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**Abstract:**

Montgomery County in Maryland, named after one of Washington's generals, is one of the nation's oldest, most affluent, densely populated, and swiftly growing counties. At just under a million, the population has almost doubled since 1970, with a huge jump happening between 1980 and 1990. It is second, in total population, only to Fairfax County in Virginia, of all jurisdictions in the Washington D.C. metropolitan area. The growth has put more than ordinary pressure on the county's fire and rescue service to maintain a high level of responsiveness.