

Demographics

This section of the Data Book provides basic demographic information for the County, largely drawn from the most recent census data and projections from the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG).

Population

- Since 1960, Washtenaw County's population has increased from 172,440 to 322,895 persons in 2000.
- According to the 2000 Census, Washtenaw County is the sixth largest county in the State.
- The 2000 Census represents a 14.1% increase from the 1990 population.
- SEMCOG projections for the year 2020 show a 15.6% increase, adding more than 50,000 persons to the County's population.
- Between 1960 and 2000, the fastest growing communities in Washtenaw County were Pittsfield, Lodi, Scio and Webster Townships, and the City of Saline.

Population by Minor Civil Division 1960-2020

	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000	2010**	2020**
County Total	172,440	234,103	264,740	282,937	322,895	340,274	373,362
Ann Arbor City	67,340	99,797	107,969	109,592	114,024	117,790	122,289
Ann Arbor Township	3,521	3,589	2,733	3,473	4,385	3,351	3,886
Augusta Township	3,754	4,378	4,643	4,415	4,813	4,959	5,236
Barton Hills Village^	N/A	N/A	357	320	335	344	338
Bridgewater Township	1,002	1,204	1,371	1,304	1,646	1,471	1,569
Chelsea Village	3,355	3,858	3,816	3,772	4,398	4,264	4,452
Dexter Township	1,698	2,238	3,872	4,407	5,248	5,692	6,093
Dexter Village	1,702	1,729	1,524	1,497	2,338	2,391	2,635
Freedom Township	1,065	1,267	1,436	1,486	1,562	1,631	1,708
Lima Township	995	1,281	2,124	2,132	2,513*	2,639	2,915
Lodi Township	1,411	1,934	2,773	3,902	5,710	5,667	6,380
Lyndon Township	1,037	1,373	2,057	2,228	2,728	2,773	3,055
Manchester Township	1,022	1,206	1,540	1,739	1,942	2,329	2,557
Manchester Village	1,568	1,650	1,686	1,753	2,160	2,916	3,311
Milan City Part	2,847	3,775	3,260	3,060	3,065	3,741	3,751
Northfield Township	3,279	3,975	4,672	6,732	8,252	9,744	11,001
Pittsfield Township	6,043	8,185	12,986	17,668	30,167	36,673	49,830
Salem Township	2,097	3,001	3,342	3,734	5,562	4,842	5,259
Saline City	2,334	4,811	6,483	6,660	8,034	8,589	9,439
Saline Township	906	922	1,221	1,276	1,302	1,495	1,568
Scio Township	4,454	5,501	6,505	9,580	13,421*	14,260	16,358
Sharon Township	760	831	1,363	1,366	1,678	2,153	2,508
Superior Township	3,600	5,562	8,060	8,720	10,740	9,634	10,085
Sylvan Township	1,451	1,642	2,128	2,508	2,738*	3,453	3,814
Webster Township	1,286	1,981	2,760	3,235	5,198*	5,792	6,878
York Township	7,006	5,681	5,517	6,225	7,392	7,835	8,633
Ypsilanti City	20,957	29,538	24,031	24,846	22,362	22,117	21,770
Ypsilanti Township	25,950	33,194	44,511	45,307	49,182	51,729	56,044

* indicates estimates. Official release of the Township portions located outside of villages has yet to be released by the Census Bureau.

** indicates projections.

^ Barton Hills incorporated as a village in 1974.

