



**COMMUNITY STATISTICAL AREA PROFILE**

**Cherry Hill  
CSA #7**



**VITAL SIGNS FROM U.S. CENSUS 2000**

<b>DEMOGRAPHICS</b>		<b>HOUSING &amp; COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT</b>		<b>WORKFORCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</b>		
Total Pop.	7,664	Racial Diversity Index	5.8	% Pop. Ages 25-64 w/ H.S. Diploma ONLY	41.2	
Male	3,179	Economic Diversity Index	50.5	% of Population Ages 25-64 w/ Some College	24.3	
Female	4,485	% of Households That Own Paying 30+ % of Their Income for Mortgage	46.2	% of Population Ages 16-64 That Is Employed	46.6	
% Black	96.8	% of Households That Rent Paying 30+ % of Their Income for Rent	42.2	% of Population Ages 16-64 That Is Unemployed	10.3	
% Asian	0.3	<b>CHILDREN AND FAMILY HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELL-BEING</b>	Median Household Income	\$17,464	% of Population Ages 16-64 That Is Not in Labor Force	43.0
% Hispanic	0.8		% Hshlds Earning \$0-\$25,000	67.4	Official Unemployment Rate	18.2
% White	1.5		% Hshlds Earning \$25,000-\$40,000	18.1	<b>URBAN ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSIT</b>	
% 2 or More Races	0.5		% Hshlds Earning \$40,000-\$60,000	7.9	% of Population Ages 16+ Using Public Transit to Get to Work	20.7
% Native-American	0.2		% Hshlds Earning \$60,000-\$75,000	2.9	% of Population Ages 16+ Walking or Biking to Get to Work	5.6
% 0 to 17	36.0		% Hshlds Earning \$75,000+	3.6	<b>EDUCATION AND YOUTH</b>	
% 18 to 24	11.3		<u>% Earning Below Self Sufficiency Standard:</u>		% of Population Ages 16-19 Working and/or in School	72.6
% 25 to 44	25.8		Married Couple	55.6		
% 45 to 64	17.9		Families w/ 1-5 Children	91.8		
% 65+	9.1		Other Families w/ 1-5 Children			
Households	2,885					
Avg Hshld Size	2.62					

**VITAL SIGNS FROM OTHER SOURCES**

**HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

	2000	2001	2002	2003		2000	2001	2002	2003
Total Properties	1,106	1,106	1,106	1,076	% Vacancy Among Residential Properties	NA	0.9	2.7	2.5
Residential Properties	1,008	1,007	1,006	976	% Residential Props. w/ Other Hsng Violations	NA	1.9	1.2	2.5
% Residential Properties w/ a Rehab Investment of \$5,000+	NA	0.6	0.6	0.2	Median Sale Price for Residential Properties \$	53,000	52,000	45,000	46,000
Rental Eviction Rate	NA	NA	18.1	18.0	Residential Props. Sold	11	11	14	11
Mortgage Foreclosures	9	13	12	20	Median Number of Days on the Market	50	36	96	47
					% Owner Occupancy	74.5	73.7	72.5	71.2

**CHILDREN AND FAMILY HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELL-BEING**

	2000	2001	2002	2003		2000	2001	2002	2003
Domestic Violence Rate	74.2	94.7	85.9	76.2	Teen Birth Rate	164.4	143.8	167.8	126.7
Child Abuse Rate	11.5	15.9	NA	NA	Maternal & Child Health Index	-1.55	-1.29	-0.22	-1.71
Part I Crime Rate	81.2	95.0	80.9	79.3	% of Births Where Mother Received Prenatal Care in 1st Trimester	63.0	61.1	74.3	69.5
Violent Crime Rate	28.3	33.7	29.5	28.6	% of Births w/ Satisfactory Birth Weight	80.8	82.0	84.7	80.7
Juvenile Arrest Rate	117.4	163.7	225.1	182.4	% Births to Term	76.7	81.4	86.3	78.1
Juvenile Arrest Rate: Drug Related Offenses	38.3	44.5	71.2	42.7					
Juvenile Arrest Rate: Violent Offenses	13.4	8.9	12.5	16.9					



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**WORKFORCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

