

Aurora Highlands Demographics and Parks

Sources:

<http://parks.arlingtonva.us/find-a-park/>

<http://projects.arlingtonva.us/data-research/demographics/neighborhood/>

Is there a deficiency in playgrounds in our area? How does our neighborhood compare to other parts of Arlington?

HERE ARE THE FACTS: All the information is pulled directly from the Department of Parks and Recreation and the County website for demographics.

Aurora Highlands is tied for #1 currently with playgrounds in Arlington County (5 playgrounds in 7 parks.) However, only 9% of our population is children, one of the lowest in the county by percentage. The other neighborhood that Aurora Highlands is tied for first place for playground equipment with is Arlington Forest and 26% of their population is children. If Aurora Highlands triples its total child population from 152 children per playground to 456 children per playground, that would be considered "average" compared to the rest of Arlington County. And 27% of neighborhood population would be under 18. Demographics show the children percentage as 9%.

91% of our population is over the age of 18.

1) Demographics:

2010 Census (Summary File 1)	Aurora Highlands		Arlington	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
TOTAL POPULATION	8,725	100.0%	207,627	100.0%
Total Non-Hispanic or Latino	7,911	90.7%	176,245	84.9%
White alone	5,929	68.0%	132,961	64.0%
Black or African-American alone	714	8.2%	17,088	8.2%
American Indian or Alaska Native alone	22	0.3%	394	0.2%
Asian alone	989	11.3%	19,762	9.5%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander Alone	4	0.0%	133	0.1%
Some other Race alone	12	0.1%	611	0.3%
Two or more Races	241	2.8%	5,296	2.6%
Total Hispanic or Latino	814	9.3%	31,382	15.1%
Age Distribution				
Under 5 years	387	4.4%	11,782	5.7%
5 to 17 years	371	4.3%	20,844	10.0%
18 to 24 years	917	10.5%	20,315	9.8%
25 to 34 years	3,152	36.1%	57,402	27.6%
35 to 44 years	1,321	15.1%	32,868	15.8%
45 to 54 years	928	10.6%	25,717	12.4%
55 to 64 years	730	8.4%	20,645	9.9%
65 to 74 years	461	5.3%	10,086	4.9%
75 to 84 years	288	3.3%	5,153	2.5%
85 years and over	170	1.9%	2,815	1.4%