Source: U.S. Census 1960-2000

SEMCOG 2020 Regional Development Forecast, 1996

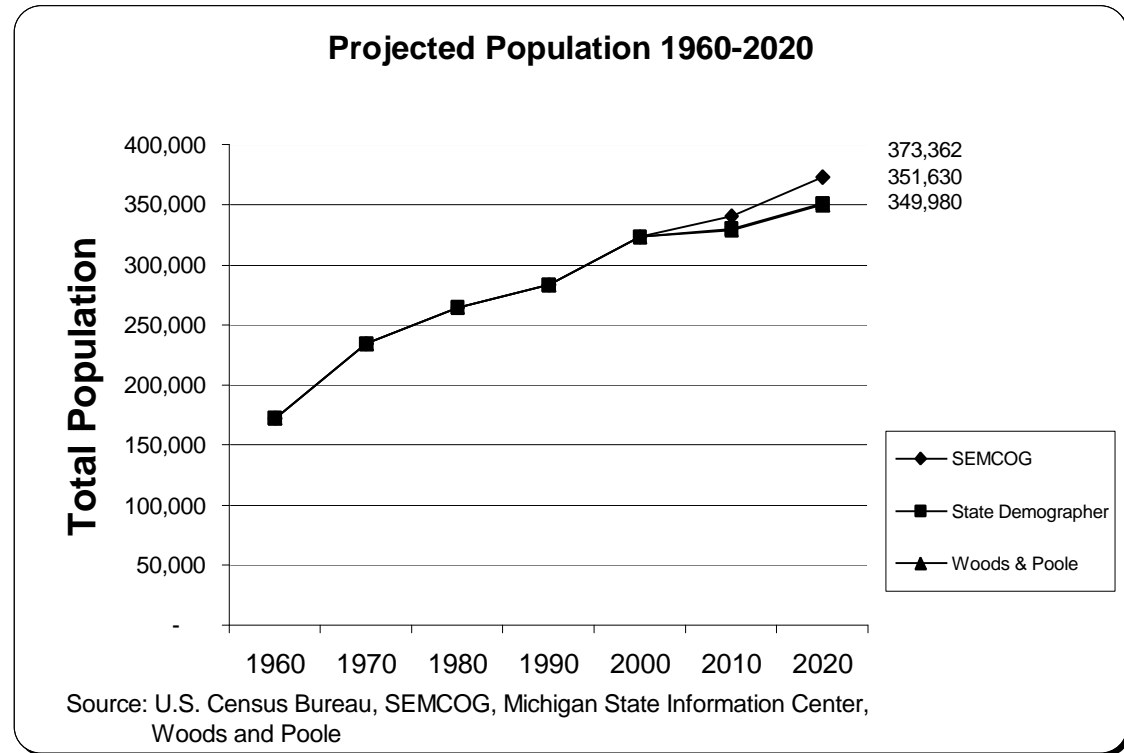
Population Projections

Population projections reveal that Washtenaw County will continue to experience population growth between the year 2000 and 2020. The chart to the right provides three different alternative population projections for Washtenaw County for the year 2020.

Observations:

- As previously indicated, SEMCOG projects Washtenaw County to have a population of 340,274 by 2010 and 373,362 by 2020.
- Two other projections reflect slightly smaller growth for the next 20 years. One of those projections, provided by the State Demographer of the Michigan State Information Center, projects Washtenaw County's population to grow at a slower pace than that of SEMCOG's projections. Between 2000 and 2010 the State Demographer projects the population to grow to

- 329,600 and reach 351,200 by 2020.
- According to Woods and Poole Economics, Inc. the County is expected to reach a similar population of 328,630 by 2010 and 349,980 by 2020.
- Generally speaking, Washtenaw County's Population is projected to grow to 350,000 to 375,000 by the year 2020 when rounding the projections.



Households

Households by Minor Civil Division 1960-2020

Observations:

- The percentage growth of households in Washtenaw County has exceeded the population growth in recent decades.
- Between 1960 and the year 2000, it is estimated that Washtenaw County increased in the number of households by nearly 168%, nearly double in size when compared to population growth (87.3%) during the same time period.
- This household growth will continue between 2000 and 2020 with a projected 14.6% growth or nearly 19,000 households.
- The communities that have experienced the largest household growth during the last 40 years include Pittsfield, Webster, Lodi, Superior and Scio Townships.
- SEMCOG projects that between 2000 and 2020, Manchester Village, Pittsfield, Sylvan, Sharon, Webster and York Townships are expected to experience the fastest growth in households in Washtenaw County.

