

POPULATION OVERVIEW

This section of the United Way Community Assessment provides an overview of the Franklin County population as a context for the data in the other sections of the report. All data in this section are from the U.S. Census except where indicated.

Population Snapshot

- **Population growth:** Franklin County continues to gain population, increasing by 11.2 percent from 1990 to 2000, with a 2000 population of 1,068,978. The population is projected to grow over the next 30 years, but at a slower rate than in the past. In the Columbus MSA, Delaware, Fairfield and Licking counties grew faster than Franklin County between 1990 and 2000. Migration patterns show that Franklin County has lost population to adjacent central Ohio counties since 1994.
- **Racial and ethnic diversity:** Franklin County is becoming an increasingly diverse community. Since 1990, the growth rates of the black or African American, American Indian, Asian and Hispanic populations far surpass that of the white population.
- **Geographic residential patterns:** The black or African American population in the areas of Franklin County outside of Columbus grew by 68 percent between 1990 and 2000, compared with a 22 percent increase within the city of Columbus. Most of the increase in the Hispanic population has occurred outside of the older city of Columbus.
- **Age and gender profile:** The population of Franklin County is aging, a trend that mirrors Ohio and the nation. There are differences in the age and gender profiles for racial and ethnic subgroups. The white population is the oldest group and Hispanics are the youngest. Blacks or African Americans have the highest percentage of females, and Hispanics have the highest percentage of males.
- **Household characteristics:** In Franklin County, the number of persons per household continues to decrease, and household formation is occurring at a faster rate than population growth. From 1990-2000, the number of married couple households with children has decreased, while the number of households with persons living alone has increased. The number of female headed households with children increased, but at a slower pace than in the past. In 2000, over 8,000 grandparents were caregivers for one or more grandchildren.
- **First ancestry:** Nearly 20 percent of Franklin County residents who reported ancestry information in 2000 are of German ancestry and about 10 percent identified themselves as of American descent and of Irish descent. The only non-European ancestry identified in the top ten was Sub-Saharan African, which includes Somali.
- **Foreign-born population and language spoken:** About 6 percent of the 2000 Franklin County population was foreign born, with 28,000 persons who came to the U.S. between 1995 and 2000. Nearly 90,000 Franklin County residents speak a language other than English at home. Of these, 17,400 speak English “not well” or “not at all,” and 9,828 households are classified by Census 2000 as “linguistically isolated.”

Patterns of Population Growth

According to Census 2000, there are 1,068,978 people living in Franklin County, an increase of 11.2 percent since 1990 (Map P-1). This increase is greater than any other urban Ohio county, and ranks 54th in numeric population increase among counties in the nation. Columbus is the largest city in Ohio and the 15th largest in the U.S. Of Ohio's largest cities, Columbus was the only city to gain population between 1990 and 2000.

All areas of Columbus have not shared in this population growth. The population of the older city (within the city's 1950 boundaries) continues to decline. From 1990 to 2000, older Columbus lost 23,603 people, while newer Columbus gained 102,163 (Table P-1) as a result of both annexation and development.

Table P-1
Franklin County and Columbus Population, 1990-2000

| | 1990 Population | 2000 Population | Percent Change |
|------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Franklin County | 961,437 | 1,068,978 | 11.2 |
| Columbus | 632,910 | 711,470 | 12.4 |
| • Older Columbus | 267,950 | 244,347 | -8.8 |
| • Newer Columbus | 364,960 | 467,123 | 28.0 |

Source: Census 2000, Summary File 1

Columbus Metro Area Population Trends

In 2000, the six-county Columbus MSA was the third largest in Ohio, with a population of 1,540,157, a 14.5 percent increase since 1990. While Franklin County has the largest population of the six counties, it is not the fastest growing (Table P-2; Map P-2). Delaware County, which had a 64.3 percent population increase between 1990 and 2000, was the fastest growing county in Ohio, and the 40th fastest growing of all U.S. counties.

The growth of other central Ohio counties is the result, in part, of movement of population out of Franklin County. From 1993-2002, although the Franklin County population grew because of net natural increase (births over deaths), it had negative net migration flows (more people moving out than moving in). All other counties in the Columbus metro area gained population through in-migration (Figure P-1).

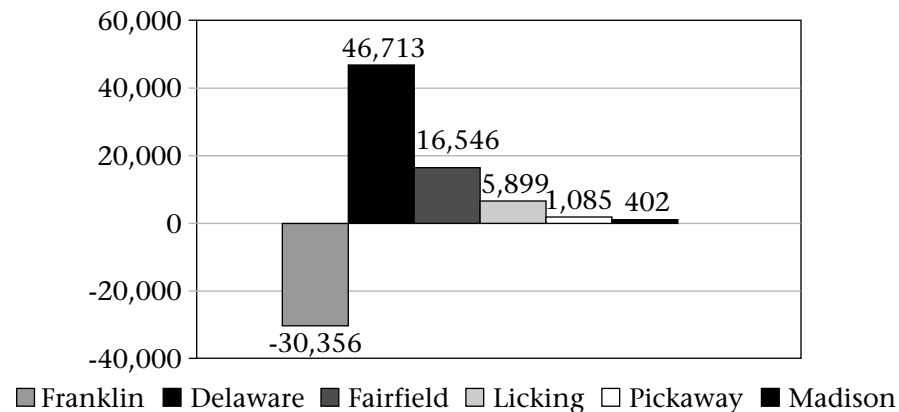
Table P-2
Columbus MSA Counties, Population Change 1990-2000

| County | 2000 Population | Percent Change 1990-2000 |
|------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| Franklin | 1,068,978 | 11.2 |
| Delaware | 109,989 | 64.3 |
| Fairfield | 122,759 | 18.7 |
| Licking | 145,491 | 13.4 |
| Madison | 40,213 | 8.5 |
| Pickaway | 52,727 | 9.3 |
| MSA Total | 1,540,157 | 14.5 |

Source: Census 2000, Summary File 1

(1) Note: Columbus MSA definition changes in 2003 to include Union and Morrow Counties. These are not included in the MSA total above.

