

**CITY OF MERIDEN**

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&  
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**Demographics  
and  
Population Trends**

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## I. INTRODUCTION

The understanding of demographic and socio-economic trends, characteristics and forecasts is crucial to the Plan of Conservation and Development process. This information provides the background by which future changes and development within a municipality can be anticipated and planned for. This memorandum provides key demographic characteristics and trends for Meriden and the surrounding region. The statistics provided in the tables, charts and figures which follow reflect the most up-to-date data available. Additional statistics which may be released at a later date will be incorporated into the final Plan of Conservation and Development document as appropriate.

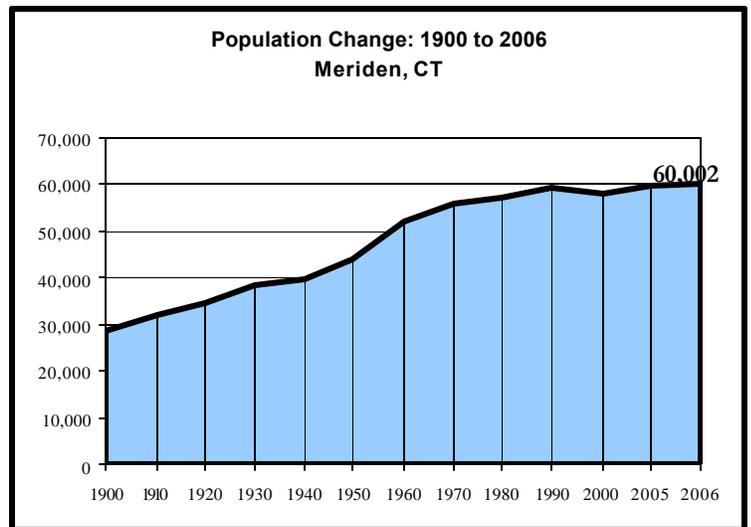
## II. POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

As shown in Table 1 and the figure below, Meriden's population growth over the past century has been characterized by a period of steady growth between 1900 and 1930, a leveling off of the population during the Great Depression, followed by a post-World War II population boom. Since 1970, however, Meriden's population has only grown by approximately 4,000 people. The City experienced its greatest percentage and numerical growth between the 1950 and 1960 Census, adding 7,762 people during this decade. The population actually declined between 1990 and 2000, but recent estimates from the Census Bureau and the City of Meriden indicate that this trend has been reversed.

Census	Population	% Change
1900	28,659	
1910	32,066	11.9
1920	34,764	8.4
1930	38,481	10.7
1940	39,494	2.6
1950	44,088	11.6
1960	51,850	17.6
1970	55,959	7.9
1980	57,118	2.1
1990	59,479	4.1
2000	58,244	-2.1
2005*	59,653	2.4
2006*	60,002	0.6

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census

\*City of Meriden estimate.



When comparing population change of the City with the adjacent communities of Berlin, Cheshire, Middlefield, Middletown, Southington and Wallingford, regional growth and migration trends are evident. As shown in the following table, Meriden and its adjacent communities all experienced population growth between 1960 and 2005. Meriden registered the smallest percentage increase in population of the seven

communities, but still increased by 15%. Cheshire had the largest percentage increase with 117.4%, followed by Southington and Berlin. Southington had the largest numerical increase, gaining 19,280 people over the 45 year period. Meriden's population growth rate has generally lagged behind its surrounding communities, as well as the overall rates for the three counties of which it is either a part of or located adjacent to.

**Table 2**  
**Comparison of Population Change: 1960 to 2005**  
**Meriden and Surrounding Communities**

	1960 Census	1970 Census	1980 Census	1990 Census	2000 Census	2005 Estimate	%Change 60 - 05	%Change 90 - 05
<b>MERIDEN</b>	51,850	55,959	57,118	59,479	58,244	59,653	15.0	0.3
Berlin	11,250	14,149	15,121	16,787	18,215	19,590	74.1	16.7
Cheshire	13,383	19,051	21,788	25,684	28,543	29,097	117.4	13.3
Middlefield	3,255	4,132	3,796	3,925	4,203	4,281	31.5	9.1
Middletown	33,250	36,924	39,040	42,762	43,167	47,438	42.7	10.9
Southington	22,797	30,946	36,879	38,518	39,728	42,077	84.6	9.2
Wallingford	29,920	35,714	37,274	40,822	43,026	44,736	49.5	9.6
New Haven County	660,315	744,948	761,337	804,219	824,008	846,766	28.2	5.3
Hartford County	689,931	816,737	807,766	851,783	857,183	877,393	27.2	3.0
Middlesex County	85,897*	115,018	129,017	143,196	155,071	163,214	90.0	14.0

\* Does not include the population for Town of Deep River  
Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census.

The components of the population change in Meriden have remained very similar from decade to decade, as evidenced by Table 3. Since as far back as at least the 1960s, Meriden has had a net outmigration of population. The reason that Meriden didn't lose population between 1960 and the present like other central cities in Connecticut is that the City has remained a very "young" community, with younger individuals and couples outnumbering older residents in the City. Thus, the birth rate has substantially

exceeded the death rate in the last four decades, allowing natural increase to add to Meriden's population and generally offset the outmigration pattern. The only time in which this did not happen was during the 1990s, when the outmigration was large enough to exceed the natural increase in population. As a point of comparison, if births had only kept pace with deaths in the City between 1960 and 2004, Meriden's population would have declined from 51,850 in 1960 to 42,921 in 2004.

**Table 3**  
**Components of Population Change: 1960 to 2004**  
**Meriden, CT**

	1960s	1970s	1980s	1990s	2000s
<b>TOTAL CHANGE</b>	4,109	1,159	2,361	-1,235	919
Change Due to Natural Increase	5,367	2,773	3,649	3,495	958
Births	10,892	8,021	9,107	9,238	3,180
Deaths	5,525	5,248	5,458	5,743	2,222
Change Due to Net Migration	-1,258	-1,614	-1,288	-4,730	-39

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census; State of Connecticut, Department of Public Health, "State of Connecticut Registration Report", 1950-1991; State of Connecticut, Department of Public Health, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation; Policy, Planning and Analysis division website, <http://www.dph.state.ct.us/OPPE/ANNUALREGREPORTS.HTM>, 1992-present.

The State of Connecticut Department of Transportation has released a series of population projections based upon the 2000 Census, summarized in Table 4 below. These projections extend from the baseline Census data for the year 2000 to the year 2025. However, with the exception of Meriden and Cheshire, all of the area communities have 2005 estimated populations that already

exceed their respective projected 2010 populations. In the case of Southington, the town has already surpassed its projected population for 2025. These projections place Meriden in the middle of the seven communities in terms of projected percentage increase in population between 2000 and 2025.

**Table 4**  
**Comparison of Population Projections: 2000 to 2025**  
**Meriden and Surrounding Communities**

	Actual 2000 Census	2010 Projected	2020 Projected	2025 Projected	Projected Change 2000 - 2025
<b>MERIDEN</b>	58,244	60,260	62,570	63,750	9.5
Berlin	18,215	19,100	20,340	20,910	14.8
Cheshire	28,543	29,670	29,890	30,000	5.1
Middlefield	4,203	4,260	4,360	4,410	4.9
Middletown	43,167	46,200	49,050	50,480	16.9
Southington	39,728	40,190	40,960	41,350	4.1
Wallingford	43,026	44,660	46,530	47,480	10.4

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census; Projections – State of Connecticut, Department of Transportation, CONNDOT Series 27 Landuse Projections (10/31/01); compiled by HMA.

The figure on the following page illustrates the results of population projections computed by HMA using various least squares regression analysis methodologies. Census population data from 1960 to 2000 was used to project Meriden's population out

to the year 2030. The first methodology is an unweighted least squares method that counts each Census data point from 1960 to 2000 equally, without giving any particular Census number more weight than the others. After the population projection was made for 2010,

this new data point was folded back into the regression analysis to help calculate the 2020 projection, and so on for the 2030 projection. The second methodology is also unweighted, but the data points used move forward chronologically for each new projection. For example, the 2010 projection is made using the Census data from 1960 to 2000, but the 2020 projection is made using the Census data from 1970 to 2000 plus the 2010 projection, with the 1960 Census falling out of the equation.

The other two methodologies are weighted, meaning that additional emphasis is placed on census data that is closer to the present time. In the weighted least squares methodology, the weighting system used in projecting the population for 2010 is 1-1-2-3-3; in other words, the 1960 and 1970 Census figures are counted once, the 1980 Census figure is counted twice and the 1990 and 2000 Census figures are counted three times. This puts more weight on the 1990 and 2000 Census figures than the other figures prior to them.

For the 2020 projection, the weighting system is simply expanded to 1-1-1-2-3-3, with the 2000 and 2010 figures counted more heavily. A similar expansion takes place in calculating the 2030 projection as well. Finally, the weighted moving least square methodology uses the same 1-1-2-3-3 weighting system, but keeps this system fixed over time. As the new projections are added into the equation, the earliest Census figures drop out of the equation.

As this figure shows, these four least square methodologies provide a range of population projections that remain in relatively close proximity to one another out to the year 2030. The weighted moving least squares methodology projects the smallest increase, showing Meriden's population growing to 62,636 by 2030, while the unweighted least squares methodology projects the largest increase, with Meriden's population at 64,684 by 2030.