	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000*	2010**	2020**
Washtenaw County	47,272	68,579	92,937	104,528	126,185	130,880	144,617
Ann Arbor City	19,726	31,563	38,945	41,660	44,810	47,302	50,079
Ann Arbor Township	944	880	894	1,464	1,824	1,494	1,633
Augusta Township	943	1,172	1,412	1,471	1,787	1,793	1,955
Barton Hills Village [^]	NA	NA	137	130	130	134	138
Bridgewater Township	301	328	423	451	592	565	613
Chelsea Village	965	1,139	1,342	1,390	1,592	1,651	1,759
Dexter Township	476	646	1,256	1,527	1,923	2,063	2,303
Dexter Village	503	559	587	633	1,029	1,135	1,279
Freedom Township	315	384	486	536	599	628	671
Lima Township	283	385	655	721	944	978	1,089
Lodi Township	422	537	880	1,303	1,957	1,940	2,234
Lyndon Township	217	319	575	700	916	929	1,033
Manchester Township	282	337	488	651	747	803	904
Manchester Village	484	533	617	586	839	1,048	1,215
Milan City Part	877	1,044	1,156	1,175	1,430	1,496	1,577
Northfield Township	955	1,204	1,517	2,449	3,314	3,570	4,073
Pittsfield Township	1,775	2,675	5,368	7,013	12,025	13,445	17,268
Salem Township	588	851	1,007	1,223	2,024	1,667	1,857
Saline City	708	1,466	2,189	2,495	3,137	3,321	3,688
Saline Township	237	271	382	412	483	491	528
Scio Township	1,254	1,596	2,131	3,479	5,399	5,216	6,094
Sharon Township	210	234	414	462	640	721	835
Superior Township	876	1,528	2,763	3,069	4,044	3,916	4,328
Sylvan Township	412	464	673	827	1,038	1,196	1,362
Webster Township	343	546	878	1,097	1,826	1,984	2,358
York Township	565	852	1,177	1,416	2,024	2,183	2,554
Ypsilanti City	6,077	7,669	8,423	8,551	8,550	8,432	8,605
Ypsilanti Township	6,534	9,397	16,162	17,637	20,562	20,779	22,585

* indicates April 2000 SEMCOG Estimates

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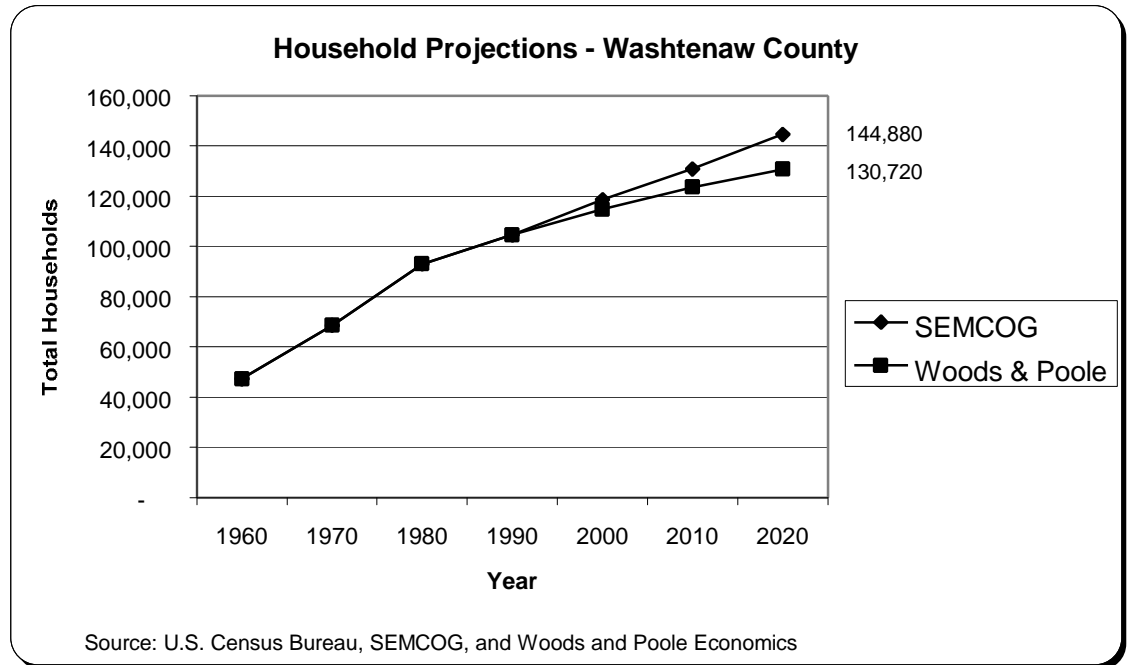
Source: U.S. Census 1960-1990 SEMCOG 2020 Regional Development Forecast, 1996

Household Projections

Washtenaw County's growth in households is expected to continue to grow in the next 20 years, as acknowledged by two different household projections. The chart to the right provides two different alternative household projections for Washtenaw County for the year 2020.

It was noted previously that SEMCOG projects Washtenaw County to have 130,880 households by the year 2010 and 144,880 households by 2020. Another projection provided by Woods and Poole Economics reveals that the County is expected to grow at a slower pace than that of what SEMCOG has projected. Woods and Poole projects that Washtenaw County will reach 130,720 households by 2020.

