



# **ST. MARY'S 2050**

## CHARTING OUR TOMORROW

**St. Mary's 2050: Charting Our Tomorrow  
Comprehensive Plan Update Project  
July 29, 2025**

**Commissioners of St. Mary's  
County Update**

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# St. Mary's 2050: Charting Our Tomorrow



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# Project Timeline



## LAUNCH PROJECT

**Fall 2024**

Kickoff Meeting  
County Tour  
Internal Interviews  
Project Website



## ESTABLISH VISION AND GOALS

**Winter 2024 - 2025**

Community  
Engagement  
Window #1\*



## DEVELOP POLICIES AND STRATEGIES

**Spring –  
Fall 2025**

Community  
Engagement  
Window #2\*  
  
Community  
Engagement  
Window #3\*



## PLAN ADOPTION

**Winter 2025-2026**

Public Hearings  
Adoption

**We are here!**

**\* Includes PC Briefings**

PC = Planning Commission

# Community Engagement Window #2



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# Community Engagement Window (CEW) #2

## (May-June)

- **Total # of participants in CEW #2: 1,380**
- 15 In-Person Community Engagement Opportunities from May 16 – June 30, 2025\*
- 3 content-based surveys and one exit questionnaire
- All surveys were available online from May 5 to June 30
- Paper surveys were available at the 3 County libraries for community members to complete
- Survey questions were the same whether participants were in-person or online



# Community Engagement Window #2: Community Surveys Results



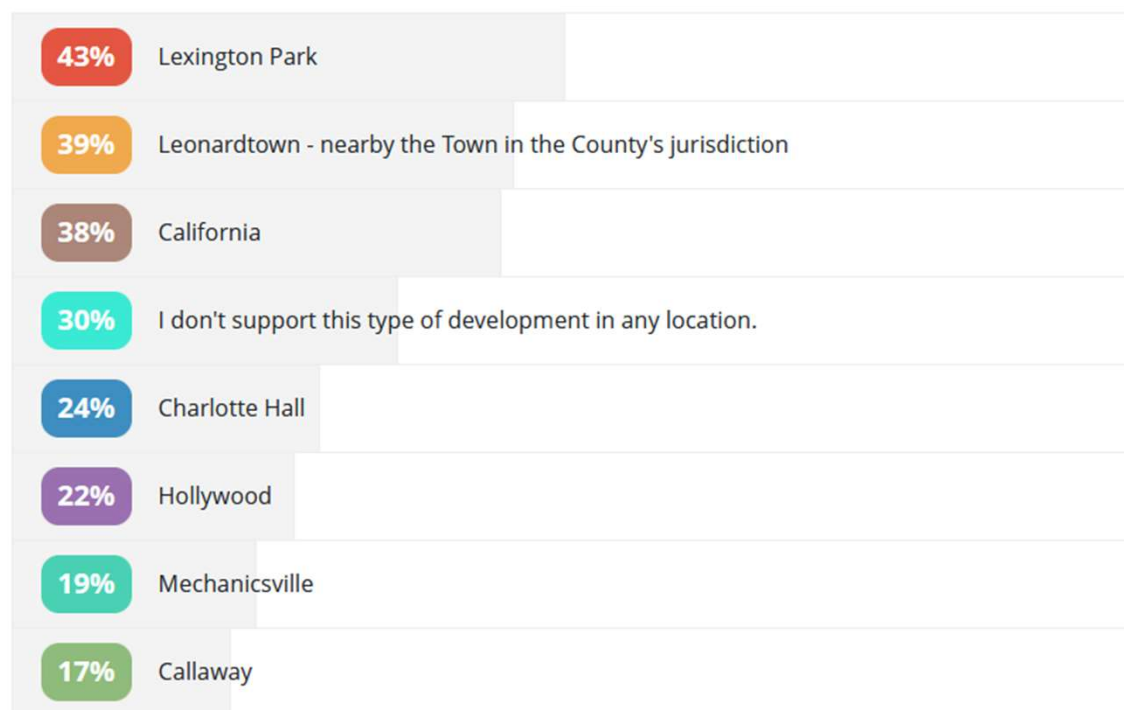
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# Survey 1: Guiding Our Growth Through 2050

## Question 1

### Areas of St. Mary's County in which participants support mixed-use development

**Note:** The responses to this question add up to more than 100%, because participants could select more than one choice.



