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Households in Chester County 1980–1990–2000

The table on the opposite side of this sheet illustrates the changes in households from 1980 to 2000 in Chester County. The total number of households (those housing units which were occupied at the time the Census was taken) increased 50.7 percent from 104,752 in 1980 to 157,905 in 2000. The U.S. Census Bureau separates households into two major categories: Family Households and Nonfamily Households.

A Family Household consists of a householder and one or more other persons living in the same household who are related to the householder by birth, marriage, or adoption. A Nonfamily Household consists of a householder living alone or a householder living with another person or persons who are unrelated.

Family households account for 71.8 percent of all households in 2000. There has been a proportional decline in family households since 1980; 77.9 percent in 1980 and 74.5 percent in 1990. This means that nonfamily households have proportionately gained from 22.1 percent in 1980 to 28.2 percent in 2000.

Married couple families account for 84.3 percent of all family households in 2000. This is slightly down from 86.2 percent in 1980. About 50 percent of the married couple families have related children under 18 years of age.

Other family households in 2000 account for 15.7 percent of all family households. This compares to a 13.7 percent share of all family households in 1980. In 2000, the ratio between female householder, no husband present, and male householder, no wife present, was 2.6 to 1. In 1980, the ratio was 3.3 to 1.

Nonfamily Households in 2000 numbered 44,602, 28.2 percent of all households in Chester County. In 1980, there were 23,154 nonfamily households, 22.1 percent of all households. Nonfamily households include 35,753 single person households, 22.6 percent of all households. Sixty percent of single person households are female. Also of significance, single person households of persons 65 years of age have climbed to 11,944 in 2000 from 9,194 in 1990. This category accounts for one-third of all single person households.

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Households in Chester County*
1980-1990-2000

	1980	1990	2000	Percent Change 1980-1990	Percent Change 1990-2000
Total Households	104,752	133,257	157,905	27.2	18.5
Family Households	81,598	99,324	113,303	21.7	14.1
Percent of total households	77.9	74.5	71.8		
Married couple family	70,369	84,485	95,491	20.1	13
Percent of family households	86.2	85.1	84.3		
With related children under 18 years	37,010	41,655	47,422	12.6	13.9
No related children under 18 years	33,359	42,830	48,049	28.4	12.2
Other family	11,229	14,839	17,812	32.1	20
Percent of family households	13.8	14.9	15.7		
Male householder, no wife present	2,635	3,731	4,966	41.6	33.1
Percent of family households	3.2	3.8	4.4		
With related children under 18 years	1,088	1,729	2,743	58.9	58.6
No related children under 18 years	1,547	2,002	2,223	29.4	11
Female householder, no husband present	8,594	11,108	12,846	29.3	15.6
Percent of family households	10.5	11.2	11.3		
With related children under 18 years	4,969	6,280	7,965	26.4	26.8
No related children under 18 years	3,625	4,828	4,881	33.2	1.1
Nonfamily Households	23,154	33,933	44,602	46.6	31.4
Percent of total households	22.1	25.5	28.2		
Householder living alone	19,668	26,931	35,753	36.9	32.8
Percent of nonfamily households	84.9	79.4	80.2		
Male householder	N/A	11,040	14,661	N/A	32.8
Age 65 and over	N/A	1,997	2,772	N/A	38.8
Female householder	N/A	15,891	21,092	N/A	32.7
Age 65 and over	N/A	7,197	9,172	N/A	27.4

N/A - Not Available

* Housing Units occupied at time of census.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Census