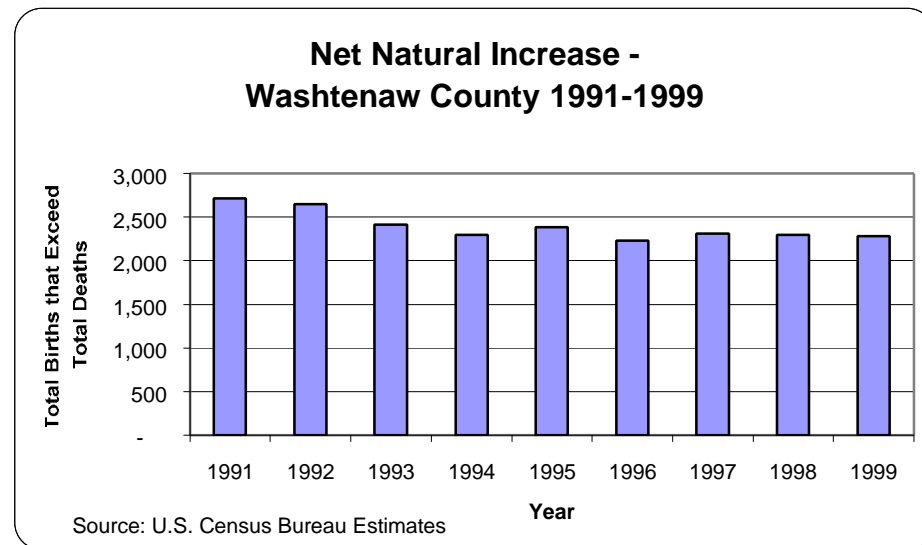
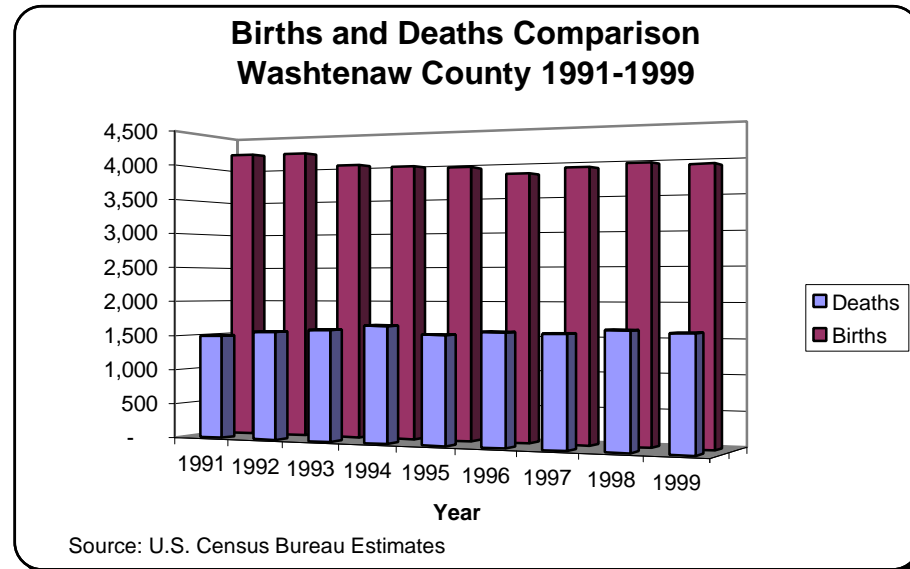
These two projections illustrate that Washtenaw County will be nearing 130,000 to 145,000 households by the year 2020.



