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A. INTRODUCTION

Data concerning the past, present, and future population of Warren County is presented in this chapter. A study of the demographic characteristics and population distribution is also included.

B. HISTORICAL GROWTH

According to the Census Bureau, the population of Warren County in 1990 was 26,142. That is more than four times the population of the County's first Census in 1840. The County's population has more than doubled within the past 50 years.

In recent years, Warren County has had one of the highest population growth rates in the Lord Fairfax Planning District. Between 2000 and 2010, Warren County's population grew by 19%.

**Table 2-A
Decennial Census Population**

Year	Population	Year	Population	Year	Population
1840	5,627	1900	8,837	1970	15,301
1850	6,607	1910	8,589	1980	21,200
1860	6,442	1920	8,852	1990	26,142
1870	5,716	1930	8,340	1997	29,200
1880	7,399	1940	11,352	2000	31,584
1890	8,280	1950	14,801	2007	36,294
		1960	14,655	2010	37,575
				2015	39,083

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015 Current Data

C. AGE AND SEX DISTRIBUTION

Of Warren County's 2015 population, 50% were males and 50% were females. The median age in the County was 41.

**Table 2-B
Demographic Characteristics**

Age and Sex

Persons under 5 years, percent, July 1, 2015	6.1%
Persons under 18 years, July 1, 2015	22.6%
Persons 65 years and over, percent July 1, 2015	24.2%
Female Persons, percent July 1, 2015	50.0%

Source U.S. Census Bureau, 2015

Table 2-C Educational Attainment	
High school graduate or higher, percent of persons age 25 years+, 2010-2014	85.7%
Bachelor's degree or higher, percent of persons age 25 years+, 2010-2014	19.7%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau 2015

D. RACIAL COMPOSITION

Warren County's population is predominantly white. Minorities made up 9.2 percent of the 2015 population. African Americans made up 5.1 percent of the population in 2015, while whites comprised 90.8 percent. This was similar to other areas within the Lord Fairfax Planning District.

**Table 2-D
Racial Composition: 2015**

Race and Origin	
White alone, percent, July 1, 2015	90.8%
Black or African American alone, percent, July 1, 2015	5.1%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone, percent, July 1, 2015	0.5%
Asian alone, percent, July 1, 2015	1.2%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone, percent, July 1, 2015	0.1%
Two or More Races, percent, July 1, 2015	2.3%
Hispanic or Latino, percent, July 1, 2015	4.2%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015

Town of Front Royal, Virginia

Population	
Population estimates, July 1, 2015	15,070
Population, percent change - April 1, 2010 (estimates base) to July 1, 2015	4.4%
Population, Census, April 1, 2010	14,440

E. DENSITY & URBAN/RURAL DISTRIBUTION

The total land area of Warren County is 213.70 square miles. The County's population density in 2010 was 175.8 persons per square mile. That was below the State population density of 202.1 per square mile.

From 2000 to 2010, the Warren County population growth percentage was 19.0%. Twenty-four point 2 percent (24.2%) of the county’s residents were under eighteen years of age. In 2015, there were 16,181 housing units in Warren County, 74.8% of which were occupied housing units.

The Town of Front Royal is comprised of 9.5 square miles, of which 9.3 square miles is land and .2 square miles is water. In 2015, the population of the area was approximately 15,070 people. Twenty-five percent of the Front Royal town residents were under 18 years of age; 8.8% were African American; 1.4% were Asian and 4.6% were Hispanic. In 2010, there were 6,184 housing units in Front Royal, 89.9% of which were occupied housing units.

Sources: *Virginia Number of Inhabitants, U.S. Bureau of the Census. Summary Tape File 1A, U.S. Bureau of Census, 2010, Wikipedia.org; cubitplanning.com.*

F. FUTURE PROJECTIONS

**Table 2-E
Population Growth**

	Warren County	No Shen Valley Planning District	State of Virginia
1950	14,801	89,568	3,319,00
1960	14,655	97,045	3,954,000
1970	15,301	106,372	4,651,448
1980	21,200	132,492	5,346,818
1990	26,142	159,239	6,187,358
2000	30,995	183,610	6,896,557
2010	35,575	222,152	8,001,024
2020	41,856	224,897	8,811,512
2030	45,818	256,048	9,645,281
2040	49,709	352,098	10,530,228

Source: *The Cooper Center, 2015.*