NeighborhoodInfo DC Update

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New Census Data Added to Neighborhood Profiles

NeighborhoodInfo DC is pleased to announce that all of our neighborhood profiles have been updated to include indicators from the new Census 2010 Redistricting Data. Now you can see the latest Census data for DC Wards, ANCs, Neighborhood Clusters, Police Service Areas, ZIP codes, and Census tracts and compare these values with earlier decennial Census data from 1990 and 2000. This is the first release of small area data from the most recent decennial Census.

Some highlights from the new data:

• After decades of decline, the District of Columbia’s population increased between 2000 and 2010, growing 5.2 percent over the decade. Census 2010 counted over 600,000 people living in the city.

• The growth in population over the decade was accompanied by a housing construction boom. The number of occupied housing units has increased by 7.4 percent since 2000.

• The population was higher in all Wards in the city in 2010, except for Ward 8. The biggest increase was in Ward 2, which grew by over 11,000 people, or 16 percent, since 2000. Ward 6 had the second largest increase, at 13 percent. The number of persons living east of the Anacostia River remained about the same, however, with Ward 7’s population increasing by 0.7 percent and Ward 8’s decreasing by 0.3 percent.

• The fastest growing neighborhoods were in Cluster 8, which includes Chinatown, Mount Vernon Square, and North Capitol Street. Cluster 8’s population grew by almost 5,000 people between 2000 and 2010, an increase of 58 percent. Next highest was Cluster 5 (West End, Foggy Bottom), which grew 38 percent.

• The District of Columbia is home to fewer children in 2010. The number of children under 18 years old decreased by over 13,000, or 12 percent, since 2000. The child population fell by over 30 percent in Ward 1, the steepest drop. Ward 8, the ward with the largest number of children in the city, had 16 percent fewer children. Only Ward 3 had more children in 2010 than in 2000.

• The African-American population in the District of Columbia continued to decline. Blacks were about half (51 percent) of all persons counted in Census 2010, down from 61 percent in 2000 and 65 percent in 1990. One of the sharpest drops was in Ward 6, where blacks went from 63 to 42 percent of the population between 2000 and 2010.
• Non-Hispanic whites in the District of Columbia increased from 28 to 35 percent of the total population. The shares of Latinos and Asians in the city have almost doubled since 1990, reaching 9 and 4 percent, respectively.

We have also updated profile data on numbers of sales and prices of single-family homes for 2010.

In addition to accessing individual area profiles, you can download comparison tables that allow easy comparison of data across all areas of a given type of geography (all eight Wards, for instance).

Thanks for your continued support of NeighborhoodInfo DC. Please be sure to contact us if you have any questions or suggestions for other data that we might be able to provide.

-Peter, Jenn, Leah, Ashley, Zach, and Rebecca

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