Components of Demographic Change

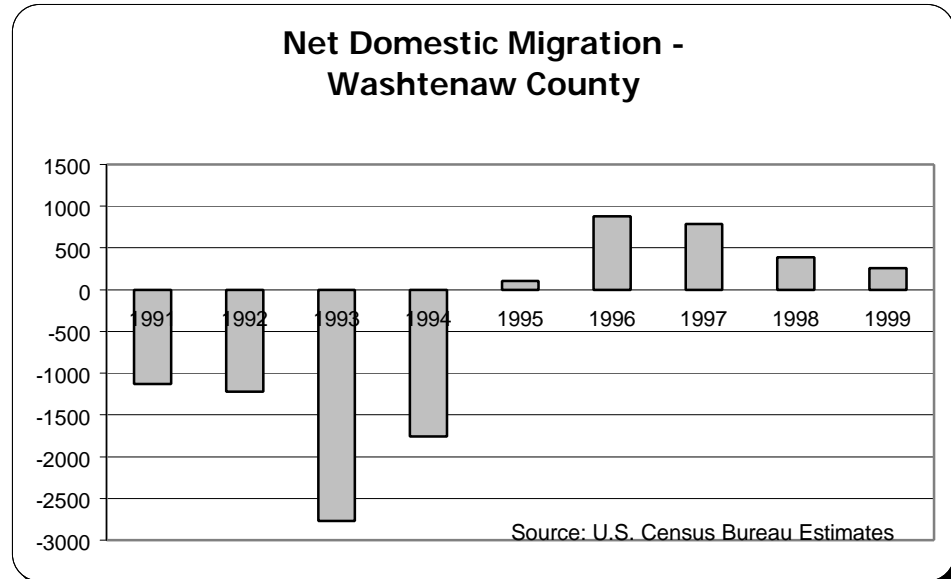
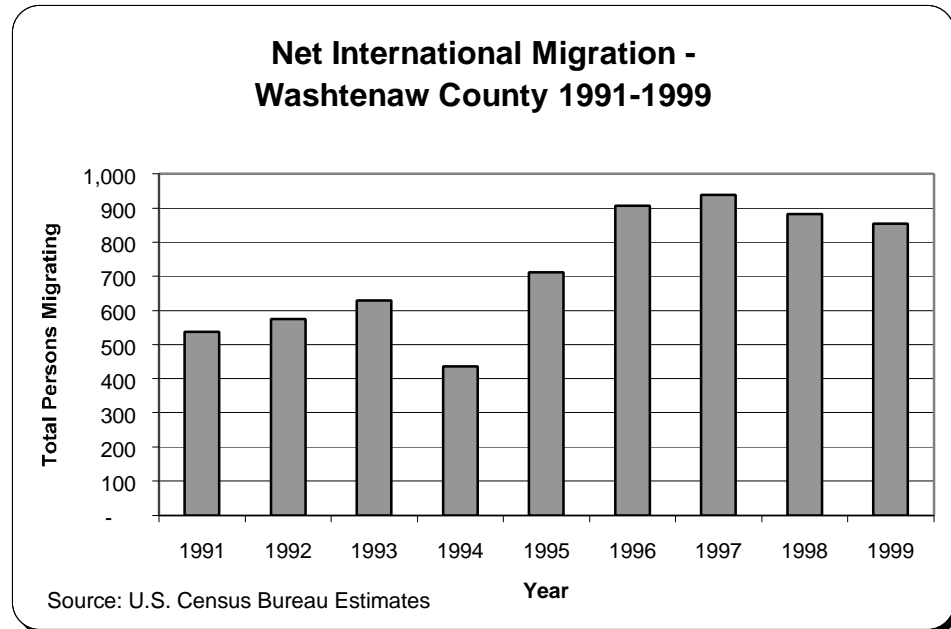
Birth and Death Rates

- The chart at right shows that birth rates have remained fairly steady over the past decade, ranging between 3,800 and 4,200 births per year
- Similarly, death rates have also remained steady at approximately 1,500 per year
- The net natural increase (difference between births and deaths in a year) has dropped slightly during the 1990's, from approximately 2,700 to 2,300 per year



