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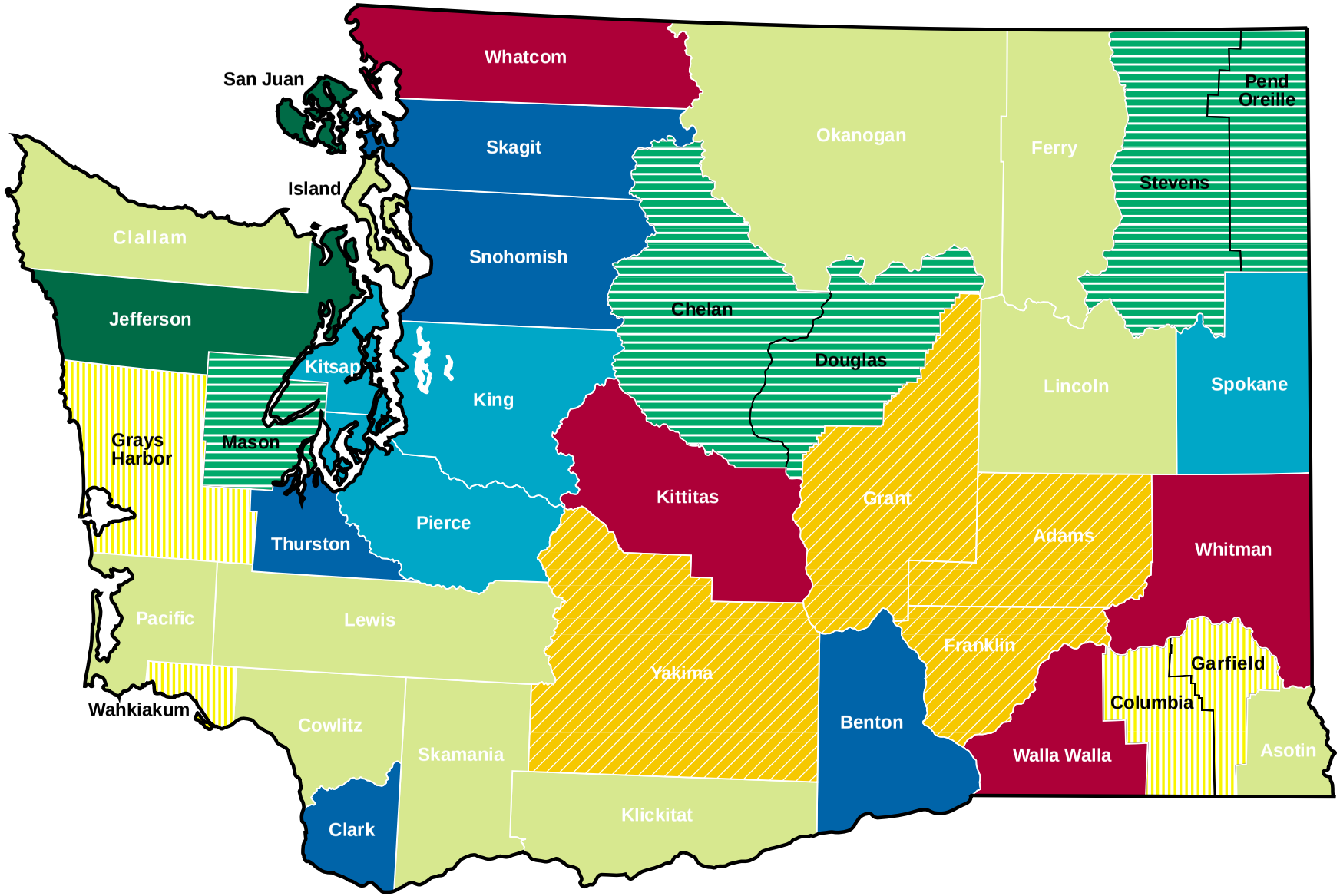
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Introduction

The 2000 Census has a wealth of information on Washington's population. Linking this with similar data from the 1990 Census provides valuable insights on how the state and its counties have changed over time.

One factor is an area's age distribution and how this has changed. So much of what we do and what we need is related to our age. If an area has a growing number of children under 18, it will need to expand its primary and secondary schools. If the number of young adults is increasing, providing affordable housing for families is important. On the other hand, a rapidly growing number of older adults increases the priority placed on smaller housing units. Health care, transportation and other social services are influenced by the age structure and how it changes, as are the products and services provided by businesses.

