### **2010-2019 municipal growth by population size in the United States**

Nationally, population growth is found in the South and West. This trend has played out in terms of municipal growth as well. Texas has the most fast-growing cities.

Nine municipalities in the U.S. had populations of one million or more in April 2010. Among these, between 2010 and 2019, the top 3 fast-growing cities were San Antonio TX (16.7%), Phoenix AZ (16.2%), and Dallas TX (12.2%).

Twenty-two municipalities in the U.S. had a 2010 population between 999,999 and 500,000. Since 2010, the top 6 fast growing cities in this size category were Seattle (23.8%), Fort Worth (22.1%), Austin (22%), Denver (21.1%), Charlotte NC (20.4%), and Washington DC (17.8%).

Forty municipalities had a 2010 population less than 500,000 but more than 249,999. In this size category, the top 5 fast growing cities were Henderson NV (24.6%), Tampa FL (18.9%), Atlanta GA (18.7%), Mesa AZ (17.7%), and Raleigh NC (17.2%).

In 2010, 356 municipalities had a population less than 250,000 but more 74,999. Over the last nine years, the top 5 fast-growing cities in this size category were Frisco TX (71.1%) and McKinney TX (51.9%), Meridian ID (48.3%), Irvine CA (35.5%), and Murfreesboro TN (34.6%)

There were 1,010 small-sized cities— incorporated places with population less than 75,000 but more than 24,999. Showing the most growth since 2010 was Leander City in Texas which increased 129.4 percent. The estimates show that almost 7900 municipalities showed either no growth or a decline.

For more information about the 2019 Estimates, see the [Census Bureau's Population and Housing Unit Estimates Special Tabulation](#)

### **Methodology**

To produce the annual population estimates for subcounty areas including incorporated places, the Census Bureau's Population and Housing Unit Estimates program employs a distributive housing unit methodology. First, a count of housing units—based mainly on building permit data from construction reports. Second, the housing unit estimate is multiplied by the 2010 census occupancy rate to get the estimated number of occupied housing units and then multiplied by the 2010 Census persons per household. Lastly, the household population subtotal is controlled to the previously estimated countywide household population total.