Net Migration

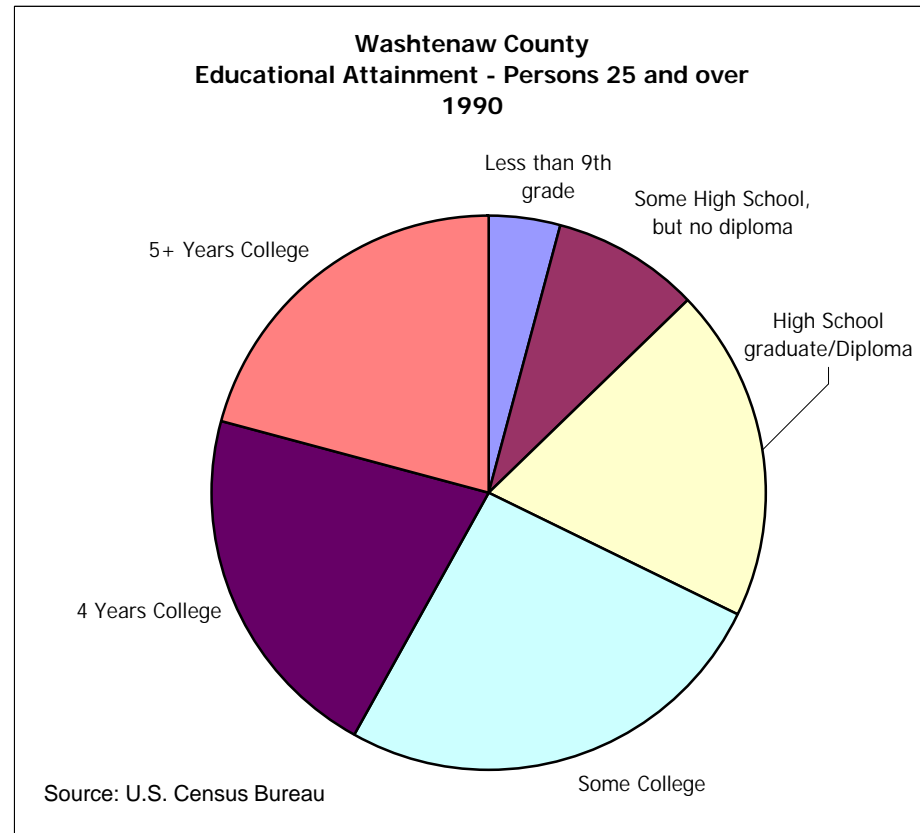
- The total number of persons migrating to Washtenaw County from outside the U.S. has increased from 537 in 1991 to 854 in 1999. The high for the decade was in 1997 when 939 people migrated to Washtenaw County from other countries.
- Domestic migration has been more mixed in the last decade. In 1991-1994, more people left the county for other domestic destinations than those coming in (resulting in a net negative migration figure).
- In the latter half of the decade, domestic migration was positive, ranging from 102 in 1995 to 877 in 1996.



Education

Observations:

- According to 1990 census figures, Washtenaw County residents are more educated than Michigan residents as a whole.
- Approximately 2/3 of Washtenaw County residents in 1990 had completed at least some college.
- Over 87% of Washtenaw County residents were high school graduates in 1990, as compared to 77% of Michigan residents.



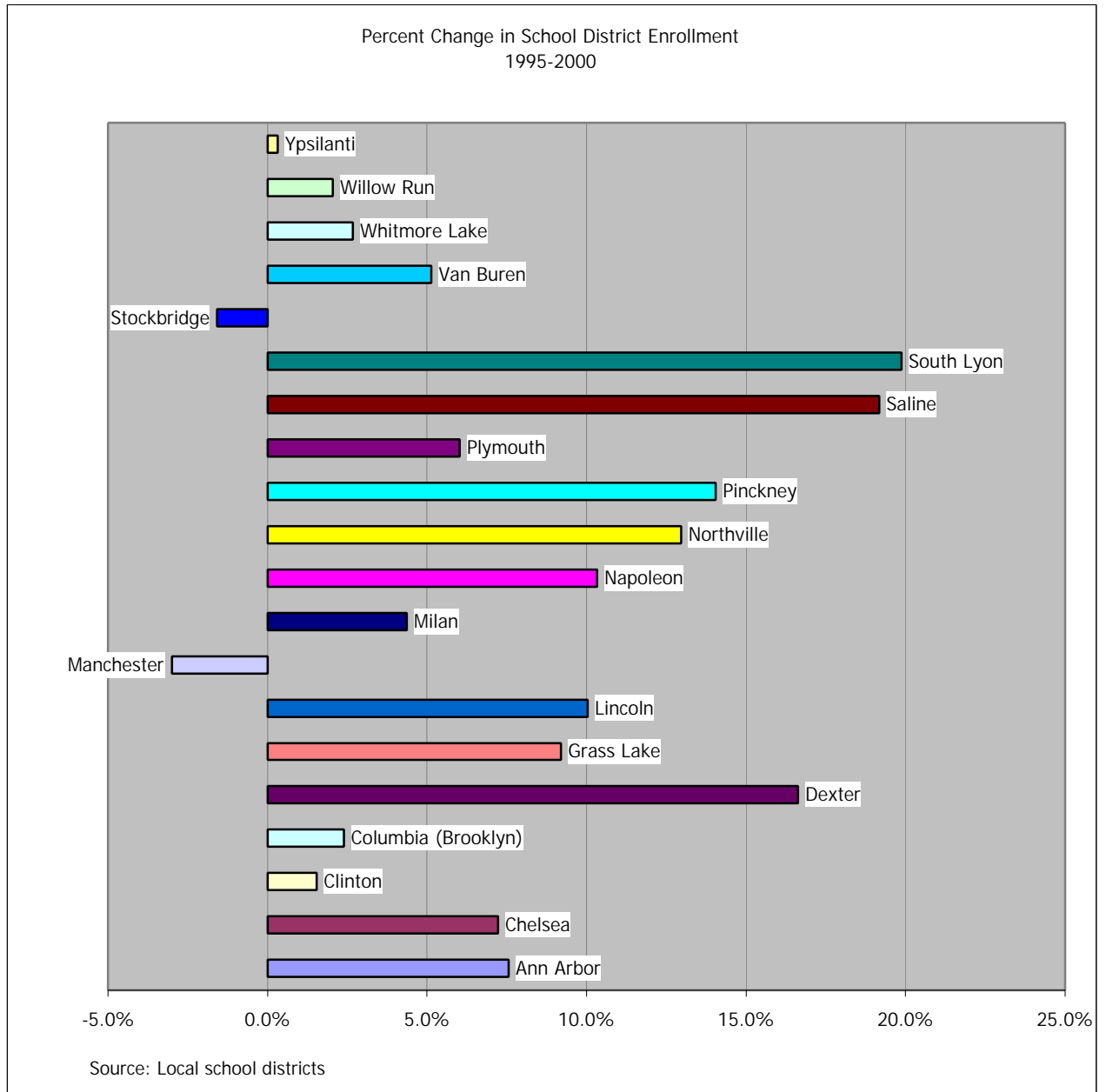
Educational Attainment - Persons 25 and over