The graphs in this publication give a visual portrayal of how the age structure in Washington and each of its 39 counties changed between 1990 and 2000. These show the number of persons in each five-year age group. The horizontal bars represent 2000 age groups and the line graph, 1990 age groups.

Because Washington counties vary so much in overall population, *the scale at the bottom of each pyramid varies by the size of the county population*. The table under each pyramid gives the numbers on which the pyramids are based and shows how each age group grew (or decreased) during the decade. At the bottom of that table you will find a county's median age in 1990 and 2000. This is the measure that divides the age structure in half—half of the population is younger and half is older than the median age. It is a quick summary measure to see if and how much a county has aged in 10 years.

Changes in the number of people in an age group may occur for several different reasons. As younger groups age, they replace those that are older. The aging of the baby boom is the best example of this pattern and is evident in many Washington counties. The baby boom started in 1946 and ended in the mid 1960's. It followed a period of time, the great depression, when fertility was extremely low. Fertility increased slightly during World War II, and surged after the war. Thus, growth in the 35- to 55-year-old age groups in many counties is due at least in part to the baby-boom cohort growing older.

In addition, migration will also influence changes in the age structure by adding persons through in-migration or subtracting them through out-migration.[1] Persons between the ages of 20 and 35 are the ones most likely to move, and the migration patterns of these young adults are especially important because these have both direct and indirect impacts. This adds or subtracts young adults, but these young adults often

have children who migrate with them, or give birth to children once they have migrated. Thus growth or decline of the population under 20 is closely tied to growth or decline of the population between 20 and 50.

Just as births add children at the youngest ages, mortality at older ages subtracts adults from a county's population. As a result, the number of persons in each older age group after 60 is smaller than the preceding one.

Many of these patterns are evident in the state's age structure. The large number of persons between 35 and 54 and the increase at those ages represents the aging of the baby boom. In addition, somewhat more people are in these groups than would be expected due to aging alone. There are also more persons than would be expected due to aging alone for all age groups under 35 (even though the number of persons in the 25- to 34-year-old groups declined slightly during the decade). Thus in-migration contributed to growth at these ages, and the childbearing of in-migrants resulted in increases under age 20.

The toll taken by rising death rates at older ages is clearly evident after age 60. The fact that the number of persons in the two age groups between 50 and 59 decreases dramatically from the preceding younger age group is due to the history of very low fertility during the Great Depression and the onset of the baby-boom—not to a rapid onset of mortality at those ages. Overall, the state's median age increased by 2.2 years.

Different counties often have very similar age structures and patterns of change. For this reason, counties are grouped into categories (see map at front for county classifications). In some instances, these counties are geographically contiguous. In other cases, they are located in different parts of the state.

