

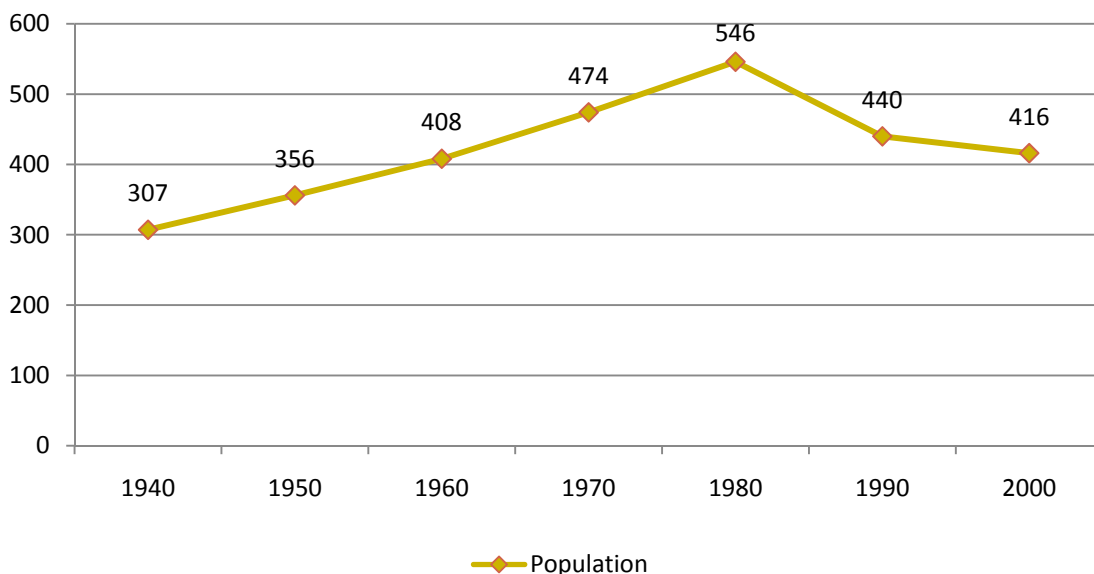
Chapter 1 Existing Conditions

Population

Millington is located in Kent and Queen Anne’s Counties. Nearly all of the land within the Town’s municipal boundary is located in Kent County. Municipal comparisons in this section are made with towns in Kent County.

Of the five municipalities in Kent County, the Town of Millington has the third largest population and accounts for 2 percent of the County’s total population. A review of the Town’s population trends in the mid-20th century indicates a steady increase in Town residents from 1940 to 1980, when the population peaked at 546. Between 1980 and 1990, however, the Town lost 106 residents – almost a quarter of its population (20 percent).

Figure 1: Millington Population Trends 1940 - 2000



Source: U.S. Census

Only one other municipality, Galena, experienced a decline in population during this period. Galena’s decrease was much smaller (13 percent) and was overcome in the 1990s, when its population increased by 32 percent. While one or two of the smaller towns in the County have lost residents or grown only slightly over the past two decades, Chestertown, the County Seat, has experienced a significant increase in population – over 40 percent between 1980 and 2000.

In the decade between 1990 and 2000 Millington lost about 5 percent more of its population, decreasing from 440 to 416 people. This was an improvement over the previous decade,

however Millington was again ranked as one of only two towns in the County to lose population in the 1990s – this time the other town was Rock Hall, which lost 188 people, or 12 percent of its population.

	1980	1990	1980-1990 % Change	2000	1990-2000 % Change
Kent County	16,695	17,842	7%	19,197	8%
Betterton	356	360	1%	376	4%
Chestertown	3,300	4,005	21%	4,746	19%
Galena	374	324	-13%	428	32%
Millington	546	440	-20%	416	-5%
Rock Hall	1,511	1,584	5%	1,396	-12%

Source: U.S. Census

Population Estimates

In 2007, the Maryland Department of Planning (MDP), using U.S. Census data, estimated that Millington’s population declined annually between 2000 and 2006 (with the exception of an increase of 2 persons in 2002) at an average annual rate of slightly over 1 percent per year and with an overall decrease during the period of 4.3 percent (see Table 2). Millington and Betterton are the only municipalities in the County for which MDP estimated a decline in population.

