



LOUDOUN COUNTY FACTS

Loudoun County was part of the five million acre Northern Neck of Virginia Proprietary granted by King Charles II of England to seven noblemen in 1649. Settling of Loudoun County began between 1725 and 1730. The County is located in the Washington Metropolitan Area, 25 miles northwest of Washington D.C. It encompasses a 520 square mile area that is bordered by the Blue Ridge Mountains on the west and the Potomac River on the northeast. For more than two centuries, agriculture was the dominant way of life and the County had a relatively constant population of about 20,000. That began to change in the early 1960s, when Dulles International Airport was built in the eastern part of the County. Following the construction of the airport, new professional and technical service businesses and residential development have dominated the County's eastern portion. The western portion of the County maintains a rural and historical environment, and is designated to remain primarily rural per the County's land use policies.

	Value	Note
Population		
2020 Forecast	414,700	Metrorail is planning to commence operations in 2019-2020. The improving economy and anticipation of rail is expected to lead to continued high growth.
2016 Estimate	373,694	Increase of 204,095 since 2000, more than doubling in size.
2010 Census	312,311	
2000 Census	169,599	
1960 Census	24,459	Sterling and Leesburg were the only populated places in Loudoun in 1960.
Population Growth Rank		
2000 -2010	See Note	Nationally ranked #5 of all counties. Nationally ranked #2 of counties with a population of 100,000 or more.
2010 -2015	See Note	Nationally ranked #20 of all counties. Nationally ranked #7 of counties with a population of 100,000 or more.
Housing Units		
2020 Forecast	143,981	Metrorail is planning to commence operations in 2019-2020. The improved economy and anticipation of rail is expected to lead to continued high growth.
2016 Estimate	129,773	Increase of 19,667 (18.8%) housing units since 2010.
2010 Census	109,422	
Median Household Income (2015)	\$125,003	Ranked #1 nationally in 2015 for jurisdictions with a population of 65,000 or greater, and have been since 2007. Ranked #1 nationally for the 2010-2014 period out of all jurisdictions in the nation. Income is more than double the national median household income.
Educational Attainment (2015)		
Bachelor's Degree or Higher Degree	60.2%	Ranked #5 nationally in 2015 for jurisdictions with a population of 65,000 or greater. Ranked #9 nationally for the 2010-2014 period out of all jurisdictions in the nation.
Housing Tenure (2015)		
Owner	78%	
Renter	22%	
Median Age (2015)	35.8 years	The supply of new housing and strong school system attracts young families to Loudoun. Therefore, Loudoun's population is aging much more slowly than the country as a whole.
Household Type (2015)		
Family: Loudoun County	78%	
Washington MSA	66%	
Non-Family: Loudoun County	22%	
Washington MSA	34%	
Family Households (2015)		
With Children: Loudoun County	60%	
Washington MSA	52%	
Married Couple: Loudoun County	85%	
Washington MSA	75%	
Labor Force Participation (2015)		
Loudoun County	77%	
USA	63%	
Commuting – Residents Working and Living in Loudoun County		
2015	47.4%	
2007	46.4%	
2000	41.5%	

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, 1960-2010 *Decennial Census and 2015 American Community Survey One-Year Estimates and 2010-2014 American Community Survey Five-Year Estimates*; Loudoun County Department of Planning and Zoning, *2016 Estimates Series*, April 2015; Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Round 9.0 Forecasts, Loudoun County submission March 21, 2016.