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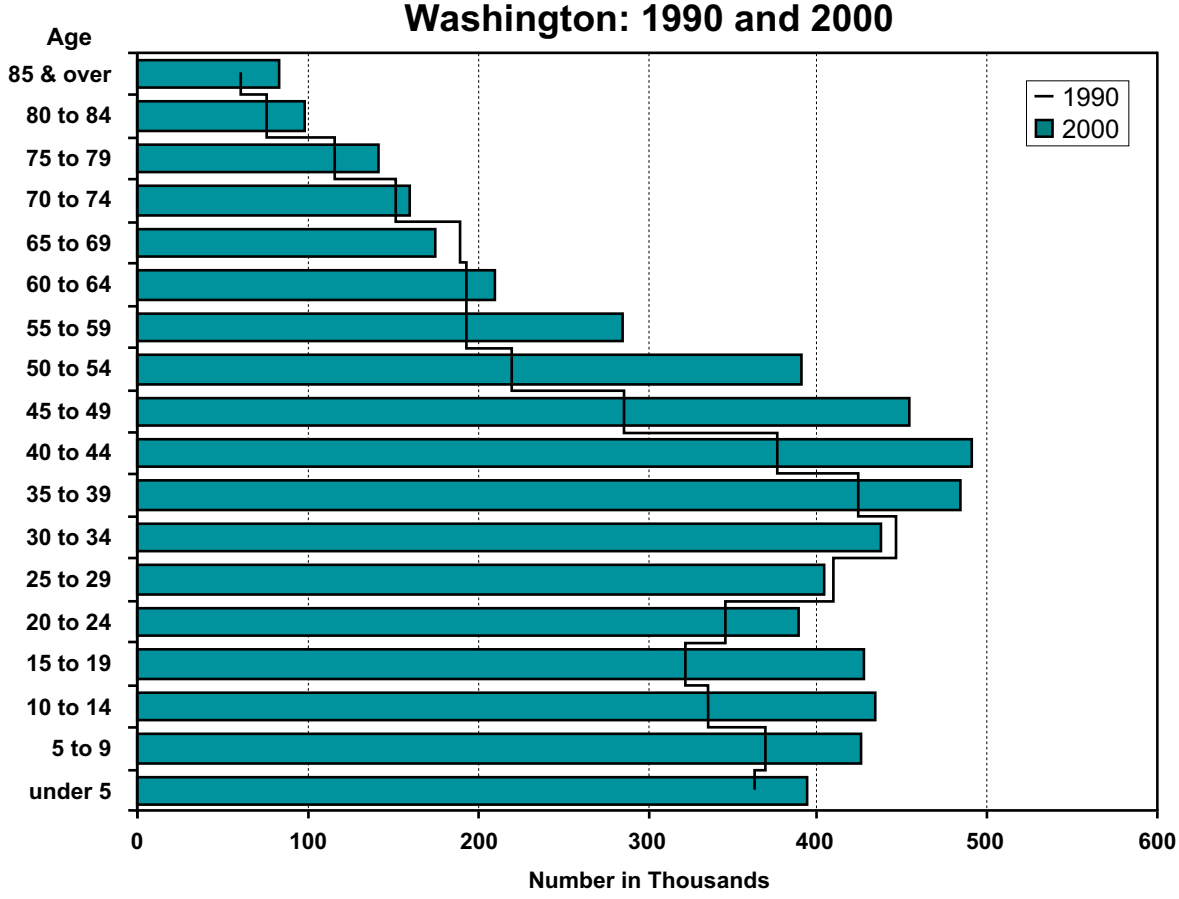
[1] Demographers use the terms in- and out-migration to discuss national patterns of migration within nations (i.e., internal migration) and immigration and emigration when referring to migration between nations (i.e., international migration).

Number in Age Group

Washington: 1990 and 2000



Age	Number 1990	Number 2000	Change #	Change %
85 & over	55,153	84,085	28,932	52.5
80 to 84	69,658	98,189	28,531	41.0
75 to 79	112,052	142,708	30,656	27.4
70 to 74	150,939	160,941	10,002	6.6
65 to 69	187,771	176,225	-11,546	-6.1
60 to 64	190,275	211,075	20,800	10.9
55 to 59	190,450	285,505	95,055	49.9
50 to 54	217,834	391,749	173,915	79.8
45 to 49	286,404	454,223	167,819	58.6
40 to 44	377,062	491,137	114,075	30.3
35 to 39	427,351	483,950	56,599	13.2
30 to 34	449,378	437,478	-11,900	-2.6
25 to 29	412,063	403,652	-8,411	-2.0
20 to 24	345,864	390,185	44,321	12.8
15 to 19	321,669	427,968	106,299	33.0
10 to 14	336,976	434,836	97,860	29.0
5 to 9	370,980	425,909	54,929	14.8
under 5	364,813	394,306	29,493	8.1
Total	**4,866,692**	**5,894,121**	**1,027,429**	**21.1**
Median Age	*33.1*	*35.3*		

Section 2
Large, Rapid Growth Counties

Several counties, most on the I-5 corridor, grew well above the state average of 21 percent. **Benton**, **Skagit**, **Snohomish** and **Thurston** counties all grew by around 28 percent, while **Clark** County grew by 45 percent. These counties were also large, with populations of between 102,000 to 345,000 in 2000, gaining between 23,000 and 107,000 persons during the decade. As a result, all show growth in nearly every age category, but this growth is particularly notable in the number of middle-aged adults as well as in the number of youth under 19. The number of persons in the three age groups between 45 and 59 grew by between 47 and 110 percent in just a decade.