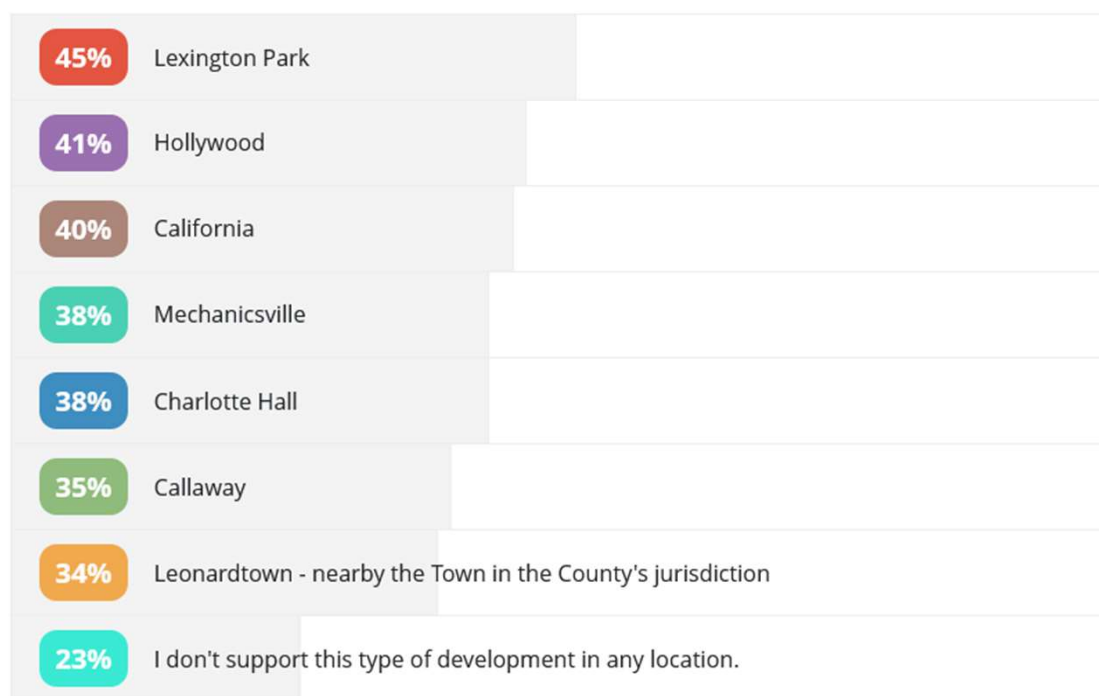


# Survey 1: Guiding Our Growth Through 2050

## Question 2

### Areas of St. Mary's County in which participants support smaller starter homes and townhouses

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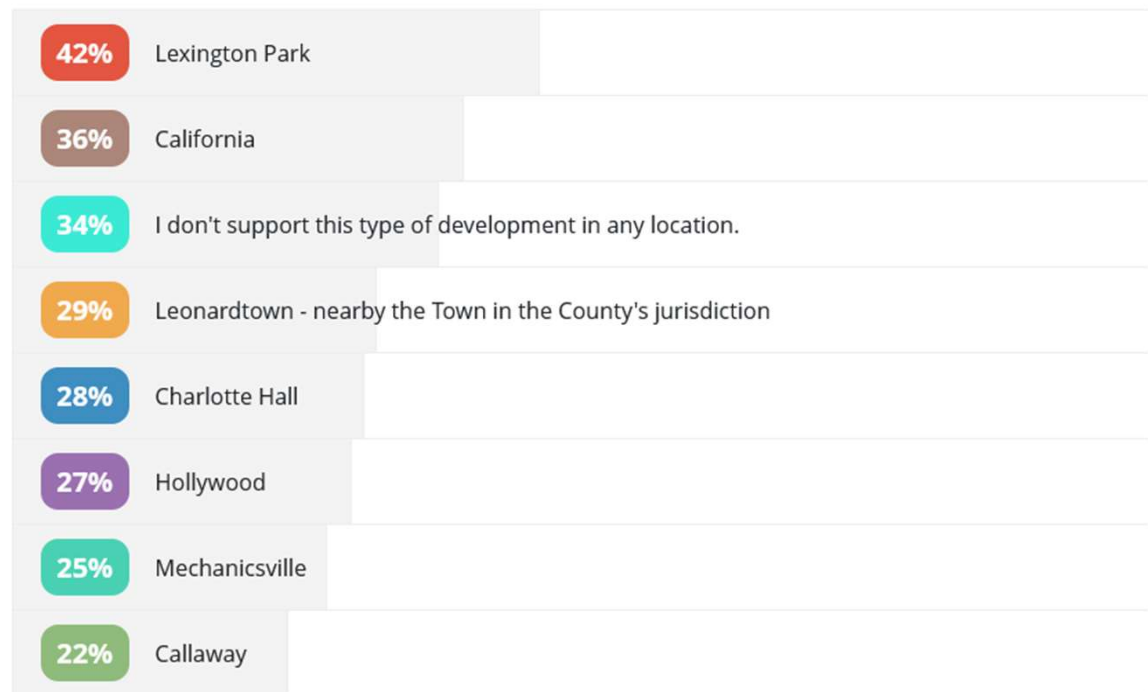