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	% Change
Kent County	19,275	19,426	19,585	19,678	19,747	19,908	19,983	4%
Millington	416	412	414	407	400	396	389	-7%
Betterton	383	380	378	371	368	365	361	-6%
Chestertown	4,762	4,804	4,871	4,932	4,918	4,929	4,914	3%
Galena	433	449	453	457	491	508	511	19%
Rock Hall	1,401	1,395	1,404	1,389	1,402	1,413	1,422	2%

Source: 2000 U.S. Census

Population Age and Sex Characteristics

Population distribution among age groups in Millington remained nearly unchanged between 1990 and 2000. Persons aged between 25 and 44 years old (prime working age) comprise the largest percentage of the Town’s population, 30 percent (in 1990 this figure was 31 percent).

Children under 18 years old comprise the next largest percentage of the population, 26 percent (24 percent in 1990). The middle-aged population (ages 45 to 64) accounts for just over 20 percent of the total population (unchanged from 1990), and senior citizens represent 16 percent of the population (unchanged from 1990). Young adults aged 18 to 24 comprise only 8 percent of the Town’s population, as they did in 1990.

In its 2006 Comprehensive Plan, the County noted that:

“Analysis of natural increases in population (births, minus deaths) and the distribution of population by age groups in Kent County indicate that there is an out-migration of young adults and an in-migration of older age groups, especially those of retirement age.”¹

These two trends would seem to offset each other, however, although Millington’s young adult population is likely out-migrating in pursuit of higher education or employment opportunities, there is no evidence of any compensatory in-migration of senior citizens to Millington. The numbers of seniors and young adults as percentages of the total population remained low and unchanged from 1990 to 2000.

Millington has a higher ratio of males to females than any other town in Kent County and the County itself. For every 100 females there are 93 males.

Table 4: Comparison of Population Age Characteristics – 2000

	Total population	Percent of total population					65 years and over	Median age (years)	Males per 100 females
		Under 18 years	18 to 24 years	25 to 44 years	45 to 64 years	65 years and over			
Kent County	19,197	21%	11%	24%	25%	19%	41	92	
Betterton	376	26%	9%	26%	26%	14%	39	89	
Chestertown	4,746	13%	26%	19%	18%	24%	38	75	
Galena town	428	24%	2%	28%	25%	22%	43	84	
Millington	416	26%	8%	30%	21%	16%	37	93	
Rock Hall	1,396	20%	6%	21%	30%	24%	47	87	

Source: 2000 U.S. Census

Interestingly, Millington has a high percentage of disabled persons. Of the civilian population over five years old, nearly 30 percent (28%) are disabled. Among persons aged 21 to 64,

¹ 2006 Kent County Comprehensive Plan Background Document, page 9.

Millington has the highest percentage of disabled civilians in the County, and the second highest percentage of disabled civilians aged 65 and older (see Table 8). Of the Town’s disabled population, one quarter (25 percent) has physical disabilities, slightly more than 14 percent are mentally disabled, and 5 percent have sensory disabilities (blindness, deafness, etc.). Nearly one third (28 percent) of the members of the disabled population between the ages of 16 and 64 has an employment disability².