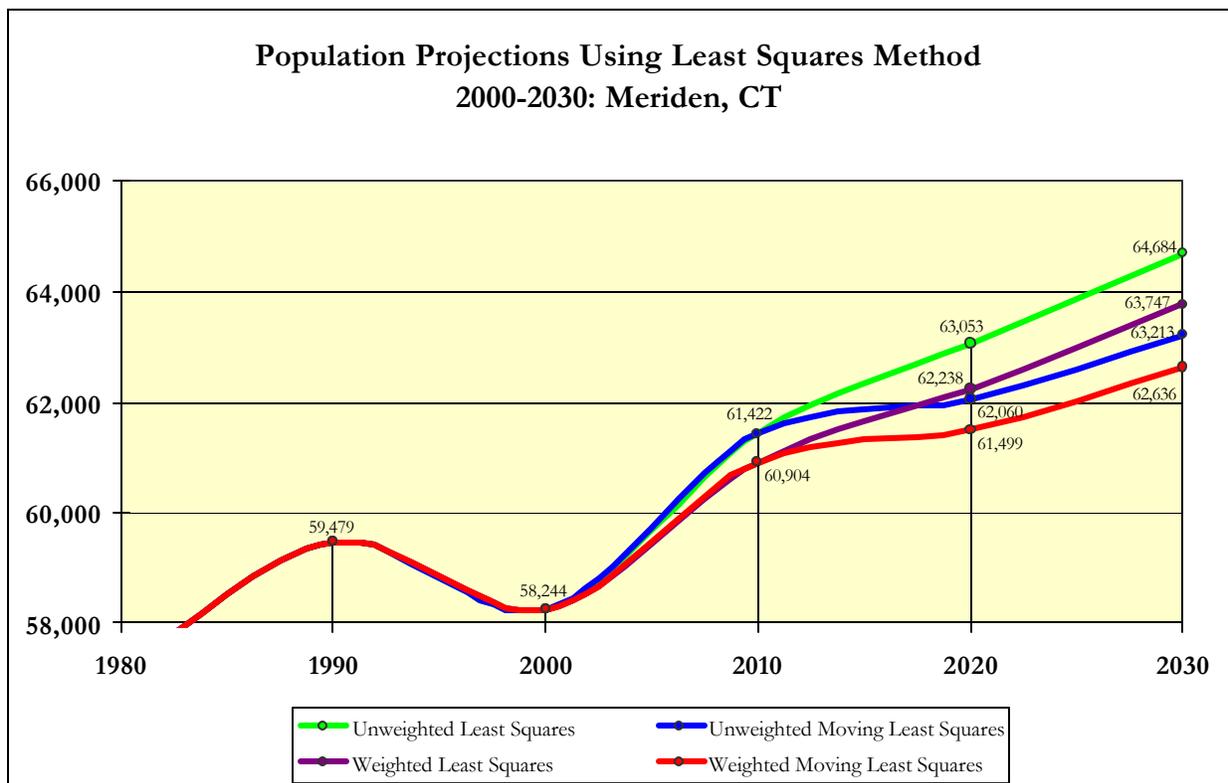


Table 6 and the chart that follows depict population change between the 1990 Census and the 2000 Census by census tract. A reference map of the 2000 Census Tract boundaries for the City follows this page. Tracts 1701 and 1702 were previously subdivided into Tracts 1701.01 and 1701.02 and Tracts 1702.01 and 1702.02 for the 1990 Census; however, by aggregating the two subdivisions of these tracts, one can see how the population has changed from 1990 to 2000. As shown in the table below, and the chart and map that follow, 10 of the 17 tracts in Meriden lost population between 1990 and 2000. These losses were most pronounced in Tracts 1701 and 1702, which lost 13% and 14%, respectively, of their population between 1990 and 2000. These two tracts comprise the area just north of the Downtown on either side of the railroad tracks. Of the seven tracts that gained population, Tract 1710 had the largest percentage gain of 6.8%, while Tract 1716 had the largest numerical increase, adding 213 people.

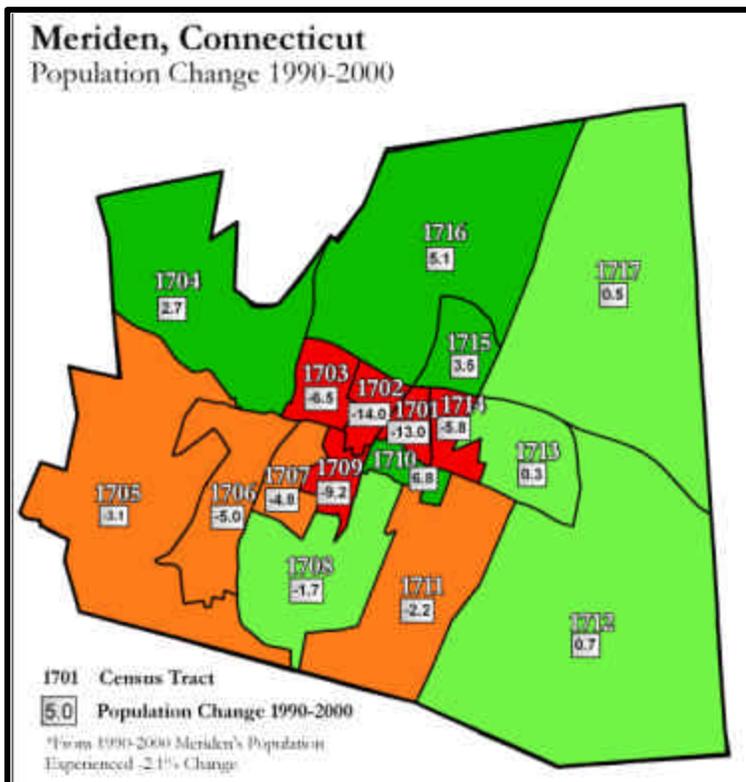
Census Tract	1990 Census	2000 Census	Numerical Change 1990 - 2000	% Change 1990 - 2000
Tract 1701*	2,050	1,783	-267	-13.0
<i>Tract 1701.01</i>	290	N/A	N/A	N/A
<i>Tract 1701.02</i>	1760	N/A	N/A	N/A
Tract 1702**	2,827	2,431	-396	-14.0
<i>Tract 1702.01</i>	1,066	N/A	N/A	N/A
<i>Tract 1702.02</i>	1,761	N/A	N/A	N/A
Tract 1703	2,522	2,358	-164	-6.5
Tract 1704	1,611	1,654	43	2.7
Tract 1705	5,663	5,490	-173	-3.1
Tract 1706	2,581	2,452	-129	-5.0
Tract 1707	2,662	2,534	-128	-4.8
Tract 1708	5,682	5,584	-98	-1.7
Tract 1709	2,121	1,925	-196	-9.2
Tract 1710	1,540	1,645	105	6.8
Tract 1711	5,574	5,451	-123	-2.2
Tract 1712	7,515	7,565	50	0.7
Tract 1713	3,592	3,604	12	0.3
Tract 1714	2,116	1,994	-122	-5.8
Tract 1715	3,406	3,524	118	3.5
Tract 1716	4,189	4,402	213	5.1
Tract 1717	3,828	3,848	20	0.5

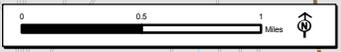
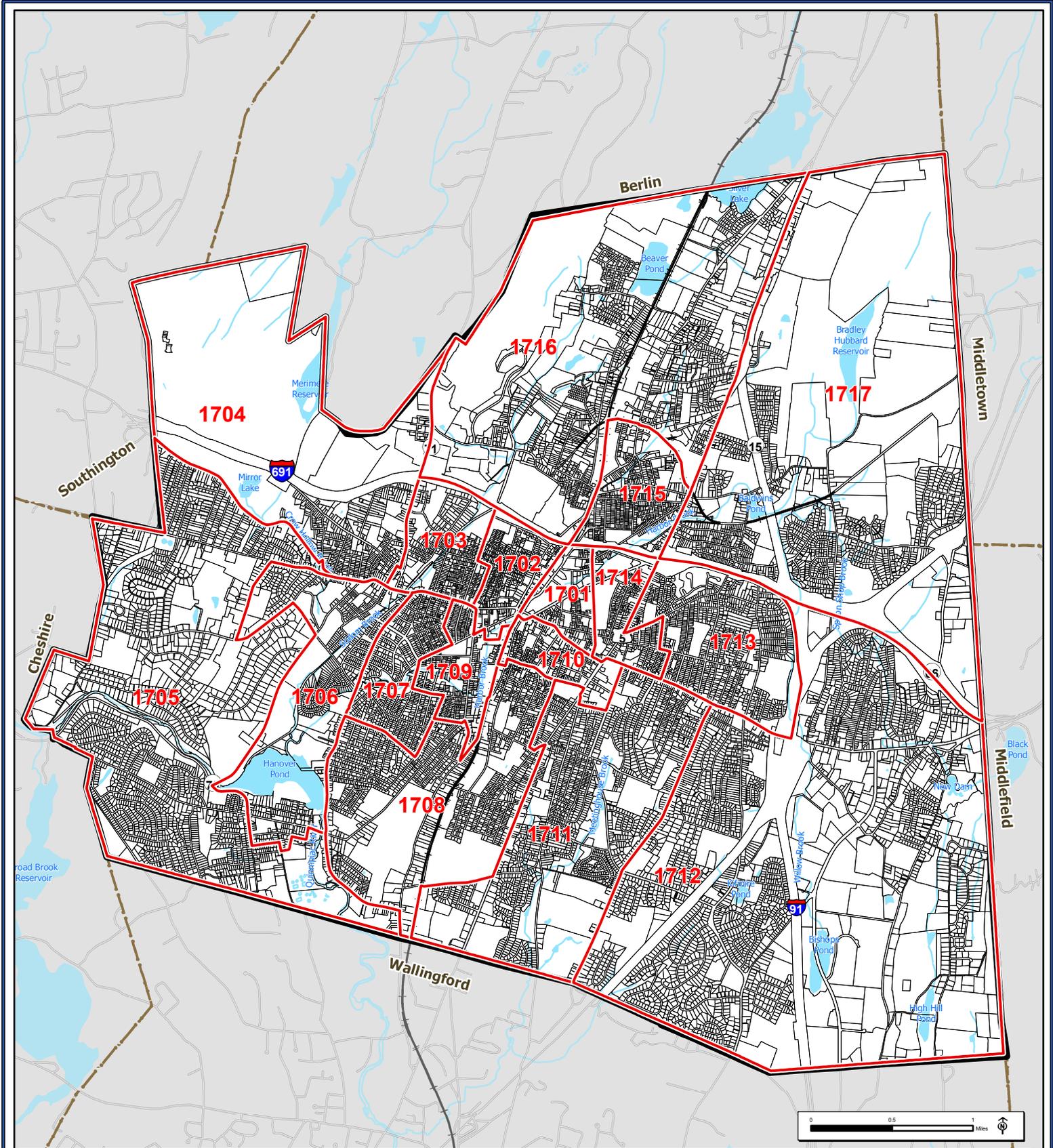
\* 1990 Census numbers are the aggregate of Census tracts 1701.01 and 1701.02.

\*\* 1990 Census numbers are the aggregate of Census tracts 1702.01 and 1702.02.

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census

The tracts that experienced population growth were in the southern portion of the Downtown, the east side of the City, the northern end of the City around Silver Lake and the Berlin Turnpike, and the northwest corner of the City.





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**Census Tract Boundries (2000)**

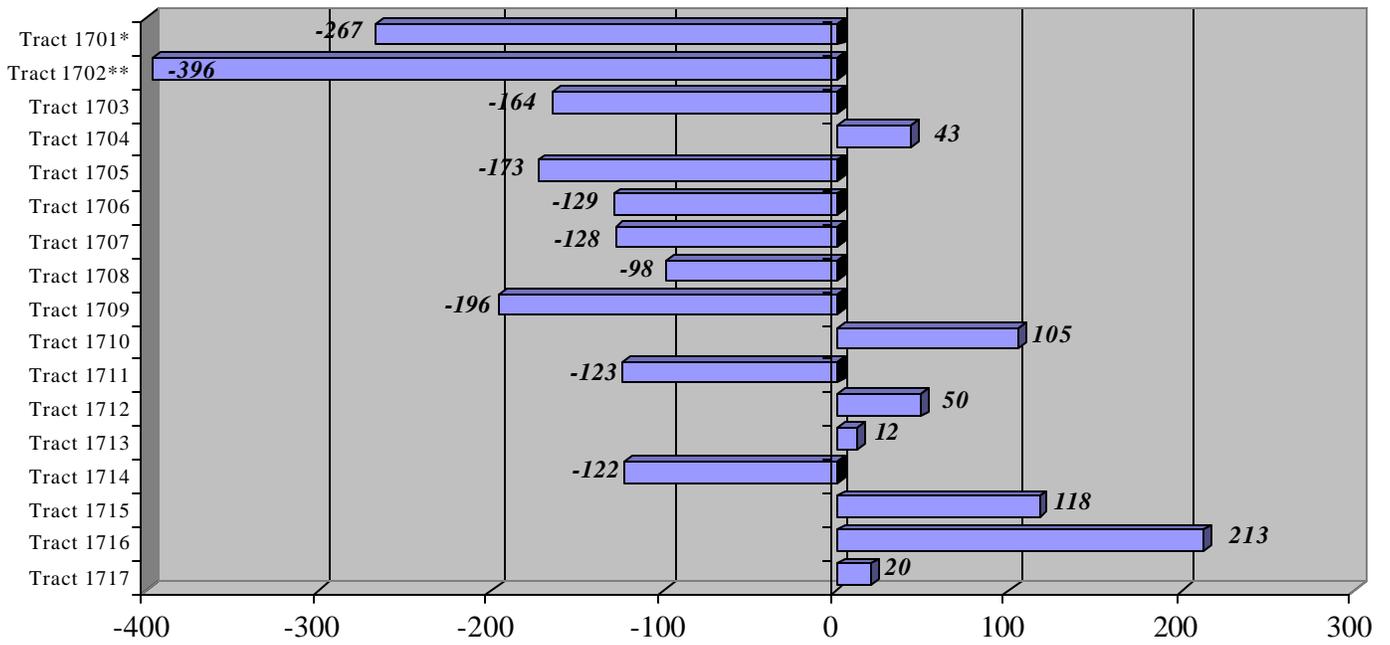


**Legend**  
 Census Tract Boundaries

Source:  
 Parcel Base Map: City of Meriden M.I.S. Department.  
 Basemap Data: Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection Map and Geographic Information Center.  
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 Census Tracts: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000.  
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### Change in Population by Census Tract: 1990 to 2000 Meriden, CT