Figure P-1
Net Migration Flows, Columbus MSA Counties, 1993-2002

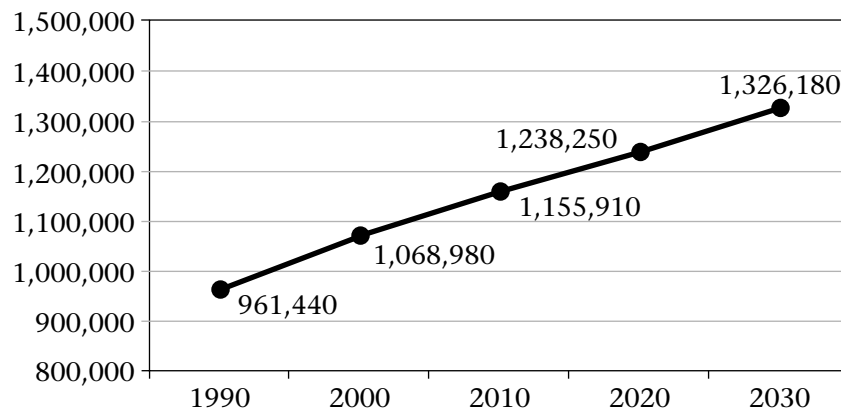


Source: Internal Revenue Service, Net Migration Flows by County, 1993-2002

Population Projections

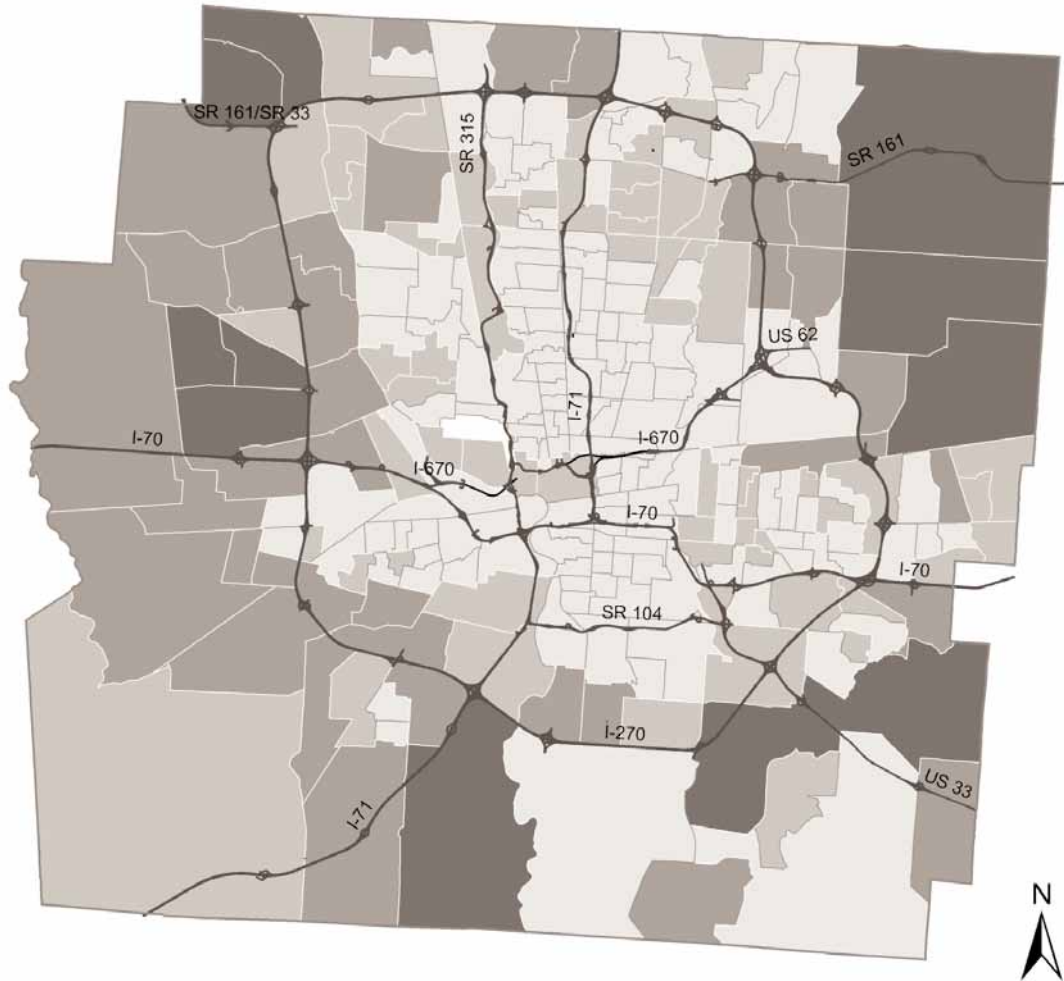
The population of Franklin County is projected to grow to over 1.3 million by 2030, a continuation of the century-long growth trend (Figure P-2). However, the rate of growth is projected to slow, from 11.2 percent from 1990-2000, to 7.1 percent from 2020-2030.