Level	Washtenaw County		Michigan		Washtenaw County		Michigan	
	1980	1980%	1980	1980%	1990	1990%	1990	1990%
Less than 9th grade	12,398	8.78%	792,400	15.08%	6,991	4.18%	452,893	7.75%
Some High School, but no diploma	14,496	10.26%	889,885	16.94%	14,396	8.61%	903,866	15.47%
High School graduate/Diploma	37,211	26.35%	1,997,940	38.02%	32,406	19.38%	1,887,449	32.30%
Some College	26,156	18.52%	825,223	15.70%	43,406	25.96%	1,584,387	27.12%
4 Years College	18,502	13.10%	379,089	7.21%	35,249	21.08%	638,267	10.92%
5+ Years College	32,458	22.98%	370,098	7.04%	34,766	20.79%	375,780	6.43%
Total	141,221		5,254,635		167,214		5,842,642	

School District Enrollment

Observations:

- Most school districts in Washtenaw County showed increases in enrollment between 1995 and 2000.
- South Lyon was the fastest growing district in the County, growing by nearly 20%.
- The fastest growing school district that is completely encompassed in the County was Saline with a growth rate of approximately 19%.
- Manchester and Stockbridge schools showed declining enrollments between 1995 and 2000.

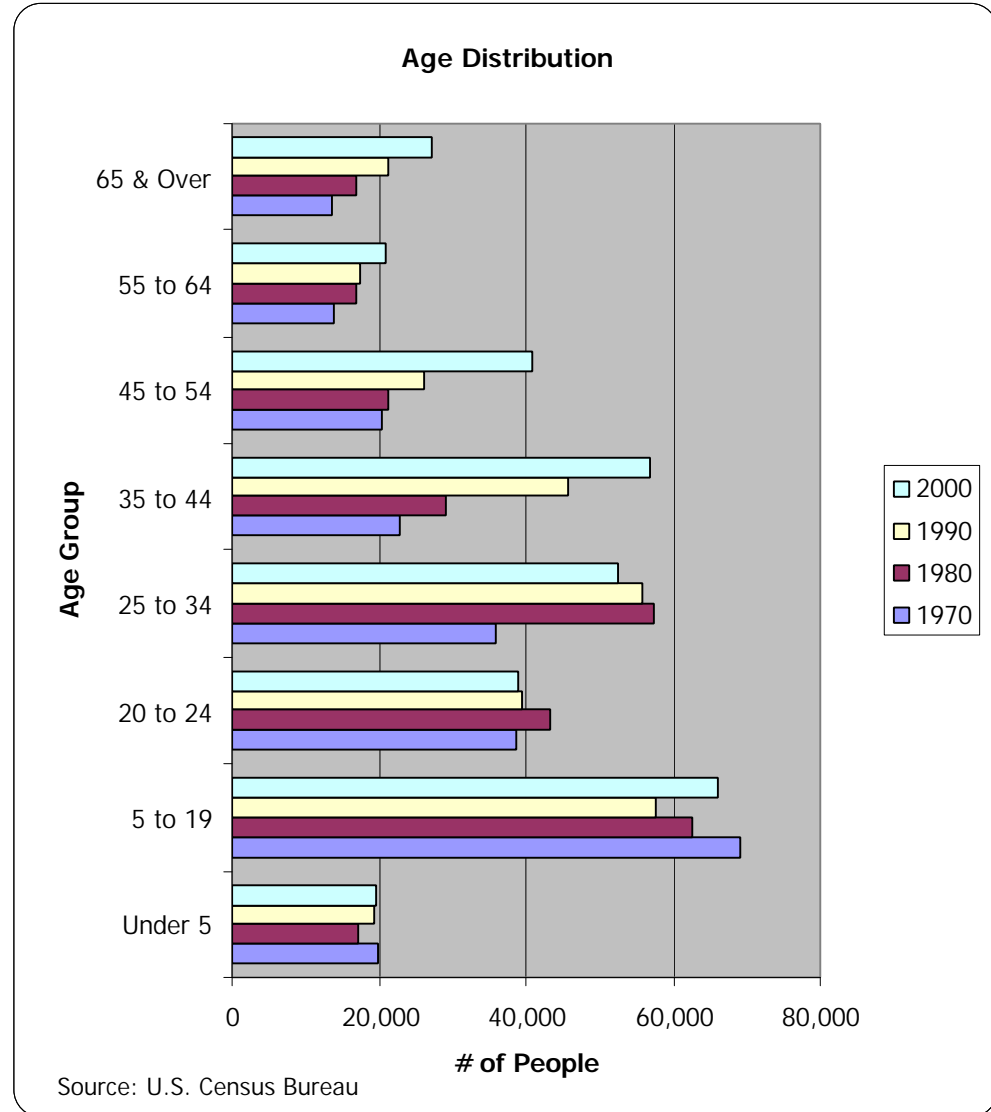


Age Distribution

The table at right shows the age distribution (in absolute numbers of people) for the County over the past 30 years, and projections for 2010 and 2020. The accompanying data, including each age group's percentage of the total population, is shown in the chart on page 10.

Observations

- The median age in the County has risen from 23.27 in 1970 to 31.86 in 2000 and is projected to rise to 32.87 in 2020.