	Millington	Betterton	Chestertown	Galena	Rock Hall
Population 5 to 20 years					
With a disability	7%	18%	6%	2%	10%
Population 21 to 64 years					
With a disability	32%	21%	16%	12%	20%
Population 65 years and over					
With a disability	49%	50%	41%	34%	36%

Source: 2000 U.S. Census

Population Race Characteristics

In 1990, whites and African Americans were the only two racial groups represented in Millington’s population. Approximately 92 percent of the Town’s residents were white, and the remaining 8 percent were African American. Between 1990 and 2000 both these races declined as percentages of the total population, the white (alone) population by 7 percent and the black population by 1 percent, bringing the percentage of whites (alone) to 85 percent and the percentage of African Americans to 7 percent in 2000. Hispanics, not present in the Town in 1990, comprised nearly 10 percent of the population in 2000. While only two towns in the County – Rock Hall and Chestertown – had Hispanic populations in 1990, all towns had Hispanic populations in 2000.

² Source: 2000 U.S. Census Bureau, Maryland Department of Planning Services, August 2002

Table 6: Comparison of Population Race Characteristics – 2000

	One race						Two or more races	Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	White alone, not Hispanic or Latino
	White	Black or African American	American Indian and Alaska native	Asian	Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	Some other race			
Kent County	80%	17%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	3%	78%
Betterton	92%	2%	0%	0%	0%	5%	1%	8%	89%
Chestertown	75%	22%	0.1%	2%	0.1%	0.4%	1%	2%	74%
Galena	96%	4%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.7%	0.7%	95%
Millington	87%	7%	0%	0%	0%	4%	2%	8%	85%
Rock Hall	93%	6%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	1%	0.9%	92%

Source: 2000 U.S. Census

Population Household and Family Characteristics

In 2000, two-thirds (66 percent) of Millington’s households were families. This is the second lowest percentage of families in the County, exceeded only by Chestertown, where nearly a quarter of the population lives in group quarters due the presence of Washington College in the town (see Table 7).

While Millington had fewer families, it had more people per family on average than any other town in Kent County and the County itself in 2000. Conversely, Millington had less people per household on average than any other town in Kent County and the County itself.

Table 7: Comparison of Household and Family Characteristics – 2000

	Percent of total population			Average number of persons per family	Average number of persons per household
	In households		In group quarters		
	In families	Nonfamily householders and non relatives of householder			
Kent County	75%	18%	7%	2.33	2.81
Betterton	80%	20%	0%	2.29	2.94
Chestertown	52%	26%	22%	1.96	2.61
Galena	81%	18%	1%	2.23	2.85
Millington	66%	34%	0%	3.07	2.55
Rock Hall	78%	22%	0%	2.13	2.67

Source: 2000 U.S. Census

Between 1990 and 2000, the number of family households in Millington decreased by 5 percent (see Table 8). Non-family households increased by the same amount. The number of householders living alone also increased, including single householders over age 65.

	1990	2000
Family Household	71%	66%
Married Couple Family Household	55%	50%
Female Household	11%	10%
Non-family Household	29%	34%
Householder Living Alone	26%	28%
Householder Living Alone over 65	11%	13%

Source: 2000 U.S. Census

The 2000 U.S. Census reported that nearly half (47 percent) of Millington’s population was married. With the exception of Chestertown (which has a large student population), Millington has a lower percentage of married people than all the other towns in Kent County and the County itself (see Table 9). Correspondingly, Millington also has one of the highest percentages of people who have never been married in the County, second only to Chestertown (again, attributable to the large student population). About 50 percent of Millington’s family households contain married couples.

	Millington	Betterton	Chestertown	Galena	Rock Hall	Kent County
Now married	47%	55%	36%	66%	54%	55%
Never married	32%	26%	42%	17%	21%	26%
Separated	4%	2%	2%	1%	3%	2%
Widowed	10%	12%	11%	8%	10%	9%
Divorced	8%	5%	9%	8%	12%	6%

Source: 2000 U.S. Census

Population Education Characteristics

Elementary school students make up the largest percentage of children enrolled in school in Millington (see Table 10). Millington has the highest percentage of elementary school students in the County. In 2000, compared to other towns in Kent County, Millington had a slightly higher percentage of adults who have less than a ninth grade education, and a fairly significant lower percentage of adults with high school degrees or higher. Only 3 percent of those

enrolled in school in Millington are enrolled in college or graduate school, by far the lowest percentage in the County. This corresponds to the very low percentage of young adults between 18 and 24 living in the Town.