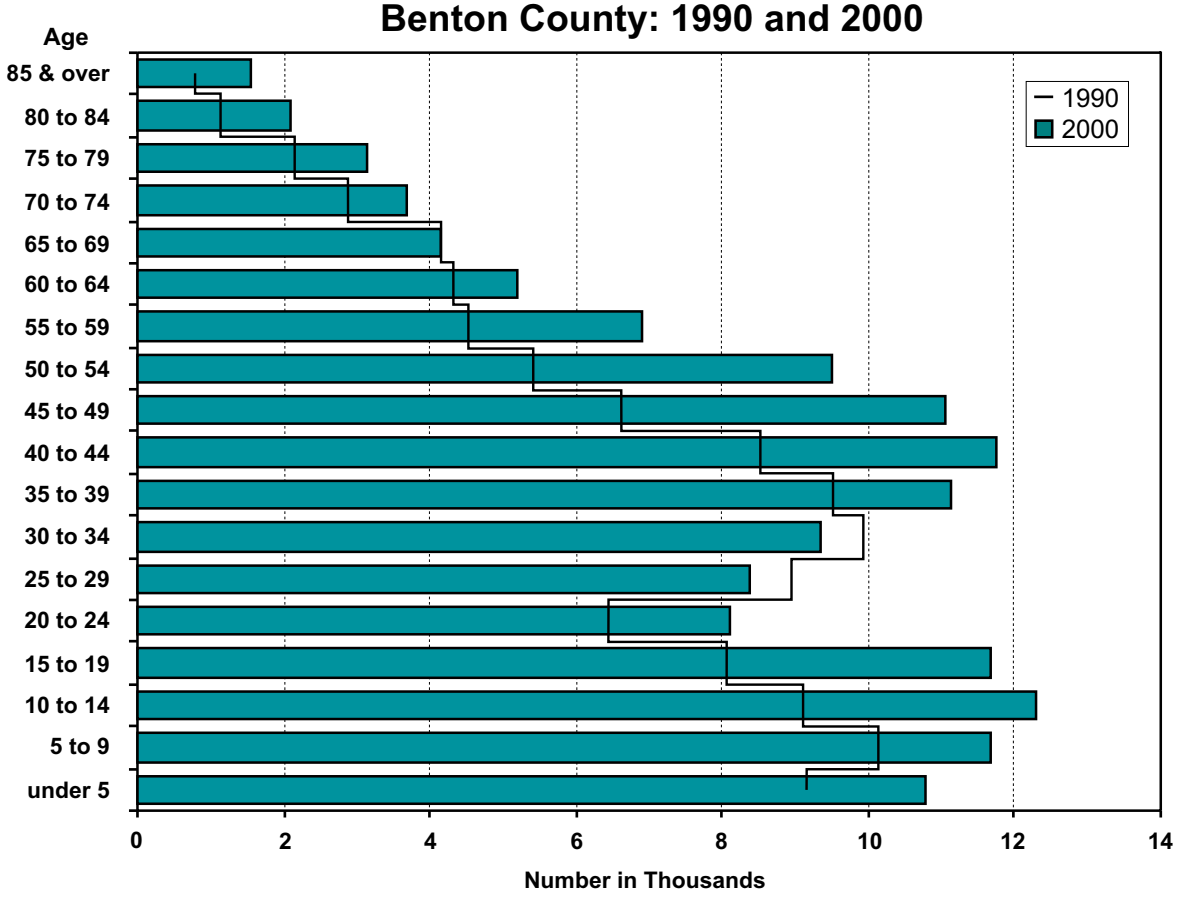
This rapid growth was a combination of the aging of the baby boom coupled by the in-migration of other baby-boomers to these counties and is the direct cause of the rapid growth in the school-aged population.

It is interesting to note that all show some out-migration of high school youth similar to many rural counties in the state (see the section on young adult out-migration counties below). While the indentation on the age pyramid in the 20- to 29-year-old age groups for the counties in this category is not as dramatic as for the rural counties, it is still notable, especially in **Benton** and **Skagit** counties. This indicates that once young adults graduate from high school many leave the area for educational and job opportunities elsewhere. However, in the age groups above 30, growth through in-migration indicates that these counties are attractive for persons who are likely to have families.

With the exception of **Benton** County, all are on the I-5 corridor. This rapid growth, coupled with commuting patterns, is a primary factor behind the increasing congestion along the I-5 corridor.