- The 65 and over population has grown steadily since 1970, from 5.8% to 8.4% of the total population. This group is expected to grow to over 11% of the population by the year 2020.
- Age groups under 24 have all declined as a percentage of the overall population since 1970. This decline is projected to continue through 2020.
- In contrast, all age groups over 54 have shown consistent growth as a percentage of the total population, and are projected to continue this trend through 2020.



Age Distribution - Washtenaw County												
Age Group	1970		1980		1990		2000		2010		2020	
	#	% of Pop.	#	% of Pop.	#	% of Pop.	#	% of Pop.	#	% of Pop.	#	% of Pop.
<i>Under 5</i>	19,747	8.4%	17,270	6.5%	19,332	6.8%	20,130	6.2%	21,630	6.4%	25,113	6.7%
<i>5 to 19</i>	69,063	29.5%	62,500	23.6%	57,806	20.4%	67,913	21.1%	65,222	19.2%	72,735	19.5%
<i>20 to 24</i>	38,605	16.5%	43,280	16.4%	39,552	14.0%	38,444	11.9%	44,275	13.0%	42,491	11.4%
<i>25 to 34</i>	35,909	15.3%	57,420	21.7%	55,841	19.7%	53,613	16.6%	51,492	15.1%	58,237	15.6%
<i>35 to 44</i>	22,931	9.8%	29,050	11.0%	45,686	16.1%	50,027	15.5%	49,359	14.5%	50,140	13.4%
<i>45 to 54</i>	20,365	8.7%	21,120	8.0%	26,195	9.3%	43,460	13.5%	47,133	13.9%	43,835	11.7%
<i>55 to 64</i>	13,926	5.9%	16,890	6.4%	17,327	6.1%	23,037	7.1%	30,442	8.9%	38,085	10.2%
<i>65 & Over</i>	13,547	5.8%	16,890	6.4%	21,197	7.5%	26,271	8.1%	30,732	9.0%	42,736	11.4%
TOTAL	234,103		264,410		282,937		322,895		340,274		373,362	
<i>Median Age</i>	23.27		26.32		29.22		31.3		32.24		32.87	

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, Woods & Poole Economics, SEMCOG