Figure P-2
Population Projection, Franklin County 1990-2030



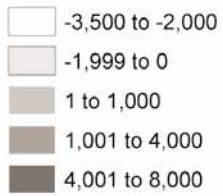
Source: Ohio Department of Development, Office of Strategic Research, July 2003

Map P-1 Franklin County Population Change, 1990-2000



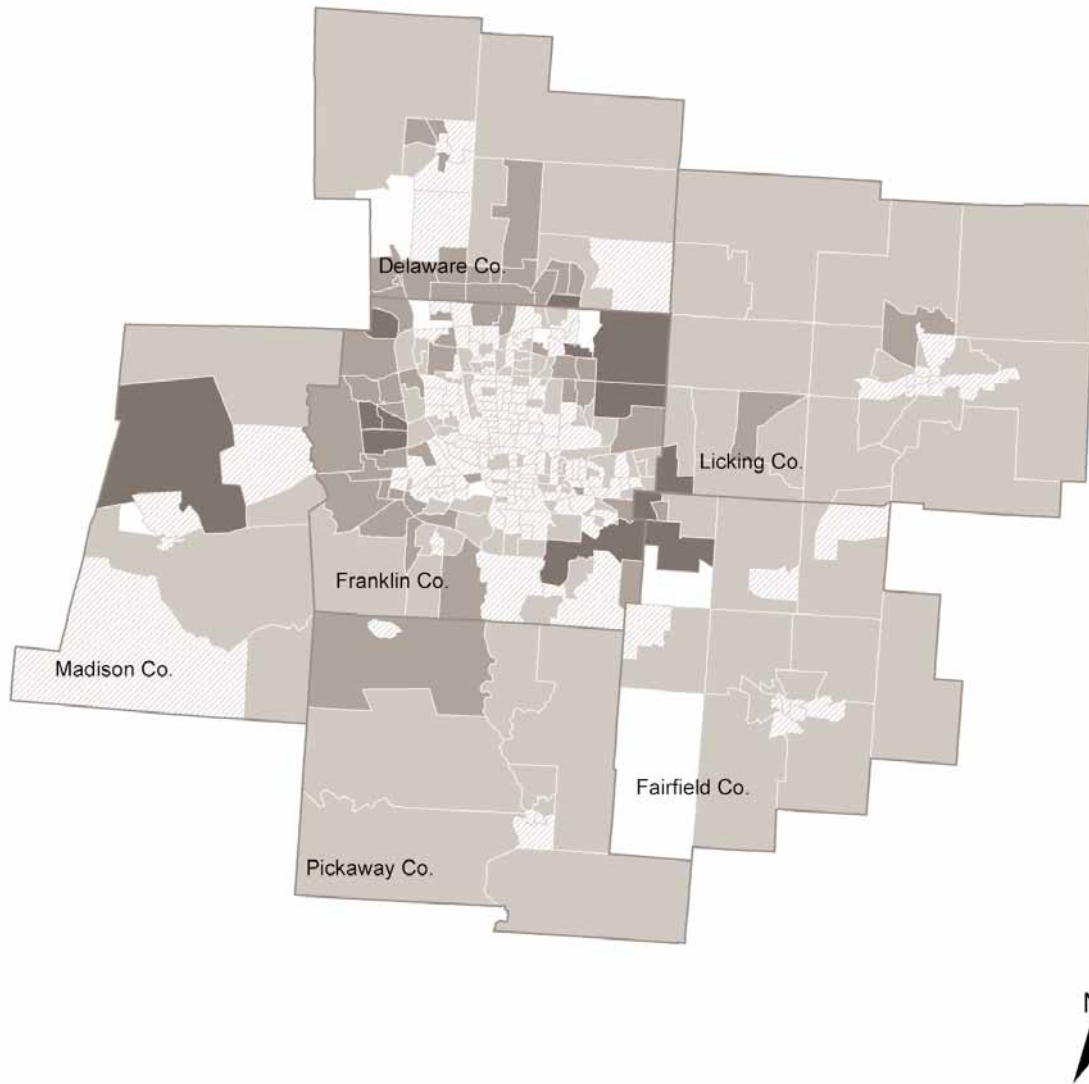
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 SF1

Population Change 1990 - 2000



Note: The population for each census tract has been adjusted to reflect changes in tract boundaries between 1990 and 2000

Map P-2 Columbus MSA Population Change, 1990-2000



Population Change 1990 - 2000

- 6,000 to -2,000
- 1,999 to 0
- 1 to 1,500
- 1,501 to 4,000
- 4,001 to 9,000

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 1990 STF1 & 2000 SF1

Note: The population for each census tract has been adjusted to reflect changes in tract boundaries between 1990 and 2000. The Columbus MSA boundaries were modified by the U.S. Census Bureau in 2003 and include Union and Morrow Counties. The Census 2000 definitions are used for this report.

Racial and Ethnic Diversity

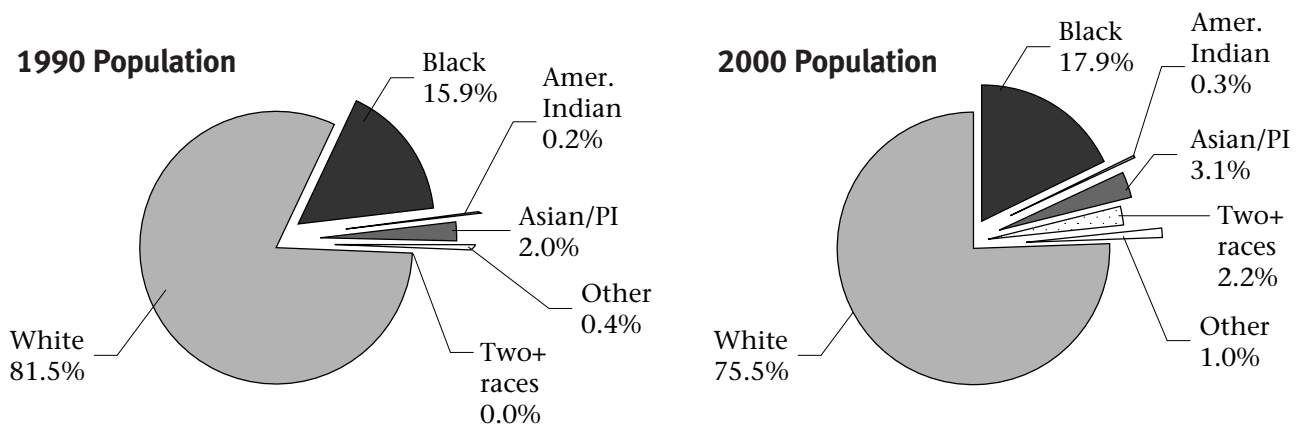
As is the case with the nation as a whole, Franklin County is becoming an increasingly diverse community. Between 1990 and 2000, the percentage of the population that is white dropped from 81.5 percent to 75.5 percent. Asians and persons of Hispanic origin are the fastest growing groups in Franklin County (Table P-3 and Figure P-3).

