

# Assessing Health and Health Care in Prince George's County

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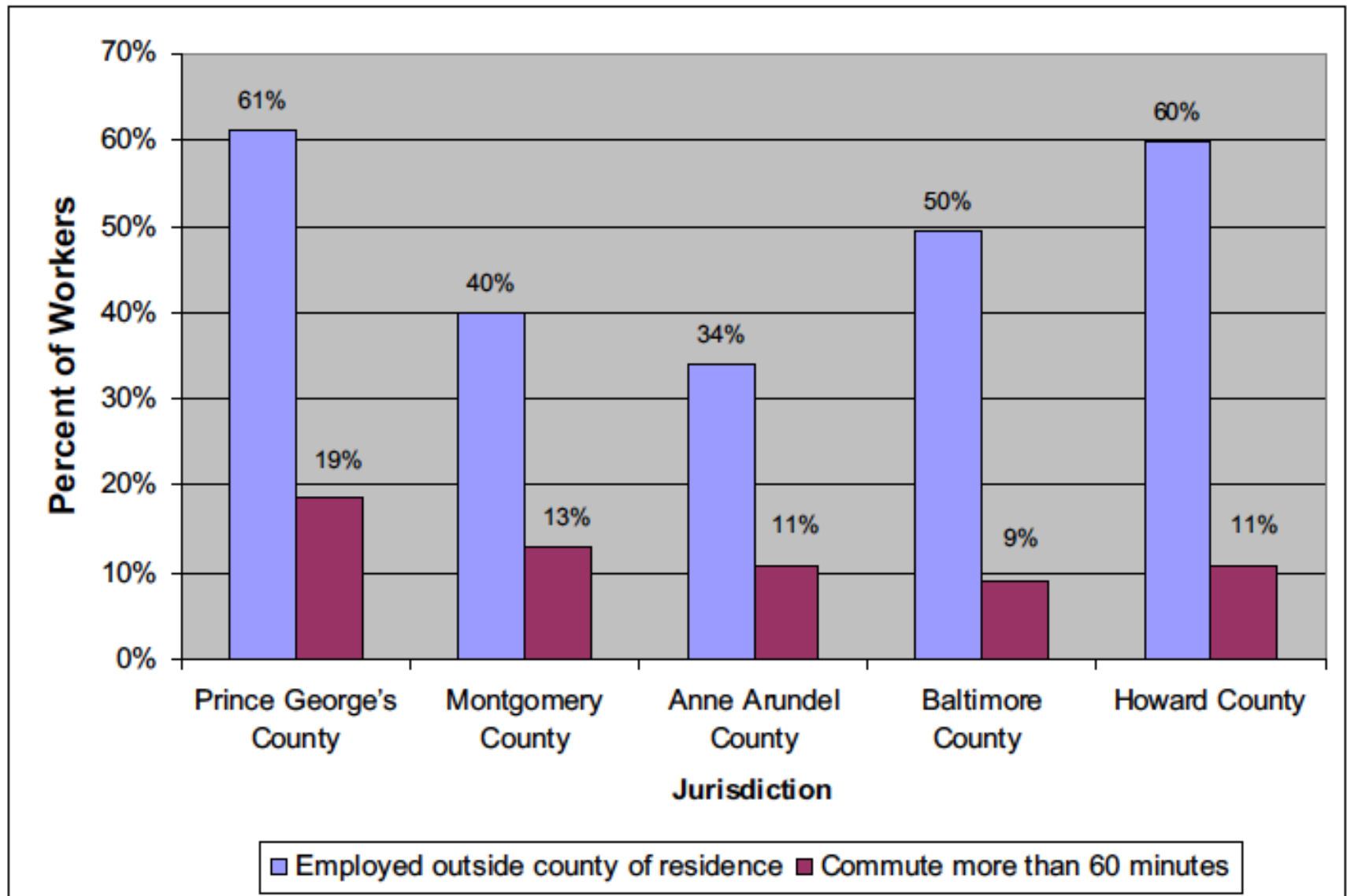
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- Published in 2009
- Based on 2006/07 & earlier data

# Executive Summary

Like most counties in the United States, Prince George's County, Maryland, faces the ongoing challenge of ensuring the health of its residents in the context of severe fiscal constraints. This challenge has grown more complex in the past decade, as the County's population has become increasingly diverse, demographically and sociodemographically.

