

# **2005 Demographics and Development for Commuter Service Managers Guide**

**(Note: This is not a Primary Research Study)**

## **GUIDE AUTHOR:**

[Arlington Planning Research and Analysis Team](#)

Contact: PRAT@arlingtonva.us

## **OVERALL GUIDE PURPOSE:**

- ☞ Compile demographic information to help guide commuter services managers in planning and delivering services
- ☞ Summarize demographics of Arlington County residents and commuters based on U.S. Census Bureau and Arlington Planning Division data
- ☞ Understand residential and commercial development characteristics and trends in Arlington County
- ☞ Forecast future populations, employment numbers, and commuter work sites

## **KEY INFORMATION INCLUDED:**

### **Arlington County Demographics:**

- ☞ Arlington County's population in 2005 was around 200,000; By 2030 it is expected to be approximately 250,000
- ☞ From 1990-2000 North Arlington and various other tracts outside the Metro corridors declined slightly in population, while the Ballston-Virginia Square Metro station area experience more than 30% population gain
- ☞ In 2005 the largest segment of Arlington County's population was between the ages of 25-44. Other age groups were ranked in size as follows: 45-64, Under 15, 15-24, and 65+.
- ☞ In 2000, around 40% of residents were in minority racial groups; in 2005, Hispanic/Latino residents accounted for 19% of the population.
- ☞ In 2005, almost 30% of Arlington's residents were foreign-born.
- ☞ A third had only lived in Arlington between 2-5 years, just under a third had lived there for less than a year. Only 12% had lived in Arlington for 20+ years.
- ☞ In 2000, 82% of residents in the Ballston tract had lived there 5 years or less, while in the North Arlington area 68% had lived there more than 5 years.
- ☞ In 2005, the majority of Arlington residents were service or government employees. This was a consistent pattern since 1969.
- ☞ In 2000 29% of workers in Arlington lived in Fairfax County. Arlington residents comprised the second largest group of workers at 21%.
- ☞ Arlington County's daytime population has increased significantly, and this trend was expected to increase over time.
- ☞ The daytime population was larger than the number of people employed in Arlington County.

### **Commute:**

- ☞ In 2005, over half of those employed in Arlington drove alone to work while almost a quarter took public transportation.

- ☞ Arlington was ranked 7<sup>th</sup> out of 9 major cities, including New York, LA, DC and Chicago, for the percentage of residents using public transportation (23%).
- ☞ The number of people riding Metro increased from about 60,000 in 1990 to 90,000 in 2003.
- ☞ Car ownership by households was higher in 2005 than at any other time.

### **Development:**

- ☞ In 2005, most Arlington County residents rented rather than owned their residences.
- ☞ Between 2000 and 2005, almost 17,000 residential units had been built, were being built, or were approved to be built.
- ☞ The county has approved residential development projects in all areas of Arlington, but especially in central Arlington.
- ☞ Between 2000 and 2005, almost 3.5 million square feet of office space were built. At the time of the study, seven major office projects were in construction, and another 2 million square feet had been approved.
- ☞ The county had approved commercial development projects for all areas of Arlington, but especially in central Arlington.
- ☞ 75% of Arlington County was built out.

### **Forecasts:**

- ☞ Areas surrounding Metro stations are expected to see the most population and employment growth in the next 25 years.
- ☞ Rosslyn, Ballston, and Court House areas were expected to see the most population growth by 2030.
- ☞ Rosslyn and Crystal City areas were expected to see the most employment growth by 2030.

### **OTHER FINDINGS:**

- ☞ Arlington County has a commuter survey underway. It is an annual survey that will provide data annually to indicate characteristics of the population.
- ☞ Data for Arlington will begin in 2006.

### **OTHER TRANSPORTATION NEEDS ASSESSMENT STUDIES:**

2005 Implement Demand Strategies into Arlington County's Master Transportation PLAN

### **AVAILABLE DOCUMENTS:**

PowerPoint Presentation

### **KEY WORDS:**

Arlington County, population, employment, demographics, development, commute, transportation, residential, commercial