Table P-3
Racial and Ethnic Population Composition, Franklin County, 1990-2000

| | 1990 Population | 2000 Population | Percent Change 1990-2000 | Percent of 2000 Population |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| • White | 783,714 | 806,851 | 3.0 | 75.5 |
| • Black or African American | 152,840 | 191,196 | 25.1 | 17.9 |
| • American Indian and Alaska Native | 2,056 | 2,899 | 41.0 | 0.3 |
| • Asian, Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander | 19,437 | 33,250 | 71.1 | 3.1 |
| • Some other race | 3,390 | 10,992 | 224.2 | 1.0 |
| • Two or more races | NA | 23,790 | NA | 2.2 |
| Total Franklin County | 961,437 | 1,068,978 | 11.2 | 100.0 |
| • Hispanic or Latino (of any race) | 9,236 | 24,279 | 162.9 | 2.3 |

Sources: Census 2000, Summary File 1; 1990 Census, Summary Tape File 1

Figure P-3
Racial Profile, Franklin County, 1990 and 2000



Sources: Census 2000, Summary File 1; 1990 Census, Summary Tape File 1

Within these major categories, Census 2000 collected more detailed information on the racial and ethnic groups of respondents. Table P-4 provides a more in-depth profile of the racial and ethnic composition of the Franklin County population in 2000.

Table P-4
Detailed Racial and Ethnic Composition of Franklin County Population, 2000

| | Number | Percent of 2000 Population |
|--|------------------|-------------------------------|
| One Race | | |
| White | 806,851 | 75.5 |
| Black or African American | 191,196 | 17.9 |
| American Indian and Alaska Native | 2,899 | 0.3 |
| Asian | 32,784 | 3.1 |
| • Asian Indian | 8,582 | 0.8 |
| • Chinese | 7,426 | 0.7 |
| • Filipino | 1,689 | 0.2 |
| • Japanese | 3,223 | 0.3 |
| • Korean | 3,257 | 0.3 |
| • Vietnamese | 2,289 | 0.2 |
| • Other Asian | 6,318 | 0.6 |
| Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander | 466 | 0.0 |
| • Native Hawaiian | 93 | 0.0 |
| • Guamanian or Chamorro | 89 | 0.0 |
| • Samoan | 138 | 0.0 |
| • Other Pacific Islander | 146 | 0.0 |
| Some other race | 10,992 | 1.0 |
| Two or more races | 23,790 | 2.2 |
| Total | 1,068,978 | 100.0 |
| Hispanic or Latino (of any race) | 24,279 | 2.3 |
| • Mexican | 12,005 | 1.1 |
| • Puerto Rican | 3,624 | 0.3 |
| • Cuban | 888 | 0.1 |
| • Other Hispanic or Latino | 7,762 | 0.7 |