	2001	2002	2003	
% Commercial Properties w/ Rehab Investment of \$5,000+	0.0	21.4	21.4	Additional indicators for <i>Workforce and Economic Development</i> can be found at the zip code level. Go to <a href="#">Vital Signs 3</a> and download the <i>Workforce</i> section.
% Vacancy Among Commercial Properties	0.0	0.0	0.0	

**SANITATION**

	2002	2003		2002	2003
Rate of Illegal Dumping Incidents	1.8	1.2	Rate of Abandoned Vehicle Incidents	14.1	29.5
Rate of Dirty Streets & Alleys Incidents	0.9	4.7			
Rate of Clogged Storm Drain Incidents	1.6	1.7	Rate of Rat Incidents	0.4	1.8

**URBAN ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSIT**

Citywide indicators for <i>Urban Environment and Transit</i> can be found in the Baltimore City profile.	<b>2001</b>
% Tree Canopy Coverage (%)	13.3

**EDUCATION AND YOUTH**

2003 MSA SCHOOLTEST SCORES					ATTENDANCE	2003 HIGH SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT	
READING		MATH		ABSENTEE RATE	12th Grade High School Completion Rate	78.4	
B	P/A	B	P/A		Dropout Rate	12.3	
3rd Grade	57.1	42.9	58.5	41.5	10.06	Advanced Programs-University of Maryland	61.8
5th Grade	57.1	42.9	67.6	32.4	13.19	Advanced Programs-Tech/Career	10.5
8th Grade	61.6	38.4	78.8	21.2	28.39	Advanced Programs-Both of the Above	25.0
10th Grade	67.0	33.0	75.3	24.7	57.45	ENROLLMENT	
B=Basic P/A=Proficient/Advanced						1st-5th Grade	944
						6th-8th Grade	529
						9th-12th Grade	474

**NEIGHBORHOOD ACTION AND SENSE OF COMMUNITY**

	2003		2000 General Election	2002 General Election
Neighborhood Associations	5	% of Population Ages 18+ Who Registered to Vote	64.2	67.0
CDCs	2	% of Population Ages 18+ Who Voted	34.2	31.7
Community Gardens	0	% of Population Ages 18-25 Who Registered to Vote	55.3	53.8
CHAP Properties	0	% of Population Ages 18-25 Who Voted	20.6	16.0

## Vital Signs 3

## Community Statistical Area Profile - Explanations

NOTE: Not all the Vital Signs are included in the CSA profiles. For all the Vital Signs and more detailed explanations, see the Vital Signs section of the website or contact BNLA directly. All Vital Signs were analyzed by BNLA staff unless otherwise specified.

### Vital Signs from the U.S. Census

#### Housing and Community Development

**Indicator:** Racial Diversity Index – % chance that two people picked at random will be of a different race/ethnicity **Explanation:** The higher the %, the more racially diverse an area. The Index does not reflect which race/ethnicity is predominant. **Source:** U.S. Census 2000 **Analysis:** Baltimore City Dept. of Planning based on 1991 Diversity Index by Overberg and Nasser

**Indicator:** Economic Diversity Index-% chance that two households picked at random will have a household income in a different income range from each other **Explanation:** The higher the %, the more economically diverse the area. Five income ranges are used in this analysis: Less than \$25,000; \$25,000-39,999; \$40,000-\$59,999; \$60,000-\$74,999; \$75,000 and over. The Index does not reflect which income range is predominant in the area. **Source:** U.S. Census 2000 **Analysis:** MD Dept. of Planning-State Data Center, based on 1991 Diversity Index by Overberg, and Nasser

**Indicators:** % of households that rent or own paying more than 30% of their household income for housing costs (rent or mortgage) **Source:** U.S. Census 2000 **Analysis:** MD Dept. of Planning-State Data Center

#### Children and Family Health, Safety, and Well-being

**Indicator:** Median household income **Explanation:** Household income is defined by the U.S. Census as the “income of the householder and all other persons 15 years and over in the household, whether related to the householder or not.” **Source:** U.S. Census 2000, provided by the Maryland Dept. of Planning-State Data Center **Analysis:** MD Dept. of Planning- State Data Center

**Indicators:** % of married couple families with 1-5 children under the age of 18 earning below the Maryland Family Supporting Wage Standard (MFSWS); % of other families with 1-5 children earning below the MFSWS **Explanation:** The MFSWS estimates the amount of income needed to sustain various types of families. Costs factored in include health care, day care, transportation, food, etc. The “other” families category includes only single householders with no spouse present. **Source:** U.S. Census 2000 **Analysis:** Baltimore City Data Collaborative, U.S. Census Special Tabulations.

