



FY 2017 Recommended Budget Budget Question

Board Question #: 9

BUDGET QUESTION: How do we rank in the region in terms of population growth for the past five years? What's driving the recent growth rate statistics? Births outweighing deaths? People moving to the County?

RESPONSE: According to the Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service, Spotsylvania County ranks third in the George Washington Region for the past five years' population growth. Approximately 4,276, or 65%, of the 6,601 addition to the population is attributed to births exceeding deaths. The remaining 2,325 additional residents came from migration into the county.

The following table shows the five-year population change for the region:

George Washington Region	April 1, 2010 Census	July 1, 2015 Estimate	Numeric Change	% Change	Births minus deaths	Net Migration
Fredericksburg	24,286	26,969	2,683	11.0%	1,222	1,461
Stafford County	128,961	140,176	11,215	8.7%	5,631	5,584
Spotsylvania County	122,397	128,998	6,601	5.4%	4,276	2,325
Caroline County	28,545	29,792	1,247	4.4%	831	416
King George County	23,584	24,600	1,016	4.3%	791	225