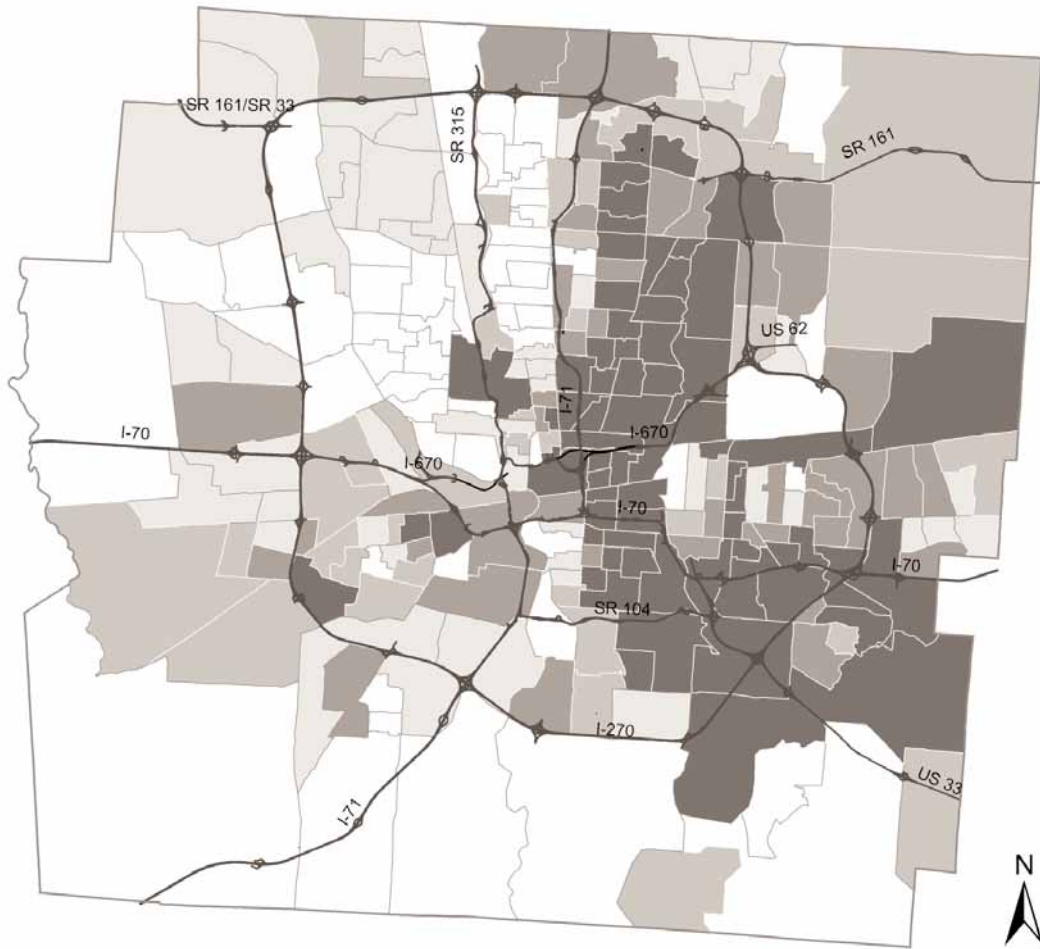
Source: Census 2000, Summary File 1

Geographic Residential Patterns

Although Franklin County communities are becoming more diverse, there are distinct and different patterns in the residential locations of racial and ethnic groups. Maps P-3, P-4 and P-5 show the distribution of black, Asian and Hispanic residents in Franklin County census tracts.

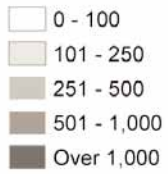
- **Black or African American:** The black or African American population remains highly concentrated in the east and south sides of Columbus. However, in the 1990's, this population moved further north and east in Franklin County. Although the numbers are still small, the black population has grown at a faster pace in most suburban communities than in Columbus. Between 1990 and 2000, the black population more than doubled in Dublin, Grove City, Hilliard, Reynoldsburg, Westerville and Whitehall.
- **Asian and Pacific Islander:** The Asian population is concentrated in northwest Franklin County, Upper Arlington and the university area. In Columbus, the largest numbers of Asian residents are found in the Far Northwest, West Olentangy, Near North/University, Northland and Far North area census tracts. The suburban communities of Dublin, Gahanna, Grove City and Hilliard each had an increase of over 180 percent in Asian residents from 1990-2000.
- **Hispanic or Latino:** Much of the growth in the Hispanic population has occurred near and outside of the I-270 outer belt in Franklin County, with high concentrations in southwest and northern Franklin County. In Columbus, Hispanic residents are concentrated in the Near North, University, Hilltop, Westland, Eastmoor, Northland, Far North, Far Northwest and Far East area census tracts. Dublin, Grove City, Hilliard and Whitehall each had over 200 percent increases in Hispanic residents from 1990-2000.