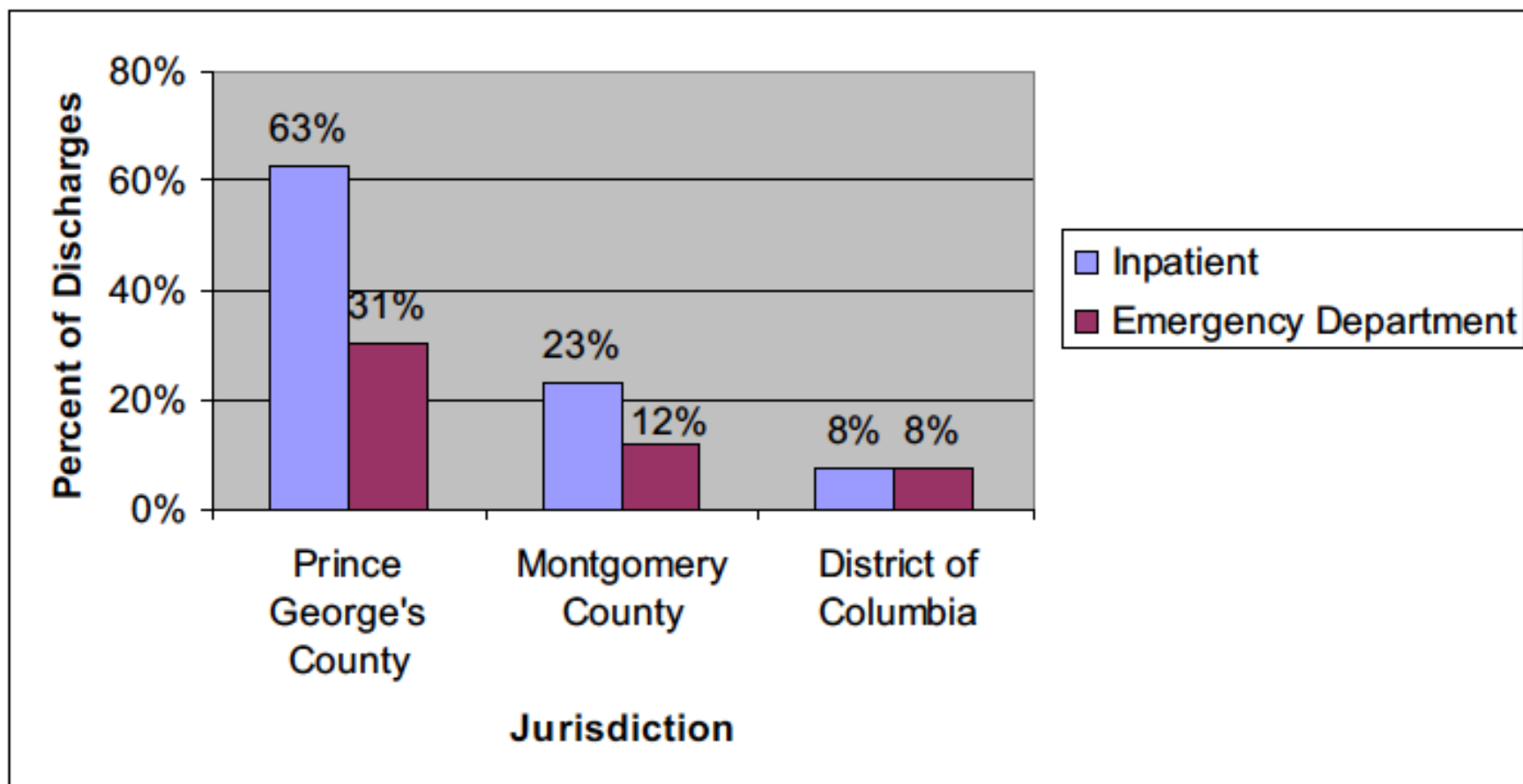
To gain a clearer understanding of these challenges and how they might be addressed, the Prince George's County Council contracted with the RAND Corporation to study the changing health care needs of County residents and the capacity of the County's health care system to meet these needs.