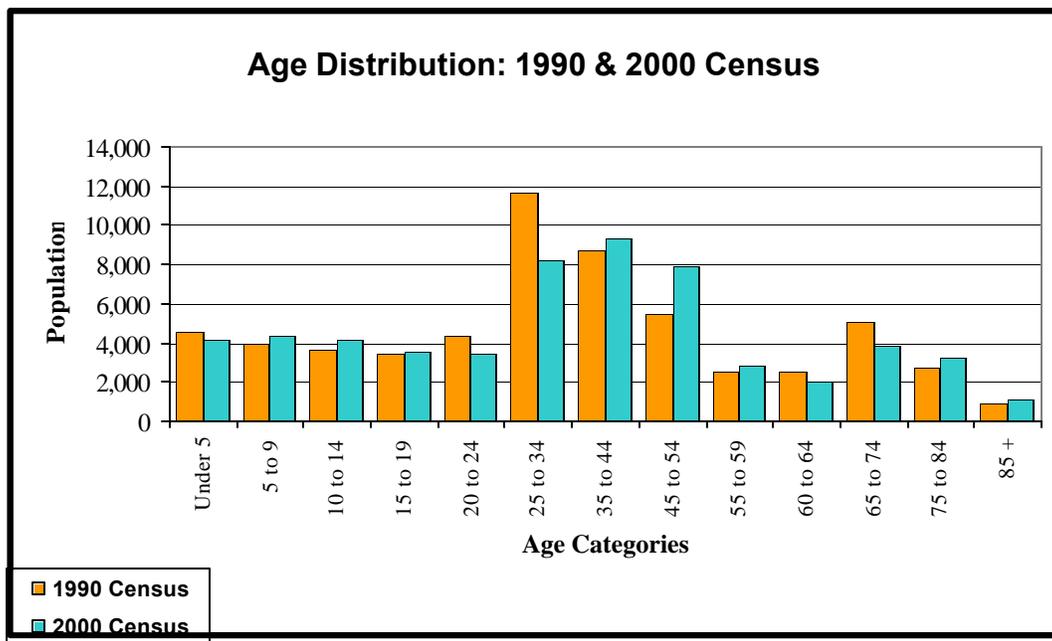


### III. AGE CHARACTERISTICS

Similar to most communities in the State, Meriden's population aged over the decade between the 1990 and the 2000 Census. As shown in Table 7, 43.7% of the City's population is currently in the 25 to 34, 35 to 44 and 45 to 54 year age cohorts. Although between the 1990 and the 2000 Census the City experienced a significant loss in persons between the ages of 25 and 34, it still remains one of Meriden's most populous age categories. The substantial increase of population in the 45 to 54 years of age category partially offset the decline in the 25 to 34 years of age category.

Pre-school aged population declined slightly between the two censuses. The elementary and middle school-aged population (ages 5 to 14), however, increased by 954 children. The high school-aged population had a slight increase of 116 persons. From a planning perspective, the increase in the middle and high school-aged population impacts school enrollment, park and recreation facility planning and youth services planning.

Population between 60 to 74 years of age declined substantially while population over 75 years of age increased. Changes in population over 65 years of age impact planning for senior facilities and senior support services.



	1990 Census	2000 Census	% of Population	Numerical Change 1990 - 2000	% Change 1990 - 2000
Under 5 years	4,530	4,143	7.1	-387	-8.5
5 to 9 years	3,945	4,338	7.4	393	10.0
10 to 14 years	3,621	4,182	7.2	561	15.5
15 to 19 years	3,456	3,572	6.1	116	3.4
20 to 24 years	4,351	3,470	6.0	-881	-20.2
25 to 34 years	11,640	8,236	14.1	-3,404	-29.2
35 to 44 years	8,766	9,355	16.1	589	6.7
45 to 54 years	5,431	7,880	13.5	2,449	45.1
55 to 59 years	2,507	2,796	4.8	289	11.5
60 to 64 years	2,511	2,061	3.5	-450	-17.9
65 to 74 years	5,032	3,867	6.0	-1,165	-23.2
75 to 84 years	2,730	3,229	5.5	499	18.3
85 years and over	959	1,115	1.9	156	16.3

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Meriden's median age in 2000 (36.2) was generally in line with the median ages of the State and the County, but was lower than any of the adjacent communities in the region. As shown below in Table 8, Meriden's percentage of persons under 18 was higher than the State and the County, as well as being the highest

percentage in the immediate region; in fact, the percentage of persons under 18 grew by two percentage points since 1990. The City's elderly population percentage declined between 1990 and 2000, and now trails only Cheshire and Middletown as the lowest percentage in the immediate region.

	Median Age 1990 Census	Median Age 2000 Census	% Persons Under 18 1990 Census	% Under 18 2000 Census	% Persons Over 65 1990 Census	% Persons Over 65 2000 Census
<b>MERIDEN</b>	33.4	36.2	23.7	25.7	14.7	14.1
Berlin	37.5	41.0	22.8	24.7	15.8	16.6
Cheshire	35.3	38.4	24.7	25.2	11.9	12.6
Middlefield	37.0	40.3	22.0	24.7	13.6	15.6
Middletown	31.3	36.3	19.3	21.7	12.0	13.4
Southington	35.7	39.7	23.7	23.8	11.9	14.7
Wallingford	35.4	39.1	23.0	24.0	14.1	15.2
New Haven County	34.2	37.0	22.7	24.5	14.7	14.5
Connecticut	34.4	37.4	22.8	24.7	13.6	13.8

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Within Meriden there are individual census tracts and areas that have higher concentrations of elderly population and higher concentrations of persons under 18. The categories “Under 18” and “Over 65” represent two major age cohorts from a planning perspective. Often, a dependency ratio, which tells how many young people (under 18) and older people (over 64) depend on people of working age (19 to 64), is determined as part of a socio-economic analysis. This figure is used to calculate or

analyze a community’s ability to support its “dependent population”. This support includes the provision of facilities such as schools, playgrounds, and senior centers; programs; and services targeted toward the City’s youth and elderly populations. Table 10 below and the maps that follow depict the areas where higher concentrations of specific populations reside.

**Table 9**  
**Age Characteristic Comparisons: 1990 to 2000**  
**Meriden Census Tracts**

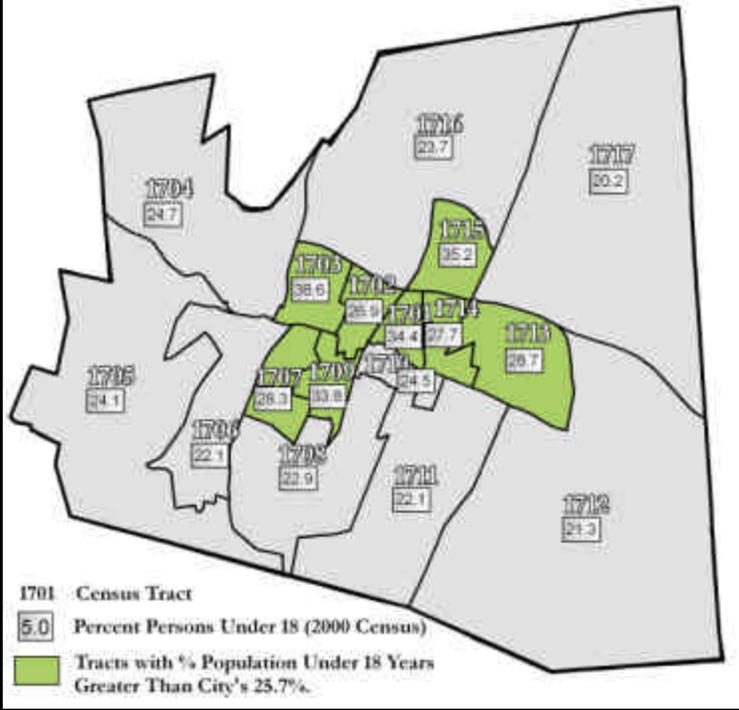
	Median Age 1990 Census	Median Age 2000 Census	% Persons Under 18 1990 Census	% Under 18 2000 Census	% Persons Over 65 1990 Census	% Over 65 2000 Census
<b>MERIDEN</b>	33.4	36.2	23.7	25.7	14.7	14.1
Tract 1701*	N/A	27.8	33.5	34.4	10.0	6.6
<i>Tract 1701.01</i>	22.2	N/A	38.6	N/A	3.4	N/A
<i>Tract 1701.02</i>	27.5	N/A	32.7	N/A	11.1	N/A
Tract 1702**	N/A	34.3	24.8	26.9	20.2	18.1
<i>Tract 1702.01</i>	59.4	N/A	13.4	N/A	41.7	N/A
<i>Tract 1702.02</i>	27.0	N/A	31.6	N/A	7.2	N/A
Tract 1703	27.0	26.3	33.5	38.6	9.2	8.0
Tract 1704	31.5	35.4	22.8	24.7	13.9	11.5
Tract 1705	35.6	39.7	24.1	24.1	11.1	13.9
Tract 1706	37.6	41.4	21.0	22.1	20.0	20.8
Tract 1707	32.0	34.6	25.8	28.3	13.1	11.0
Tract 1708	34.4	37.6	19.3	22.9	17.1	17.0
Tract 1709	29.7	29.6	27.3	33.8	12.5	8.1
Tract 1710	36.9	33.9	20.2	24.5	24.6	13.1
Tract 1711	34.7	37.7	21.0	22.1	16.1	14.4
Tract 1712	37.0	42.3	21.7	21.3	15.6	19.2
Tract 1713	33.3	34.5	24.4	28.7	16.5	13.0
Tract 1714	28.9	30.2	28.0	27.7	10.9	9.9
Tract 1715	27.7	26.7	30.0	35.2	8.0	5.5
Tract 1716	32.9	36.2	21.6	23.7	12.0	12.0
Tract 1717	40.2	43.9	19.5	20.2	18.5	20.3

\* 1990 Census numbers are the aggregate of Census tracts 1701.01 and 1701.02.