Map P-3 Black or African American Population, Franklin County, 2000

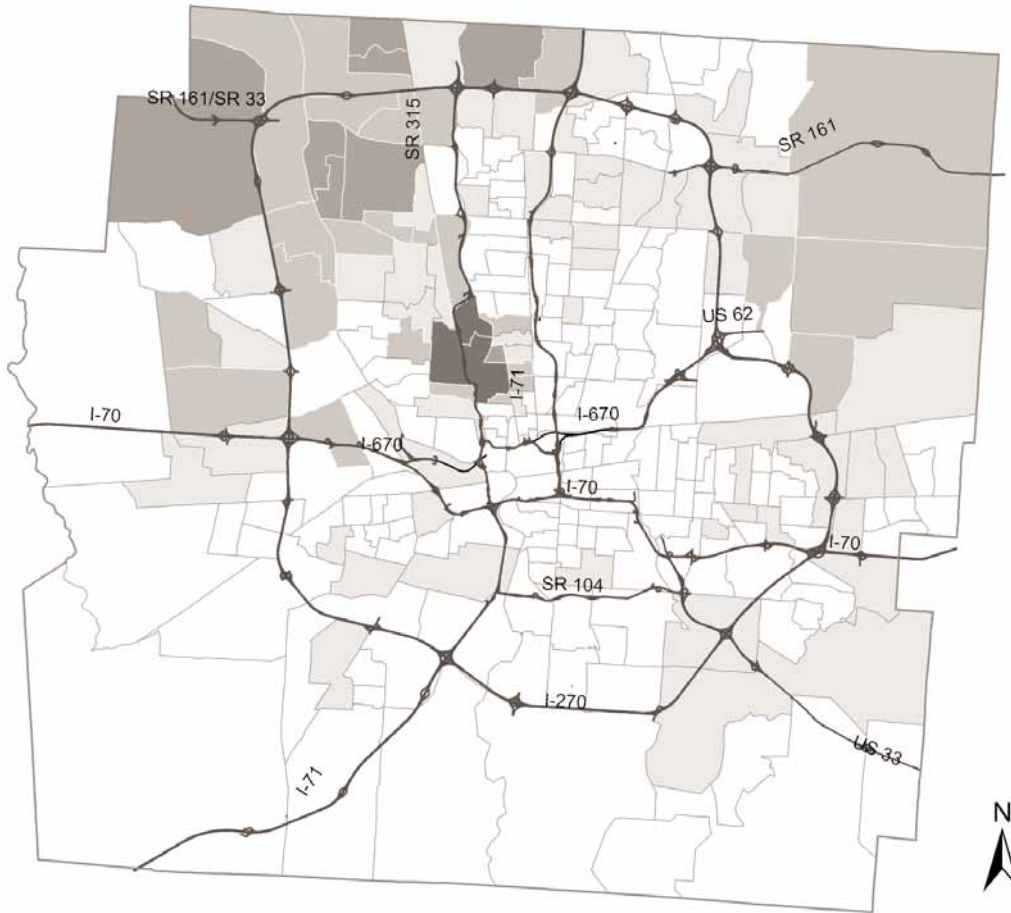


Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 SF1

Black or African American Persons per Census Tract



Map P-4 Asian Population, Franklin County, 2000

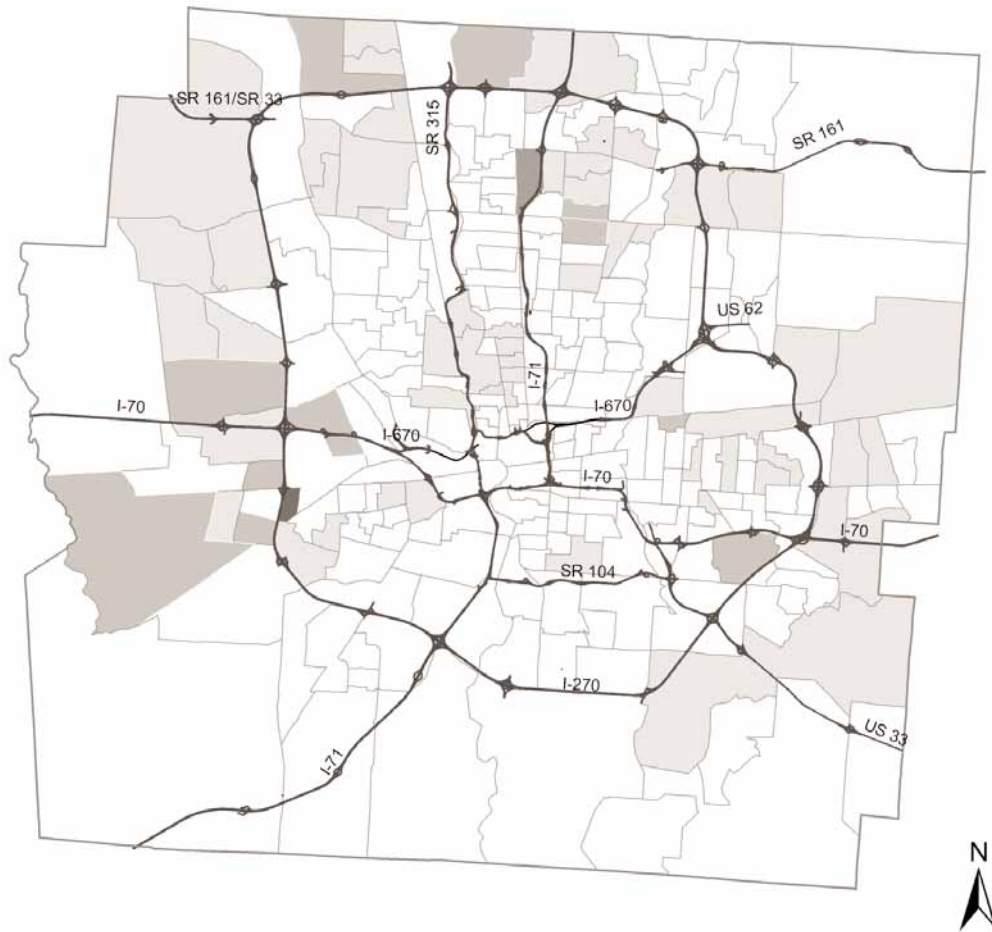


Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 SF1

Asian Persons per Census Tract

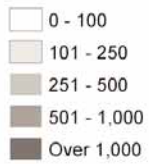
- 0 - 100
- 101 - 250
- 251 - 500
- 501 - 1,000
- Over 1,000

Map P-5 Hispanic or Latino Population, Franklin County, 2000



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 SF1

Hispanic or Latino Persons per Census Tract



Age and Gender Profile

The population in Franklin County is aging, a trend that mirrors Ohio and the nation. The median age increased to 32.5 years in 2000, compared to 30.8 years in 1990, and 28.2 years in 1980. Franklin County has 104,306 residents (9.8 percent) age 65 and over and 268,321 persons (25.1 percent) under age 18. There are more females (51.4 percent) than males in the Franklin County population. There are differences, however, in the age and gender profiles for racial and ethnic subgroups in Franklin County (Table P-5):

- **White:** The white population is older than the other groups, with the largest percentages of persons between ages 40 and 64, and greater than 10 percent of the population age 65 and older.
- **Black or African American:** The black or African American population has the largest percentage of children under age 18 and the greatest percentage of females compared to the other groups.
- **Asian and Pacific Islander:** The Asian population has the greatest percentage of young adults, with over 50 percent of the population in the 18-39 age group.
- **Hispanic or Latino:** The Hispanic population is younger than the other groups, with 82.4 percent of the population under age 39 and only 2.3 percent age 65 and older. Hispanics are also disproportionately male, with the greatest percentage of males compared to the other groups.