# Survey 1: Guiding Our Growth Through 2050

## Question 3

### Areas of St. Mary's County in which participants support multifamily housing

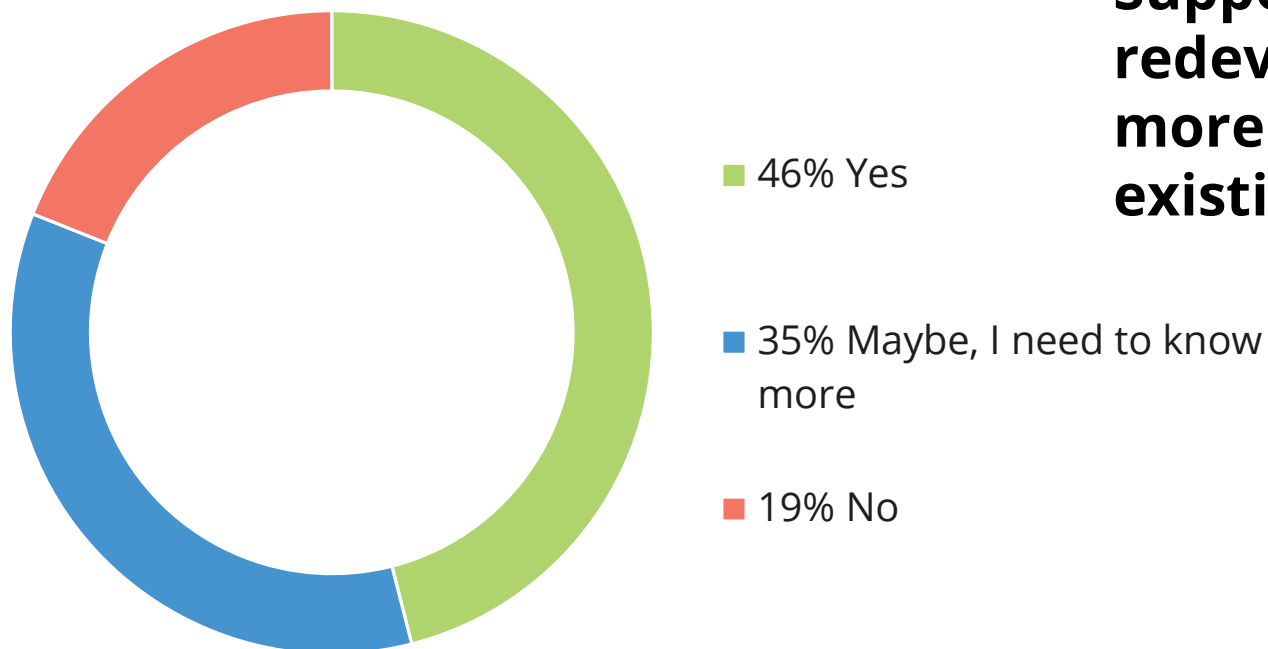
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# Survey 1: Guiding Our Growth Through 2050