**Figure S.2 Percentage of Workers Employed Outside the County in Which They Reside and Commuting More Than 60 Minutes to Work by Jurisdiction (2006)**



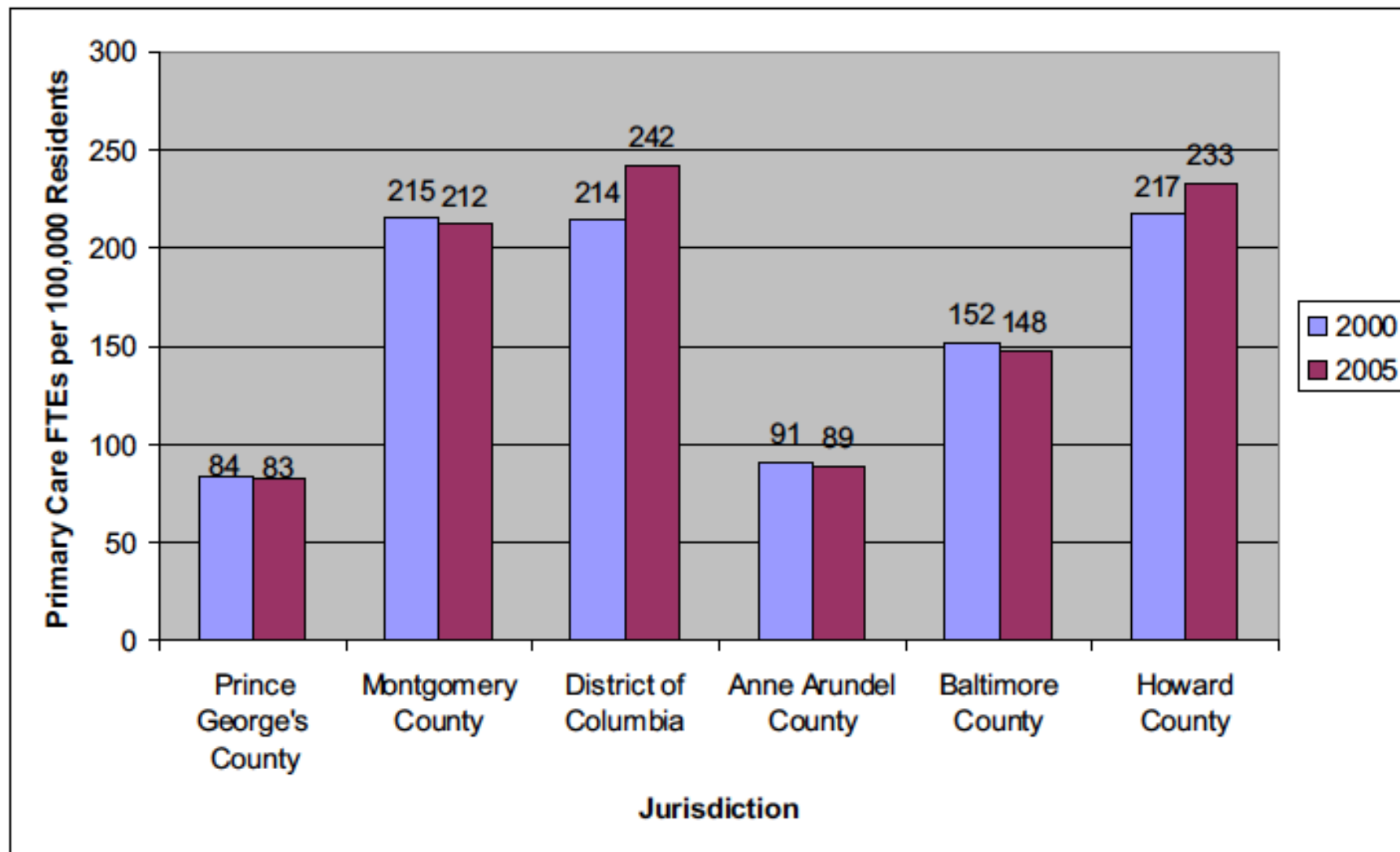
SOURCE: American Communities Survey 2006.

**Figure S.11 Percentage of Hospital Inpatients and Emergency Department Patients Discharged from Hospitals Located Outside the Jurisdiction of Residents by Jurisdiction, 2006**



SOURCE: Maryland Health Services Cost Review Commission, 2006.

**Figure S.6 Licensed Primary Care Physician Full-Time Equivalents per 100,000 Residents by Jurisdiction, 2000 and 2005**



SOURCE: Area Resource File 2000 and 2005 <http://www.arfsys.com/> and U.S. Census Bureau 2000 and 2005.

# Policy Implications – RAND 2009

- ▶ Strengthening the Prince George's ambulatory care safety net is an urgent priority.
- ▶ Understanding the economic consequences of out-of-county use of inpatient and emergency care by County residents.



# Report Gaps and Priority Needs Going Forward

- ▶ Assessment of child health and pediatric primary and specialty care needs
- ▶ Impact of the entry of new Federally Qualified Health Care (FQHC) centers into the market
- ▶ Glide path for the integration of the University of Maryland Capital Region Health System