Table P-5
Age and Gender by Race/Ethnic Group, Franklin County, 2000

| | White | Black or African American | American Indian/AN | Asian/NHPI | Hispanic or Latino |
|---------------------------|---------|---------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Total Population | 806,851 | 191,196 | 2,899 | 33,250 | 24,279 |
| • Under 18 | 22.6% | 32.8% | 26.5% | 22.4% | 31.1% |
| • 18-39 | 36.9% | 34.9% | 39.9% | 51.5% | 51.3% |
| • 40-64 | 29.5% | 25.1% | 28.1% | 22.5% | 15.3% |
| • 65+ | 10.9% | 7.3% | 5.5% | 3.5% | 2.3% |
| Median age (years) | 34.2 | 29.0 | 30.0 | 28.8 ⁽¹⁾ | 24.6 |
| Male | 48.8% | 46.7% | 50.2% | 50.6% | 56.2% |
| Female | 51.2% | 53.3% | 49.8% | 49.4% | 43.8% |

⁽¹⁾ Median age for Asian population only

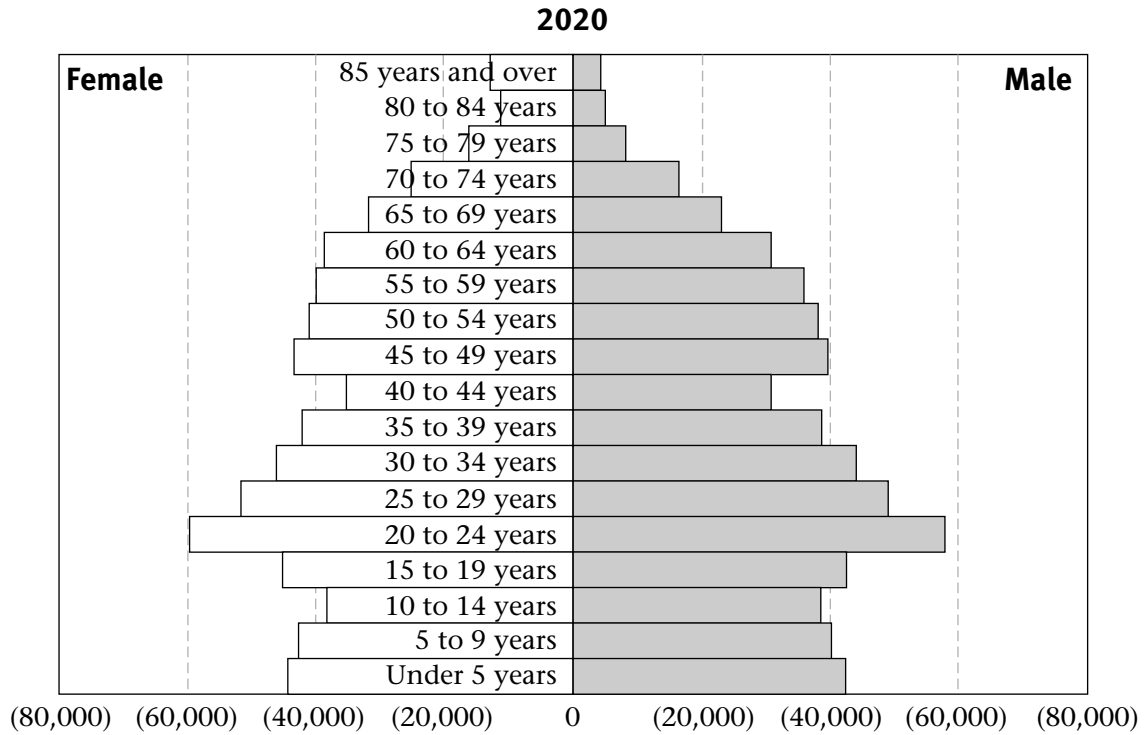
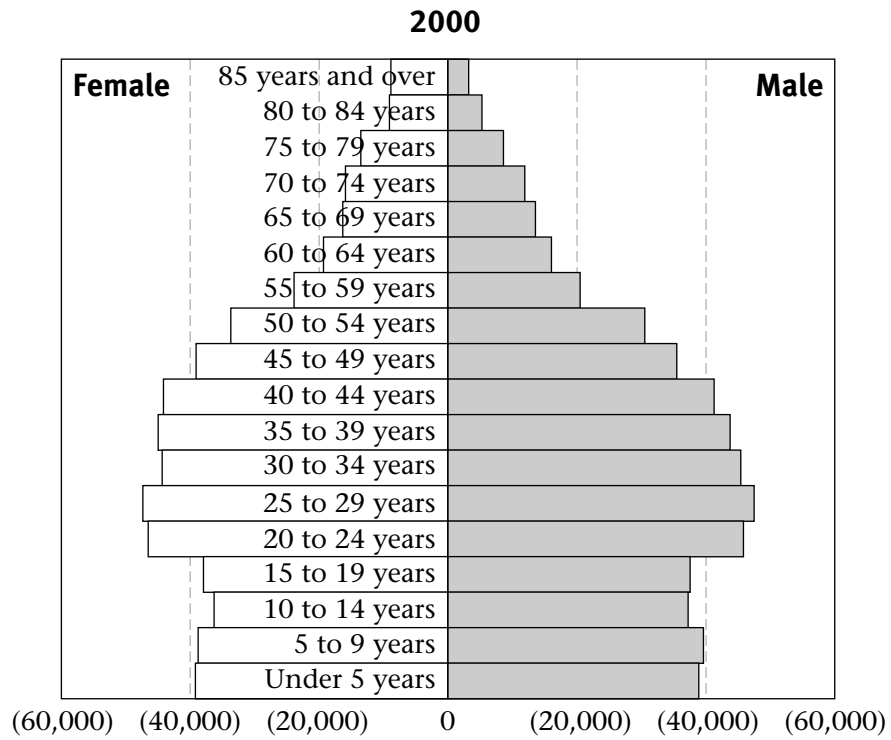
AN—American Indian or Alaskan Native; NHPI—Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

Source: Census 2000, Summary File 1

Age Trends and Projections

Projections by the Ohio Department of Development Office of Strategic Research indicate that the age profile of the Franklin County population will shift dramatically over the next 20 years (Figure P-4). In 2000 there is a population bulge in the age 20-50 year cohorts. By 2020, the profile is much flatter, as the age 50 to 70 year groups increases with the aging of the Baby Boomers.