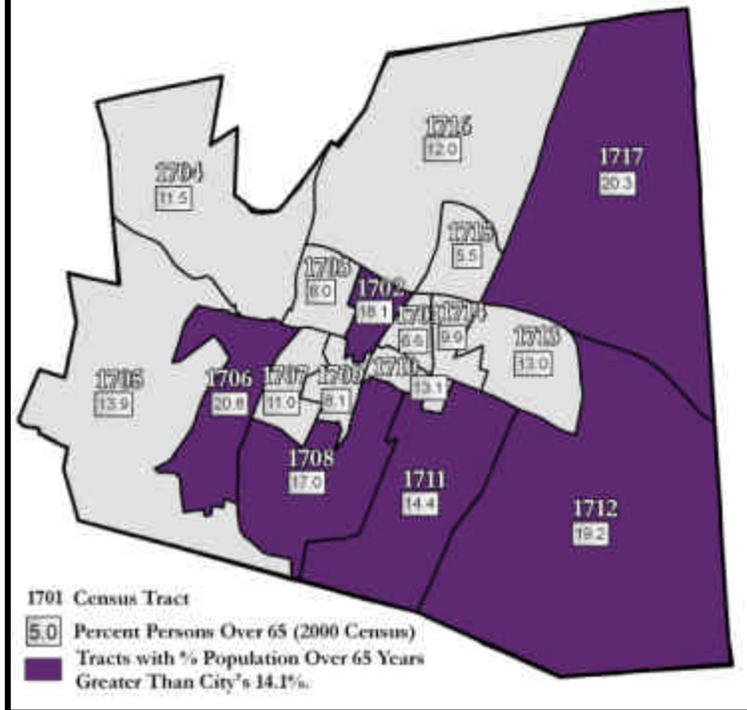
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Population Under 18 Years



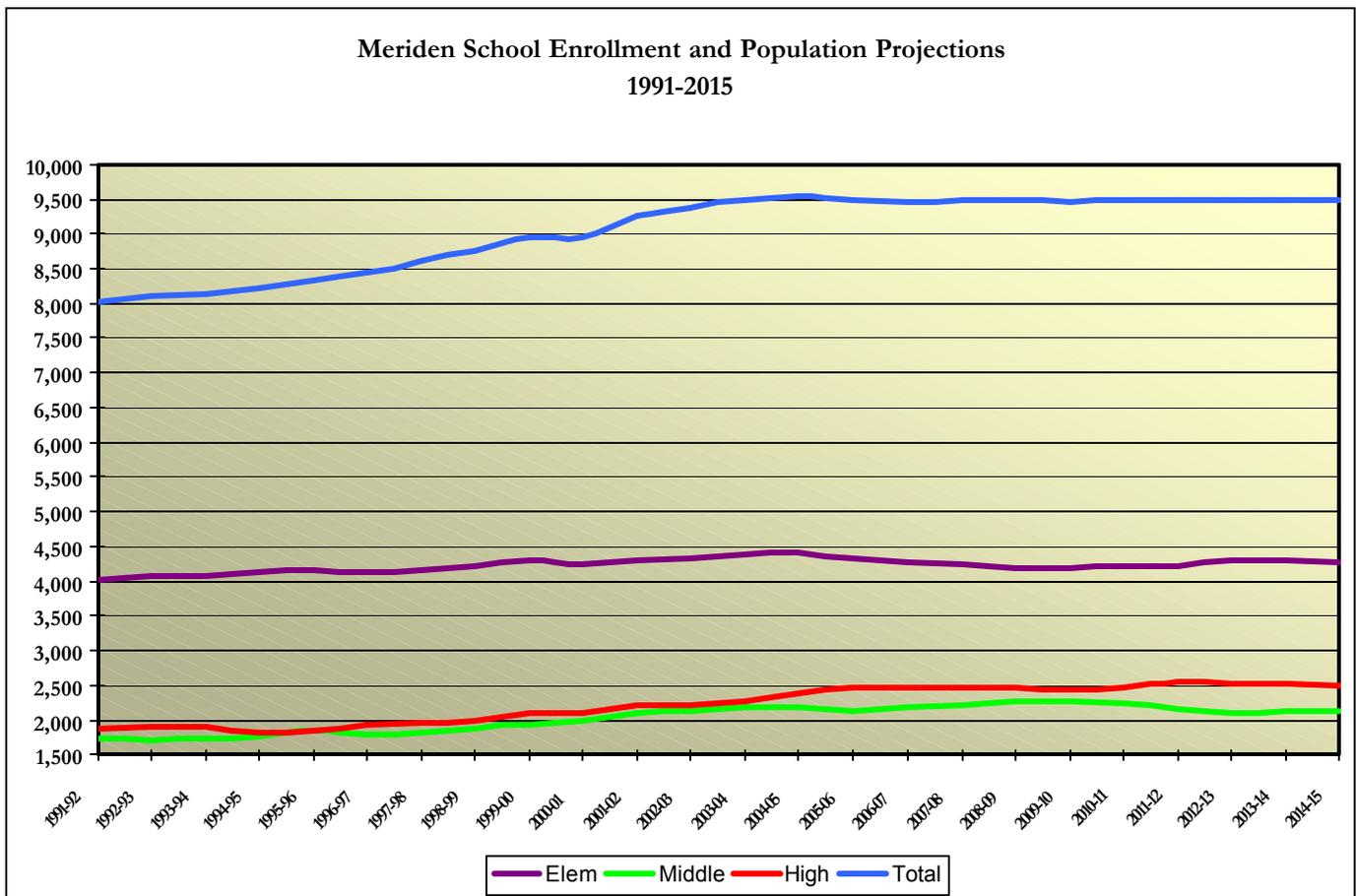
**Meriden, Connecticut**  
Population Over 65 Years



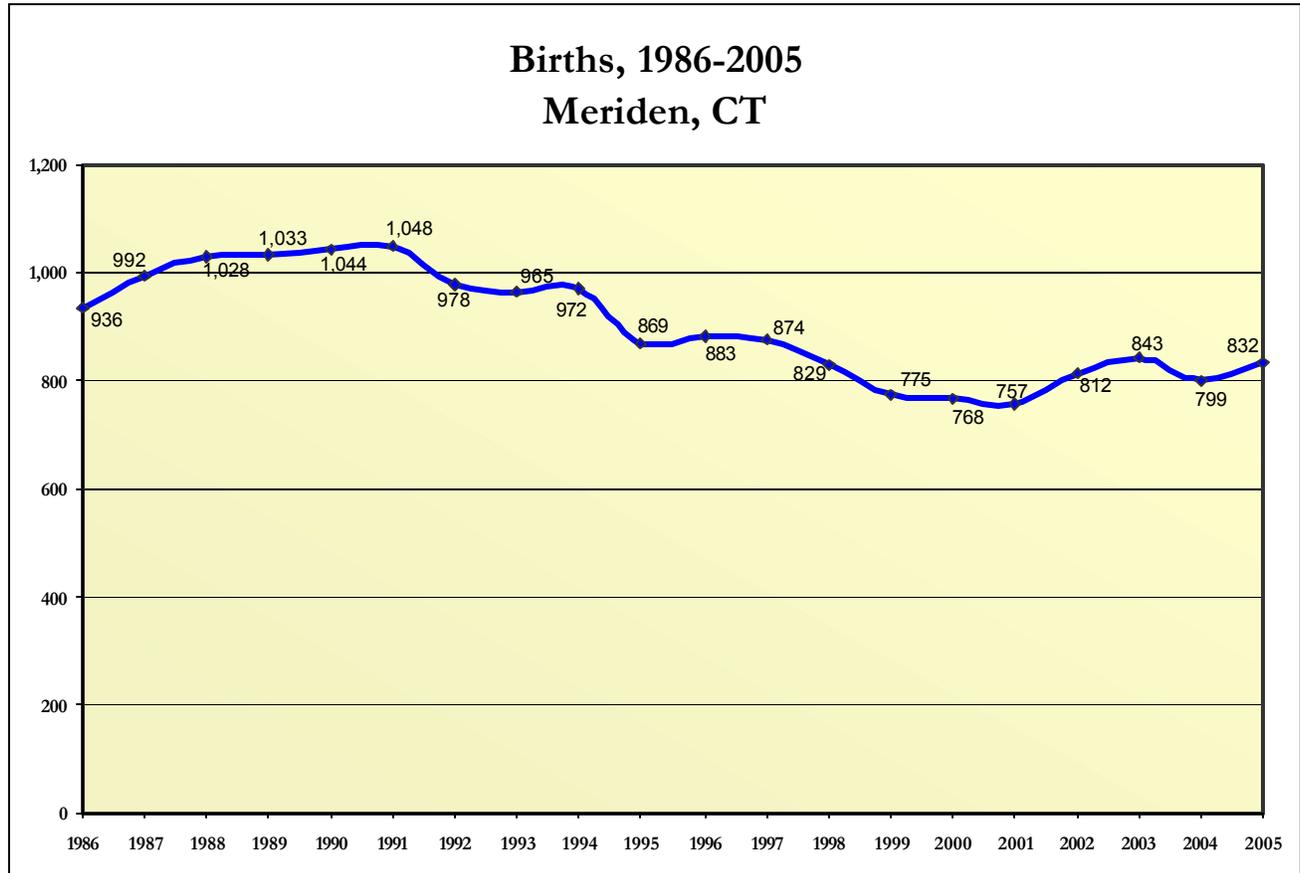
## Births and School-Age Children

As the chart below illustrates, enrollment in Meriden's school system has risen over the past 15 years, even as the overall population change was essentially flat. For the 1991-1992 school year, the Meriden school system had an enrollment of 8,020 students; as of the beginning of the current school year (2006-2007), the enrollment has risen to 9,471 students, an increase of 18.1%. However, the vast majority of this increase occurred between 1991 and 2001, a time period which saw an enrollment increase of 15.5%. Between 2001 and 2006, Meriden's student enrollment has only increased by 201 students or 2.2%. School enrollment projections created through the cohort survival methodology by the Board of Education predicts Meriden's school enrollment to remain stable out to the 2014-2015 school year.

The reason for the leveling off of the school enrollment after a decade of sustained growth can be illustrated through the chart on the following page. The chart tracks the number of births in Meriden for each year from 1986 to 2005. The number of annual births in Meriden has a general downward trend from 1991 to 2001, with a slight upward trend from 2001 to 2005. In 1991, there were 1,048 births in Meriden but by 2001, this number had dropped 757 births, a decline of 27.8%. Children born between 1988 and 1994 represent the peak group of births in terms of raw numbers in Meriden's recent history. These children are now between the ages roughly 12 and 18, and comprise a substantial portion of the middle school and high school population in Meriden. This helps explain why Meriden's middle school and high school



enrollments are at their historical peaks. However, Meriden's elementary school enrollment reached its peak earlier, in 2004-2005, and has been declining over the past two years as the children born between 1988 and 1994 completed the transition into middle school.



#### IV. RACIAL AND ETHNIC CHARACTERISTICS

As shown in the table and charts on the following page, the racial and ethnic characteristics of Meriden's population changed noticeably between the 1990 and 2000 Census. In 1990 the White population comprised 89.7% of the total population, by 2000, the White population comprised over nine percentage points less at 80.2%. While overall population in the City decreased by 2.1% between 1990 and 2000, the White population decreased by 12.4%. The Native American population saw the largest percentage increase, more than doubling its 1990 population. The Asian and Other Race populations also experienced large percentage increases. The Hispanic population also saw a sizable percentage gain, jumping 51% during

the decade, and the Black population experienced a gain of 47%. For the first time, the 2000 Census established a category of two or more races to recognize multi-racial populations in the country; 2.9% of the City's population reported that they were multi-racial in the 2000 Census.

When race is examined for persons of Hispanic origin, the decrease in the number of white, non-Hispanic persons in Meriden between 1990 and 2000 is quite pronounced. The white, non-Hispanic population of Meriden declined from 48,481 in 1990, or 81.5% of the total population, to 40,709 in 2000 or just 69.9% of the population. This represents a decrease of 16% between the two censuses. Meanwhile, the Black non-Hispanic population grew by 43.5% over the same time period.