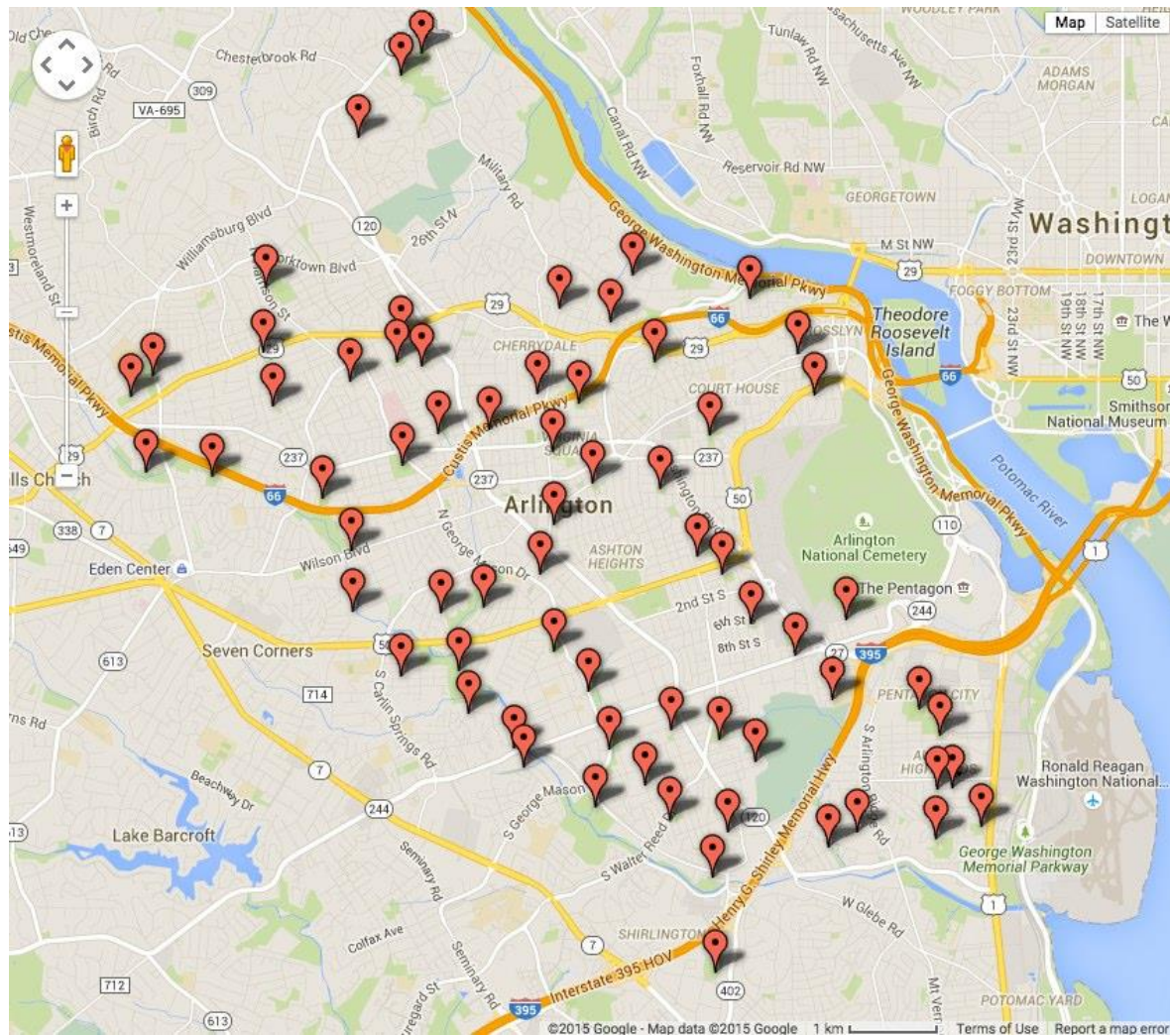
Combining the latest census data with the DPR parks database, Aurora Highlands is already 11th out of the 61 civic associations in terms of playgrounds per child, with one playground for every 152 children.

At the same time, most of our parks have playgrounds even though Aurora Highlands is 56th out of 61 in terms of children per capita, with only 9% of the population under the age of 18.

Civic Association	Parks	Play	Pop.	Children	% Children	% 18-54	% Elderly	Children per Playground
Foxcroft Heights	1	1	357	74	21%	74%	5%	74
Forest Glen	3	2	924	163	18%	74%	8%	82
Glencarlyn	5	3	1,841	301	16%	55%	28%	100
Arlington Forest	7	5	2223	568	26%	64%	10%	114
John M Langston	4	4	2,480	512	21%	65%	14%	128
Glebeewood	1	1	840	128	15%	68%	17%	128
North Rosslyn	2	1	2,536	136	5%	86%	9%	136
Old Glebe	6	3	1,574	450	29%	54%	17%	150
Columbia Heights	6	4	4,985	602	12%	82%	6%	151
Aurora Highlands	7	5	8725	758	9%	81%	11%	152