#### Workforce and Economic Development

**Indicators:** % of population ages 25-64 that have a high school diplomas or equivalent only; % of population ages 25-64 with some college and above **Explanation:** Adults with only a high school diploma earn less on average than those with additional education. **Source:** U.S. Census 2000, provided by the MD Dept. of Planning-State Data Center

**Indicator:** % of population ages 16-64 that is employed **Explanation:** Indicator reflects the number of people ages 16-64 who are employed out of all people ages 16-64 per CSA. **Source:** U.S. Census 2000, provided by MD Dept. of Planning-State Data Center

**Indicator:** % of population ages 16-64 that is unemployed and looking for work **Explanation:** Indicator reflects the number of people ages 16-64 who are unemployed and actively seeking employment, out of all people ages 16-64 per CSA. This is not the typical Unemployment Rate. **Source:** U.S. Census 2000, provided by MD Dept. of Planning-State Data Center

**Indicator:** % of population ages 16-64 that is not in the labor force. **Explanation:** Those not participating in the labor force may be either attending school or a training program, staying home to care for family members or not have the skills to obtain and hold a job. This population is not captured in the typical Unemployment Rate. **Source:** U.S. Census 2000, provided by the MD Dept. of Planning-State Data Center

**Indicator:** Unemployment Rate **Explanation:** This indicator reflects the working age population that participates in the labor force but is not employed. The labor force consists of those actively looking for work or working only, and are 65.8 % of Baltimore’s working age population **Source:** U.S. Census 2000, provided by the MD Dept. of Planning-State Data Center

#### Urban Environment and Transportation

**Indicators:** % of working population ages 16 and over who are employed using public transit to get to work **and** % of working population ages 16 and over who are employed walking or biking to work. **Explanation:** Indicators reflect the number of people of working age choosing alternative modes of transportation **Source:** U.S. Census 2000, provided by the MD Dept. of Planning-State Data Center

#### Education and youth

**Indicator:** % of population ages 16-19 in school and/or employed **Explanation:** Indicator reflects the number of people ages 16-19 who are employed and/or in school out of all people ages 16-19. **Source:** U.S. Census 2000, provided by the MD Dept. of Planning-State Data Center

### Vital Signs from Other Sources

#### Housing and Community Development

**Indicator:** % of all residential properties that undergo rehab investment above \$5,000 **Explanation:** Includes investment in home improvements, rehabilitation, and maintenance to exterior and interior. **Source:** Baltimore City Dept. of Housing & Community Development

**Indicator:** Rental evictions rate-Number of rental evictions per 1,000 people **Explanation:** Rental evictions are those where landlords have successfully filed for eviction through the courts. **Source:** CitiStat, Bureau of Sanitation

**Indicator:** Number of residential properties under mortgage foreclosure **Explanation:** If a property owner neglects to pay the mortgage over a series of months, the mortgage lending company has the right to end the mortgage and foreclose on the property. This number reflects the number of foreclosure cases filed. **Source:** Circuit Court of Baltimore City

**Indicator:** % of all residential properties that are as vacant and abandoned at year’s end **Explanation:** A property is classified as vacant if: 1) it is uninhabitable and appears boarded up or open to the elements 2) it was previously designated as vacant and remains vacant 3) it is a multi-family structure where all units are considered vacant. **Source:** Baltimore City Dept. of Housing & Community Development

**Indicator:** % of all residential properties with other types of housing violations (excluding vacants) at year’s end **Explanation:** These housing violations are issued to buildings on properties whose facade, structure, and/or surrounding area violate the Baltimore City Housing Code. **Source:** Baltimore City Dept. of Housing & Community Development

**Indicator:** Median sale price for residential properties **Explanation:** Analysis uses arms length sales only, which are transactions between two otherwise unrelated parties. **Source:** First American Real Estate Solutions **Analysis:** BNIA and Baltimore City Dept. of Planning