**Table 10**  
**Race and Hispanic Origin: 1990 to 2000**  
**Meriden, CT**

	1990 Census	% 1990 Population	2000 Census***	% 2000 Population	Numeric Change	% Change
White	53,327	89.7	46,734	80.2	-6,593	-12.4
Black	2,553	4.3	3,754	6.4	1,201	47.0
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	107	0.2	229	0.4	122	114.0
Asian or Pacific Islander	417	0.7	807	1.4	390	93.5
Other Race	3,075	5.2	5,036	8.6	1,961	63.8
Two or More Races*	N/A	N/A	1,684	2.9	N/A	N/A
Hispanic Origin**	8,144	13.7	12,296	21.1	4,152	51.0
Total Population	59,479		58,244		-1,235	-2.1

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census.

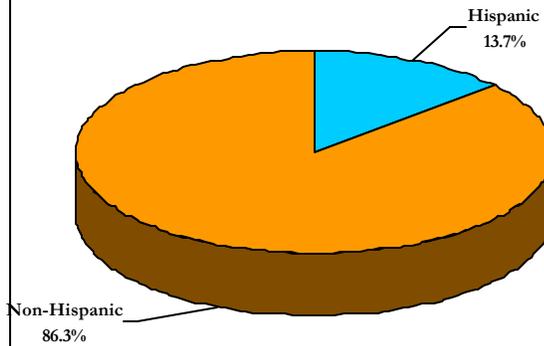
Notes:

\* The 2000 Census now includes a category for multi-racial persons of two or more races.

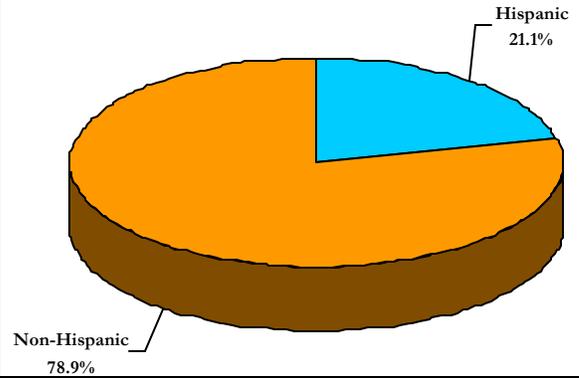
\*\* Hispanic Origin populations may be of any race

\*\*\* Due to changes in the reporting categories between the 1990 Census and the 2000 Census, direct comparisons are not possible

**1990 Population, Hispanic and Non-Hispanic**



**2000 Population, Hispanic and Non-Hispanic**



**Table 11  
Race as Component of Hispanic Origin: 1990 to 2000  
Meriden, CT**

	1990 Census	% 1990 Population	2000 Census***	% 2000 Population	Numeric Change	% Change
White, Non-Hispanic	48,481	81.5	40,709	69.9	-7,772	-16.0
Black, Non-Hispanic	2,315	3.9	3,321	5.7	1,006	43.5
Hispanic Origin, All Races	8,144	13.7	12,296	21.1	4,152	51.0
Total Population	59,479		58,244		-1,235	-2.1

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census.

**Table 12**  
**Population by Racial/Ethnic Component, 2000**  
**Meriden, CT**

	1990 Population	% 1990 Population	2000 Population	% 2000 Population
White, Non-Hispanic	48,481	81.5%	40,709	69.9%
Black, Non-Hispanic	2,315	3.9%	3,321	5.7%
Native American, Non-Hispanic	94	0.2%	123	0.2%
Asian, Non-Hispanic	390	0.7%	788	1.4%
Other Race, Non-Hispanic	55	0.1%	75	0.1%
Two or More Races, Non-Hispanic	N/A	N/A	932	1.6%
Hispanic, White	4,846	8.1%	6,025	10.3%
Hispanic, Black	238	0.4%	433	0.7%
Hispanic, Native American	13	0.0%	106	0.2%
Hispanic, Asian	27	0.0%	19	0.0%
Hispanic, Other Race	3,020	5.1%	4,961	8.5%
Hispanic, Two or More Races	N/A	N/A	752	1.3%
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>59,479</b>		<b>58,244</b>	

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census.

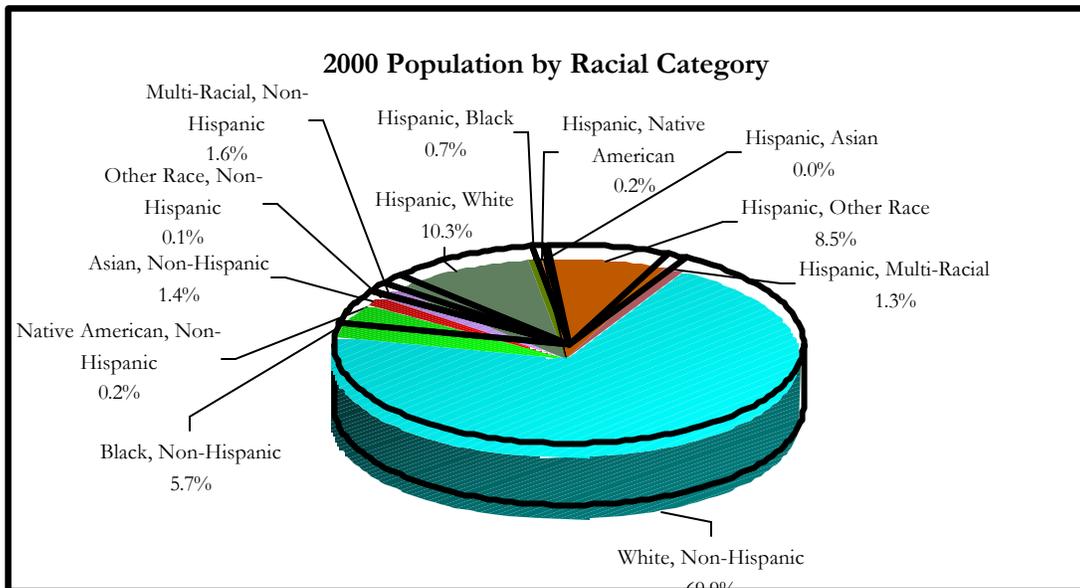
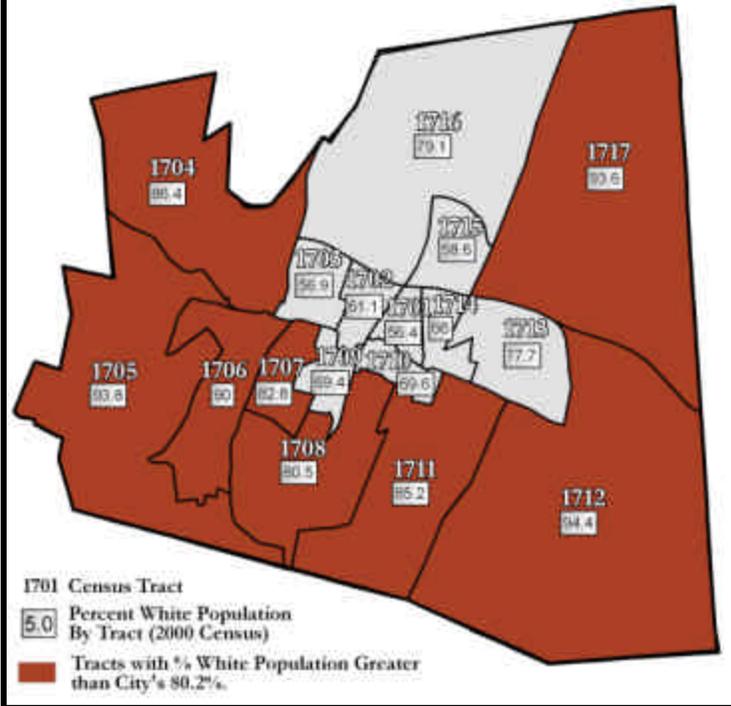


Table 13 and the maps that follow depict racial and ethnic concentrations by Census Tract. These graphics indicate where in the community the highest percentages of specific racial groups reside. The maps indicate where census tract percentages exceed City-wide average percentages. Such data is often used for writing grants and ensuring an equitable distribution of services for housing, neighborhood and community development programs.

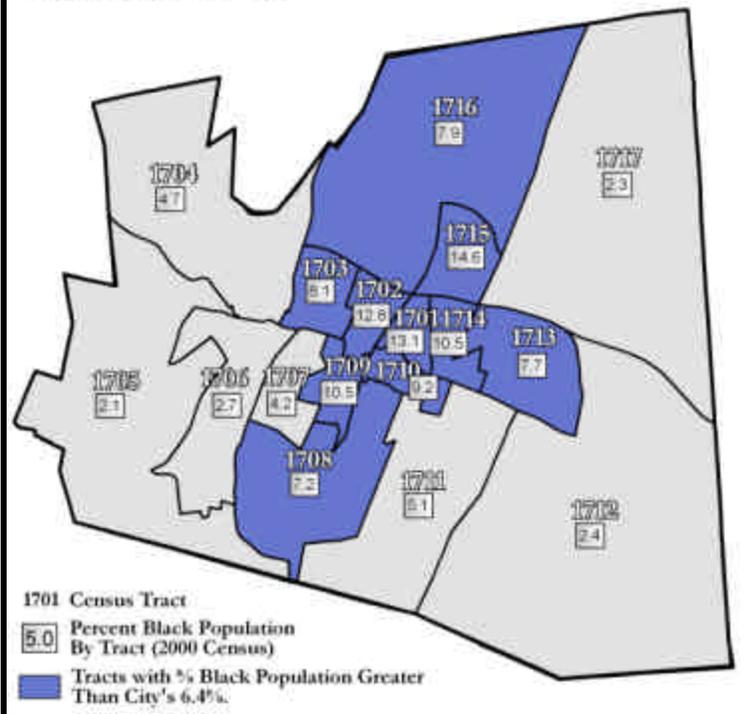
<b>Table 13</b>				
<b>Racial Characteristics for Census Tracts: 2000</b>				
<b>Meriden Census Tracts</b>				
<b>Census Tract</b>	<b>% White</b>	<b>% Black</b>	<b>% Other*</b>	<b>% Hispanic**</b>
<b>MERIDEN</b>	80.2	6.4	13.3	21.1
Tract 1701	56.4	13.1	30.5	56.9
Tract 1702	61.1	12.8	26.2	44.2
Tract 1703	56.9	8.1	35.0	53.3
Tract 1704	86.4	4.7	8.9	13.5
Tract 1705	93.8	2.1	4.1	6.5
Tract 1706	90.0	2.7	7.3	8.9
Tract 1707	82.8	4.2	13.0	20.4
Tract 1708	80.5	7.2	12.3	17.9
Tract 1709	69.4	10.5	20.1	38.3
Tract 1710	69.6	9.2	21.2	42.3
Tract 1711	85.2	5.1	7.5	11.5
Tract 1712	94.4	2.4	2.2	5.8
Tract 1713	77.7	7.7	11.3	22.6
Tract 1714	66.0	10.5	19.5	39.6
Tract 1715	58.6	14.6	19.7	45.3
Tract 1716	79.1	7.9	8.9	16.7
Tract 1717	93.6	2.3	3.3	5.3

