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**Swim Meets and Officials**

Since Potomac Valley’s mission is to “...promote swimming and foster equal access for competitive opportunities for the benefit of swimmers of all ages and abilities,”<sup>1</sup> conduct of swimming competition is a critical activity of the organization.

The following table, based on Meet Manager databases stored on PVS web site, shows the number of meets held in LSC from 2001-2002 through the end of 2009-2010 season.

PVS Season	PVS Meet Type												Total # Of Meets	Total # of Sessions
	Distance		Open		Dual/Tri		Mini-Meet		Championship		Invitational			
	# Of Meets	# of Sessions	# Of Meets	# of Sessions	# Of Meets	# of Sessions	# Of Meets	# of Sessions	# Of Meets	# of Sessions	# Of Meets	# of Sessions		
2001-2002	4	7	15	46	7	8	10	32	7	56	18	109	61	258
2002-2003	3	6	17	56	6	9	8	24	5	48	19	114	58	257
2003-2004	3	7	13	56	10	9	8	29	6	64	20	131	60	296
2004-2005	4	7	14	62	6	8	9	30	6	60	24	137	63	304
2005-2006	3	6	13	56	1	1	11	34	5	51	29	169	62	317
2006-2007	3	6	13	57	4	6	11	34	6	64	34	187	71	354
2007-2008	3	6	13	59	2	3	13	36	7	64	39	202	77	370
2008-2009	3	8	14	61	4	11	14	34	8	80	41	216	84	410
2009-2010	3	6	15	68	2	6	17	34	10	119	44	240	91	473

Over this time period the number of meets increased by 49%. However, the number of sessions held during meets increased by 83%. The number of sessions is an important metric because it represents a block of time for staffing by officials.

<sup>1</sup> Potomac Valley Swimming Mission Statement, <http://www.pvswim.org/>

Using available certification data, this table shows the number of certified officials in the roles of Referee, Starter and Stroke & Turn Judges.

Season	Referee	Starter	Stroke & Turn	Total
2004-2005	56	39	170	265
2005-2006	58	38	160	256
2006-2007	56	40	174	270
2007-2008	50	40	174	264
2008-2009	49	48	218	315

While there was a significant increase in the number of sessions to staff, the number of officials remained essentially flat for a large portion of the time period. This placed a heavy burden on the limited number of officials, especially at the Referee and Starter roles.

Since the source of new officials is parents of swimmers, PVS clubs should have a focus on recruiting parents to become officials.

### Membership

- From the 2009-2010 season membership data we find 3.21% athlete members are from DC, 35.13% are from Maryland, 61.67% from Virginia. These ratios have been relatively the same since 2006.
- Figure 1 on the next page compares county of residence for the 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 seasons.
- The top 6 counties where PVS athletes reside remain unchanged. These counties, in descending order:

2008-2009

Fairfax County	37.99%	3569
Montgomery County	29.02%	2726
Loudoun County	9.88%	928
Prince William County	5.64%	530
Arlington County	4.58%	430
Prince George's County	3.84%	361

2009-2010

Fairfax County	38.07%	3611
Montgomery County	29.60%	2808
Loudoun County	9.62%	912
Prince William County	5.37%	509
Arlington County	4.93%	468
Prince George's County	3.97%	377

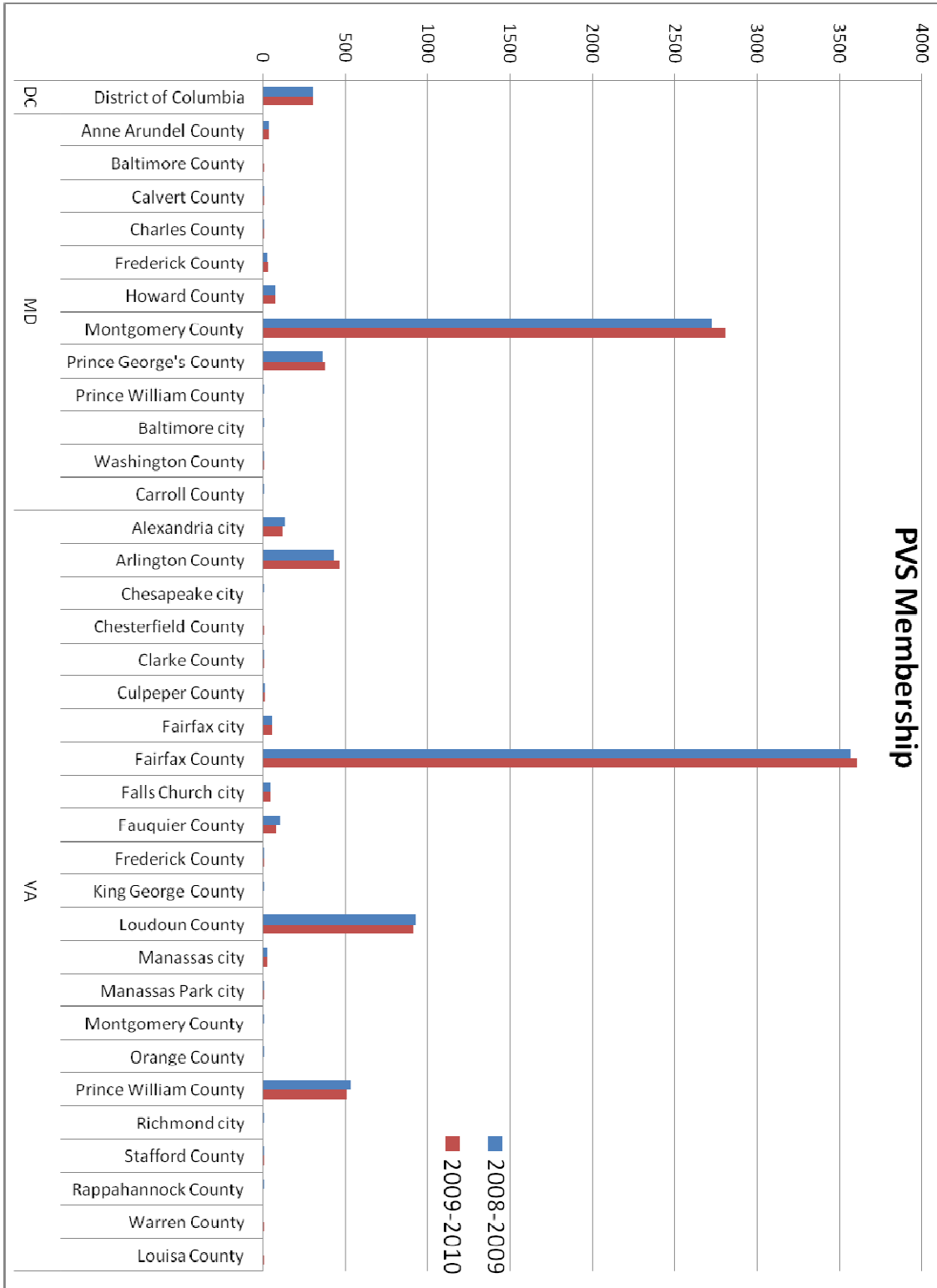


Figure 1 PVS Athlete Member Residence Counties