Table 10: Comparison of School Enrollment & Educational Attainment - 2000

Geographic area	Population aged 3 and over and enrolled in school				Population aged 25 and over		
	Enrolled in nursery, pre-school, or kindergarten	Enrolled in elementary school	Enrolled in high school	Enrolled in college or graduate school	Percent with less than a 9th grade education	Percent high school graduate or higher	Percent with bachelor's degree or higher
Kent County	9%	41%	18%	32%	6%	79%	22%
Betterton	6%	6.1%	41%	16%	4%	79%	15%
Chestertown	5%	17%	8%	82%	7%	78%	29%
Galena	6%	49%	34%	13%	7%	79%	19%
Millington	3%	59%	34%	3%	8%	67%	9%
Rock Hall	7%	54%	24%	16%	6%	78%	15%

Source: 2000 U.S. Census

Employment and Income

About 50 percent of the employed population in Millington works in jobs in Kent or Queen Anne's County. About 12 percent of that group works in Millington. An estimated 24 business establishments in the Town provide full and part-time jobs, mostly in the service industry. The remaining half of the workforce is evenly divided between people who work outside of Kent or Queen Anne's County but still in Maryland and people who work outside of Maryland.

The average commute time for Millington's employed residents is 24 minutes; a few minutes shorter than the average commute of employed residents in all but one of the other towns in the County (see Table 17). Of those residents who work outside of the home, the highest percentage spend from 5 to 9 minutes traveling to work, followed by equal percentages of people making 20 to 24-minute commutes and 30 to 34-minute commutes (see Table 18). Equal percentages of workers travel 15 to 19 minutes to work and 45 to 59 minutes to work.

	Mean Travel Time to Work (minutes)
Kent County	25
Betterton	27
Chestertown	17
Galena	29
Millington	24
Rock Hall	27

Source: 2000 U.S. Census

Minutes	Percent of Workers
Worked at home	4%
Worked outside of home	
Less than 5 minutes	9%
5-9 minutes	17%
10-14 minutes	7%
15-19 minutes	12%
20-24 minutes	13%
25-29 minutes	7%
30-34 minutes	13%
35-39 minutes	2%
40-44 minutes	2%
45-59 minutes	12%
60-89 minutes	4%
90 minutes or more	1%

Source: U.S. Census, Maryland Department of Planning

One quarter of Millington’s workforce is employed in sales and office occupations; more than in any other occupation category (see Table 19). With the exception of Betterton, all other towns in the County have the largest percentage of their workforces employed in management, professional and related occupations, traditionally the highest paying jobs in the State³. This category employs 18 percent of Millington’s workforce.

Production, transportation and material moving occupations employed the second largest number of workers, 19 percent. Construction, maintenance and extraction occupations employ

³ Maryland Department of Planning, U.S. Census Center for Economic Studies, 2007

the fourth largest percentage of the population, followed by service occupations and finally, farming, fishing and forestry occupations.

Within industries, retail trade was the largest employer in the Town, followed by manufacturing and construction, which was similarly the case with other towns in the County. Retail and manufacturing led employment within industries in Millington in 1990 as well. Jobs in the construction industry doubled between 1990 and 2000, employing 6 percent of Millington’s work force in 1990 and 12 percent in 2000. Employment in the business and related services and public administration industries also increased significantly between 1990 and 2000. Employment in the transportation industry had the highest decline, falling from 8 percent of all jobs in 1990 to slightly over 1 percent in 2000.