Waycroft-Woodlawn	2	2	1,592	365	23%	65%	12%	183
Arlington View	2	1	979	206	21%	67%	12%	206
Penrose	5	3	4,780	659	14%	80%	7%	220
Woodmont	4	1	883	231	26%	60%	14%	231
Ballston-Virginia Square	7	3	13753	719	5%	86%	9%	240
Maywood	2	1	1,121	243	22%	71%	8%	243
North Highlands	3	1	3,032	245	8%	86%	6%	245
Nauck	9	4	5,738	1123	20%	73%	7%	281
Long Branch Creek	5	2	4,024	588	15%	82%	3%	294
Arlington Ridge	5	2	6324	610	10%	76%	14%	305
Ashton Heights	5	2	3962	622	16%	77%	7%	311
Lyon Park	2	2	4,862	683	14%	80%	6%	342
Madison Manor	2	1	1,370	355	26%	63%	11%	355
Barcroft	3	2	3477	720	21%	72%	7%	360
Bluemont	6	3	5850	1083	19%	73%	8%	361
Alcova Heights	1	1	1900	362	19%	74%	7%	362
East Falls Church	6	3	4,966	1156	23%	67%	10%	385
Claremont	6	1	2008	410	20%	71%	9%	410
Boulevard Manor	4	1	1820	416	23%	57%	21%	416
Westover Village	1	1	2,209	448	20%	73%	7%	448
Highland Park – Overlee Knolls	2	1	1,692	450	27%	63%	10%	450
Dominion Hills	1	1	1,695	464	27%	63%	10%	464
Arlington Heights	3	1	2555	479	19%	73%	8%	479