## Question 4

**Support for  
redevelopment that is  
more intensive than  
existing**

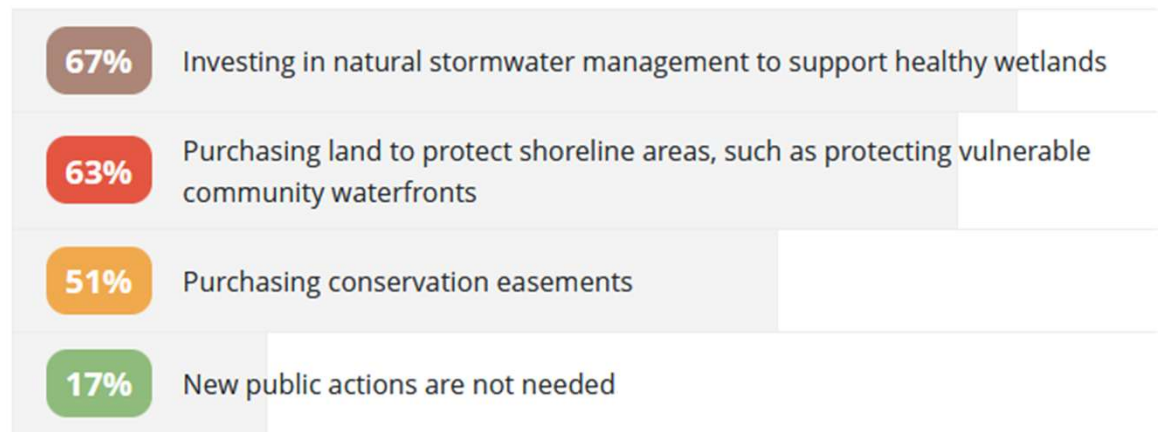


# Survey 2: Environmental and Agricultural Resources

## Question 1

### Activities that participants support to protect environmentally sensitive land

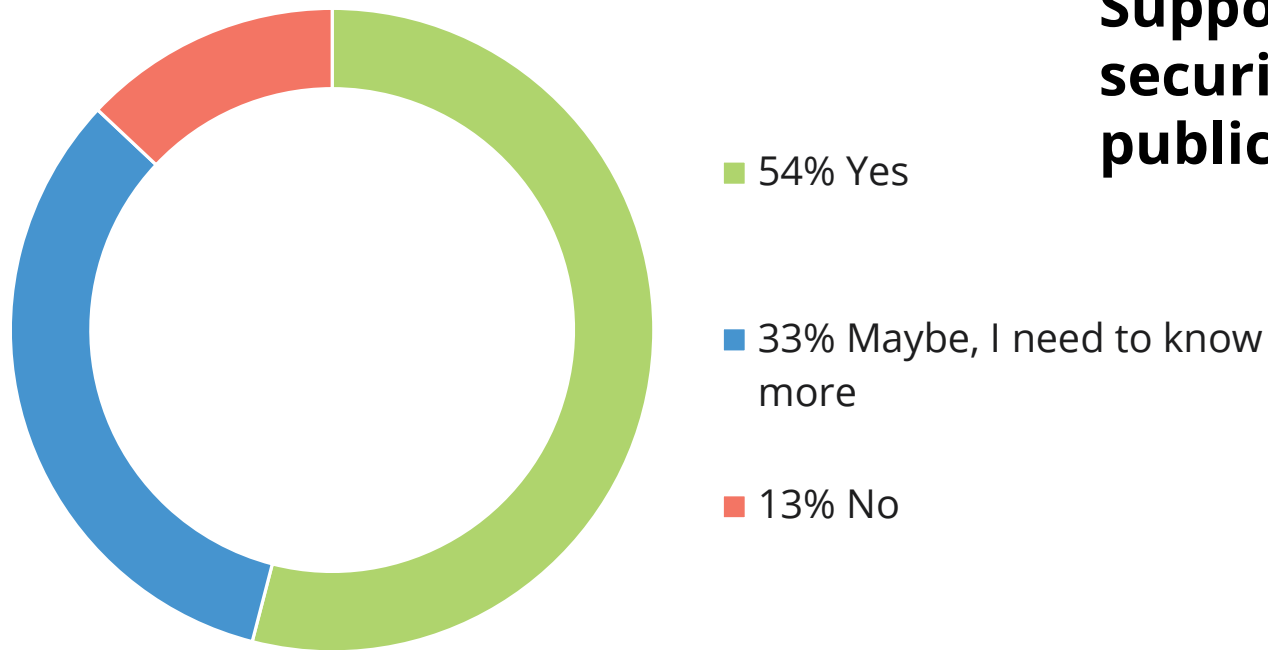
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## Survey 2: Environmental and Agricultural Resources