Table 19: Comparison of Employment in Occupations and Industries - 2000										
Employed Population Aged 16 and Older										
	By occupation						In industry			Percent gov't workers (local state, or federal)
	Management, professional, administrative	Services	Sales and office	Farming, fishing, forestry	Construction, extraction, maintenance	Production, transportation, material moving	Retail Trade	Manufacturing	Construction	
Kent County	32%	18%	23%	4%	11%	13%	10%	12%	10%	15%
Betterton	26%	19%	30%	3%	11%	11%	11%	10%	10%	24%
Chestertown	36%	18%	27%	1%	8%	10%	8%	11%	6%	16%
Galena	35%	16%	29%	0%	12%	9%	13%	11%	10%	18%
Millington	18%	13%	25%	8%	16%	19%	16%	15%	14%	13%
Rock Hall	28%	18%	22%	6%	13%	15%	10%	9%	13%	14%

Source: 2000 U.S. Census

In 2000, 70 percent of the population aged 16 and older in Millington was in the labor force (see Table 20). This was a higher number of workers as a percentage of the employable population than any other town in the County and the County itself. All but 1 percent of the labor force is employed in civilian occupations (i.e., not in any of the Armed Forces). Millington also has a larger percentage of unemployed members of the labor force; in some cases nearly double that of other towns in the County (see Table 20).

Table 20: Comparison of Employment Status - 2000

Population 16 years and over	Millington	Betterson	Chestertown	Galena	Rock Hall	Kent County
In labor force	70%	65%	56%	66%	65%	62%
Civilian labor force	69%	65%	56%	66%	65%	62%
Employed	64%	65%	53%	65%	62%	59%
Unemployed	5%	0.3%	2%	1%	3%	3%
% of civilian labor force	7%	0.5%	4%	2%	4%	4%
Armed Forces	1%	0	0	0	0.2%	0.1%
Not in labor force	30%	35%	44%	34%	35%	38%

In 2000, Millington ranked second among Kent County towns in median household and median family incomes, and was higher than the County itself in both categories (see Table 12). These are interesting statistics, given that the largest percentage of working residents of Millington are employed in occupations that traditionally pay less than those employing most of the residents of other towns (see Table 10). This could be attributable to the higher number of people per family (i.e., potentially more wage earners per family) or to the fact that more than one-third of Millington’s workers have a commute of 30 minutes or more, which would place them in metropolitan employment centers where pay scales tend to be higher than in rural areas.

Per capita income in Millington ranks in the middle of Kent County towns (see Table 21). On average, male workers earn about 5 percent more than female workers.

Table 21: Comparison of Income and Earnings - 2000

	Millington	Betterson	Chestertown	Galena	Rock Hall	Kent County
Median household income	\$45,893	\$36,477	\$31,530	\$47,813	\$32,833	\$39,869
Median family income	\$48,750	\$38,750	\$40,960	\$53,068	\$38,672	\$46,708
Per capita income	\$20,240	\$24,848	\$18,769	\$18,858	\$20,521	\$21,573
Median earnings*						
Male workers	\$29,917	\$31,250	\$27,283	\$35,096	\$29,375	\$31,899
Female workers	\$28,500	\$27,188	\$25,513	\$22,500	\$21,429	\$24,513

* For full-time, year-round workers

Source: 2000 U.S. Census

In 2000, about 10 percent of Millington’s families and more than 10 percent of its individuals were living below poverty level (see Table 22). Nearly one quarter of the individuals living in poverty were children under 18 years old. Millington is the only town in the County with no one aged 65 or older living in poverty.

Table 22: Comparison of Poverty Status (Below Poverty Level) - 1999

Percent of:	Millington	Betterton	Chestertown	Galena	Rock Hall	Kent County
Families below poverty level	9%	6%	13%	2%	11%	9%
Individuals below poverty level	13%	7%	19%	5%	13%	13%
- Under 18 years old*	23%	10%	26%	0%	22%	17%
- 18 year olds and older	8%	6%	17%	7%	11%	12%
- 65 year olds and older	0	10%	14%	7%	10%	9%

* Related children in family or household

Source: 1999 U.S. Census Poverty Thresholds (individual-\$8,501; 2 people-\$10,690; 3 people-\$13,290; 4 people-\$17,029; 5 people-\$20,127; 6 people-\$22,727)