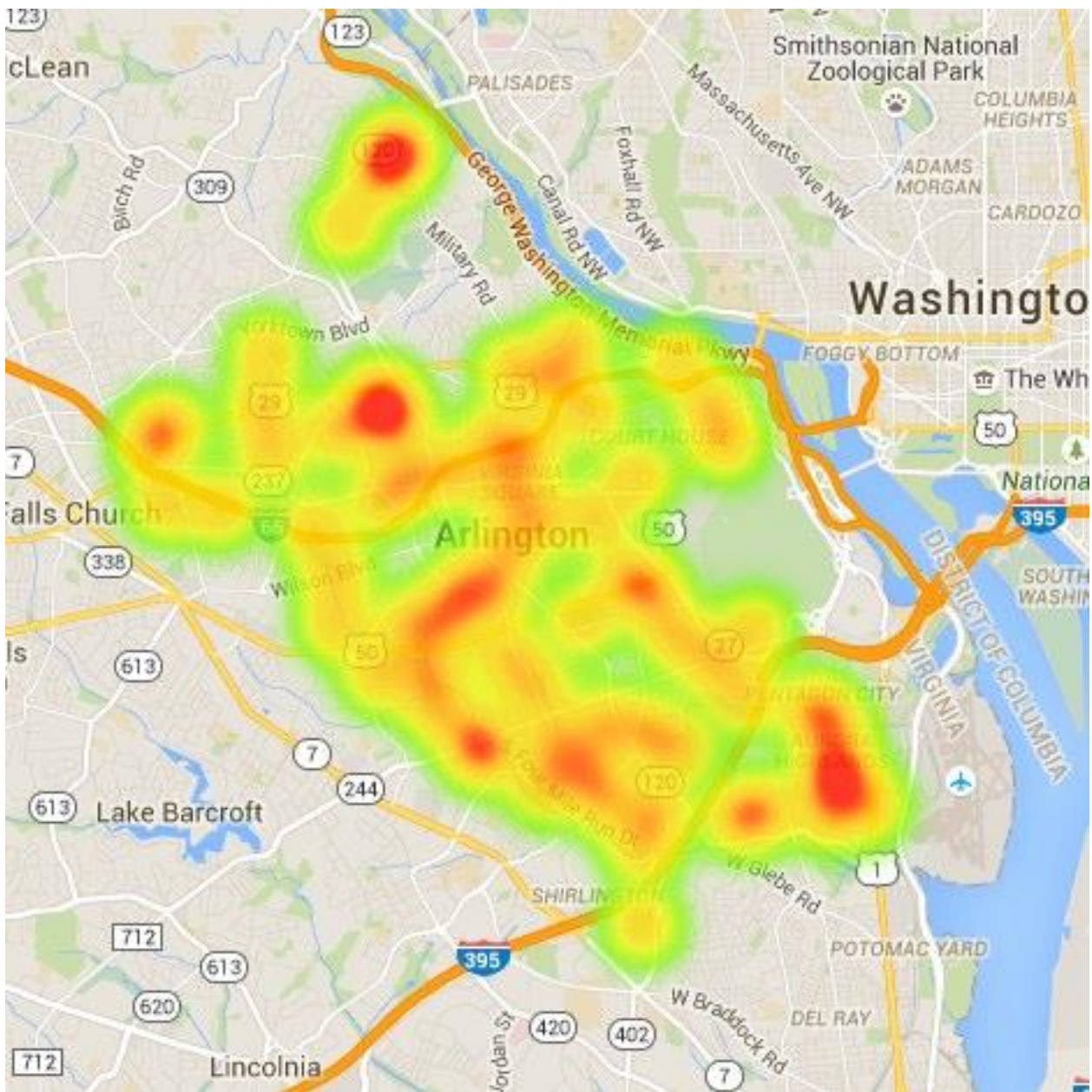
Tara Leeway Heights	1	1	2,379	621	26%	62%	12%	621
Douglas Park	3	3	9,365	1884	20%	74%	6%	628
Leeway Overlee	1	1	2,354	642	27%	63%	10%	642
Columbia Heights West	4	3	7,398	1936	26%	69%	5%	645
Cherrydale	4	1	3169	650	21%	65%	15%	650
Columbia Forest	1	1	3,793	695	18%	75%	7%	695
Waverly Hills	1	1	3,809	704	18%	72%	9%	704
Clarendon-Courthouse	3	1	8722	708	8%	89%	3%	708
Radnor Ft. Myer Heights	5	1	11,453	753	7%	88%	5%	753
Buckingham	2	1	5732	842	15%	72%	14%	842
Yorktown	3	1	3,616	977	27%	61%	12%	977
Fairlington	4	1	8,137	1068	13%	80%	7%	1068
Cherry Valley Nature Area	1	0	133	26	20%	71%	9%	N/A
Colonial Village	0	0	2,570	145	6%	89%	5%	N/A
Lyon Village	1	0	3,531	583	17%	76%	8%	N/A
Gulf Branch	1	0	919	260	28%	58%	13%	N/A
Donaldson Run	4	0	3,454	745	22%	66%	13%	N/A
Old Dominion	0	0	1,550	389	25%	62%	13%	N/A
Bellevue-Forest	2	0	1043	268	26%	60%	15%	N/A
Forest Hills	0	0	309	35	11%	57%	32%	N/A
Rivercrest	0	0	344	82	24%	56%	20%	N/A
Rock Spring	2	0	2,850	816	29%	58%	14%	N/A
Williamsburg	2	0	2,875	835	29%	57%	14%	N/A
Riverwood	1	0	488	131	27%	55%	19%	N/A
Dover Crystal	1	0	1,367	357	26%	55%	18%	N/A
Stafford-Albemarle-Glebe	0	0	727	181	25%	53%	22%	N/A
Arlingwood	0	0	366	100	27%	52%	20%	N/A
Chain Bridge Forest	0	0	528	140	27%	52%	21%	N/A