### Question 2

**Support for the county  
securing land for  
public water access**

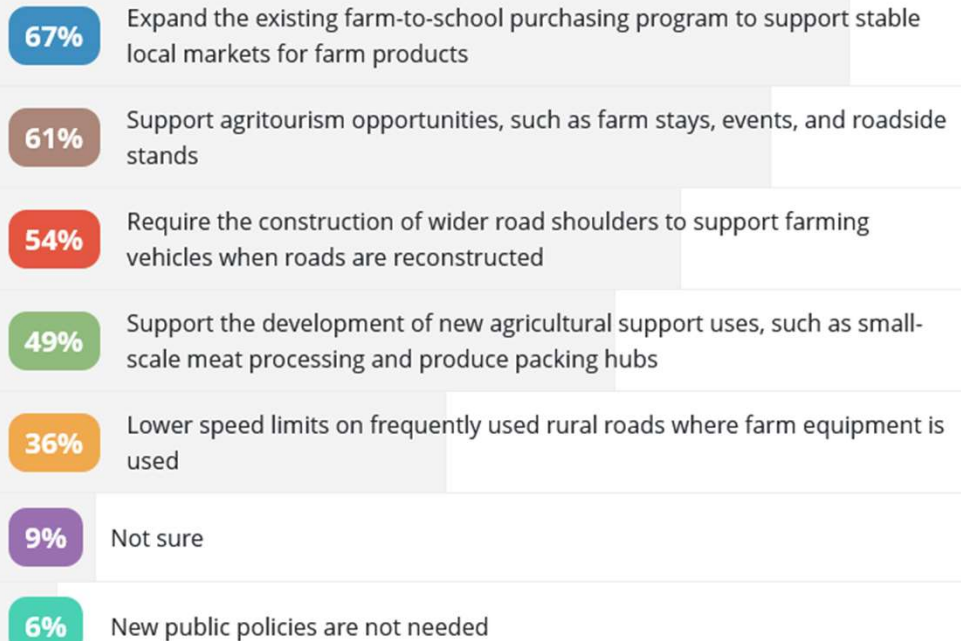


## Survey 2: Environmental and Agricultural Resources

### Question 3

#### Support for new agricultural policies

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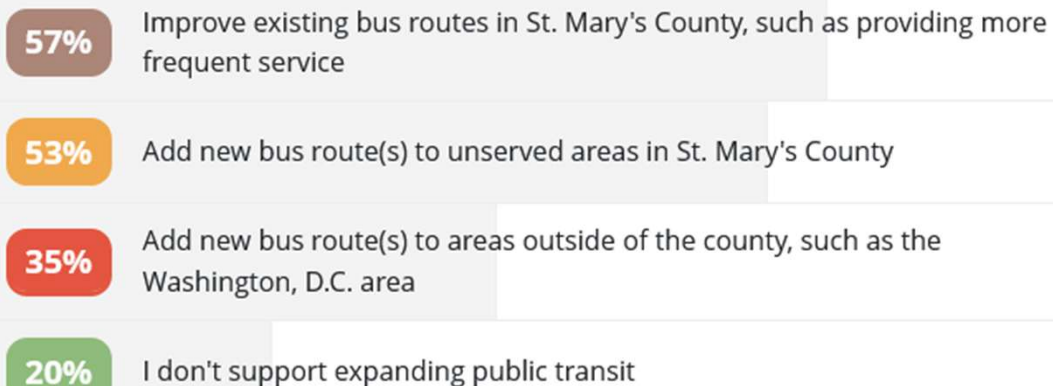


# Survey 3: Serving Our Community

## Question 1

### Top priorities