

Metropolitan Characteristic		2000	2010
<i>Population</i>			
	Total population	40,031	39,652
<i>Age</i>			
	0 - 24 years	46.9%	42.4%
	24 - 64 years	46.6%	49.5%
	65+ years	6.5%	8.0%
	Median age (years)	27.3	30.4
<i>Race</i>			
	White	0.8%	1.1%
	Black or African American	97.6%	96.6%
	Other	1.6%	2.3%
<i>Ethnicity</i>			
	Hispanic or Latinx of any race	0.8%	1.4%
<i>Households and Female Headed Households</i>			
	Households (number)	14,752	14,222
	Female householder, no husband present, with own children under 18 years (percent of total families with children)	74.7%	80.5%
	Married-couple family- With own children under 18 (percent of total families with children)	17.4%	15.2%
<i>Educational Attainment — Population 25 years and over</i>			
	Less than high school diploma	35.2%	19.8%
	High school graduate (includes equivalency)	37.4%	45.7%
	Some college, no degree	18.3%	20.4%
	Bachelor's degree	4.2%	7.2%
	Graduate or professional degree	1.9%	3.2%
<i>Housing Patterns</i>			
	Household size of owner-occupied unit (average)	2.7	2.4
	Household size of renter-occupied unit (average)	2.6	2.5
	Owner-occupied housing units (percent)	22.1%	24.1%
	Renter-occupied housing units (percent)	77.9%	75.9%
<i>Occupation — Top Three Professions</i>			
	Percent; Employed civilian population 16 years and over	32.5%	33.5%
	Percent; Employed civilian population 16 years and over	25.6%	26.1%
	Percent; Employed civilian population 16 years and over	23.6%	24.7%
<i>INCOME</i>			
	Number; INCOME IN 1999 - Households - Median household income	23,457	\$ 30,789
	Percent; INCOME IN 1999 - Households - Less than \$10,000	26.7%	19.2%
	Percent; INCOME IN 1999 - Households - \$10,000 to \$14,999	9.4%	8.7%
	Percent; INCOME IN 1999 - Households - \$15,000 to \$24,999	16.0%	14.3%
	Percent; INCOME IN 1999 - Households - \$25,000 to \$34,999	15.1%	15.2%

	Percent; INCOME IN 1999 - Households - \$35,000 to \$49,999	12.8%	14.0%
	Percent; INCOME IN 1999 - Households - \$50,000 to \$74,999	11.2%	14.2%
	Percent; INCOME IN 1999 - Households - \$75,000 to \$99,999	4.3%	6.8%
	Percent; INCOME IN 1999 - Households - \$100,000 to \$149,999	2.4%	5.3%
	Percent; INCOME IN 1999 - Households - \$150,000 to \$199,999	0.6%	1.7%
	Percent; INCOME IN 1999 - Households - \$200,000 or more	1.2%	0.5%
Poverty Rate			
	Percent; POVERTY STATUS IN 1999 (below poverty level)	37.3%	36.8%
Public Assistance			
	Number; INCOME IN 1999 - Households - With public assistance	2472	1,960
	Number; INCOME IN 1999 - Households - With public assistance \$50,000 or more	3,333	\$ 3,842
	Percent; INCOME IN 1999 - Households - With public assistance	16.8%	13.8%
Unemployment Rate			
	Percent EMPLOYMENT STATUS - In labor force - Civilian	12.3%	21.0%