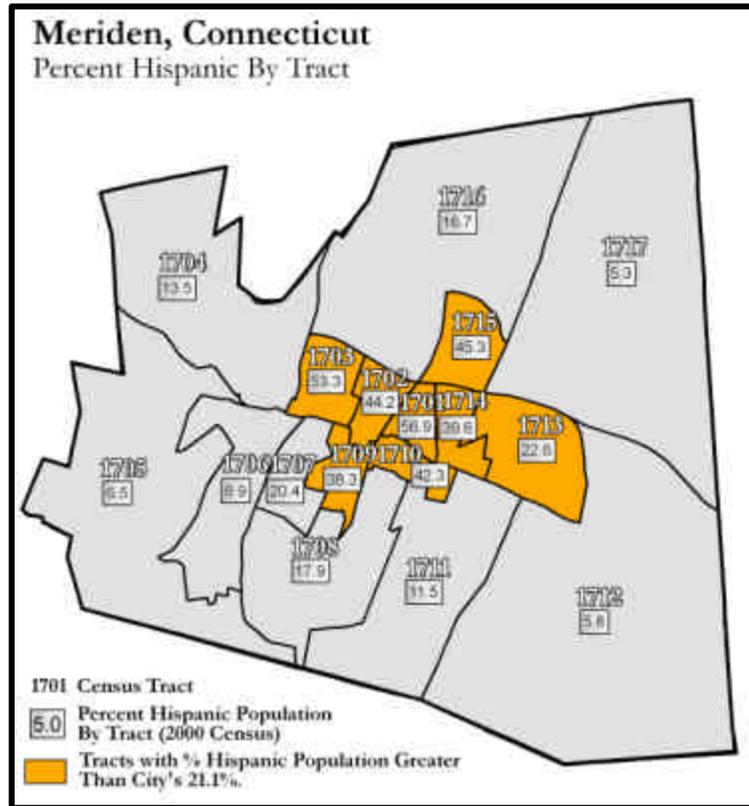
Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census.

**Meriden, Connecticut**  
Percent White Population By Tract



**Meriden, Connecticut**  
Percent Black By Tract





### Ethnicity and Ancestry

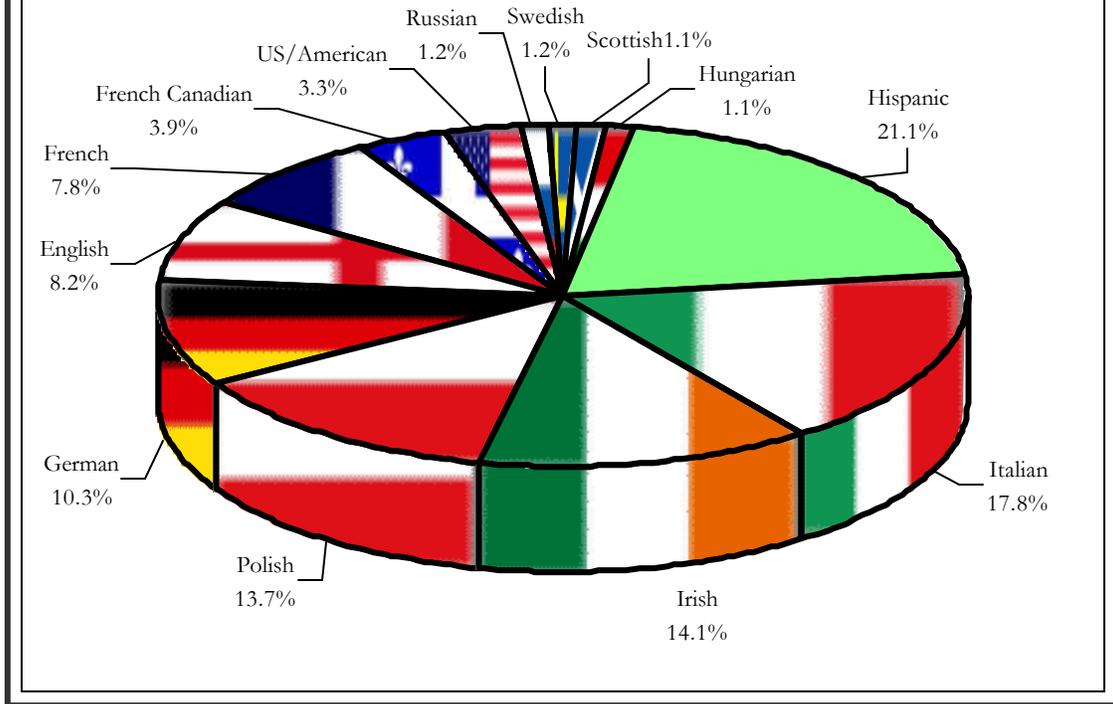
Meriden is an ethnically diverse community with a wide variety of ancestries represented in the population. Although persons of Hispanic ancestry now form the leading ancestry category, those individuals claiming Italian, Irish, Polish and German descent still represent substantial percentages of the City's population. Although ancestries represented by 1% or more of Meriden's population are listed in Table 14, as well as the ancestry pie chart that follows.

Table 15 breaks down Hispanic ancestry by specific nationality or the place of origin for their heritage. As this table illustrates, over 78% of Meriden's Hispanic population is of Puerto Rican descent. Individuals of Mexican descent and those who classify themselves as "Other Hispanic or Latino" comprise a majority of the non-Puerto Rican Hispanic population.

**Table 14**  
**Population by Ancestry, 2000**  
**Meriden, CT**

Ethnicity	2000 Population	% 2000 Population
Hispanic	12,296	21.1%
Italian	10,382	17.8%
Irish	8,187	14.1%
Polish	7,970	13.7%
German	5,994	10.3%
English	4,764	8.2%
French	4,538	7.8%
French Canadian	2,280	3.9%
U.S. or American	1,895	3.3%
Russian	697	1.2%
Swedish	678	1.2%
Scottish	659	1.1%
Hungarian	624	1.1%
<b>Total Reported</b>	<b>68,127</b>	

### Ancestry, 2000



**Table 15**  
**Population by Specific Hispanic Origin, 2000**  
**Meriden, CT**

Hispanic Origin	2000 Population	% 2000 Population
Total Hispanic	12,296	
Puerto Rican	9,637	78.4%
Mexican	948	7.7%
Cuban	165	1.3%
Dominican Republic	149	1.2%
Central American	140	1.1%
South American	289	2.4%
Other Hispanic	968	7.9%

## V. HOUSEHOLD CHARACTERISTICS

Between the 1990 and the 2000 Census, the City of Meriden lost 289 households (1.2%). An increase in households occurred in all of the neighboring communities in the region. Berlin gained 768 households (12.7%), Cheshire gained 1,009 households (12.1%), Middlefield gained 185 households (12.7%), Middletown gained 1,733 households (10.3%), Southington gained 1,317 households (9.6%) and Wallingford gained 1,530 households (10.1%). Such gains and losses are reflective of residential development trends and the attraction of these communities for residential growth.

Average household size in Meriden dropped slightly from 2.51 persons per household in 1990 to 2.49 persons per household in 2000. Drops in average household size are consistent with recent regional and national trends. Household sizes have decreased as a result of an increase in single person households, an increase in divorce and separations, the tendency for young

professionals to delay marriage and families, and an increase in the number of elderly who remain in their own homes as opposed to residing with family. Much steeper declines in average household size occurred in the communities surrounding Meriden. Despite these declines, Meriden still has the second lowest average household size in the immediate region, trailing only Middletown whose statistics are heavily influenced by the presence of Wesleyan University.

**Table 16**  
**Trends in Households & Household Sizes: 1990 to 2000**  
**Meriden and Surrounding Communities**

	Population in Households 1990 Census	Households 1990 Census	Average Household Size 1990		Population in Households 2000 Census	Households 2000 Census	Average Household Size 2000
<b>MERIDEN</b>	58,305	23,240	2.51		57,103	22,951	2.49
Berlin	16,617	6,024	2.76		18,113	6,792	2.67
Cheshire	23,536	8,340	2.82		25,373	9,349	2.71
Middlefield	3,925	1,460	2.69		4,203	1,645	2.56
Middletown	38,902	16,821	2.31		41,293	18,554	2.23
Southington	38,212	13,766	2.78		39,132	15,083	2.59
Wallingford	39,860	15,167	2.63		42,153	16,697	2.52
New Haven County	778,494	304,730	2.55		796,334	319,040	2.50
Connecticut	3,185,949	1,230,479	2.59		3,297,626	1,301,670	2.53

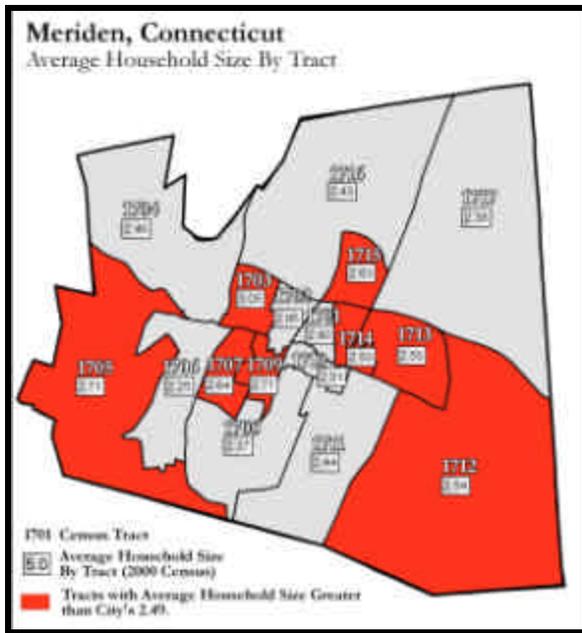
Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census.

As depicted in Table 17, although the total number of households in Meriden declined between 1990 and 2000, several individual Census tracts experienced gains in the number of households. Tract 1712 experienced the greatest increase in households, gaining 169 households during the decade, while Tract 1716 gained 112 households and Tract 1717 gained 85 households. These gains can be attributed to the continued development of housing in eastern and northern sections of Meriden.

**Table 17**  
**Trends in Households & Household Sizes: 1990 to 2000**  
**Meriden Census Tracts**

	Population in Households 1990 Census	Households 1990 Census	Average Household Size 1990		Population in Households 2000 Census	Households 2000 Census	Average Household Size 2000
<b>MERIDEN</b>	58,305	23,240	2.51		57,103	22,951	2.49
Tract 1701*	2,016	816	2.47		1,709	711	2.40
<i>Tract 1701.01</i>	256	84	3.05		N/A	N/A	N/A
<i>Tract 1701.02</i>	1,760	732	2.40		N/A	N/A	N/A
Tract 1702**	2,767	1,375	2.01		2,412	1,170	2.06
<i>Tract 1702.01</i>	1,006	715	1.41		N/A	N/A	N/A
<i>Tract 1702.02</i>	1,761	660	2.67		N/A	N/A	N/A
Tract 1703	2,502	891	2.81		2,349	770	3.05
Tract 1704	1,584	656	2.41		1,626	661	2.46
Tract 1705	5,663	1,966	2.88		5,490	2,028	2.71
Tract 1706	2,581	1,087	2.37		2,452	1,088	2.25
Tract 1707	2,662	1,003	2.65		2,534	960	2.64
Tract 1708	5,418	2,280	2.38		5,300	2,234	2.37
Tract 1709	2,035	768	2.65		1,902	702	2.71
Tract 1710	1,539	788	1.95		1,599	796	2.01
Tract 1711	5,429	2,236	2.43		5,346	2,189	2.44
Tract 1712	7,209	2,676	2.69		7,238	2,845	2.54
Tract 1713	3,580	1,429	2.51		3,588	1,406	2.55
Tract 1714	2,116	833	2.54		1,992	798	2.50
Tract 1715	3,380	1,276	2.65		3,499	1,236	2.83
Tract 1716	4,112	1,673	2.46		4,332	1,785	2.43
Tract 1717	3,712	1,487	2.50		3,735	1,572	2.38

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census.



households in Meriden are family households with children under the age of 18. Of these 7,192 family households with children, 4,471 or 62.2% are married couple families; 2,199 or 30.6% are single mother families; and it can be assumed that the remaining 522 or 7.3% are single father families.