**Indicator:** Total residential housing units sold **Explanation:** The indicator reflects the total housing units-meaning single family homes and condos-that are sold in a particular year. **Source:** First American Real Estate Solutions

**Indicator:** Median number of days a house stays on the market **Explanation:** The faster homes sell, the lower the median days. This is an indicator of demand, to live in an area. A house is technically “on the market” from the date it is listed until the date the contract is signed. **Source:** MD Regional Information Systems

**Indicator:** % of residential housing units that are owner-occupied (single-family homes and condo units only). **Explanation:** These are homes where the property owner is the primary resident. **Source:** MD Property View.

#### Children and Family Health, Safety and Well-being

**Indicator:** Domestic violence rate - Number of 911 calls to police for domestic violence incidents per 1,000 people **Explanation:** Indicator reflects the number of 911 calls to police regarding a domestic violence dispute out of every 1,000 people in the CSA. Once police determine an actual crime has been committed, the incident is classified under one of the criminal offense classifications. **Source:** Baltimore City Police Dept. **Analysis:** BNIA

**Indicator:** Number of reported and substantiated cases of child abuse and

neglect per 1,000 children ages 0-17 **Explanation:** Cases are reported to the Baltimore City Dept. of Social Services. The case is classified as “substantiated” after investigation by a case manager determines the child is a victim of abuse and neglect. **Source:** Baltimore City Dept. of Social Services **Analysis:** Baltimore City Data Collaborative

**Indicators:** Number of reported Part I criminal offenses per 1,000 people and number of reported Part I criminal offenses classified as violent per 1,000 people **Explanation:** Part I offenses include murder, aggravated assault, rape, attempted rape, robbery, burglary, larceny and auto theft. Of these, murder, rape, aggravated assault, and robbery are considered violent. The indicator reflects where the crime took place. **Source:** Baltimore City Police Dept.

**Indicators:** Juvenile arrest rate - Number of juveniles arrests per 1,000 youth ages 10-17; number of juvenile arrests for violent offenses per 1,000 youth ages 10-17; number of juvenile arrests for drug-related offenses per 1,000 youth ages 10-17 **Explanation:** Arrests are used as the measure rather than actual crime since juveniles arrested are not always charged. Violent offenses include murder, rape, aggravated assault, and robbery. Drug-related arrests include arrests for drug possession, and the sale, manufacture, or abuse of illegal drugs and alcohol. Data reflect the juvenile’s residence, not the location of the arrest or crime. **Source:** Baltimore City Police Dept.

**INDICATOR:** Teen birth rate – Number of teens ages 15-19 who gave birth per 1,000 teens **Explanation:** Studies over the years show teen births are a factor in the health of children and also tell whether that new family is more or less likely to be economically stable. **Source:** MD Dept. of Health and Mental Hygiene, compiled by the Baltimore City Health Dept. and the Baltimore City Data Collaborative **Analysis:** Baltimore City Data Collaborative

**Indicator:** Maternal and Child Health Index **Explanation:** This index is a composite score using three variables: births delivered at term, births where mothers receive prenatal care, and babies born with satisfactory birth-weight. mothers and children are “more healthy” in some CSAs, or “less healthy” in others. **Source:** MD Dept. of Health and Mental Hygiene, Provided by Baltimore City Health Dept. **Analysis:** Baltimore City Data Collaborative

**Indicator:** % of births where mother received early prenatal care (first trimester) **Explanation:** Prenatal care is a preventive measure since it helps to ensure mother has a healthy pregnancy and babies are born healthy. **Source:** Maryland Dept. of Health and Mental Hygiene, compiled by the Baltimore City Health Dept. and Baltimore City Data Collaborative **Analysis:** Baltimore City Data Collaborative

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**Indicator:** % of all commercial properties classified as vacant and abandoned at year’s end **Explanation:** A property is classified as vacant and abandoned if: (1) it is uninhabitable and appears boarded up or open to the elements; (2) it was previously designated as vacant and remains vacant; (3) it is a multi-family structure where all units are considered vacant. **Source:** Baltimore City Dept. of Housing & Community Development