for transit service

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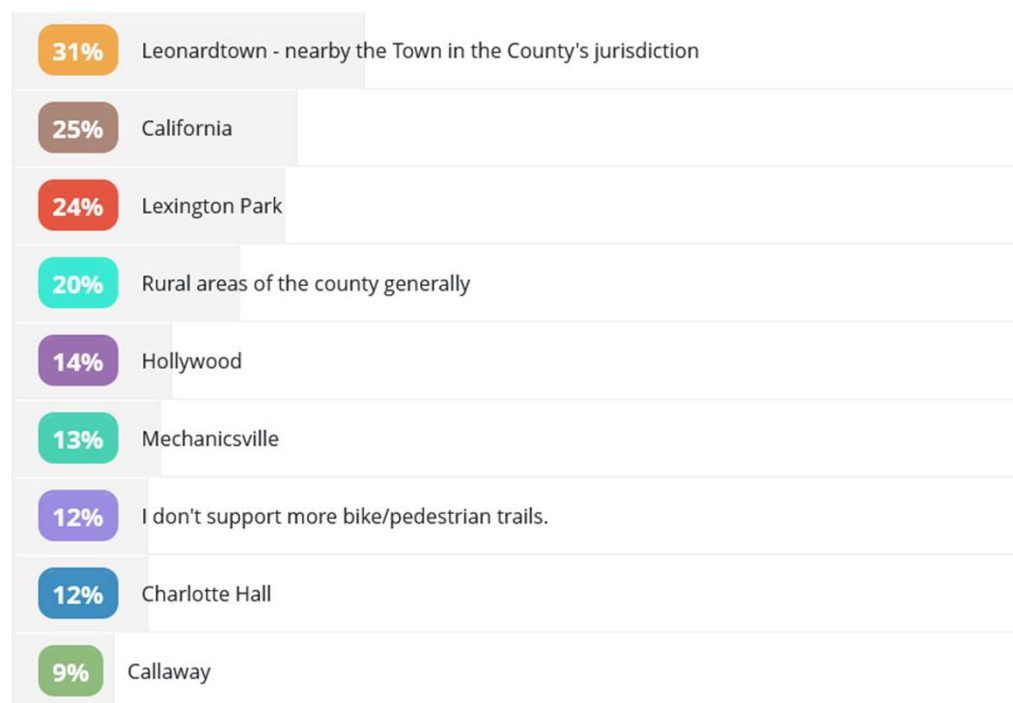


# Survey 3: Serving Our Community

## Question 2

### Areas of St. Mary's County in which participants support developing new or enhanced bike/pedestrian trails

**Note:** The responses to this question add up to more than 100%, because participants could select more than one choice.