Here is a map of all parks with playgrounds using data from the DPR web site (<http://parks.arlingtonva.us/find-a-park/>). In most areas these are pretty well spread out.

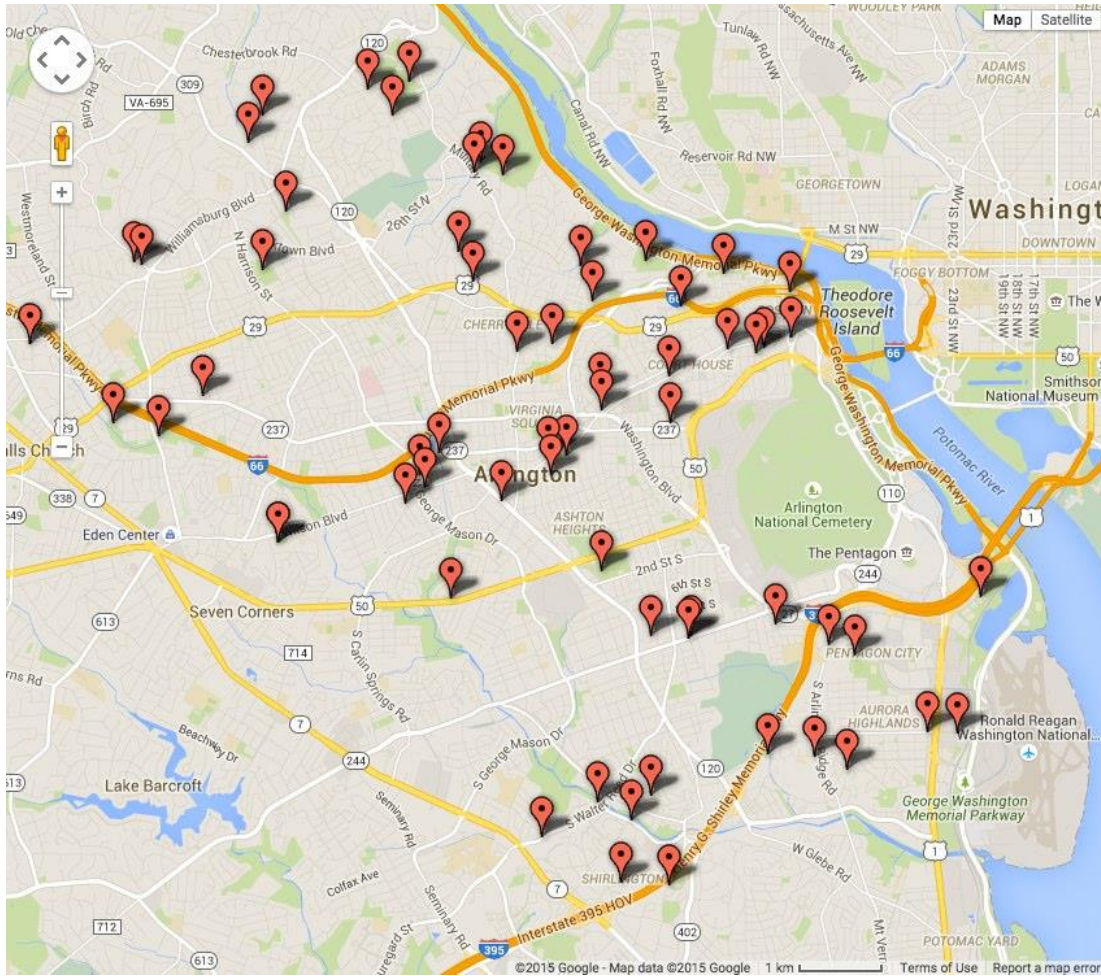


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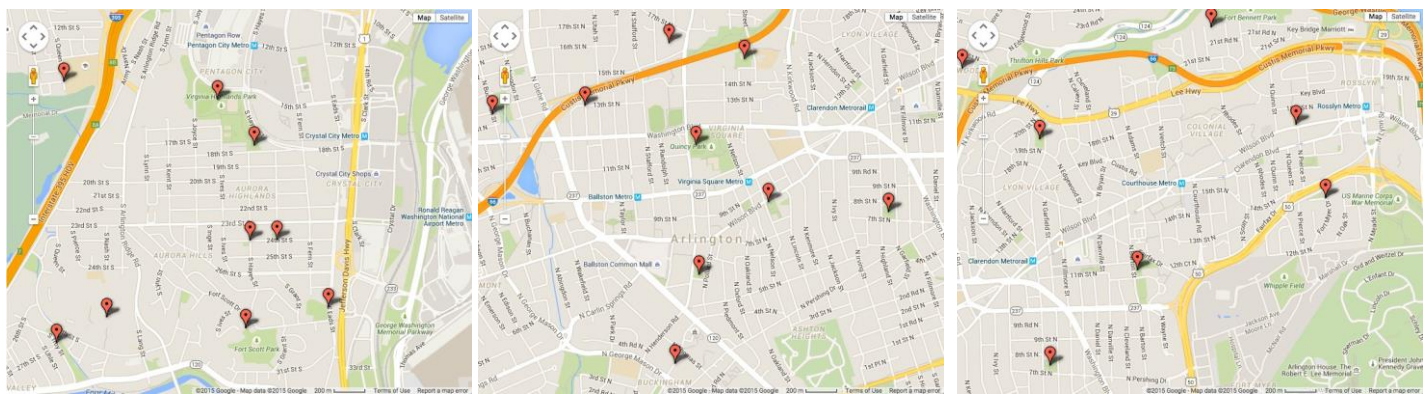
Here's the same map showing the results slightly differently,
with "hot spots" showing areas with higher concentrations of playgrounds.



Here's the same map showing parks **without** playgrounds. So there are no longer any parks in the neighborhood without playgrounds.



Compare this to areas like North Rosslyn or Ballston-Virginia Square with similar demographics:



Nelly Custis Park



About this Park

Enjoy this 0.8-acre landscaped park, complete with a playground and open green space.

One of the main features of this park is the "open green space"

This is the photo from the DPR website showing an older kids swing set and playground equipment. The "tot" lot is at Nina Park which is diagonal. DPR Survey says that this is a "tot" lot.

In conversations with DPR and at the NCAC meeting, they explained this as a tot lot and equipment is needed for older children.

The survey has inaccurately portrayed the existing equipment and clearly there is in place equipment for older children.

The survey also simply asks if a play area for 5-12 year olds should be in the park. That currently exists.