#### Sanitation

**Indicators:** Rate of illegal dumping-Number of reported incidents of illegal dumping per 1,000 people; Rate of dirty streets and alleys-Number of reported incidents of dirty streets and alleys per 1,000 people; rate of clogged storm drains-Number of reported incidents of clogged storm drains per 1,000 people; Rate of abandoned vehicles-Number of reported incidents of abandoned vehicles per 1,000 people; Rate of rat incidents-Number of reported incidents of rats per 1,000 people **Explanation:** The rate reflects the degree of the problem relative to the population of the CSA. The indicator does not reflect the amount of calls or reports about an incident. All calls or reports about the same problem are applied to the same incident. **Source:** CitiStat.

#### Urban Environment and Transit

**Indicator:** Tree canopy-% of CSA covered by trees **Explanation:** Trees and shrubs contribute to improved air quality by cooling down temperatures,

removing air pollutants and reducing factors that contribute to ozone depletion. **Source:** Ikonos satellite image from Fred Irani of the MD Dept. of Natural Resources **Analysis:** Baltimore City Planning Dept.

#### Education and Youth

*Indicators are for public school students only, including Charter and “new” school students.*

**Indicator:** Dropout Rate **Explanation:** % of students in grades 9-12 who withdrew from school before completion out of all students in grades 9-12 **Source:** Baltimore City Public Schools

**Indicator:** High school completion rate **Explanation:** % of public school students in 12<sup>th</sup> grade that received a MD High School diploma or equivalency certificate. **Source:** Baltimore City Public Schools

**Indicator:** MD School Assessment (MSA) Test Scores in reading and math for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> grades **Explanation:** MSA tests measure the number of students scoring in one of three classifications - *advanced*, *proficient*, or *basic* out of all students enrolled in that grade **Source:** Baltimore City Public Schools

**Indicator:** % of graduates successfully completing courses to qualify for UMD or in Career/Tech program **Explanation:** Successful completion of these courses is defined by each program each year. **Source:** MD Department of Ed.

**Indicator:** Absentee rate **Explanation:** % of elementary and middle school students absent from school 20 days or more out of the school year. **Source:** Baltimore City Public Schools

#### Neighborhood Action and Sense of Community

*NOTE: The assets in this category offer background information and are not meant as indicators*

**Asset:** Neighborhood associations **Explanation:** Neighborhood associations are groups of people, generally living in the same neighborhood, who volunteer their time and organize themselves into more formal arrangements having officers, budgets, and elections. **Source:** Community Assn. Directory maintained by the Baltimore City Planning Dept.

**Asset:** Community development corporations (CDCs) **Explanation:** CDCs are nonprofit organizations that work to revitalize a number of neighborhoods in a defined geographic area. Baltimore’s CDCs focus mainly on housing production, economic development, and job creation. **Source:** MD Center for Community Development and the Community Assn. Directory maintained by the Baltimore City Planning Dept.

**Asset:** "Umbrella" organizations **Explanation:** “Umbrella” organizations are non-profit community-based organizations that work with and support organizations and initiatives in multiple neighborhoods. **Source:** Citizens Planning and Housing Association and the Community Assn. Directory maintained by the Baltimore City Planning Dept.

**Asset:** Community gardens **Explanation:** Gardens within neighborhoods are designated as “community gardens” when they meet two of the following three criteria: (1) is located on public or community-owned land; (2) is maintained by at least three people in the community (as opposed to an individual or couple) (3) is available for public/community use **Source:** Parks & People Foundation **Analysis:** Parks & People Foundation

**Asset:** Designated local historic buildings **Explanation:** After an extensive resident-initiated process, the Commission on Historical and Architectural Preservation (CHAP) designates buildings, landmarks and districts as local historic areas. CHAP designation does not mean the property is on the National Register of Historic Places. **Source:** Baltimore City Dept. of Housing & Community Development

**Indicators:** % of population ages 18 and over registered to vote; % of population ages 18 and over who voted in the general election; % of population ages 18-25 registered to vote; % of population ages 18-25 who voted in the general election **Explanation:** Voting participation is a standard proxy indicator for measuring involvement in civic and community life. **Source:** Baltimore City Board of Election