Non-family households comprised 34.8% of all households in the City according to the 2000 Census. Non-family households include individuals living alone or households which contain one or more non-related individuals. They do not include people living in group quarter situations such as nursing homes, group homes, dormitories or other similar shared housing accommodations. Of the 7,991 non-family households enumerated by

**Table 18**  
**Households by Household Type: 2000**  
**Meriden, CT**

Household Type	Number of Households	% of Households	% of Households, New Haven County	% of Households, State of CT
Family Household	14,960	65.2	66.0	67.7
With Own Children Under 18	7,192	31.3	31.2	32.2
Married Couple Family	10,414	45.4	48.6	52.0
With Own Children Under 18	4,471	19.5	21.6	23.6
Female Householder, no husband present	3,479	15.2	13.6	12.1
With Own Children Under 18	2,199	9.6	7.9	7.0
Non-Family Household	7,991	34.8	34.0	32.3
Householder Living Alone	6,629	28.9	28.2	26.4
Householder 65 years and over	2,446	10.7	11.0	10.1
Households with individuals under 18	7,811	34.0	33.8	34.7
Households with individuals 65 years and over	5,643	24.6	26.1	25.1
Total Households	22,951		319,040	1,301,670

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census.

According to 2000 Census figures, of the 22,951 households in Meriden, 65.2% are family households containing one or more related individuals and 34.8% are non-family households. As shown in Table 18, 7,192

the 2000 Census, 6,629 were householders living alone or single person households.

These single person households comprised 28.9% of the City's total households. Elderly individuals living alone made up 2,446 of the 6,629 single person households. The number

of single person elderly households, especially those living in private market housing, is an important figure because many of these households will vacate their homes due to health or age-related reasons vacating existing housing units. Oftentimes, this turnover of units becomes an important resource for new families and households moving to a community.

Table 19 below shows Meriden's household characteristics along side of those of four similar communities, as a point of comparison.

Household Type	Number of Households	% of Households	% of Households, Bristol	% of Households, East Hartford	% of Households, Manchester	% of Households, Norwich
Family Household	14,960	65.2	65.0	63.5	60.4	60.1
With Own Children Under 18	7,192	31.3	29.6	29.2	28.2	29.0
Married Couple Family	10,414	45.4	49.6	41.5	43.8	40.7
With Own Children Under 18	4,471	19.5	21.0	16.2	18.2	16.7
Female Householder, no husband present	3,479	15.2	11.5	17.4	13.0	15.0
With Own Children Under 18	2,199	9.6	6.6	11.0	8.3	9.9
Non-Family Household	7,991	34.8	35.0	36.5	39.6	39.9
Householder Living Alone	6,629	28.9	28.9	30.2	31.1	32.0
Householder 65 years and over	2,446	10.7	10.7	11.3	10.1	12.5
Households with individuals under 18	7,811	34.0	31.6	32.3	30.1	31.6
Households with individuals 65 years and over	5,643	24.6	25.1	26.9	22.9	25.8
Total Households	22,951		24,886	20,206	23,197	15,091

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census.

## **VI. DEMOGRAPHIC FINDINGS AND IMPLICATIONS**

In terms of planning for the next 10 years and beyond, several population, housing and demographic trends in Meriden have future implications. These include:

The City of Meriden experienced a limited population decline between the 1990 Census and the 2000 Census. However, more recent population estimates released by the U.S. Census Bureau indicate that this trend has reversed itself and that Meriden's population is once again in a growth phase. Based upon this more recent data as well as Census data from the past 45 years, Meriden is projected to grow slowly over the next quarter century.

The City's population, although aging at a steady pace, remains one of the youngest populations in the immediate region. Considerable growth in the age 45 to 54 and age 5 to 19 cohorts have almost offset the steep declines seen in the age 25 to 34 and age 60 to 74 cohorts. The changes in the numbers and concentrations of the school-aged populations has immediate implications for school planning, park and recreational planning and planning for facilities and services for the Town's youth. Much further in the future, demands for senior services will need to be evaluated as the 45 to 54 year olds reach the age of 65.

The growth in population between 45 to 54 years of age, regarded to be the age cohort of adults in their prime earning years, may impact housing turnover, the demand for new housing situations and the demand for particular town services and programs. These changes are likely to emerge over the next ten years.

The racial and ethnic composition of Meriden's population is changing rapidly. Meriden's Hispanic population grew by 51% between 1990 and 2000, while the white non-Hispanic population decreased by 7,772 people over the same time period. These demographic changes are occurring in a more pronounced manner in particular sections of Meriden. Addressing the implications of these changes will be particularly important for neighborhood planning activities and initiatives.

Average household size in Meriden is lower than all of its neighboring communities except Middletown, and is lower than the average household size for New Haven County and the State. The relatively low average household size of 2.49 persons is reflective of the large number of single-person households, which comprise almost 29% of the households in Meriden. This in turn is attributable to a housing stock that has a significant rental component comprised of smaller apartments. Housing trends and implications will be explained in a future memorandum.

Meriden's history is defined by steady growth from 1900 to 1970, followed by a leveling off of population growth in the past 35 years. While the current demographic data, trends and projections indicate that Meriden's population will likely continue its slow growth for the next 25 years, planning for additional growth and development before it occurs is the most proactive approach. The balance between development, resource and service needs, and location of new growth is a key part of the long-range planning process underway in this Plan of Conservation and Development update.

# APPENDIX

## Pop-Facts: Demographic Trend

### CITY OF MERIDEN, MCD (see appendix for geographies), Total

Description	2000 Census	%	2006 Estimate	%	2011 Projection	%
<b>Population by Age</b>	58,244		59,472		60,569	
Age 0 - 4	4,143	7.11%	4,018	6.76%	4,019	6.64%
Age 5 - 9	4,338	7.45%	4,080	6.86%	3,984	6.58%
Age 10 - 14	4,182	7.18%	4,225	7.10%	4,008	6.62%
Age 15 - 17	2,303	3.95%	2,479	4.17%	2,609	4.31%
Age 18 - 20	1,897	3.26%	1,992	3.35%	2,117	3.50%
Age 21 - 24	2,842	4.88%	2,881	4.84%	3,094	5.11%
Age 25 - 34	8,236	14.14%	7,927	13.33%	7,302	12.06%
Age 35 - 44	9,355	16.06%	9,041	15.20%	8,566	14.14%
Age 45 - 49	4,165	7.15%	4,490	7.55%	4,540	7.50%
Age 50 - 54	3,715	6.38%	4,111	6.91%	4,424	7.30%
Age 55 - 59	2,796	4.80%	3,490	5.87%	3,969	6.55%
Age 60 - 64	2,061	3.54%	2,752	4.63%	3,327	5.49%
Age 65 - 74	3,867	6.64%	3,573	6.01%	4,271	7.05%
Age 75 - 84	3,229	5.54%	2,861	4.81%	2,555	4.22%
Age 85 and over	1,115	1.91%	1,552	2.61%	1,784	2.95%
Age 16 and over	44,778	76.88%	46,281	77.82%	47,647	78.67%
Age 18 and over	43,278	74.30%	44,670	75.11%	45,949	75.86%
Age 21 and over	41,381	71.05%	42,678	71.76%	43,832	72.37%
Age 65 and over	8,211	14.10%	7,986	13.43%	8,610	14.22%
<b>Median Age</b>	36.26		37.36		38.68	
<b>Average Age</b>	37.20		37.98		38.84	
<b>Population by Sex</b>	58,244		59,472		60,569	
Male	28,214	48.44%	28,842	48.50%	29,439	48.60%
Female	30,030	51.56%	30,630	51.50%	31,130	51.40%
Male/Female Ratio	0.94		0.94		0.95	



## Pop-Facts: Demographic Trend

### CITY OF MERIDEN, MCD (see appendix for geographies), Total

Description	2000 Census	%	2006 Estimate	%	2011 Projection	%
<b>Pop. by Single Race Class. and Hispanic or Latino</b>						
<b>Hispanic or Latino:</b>	12,296		15,279		17,965	
White Alone	6,025	49.00%	7,264	47.54%	8,365	46.56%
Black or African American Alone	433	3.52%	596	3.90%	747	4.16%
American Indian and Alaska Native Alone	106	0.86%	135	0.88%	161	0.90%
Asian Alone	13	0.11%	15	0.10%	15	0.08%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander Alone	6	0.05%	7	0.05%	7	0.04%
Some Other Race Alone	4,961	40.35%	6,326	41.40%	7,567	42.12%
Two or More Races	752	6.12%	936	6.13%	1,103	6.14%
<b>Not Hispanic or Latino:</b>	45,948		44,193		42,604	
White Alone	40,709	88.60%	37,744	85.41%	35,156	82.52%
Black or African American Alone	3,321	7.23%	3,960	8.96%	4,491	10.54%
American Indian and Alaska Native Alone	123	0.27%	155	0.35%	173	0.41%
Asian Alone	783	1.70%	1,085	2.46%	1,342	3.15%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander Alone	5	0.01%	11	0.02%	7	0.02%
Some Other Race Alone	75	0.16%	78	0.18%	75	0.18%
Two or More Races	932	2.03%	1,160	2.62%	1,360	3.19%
<b>Households by Age of Householder</b>						
	22,951		23,518		23,937	
Householder Under 25 Years	1,145	4.99%	1,303	5.54%	1,404	5.87%
Householder 25 to 34 Years	4,032	17.57%	3,820	16.24%	3,525	14.73%
Householder 35 to 44 Years	5,220	22.74%	4,964	21.11%	4,621	19.30%
Householder 45 to 54 Years	4,555	19.85%	4,901	20.84%	5,025	20.99%
Householder 55 to 59 Years	1,682	7.33%	2,067	8.79%	2,311	9.65%
Householder 60 to 64 Years	1,267	5.52%	1,669	7.10%	1,988	8.31%
Householder 65 to 69 Years	1,249	5.44%	1,201	5.11%	1,562	6.53%
Householder 70 to 74 Years	1,159	5.05%	1,002	4.26%	1,037	4.33%
Householder 75 to 79 Years	1,178	5.13%	928	3.95%	853	3.56%
Householder 80 to 84 Years	927	4.04%	912	3.88%	766	3.20%
Householder 85 Years and over	537	2.34%	751	3.19%	845	3.53%
<b>Median Age of Householder</b>						
	47.37		48.41		49.81	