# Survey 3: Serving Our Community

## Question 3

### Support for services and programs that assist the county's aging population

**Note:** The responses to this question add up to more than 100%, because participants could select more than one choice.



# Survey 3: Serving Our Community

## Question 4

### Long-term investment priorities as selected by participants

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# Trends and Projections Report



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# A Growing Population

The County grew

**45%**

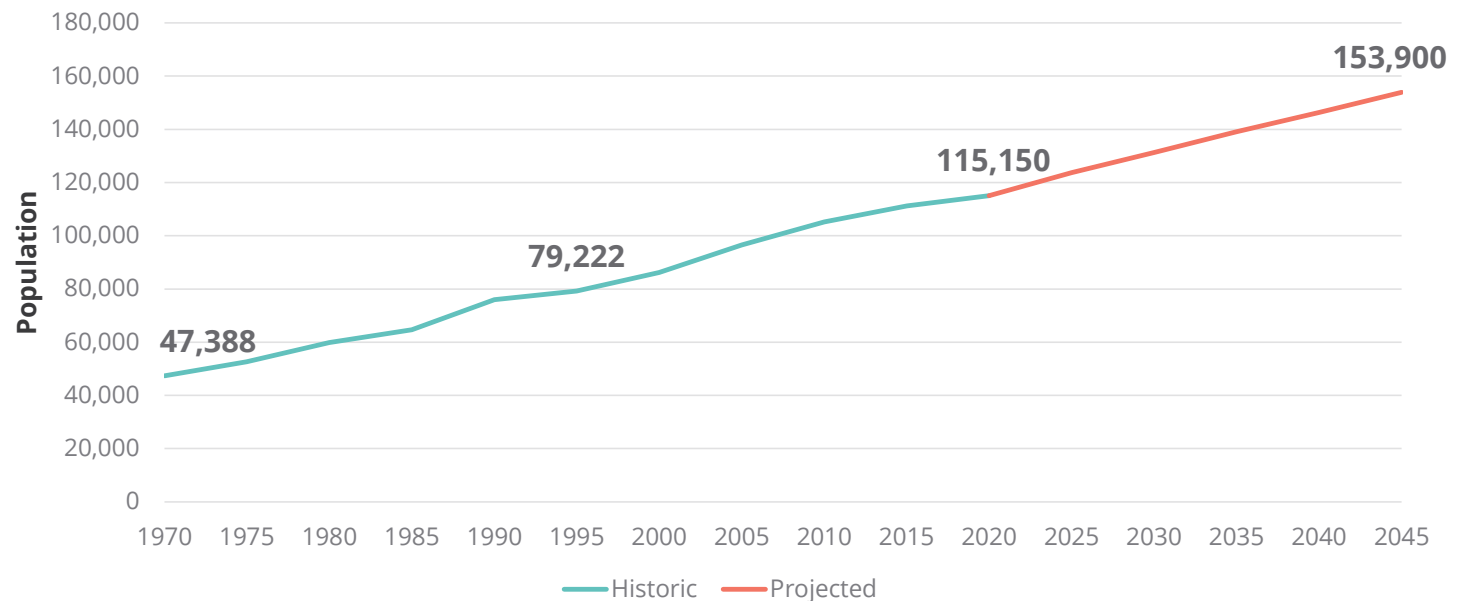
between 1995  
and 2020,

and is projected  
to grow

**34%**

between 2020  
and 2045.

## Population Projections for St. Mary's County



Sources: Maryland Department of Planning, Projections and State Data Center, December 2020; Annual Estimates of the Population via Federal Reserve Economic Data

# Trends and Projections Report

The Trends and Projections Report will be available on the county website soon, under the Resources section.

<https://www.stmaryscountymd.gov/StMarys2050/resources>



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# Vision Themes



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# Vision Themes

- Guiding Our Growth Through 2050
- Protecting Our Environmental and Agricultural Resources
- Serving Our Community



# Questions?

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