## Households and Families

The number of households in Camden County increased by $40.68 \%$ from 1990 to 2010. This is reflective of the $40.84 \%$ increase in population from 1990 to 2010. The average family size in Camden County in 2010 (taken from the 2010 Decennial Census) was 3.09 persons per family, with the average household size being slightly less at 2.71 persons per household. The average household size takes into consideration all types of households (family, non-family, single person, multi-person non-related, etc). Families are a subset of households, likewise population in families is a subset of the total county-wide population in households (which excludes those living in group quarters, these are typically rest-homes, jailhouses, etc.). Average family size is calculated by dividing the total population in families by the number of family households; Average household size is calculated by dividing the total population in households by the total number of households, as shown below:

## Households

| Year | Population in Households | $\div$ \# of Households | $=$ Average Household Size in Persons |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1990 | 5875 | $\div$ | 2180 | $=$ | 2.69 Persons |
| 2000 | 6881 | $\div$ | 2662 | $=$ | 2.58 Persons |
| 2010 | 9963 | $\div$ | 3675 | $=$ | 2.71 Persons |

Families

| Year | Population in Families | $\div$ \# of Families | $=$ Average Family Size in Persons |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1990 | 5263 | $\div$ | 1692 | $=$ | 3.11 Persons |
| 2000 | 6019 | $\div$ | 2024 | $=$ | 2.97 Persons |
| 2010 | 8753 | $\div$ | 2834 | $=$ | 3.09 Persons |

This data shows a slight increase in both average household and family size during the 20 year time frame between 1990 and 2010. A graph of this data is shown on the next page.

| Households by Type, 2010 |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Total Number of Households | 3675 |
| One Person Households | 702 |
| Male Householder | 356 |
| Female Householder | 346 |
| Two or More Persons* | 2973 |
| Family Households | 2834 |
| Married Couples | 2301 |
| Other Family* | 533 |
| 2 + Person Non Family* | 139 |

US Census Bureau, 2010 Decennial Census, DP-1
*Data derived from Report DP-1
See pie chart on next page

In the chart to the left, data with an asterisk next to the description were derived from the 2010 Decennial Census, report DP-1, subsection titled "Households by Type". All other data were available directly. Two or More Persons, Other Family, and Non Family were derived from data on report 2010 Camden County DP-1, US Census Bureau, using the following method:

Other Family = Family Households - Married Couple Family
Two + Person Non Family Households=
Non Family Households - One Person Households (Householder Living Alone)

Two or More Person Households =
Family Households +
Two + Person Non Family Households

## Households and Families (continued)




The graphs above depict the data shown on the previous page.

## Households and Families (continued)

Regional Comparisons: 1990 Vs. 2000


On a regional level, in both 1990 and 2010 Camden County had the fewest number of households in the four-county area. Pasquotank had the highest number of households. However, when it came to household size for 2010, Pasquotank had the lowest average household size, while Camden County had the highest followed by Currituck and Gates Counties. The 2010 average household size and average family size figures could be an indicator of the economic status of each county as more people seek to live with room-mates, and families are having fewer children than in the 1990's.


The regional comparison graph for families looks very much like the graph for total households. Although the numbers are very different, the data follow the same trend as for households. However, average family size is quite different. Between 1990 and 2010, Average Family Size dropped significantly throughout the four-county area. In 2010, Camden County had the highest Average Family Size, followed by Gates, Currituck, and Pasquotank Counties. Currituck and Pasquotank Counties had the same Average Family Size. The decrease in Average Family Size is a definite sign of the times as more and more families find they can not afford additional children / additions to their families.

