

2020 Decennial Census: Population Growth in Loudoun County, Virginia

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Table 1. Loudoun County's Population

	2000	2010	2020
Total population	169,599	312,311	420,959
Population increase	-	142,712	108,648
Percent population increase	-	84%	35%

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, Decennial Censuses. Loudoun County Department of Finance and Budget.

Loudoun County's population has continued to grow, increasing 35 percent between 2010 and 2020. Population increased by nearly 110,000, although that level of increase was about 34,000 fewer people or 24 percent less than during the previous decade. The rate of growth has slowed from 84 to 35 percent, which in part reflects that growth during this past decade was measured from a larger starting point (312,311 in 2010 as compared to 169,599 in 2000).

The following table puts this growth into the context of trends in the wider Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC) region. The NVRC region contains Arlington, Fairfax and Prince William counties, the cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church, Manassas, and Manassas Park, and the towns of Dumfries, Herndon, Leesburg, and Vienna.

Table 2. Loudoun County's Share of the NVRC Region's Growth

	2000	2010	2020
NVRC region			
Total population	1,815,197	2,230,623	2,550,377
Population increase	-	415,426	319,754
Percent population increase	-	23%	14%
Loudoun County			
Share of NVRC region	9%	14%	17%
Share of NVRC population increase	-	34%	34%

Sources: Northern Virginia Regional Commission data dashboard, August 19, 2021. Loudoun County Department of Finance and Budget.

Loudoun County's population has continued to increase as a share of the region's total. Loudoun now has 17 percent of the region's population.

Loudoun County has continued to provide about one-third of the region's population growth, at 34 percent of the region's total growth for both the most recent decade and the 2000 to 2010 decade. The region's growth has slowed just as Loudoun's growth has. While the region's population increased roughly 320,000 from 2010 to 2020, this increase was 23 percent less than the growth that occurred in the prior decade. Similarly, Loudoun's population increase of nearly 110,000 was 24 percent less growth than occurred in the prior decade.