Figure P-4
Franklin County Age Cohorts, 2000 and 2020



Source: Ohio Department of Development, Office of Strategic Research, July 2003

Household Characteristics

- **More households, but smaller households.**

There were 438,778 households in Franklin County in 2000, an increase of 15.9 percent since 1990. Because the number of persons per household continues to decrease, household formation is occurring at a faster rate than population growth. In 2000 the average number of persons per household in Franklin County was 2.39, compared to 2.47 in 1990.

- **Fewer married couples with children; more households with persons living alone.**

The number of married couple households with children decreased between 1990 and 2000, and were only 20.0 percent of all Franklin County households in 2000. Married couple households with children were 22.4 percent of Ohio households in 2000. Households with persons living alone increased by 27.8 percent from 1990 and 2000 in Franklin County. This household type now makes up 34.1 percent of all Columbus city households and 30.9 percent of all Franklin County households. The figure for Ohio is 27.3 percent.

- **Slower rate of increase of female-headed households with children.**

The number of female-headed households with children is not increasing as rapidly as in previous decades. Between 1970 and 1990, the number of female-headed households with children in Franklin County increased by 123 percent. The increase from 1990 to 2000 was 12.1 percent. In 2000, female-headed households with children were 8.3 percent of all households in Franklin County.

- **Grandparents as caregivers.**

For the first time, the 2000 Census included data on grandparents who are caregivers for grandchildren. In 2000 there were 17,163 Franklin County household in which a grandparent lived with one or more grandchildren under the age of 18. Of this total, 8,388 grandparents were responsible for the care of a grandchild.

Table P-6
Household Characteristics, Franklin County 1990-2000

| Household Types | 1990 | 2000 1990-2000 | % Change |
|---|----------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Total Households | 378,723 | 438,778 | 15.9% |
| Family households | 241,881 | 263,601 | 9.0% |
| • Married couple family | 182,301 | 188,793 | 3.6% |
| • With own children under 18 years | 89,229 | 87,945 | -1.4% |
| • Female householder, no husband present, with children under 18 years | 32,357 | 36,260 | 12.1% |
| Non-Family households | 136,842 | 175,177 | 28.0% |
| • Householder living alone | 105,983 | 135,437 | 27.8% |
| • Householder 65 years and over | 29,272 | 32,651 | 11.5% |

Source: Census 2000, Summary File 1

Ancestry

Census 2000 collects data on ancestry from respondents' self-identification of heritage, ethnic origin, descent or close identification to an ethnic group. Table P-7 shows the top ancestry groups identified as their first ancestry by Franklin County residents who reported this information. Appendix C includes additional census data on ancestry groups in Franklin County. Nearly 20 percent reported German ancestry; about 10 percent identify themselves as American descent or Irish descent. All other ancestry groups were each identified by fewer than 8 percent of the population.

Sub-Saharan African, which includes 3,074 persons who identified their ancestry as Somali, was the only non-European ancestry identified in the top ten. However, estimates of the Somali population in Franklin County by service providers and community organizations are much higher, ranging from 15,000-30,000 in 2003.

Table P-7
Top First Ancestry Groups, Franklin County, 2000

| Ancestry | Number of Persons | Percent of Persons Reporting |
|---------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|
| German | 170,556 | 19.9 |
| American | 86,301 | 10.1 |
| Irish | 82,669 | 9.6 |
| English | 67,793 | 7.9 |
| Italian | 46,060 | 5.4 |
| Sub-Saharan African | 17,231 | 2.0 |
| Polish | 16,046 | 1.9 |
| Scottish | 13,657 | 1.6 |
| French | 13,376 | 1.6 |
| Scotch-Irish | 12,612 | 1.5 |

Source: Census 2000, Summary File 3

Foreign-Born Population & Language Spoken

There were 64,487 foreign-born persons living in Franklin County in 2000, which was 6.0 percent of the total population. Of these, 28,000 came to the U.S. between 1995 and March 2000. Of the total foreign-born residents, 32.1 percent were white; 12.6 percent were black or African American; 38.8 percent were Asian, Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander; and 14.6 percent were Hispanic.

Foreign born residents may face language barriers if they do not speak English. Data from the 2000 Census indicate that 9.0 percent of the Franklin County population age 5 and over (89,198 persons) speak a language other than English at home and 17,409 speak English “not well” or “not at all” (Table P-8). Of this group, 41.5 percent speak Spanish at home; 17.8 percent speak other Indo-European languages; 27.2 percent speak Asian or Pacific Islander languages; and 14.5 percent speak other languages.

In addition to language spoken at home, Census 2000 provides data on “linguistic isolation.” A linguistically isolated household is one where all members 14 years old and older speak a language other than English and also speak English less than “very well.” In 2000, 2.2 percent of Franklin County households (9,828 households) were linguistically isolated. Of those, 25.4 percent speak Spanish; 23.0 percent speak an Indo-European language; 35.9 percent speak an Asian or Pacific Islander language; and 15.7 percent speak another language.

Table P-8
Language Spoken at Home by Ability to Speak English
Franklin County, 2000

| | Number of Persons |
|---|----------------------|
| Total persons age 5 and over | 992,062 |
| Speak only English | 902,864 |
| Speak Spanish | 26,747 |
| • Speak English very well/well | 19,691 |
| • Speak English not well/not at all | 7,056 |
| Speak other Indo-European languages | 27,177 |
| • Speak English very well/well | 24,076 |
| • Speak English not well/not at all | 3,101 |
| Speak Asian and Pacific Island languages | 22,765 |
| • Speak English very well/well | 18,037 |
| • Speak English not well/not at all | 4,728 |
| Speak other languages | 12,509 |
| • Speak English very well/well | 9,985 |
| • Speak English not well/not at all | 2,524 |

Source: Census 2000, Summary File 3