## Pop-Facts: Demographic Trend

### CITY OF MERIDEN, MCD (see appendix for geographies), Total

Description	2000 Census	%	2006 Estimate	%	2011 Projection	%
<b>Households by Household Income</b>	22,958		23,518		23,937	
Income Less than \$15,000	3,557	15.49%	3,325	14.14%	3,178	13.28%
Income \$15,000 - \$24,999	2,844	12.39%	2,726	11.59%	2,637	11.02%
Income \$25,000 - \$34,999	2,777	12.10%	2,563	10.90%	2,485	10.38%
Income \$35,000 - \$49,999	3,903	17.00%	4,007	17.04%	3,940	16.46%
Income \$50,000 - \$74,999	4,782	20.83%	4,721	20.07%	4,709	19.67%
Income \$75,000 - \$99,999	2,846	12.40%	3,052	12.98%	3,115	13.01%
Income \$100,000 - \$149,999	1,766	7.69%	2,435	10.35%	2,928	12.23%
Income \$150,000 - \$249,999	387	1.69%	559	2.38%	783	3.27%
Income \$250,000 - \$499,999	77	0.34%	100	0.43%	128	0.53%
Income \$500,000 or more	19	0.08%	30	0.13%	34	0.14%
<b>Average Household Income</b>	\$51,737		\$56,818		\$60,587	
<b>Median Household Income</b>	\$43,843		\$46,772		\$48,965	
<b>Per Capita Income</b>	\$20,597		\$22,689		\$24,167	



# Pop-Facts: Census Demographic Quick Facts Comparison Report

CITY OF MERIDEN, MCD, (see appendix for geographies), aggregate

Description	Total MCD	%
<b>Population</b>		
2000 Census	58,244	
1990 Census	59,479	
Growth 1990-2000	-2.08%	
<b>Households</b>		
2000 Census	22,951	
1990 Census	23,240	
Growth 1990-2000	-1.24%	
<b>2000 Population by Single Race Classification</b>		
White Alone	46,734	80.24
Black or African American Alone	3,754	6.45
American Indian and Alaska Native Alone	229	0.39
Asian Alone	796	1.37
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander Alone	11	0.02
Some Other Race Alone	5,036	8.65
Two or More Races	1,684	2.89
<b>2000 Population Hispanic or Latino</b>		
Hispanic or Latino	12,296	21.11
Not Hispanic or Latino	45,948	78.89
<b>2000 Tenure of Occupied Housing Units</b>		
Owner Occupied	13,743	59.88
Renter Occupied	9,208	40.12
<b>2000 Households by Household Income</b>		
Income Less than \$15,000	3,557	15.49
Income \$15,000 - \$24,999	2,844	12.39
Income \$25,000 - \$34,999	2,777	12.10
Income \$35,000 - \$49,999	3,903	17.00
Income \$50,000 - \$74,999	4,782	20.83
Income \$75,000 - \$99,999	2,846	12.40
Income \$100,000 - \$149,999	1,766	7.69
Income \$150,000 - \$249,999	387	1.69
Income \$250,000 - \$499,999	77	0.34
Income \$500,000 or more	19	0.08



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CITY OF MERIDEN, MCD, (see appendix for geographies), aggregate

Description	Total MCD	%
2000 Average Household Size	2.49	
2000 Average Household Income	\$51,737	
2000 Median Household Income	\$43,843	
2000 Per Capita Income	\$20,597	



## Pop-Facts: Demographic Trend

### CONNECTICUT, State (see appendix for geographies), Total

Description	2000 Census	%	2006 Estimate	%	2011 Projection	%
<b>Population by Age</b>	3,405,565		3,536,190		3,646,156	
Age 0 - 4	223,344	6.56%	212,563	6.01%	210,847	5.78%
Age 5 - 9	244,144	7.17%	225,300	6.37%	216,032	5.92%
Age 10 - 14	241,587	7.09%	245,535	6.94%	230,073	6.31%
Age 15 - 17	132,613	3.89%	155,083	4.39%	164,246	4.50%
Age 18 - 20	124,416	3.65%	143,845	4.07%	157,077	4.31%
Age 21 - 24	147,169	4.32%	175,787	4.97%	201,749	5.53%
Age 25 - 34	451,640	13.26%	403,147	11.40%	399,781	10.96%
Age 35 - 44	581,049	17.06%	543,219	15.36%	470,154	12.89%
Age 45 - 49	252,754	7.42%	291,777	8.25%	291,443	7.99%
Age 50 - 54	228,053	6.70%	257,275	7.28%	291,273	7.99%
Age 55 - 59	176,961	5.20%	221,516	6.26%	254,630	6.98%
Age 60 - 64	131,652	3.87%	174,781	4.94%	215,242	5.90%
Age 65 - 74	231,565	6.80%	228,332	6.46%	279,508	7.67%
Age 75 - 84	174,345	5.12%	172,698	4.88%	166,546	4.57%
Age 85 and over	64,273	1.89%	85,332	2.41%	97,555	2.68%
Age 16 and over	2,651,452	77.86%	2,799,922	79.18%	2,933,221	80.45%
Age 18 and over	2,563,877	75.28%	2,697,709	76.29%	2,824,958	77.48%
Age 21 and over	2,439,461	71.63%	2,553,864	72.22%	2,667,881	73.17%
Age 65 and over	470,183	13.81%	486,362	13.75%	543,609	14.91%
<b>Median Age</b>	37.37		38.81		40.17	
<b>Average Age</b>	37.74		38.74		39.76	
<b>Population by Sex</b>	3,405,565		3,536,190		3,646,156	
Male	1,649,319	48.43%	1,716,777	48.55%	1,772,715	48.62%
Female	1,756,246	51.57%	1,819,413	51.45%	1,873,441	51.38%
Male/Female Ratio	0.94		0.94		0.95	



## Pop-Facts: Demographic Trend

### CONNECTICUT, State (see appendix for geographies), Total

Description	2000 Census	%	2006 Estimate	%	2011 Projection	%
<b>Pop. by Single Race Class. and Hispanic or Latino</b>						
<b>Hispanic or Latino:</b>	320,323		387,158		445,524	
White Alone	141,510	44.18%	172,131	44.46%	198,892	44.64%
Black or African American Alone	14,272	4.46%	17,248	4.46%	19,852	4.46%
American Indian and Alaska Native Alone	2,372	0.74%	2,881	0.74%	3,325	0.75%
Asian Alone	749	0.23%	913	0.24%	1,067	0.24%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander Alone	408	0.13%	495	0.13%	565	0.13%
Some Other Race Alone	139,060	43.41%	166,886	43.11%	191,155	42.91%
Two or More Races	21,952	6.85%	26,604	6.87%	30,668	6.88%
<b>Not Hispanic or Latino:</b>	3,085,242		3,149,032		3,200,632	
White Alone	2,638,845	85.53%	2,642,927	83.93%	2,642,509	82.56%
Black or African American Alone	295,571	9.58%	316,822	10.06%	335,213	10.47%
American Indian and Alaska Native Alone	7,267	0.24%	7,764	0.25%	8,177	0.26%
Asian Alone	81,564	2.64%	108,646	3.45%	132,380	4.14%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander Alone	958	0.03%	1,420	0.05%	1,835	0.06%
Some Other Race Alone	8,141	0.26%	8,246	0.26%	8,335	0.26%
Two or More Races	52,896	1.71%	63,207	2.01%	72,183	2.26%
<b>Households by Age of Householder</b>						
	1,301,670		1,362,862		1,411,226	
Householder Under 25 Years	44,780	3.44%	52,243	3.83%	56,811	4.03%
Householder 25 to 34 Years	205,984	15.82%	183,693	13.48%	180,453	12.79%
Householder 35 to 44 Years	306,974	23.58%	286,287	21.01%	245,649	17.41%
Householder 45 to 54 Years	270,950	20.82%	308,587	22.64%	324,407	22.99%
Householder 55 to 59 Years	103,196	7.93%	128,871	9.46%	146,763	10.40%
Householder 60 to 64 Years	78,591	6.04%	104,073	7.64%	126,994	9.00%
Householder 65 to 69 Years	71,791	5.52%	76,127	5.59%	99,617	7.06%
Householder 70 to 74 Years	71,231	5.47%	64,428	4.73%	70,673	5.01%
Householder 75 to 79 Years	64,148	4.93%	59,677	4.38%	56,645	4.01%
Householder 80 to 84 Years	48,629	3.74%	51,964	3.81%	50,058	3.55%
Householder 85 Years and over	35,396	2.72%	46,912	3.44%	53,156	3.77%
<b>Median Age of Householder</b>						
	48.44		50.16		51.86	



## Pop-Facts: Demographic Trend

### CONNECTICUT, State (see appendix for geographies), Total

Description	2000 Census	%	2006 Estimate	%	2011 Projection	%
<b>Households by Household Income</b>	1,302,227		1,362,862		1,411,226	
Income Less than \$15,000	156,616	12.03%	142,820	10.48%	135,659	9.61%
Income \$15,000 - \$24,999	126,157	9.69%	118,007	8.66%	113,128	8.02%
Income \$25,000 - \$34,999	130,916	10.05%	121,943	8.95%	116,900	8.28%
Income \$35,000 - \$49,999	188,021	14.44%	184,634	13.55%	178,248	12.63%
Income \$50,000 - \$74,999	265,470	20.39%	258,621	18.98%	257,653	18.26%
Income \$75,000 - \$99,999	172,569	13.25%	188,505	13.83%	195,427	13.85%
Income \$100,000 - \$149,999	152,405	11.70%	200,179	14.69%	229,384	16.25%
Income \$150,000 - \$249,999	72,729	5.58%	96,780	7.10%	120,375	8.53%
Income \$250,000 - \$499,999	22,574	1.73%	31,409	2.30%	39,565	2.80%
Income \$500,000 or more	14,770	1.13%	19,964	1.46%	24,887	1.76%
<b>Average Household Income</b>	\$74,196		\$82,797		\$89,714	
<b>Median Household Income</b>	\$54,652		\$61,023		\$65,688	
<b>Per Capita Income</b>	\$28,766		\$32,270		\$35,087	



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CONNECTICUT, STA, (see appendix for geographies), aggregate

Description	Total STA	%
<b>Population</b>		
2000 Census	3,405,565	
1990 Census	3,287,116	
Growth 1990-2000	3.60%	
<b>Households</b>		
2000 Census	1,301,670	
1990 Census	1,230,479	
Growth 1990-2000	5.79%	
<b>2000 Population by Single Race Classification</b>		
	3,405,565	
White Alone	2,780,355	81.64
Black or African American Alone	309,843	9.10
American Indian and Alaska Native Alone	9,639	0.28
Asian Alone	82,313	2.42
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander Alone	1,366	0.04
Some Other Race Alone	147,201	4.32
Two or More Races	74,848	2.20
<b>2000 Population Hispanic or Latino</b>		
	3,405,565	
Hispanic or Latino	320,323	9.41
Not Hispanic or Latino	3,085,242	90.59
<b>2000 Tenure of Occupied Housing Units</b>		
	1,301,670	
Owner Occupied	869,729	66.82
Renter Occupied	431,941	33.18
<b>2000 Households by Household Income</b>		
	1,302,227	
Income Less than \$15,000	156,616	12.03
Income \$15,000 - \$24,999	126,157	9.69
Income \$25,000 - \$34,999	130,916	10.05
Income \$35,000 - \$49,999	188,021	14.44
Income \$50,000 - \$74,999	265,470	20.39
Income \$75,000 - \$99,999	172,569	13.25
Income \$100,000 - \$149,999	152,405	11.70
Income \$150,000 - \$249,999	72,729	5.58
Income \$250,000 - \$499,999	22,574	1.73
Income \$500,000 or more	14,770	1.13



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CONNECTICUT, STA, (see appendix for geographies), aggregate

Description	Total STA	%
2000 Average Household Size	2.53	
2000 Average Household Income	\$74,196	
2000 Median Household Income	\$54,652	
2000 Per Capita Income	\$28,766	

