PART 1: POPULATION

The City of Petersburg’s ten census tracks display great variation in population. In 2010, the Census Bureau reports that tracts 8105 and 8110, which together include parts of Birdville, Walnut Hill, Western Hills, West Clara and Ramblewood neighborhoods, had the highest population of 4,455 and 4,263 respectively.

The Southeastern tracts 8109 and 8112 also stand out as higher populated areas with nearly equal numbers of citizens represented.

The graphic reveals the most glaring differences in population within most downtown tracts including 8104, 8106, and the new tract 8113 which now represents the previous tracts of 8102 and 8108. The combining of these historic downtown tracts brings their population to 2,565.

Overall, the City’s population has decreased by 1,320 citizens since 2000. However, tracts 8111 and 8112 both had marginal gains of 402 and 172 citizens respectively.
In 2010, the City of Petersburg’s population displays a large minority population within all census tracts. African Americans are the largest ethnic group with 75% of the adult population and 79% of the total population. The next largest ethnicity are whites who are 16% of the total population and 18% of those 18 and above. All other ethnicities represent a marginal portion of the City’s ethnic make-up. This pattern has remained largely unchanged in the past 10 years.
PART 3: HOUSEHOLD INCOME

The latest available data (2009) shows median household incomes in Petersburg vary widely across census tracts. Generally, households to the South and East within tracts 8109 to 8112 have incomes dramatically higher than the rest of the City. When included with ethnicity data, this graphic also reveals a positive correlation between income and diversity.

Citywide median household income is currently $35,874. While the City’s median income has increased 15% since 2005, it remains lower than that of neighboring jurisdictions of Colonial Heights, Hopewell, as well as the State as a whole.
**PART 4: HOUSING TENURE**

In 2010 the City’s housing tenure, while nearly evenly divided, reveals how the City, since 2000, has changed from a home owner population to a majority home renters. In 2000 the number of people renting homes in Petersburg was 15,796. Today, that number has grown to 17,204, a 9% increase. The total percentage of home renters in Petersburg is now 55%. The census tracts with the highest number of home renters are located within and around the historic core of the City, north of I-85 and East of I-95. While there exists a direct correlation between median income and housing tenure, there is little to no correlation between population and tenure.

*2010 Renter Percentage:*
- 60 to 70%
- 50 to 59%
- 40 to 49%
- 30 to 39%

**Petersburg 2010 Census Tracts By Tenure**

Citywide percentage of home renters: **55%**

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PART 5: VACANCIES

In 2010 the City of Petersburg had a total of 16,326 housing units, of which, 13,634 were occupied. While the 2,692 vacant units were geographically diffused throughout the City as a whole, some neighborhoods displayed a much greater density of vacant units. For example, while tract 8105 had the highest total vacancies at 462 and a rate of 20%, while neighboring tract 8104 had a much greater rate with over 33% of the housing units vacant. The tract showing the least vacancies was 8109 with 105 vacant units equaling a low 7%.

Petersburg 2010 Vacancy Rate: 17.3%

Citywide vacant housing units: 2,692
According to latest census data available, a total of 5,970 individuals were living in poverty in the City of Petersburg, making the overall poverty rate 18.4%. This is a marginal increase from the 2000 census percentage of 17.6%. Neighborhoods within tracts 8109 to 8112 as well as 8105 have all shown decreases in poverty since 2000. The neighborhoods within tracts 8107 and 8101 had the highest rates of poverty in 2009. Within these areas of the City, a staggering 42% of the residents live in poverty. The tract with most dramatic increase over the past 10 years is 8104 where the number of people living in poverty increased from 209 to 447; a percentage change of 144%.

Poverty Rates
- Above 40%
- 31 to 40%
- 21 to 30%
- 11 to 20%
- 0 to 10%

Petersburg 2010 Census Tracts By Poverty

Citywide individuals living in poverty: 18.4%
PART 7: HOUSEHOLD TYPE

Petersburg, while maintaining a thin majority of family households, has a significant percentage, 44%, of non-family households. The percentage of non-family households by census tract is not correlated by income, nor are non-family households concentrated within specific areas of the City. Half of households within tracts 8111, and over 50% of households within tracts 8107 and 8113 are non-family households. Conversely, tract 8101 maintains the highest level of family households at 67%.

More compelling are the percentages of single parent households by gender. In 2010 31%, or 4,289 households were single parent households. Of that 31%, the vast majority, 82.2% were female headed households.

Non-Family Households
- Over 50%
- 46 to 50%
- 41 to 45%
- 36 to 40%
- 31 to 35%

Petersburg 2010 Census Tracts By Household type

Citywide: Non-Family Households: 44%
PART 8: AGE OF POPULATION

The median age of Petersburg's population in 2010 was approximately 40 years old. Census tract 8107 had the highest median age with half of the population over 46 years old. Conversely, neighborhoods within tract 8101 are home to much younger citizens with half the population under the age of 30.

In the tri-cities area, Petersburg’s population is younger than Colonial Heights and slightly older than Hopewell’s. Petersburg’s senior population, while lower than Colonial Heights, is higher than the State percentage of 13.8%.

The percentage of population over 65 for Petersburg, 2010 Census Tracts By Age is as follows:

- Petersburg: 15%
- Colonial Heights: 10%
- Hopewell: 12%
- Virginia: 10%

Citywide Median Age: 39.8