Number in Age Group

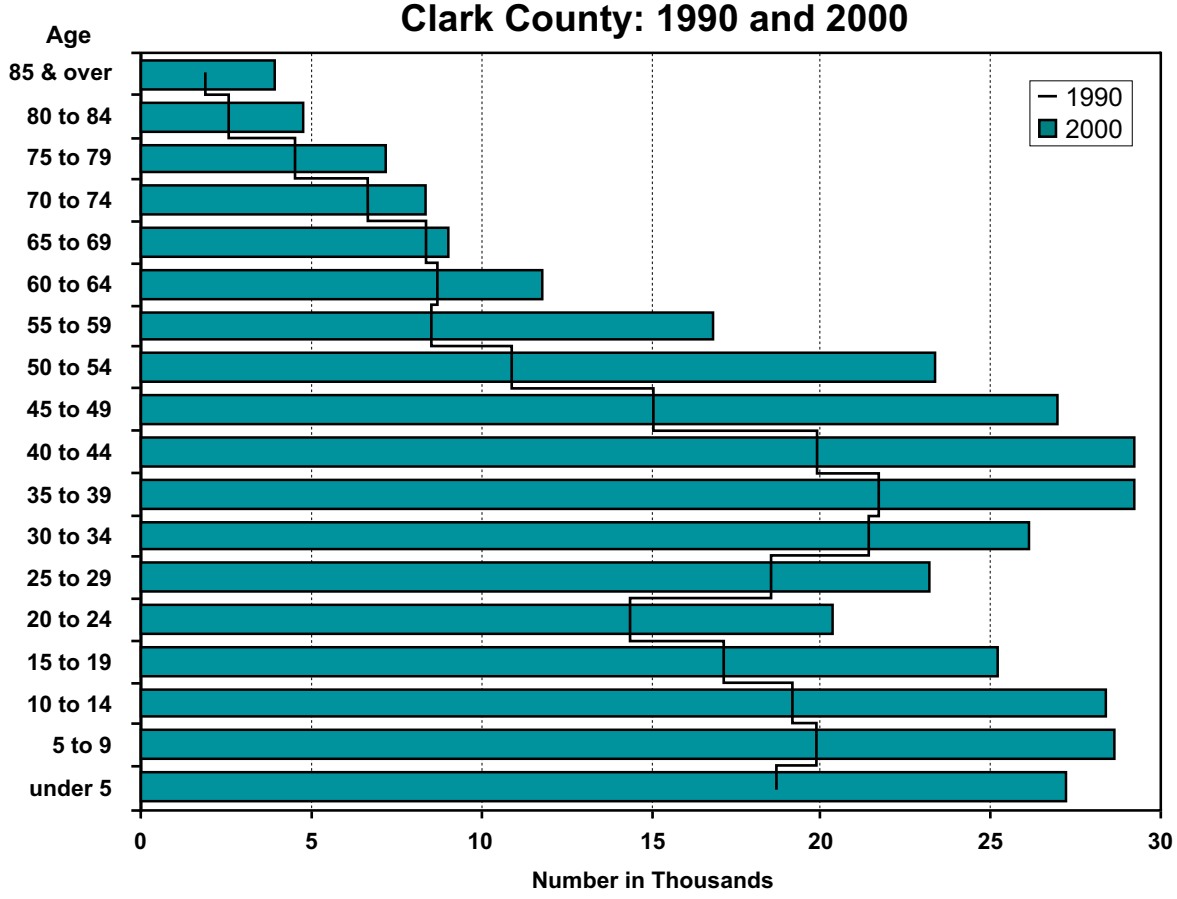
Benton County: 1990 and 2000



Age	Number 1990	Number 2000	Change #	Change %
85 & over	872	1,569	697	79.9
80 to 84	1,204	2,082	878	72.9
75 to 79	2,203	3,153	950	43.1
70 to 74	2,953	3,689	736	24.9
65 to 69	4,167	4,162	-5	-0.1
60 to 64	4,381	5,178	797	18.2
55 to 59	4,577	6,906	2,329	50.9
50 to 54	5,456	9,488	4,032	73.9
45 to 49	6,682	11,055	4,373	65.4
40 to 44	8,547	11,741	3,194	37.4
35 to 39	9,537	11,138	1,601	16.8
30 to 34	9,945	9,362	-583	-5.9
25 to 29	8,987	8,388	-599	-6.7
20 to 24	6,485	8,107	1,622	25.0
15 to 19	8,101	11,683	3,582	44.2
10 to 14	9,112	12,313	3,201	35.1
5 to 9	10,162	11,682	1,520	15.0
under 5	9,189	10,779	1,590	17.3
Total	**112,560**	**142,475**	**29,915**	**26.6**
Median Age	*33.1*	*35.3*		

Number in Age Group

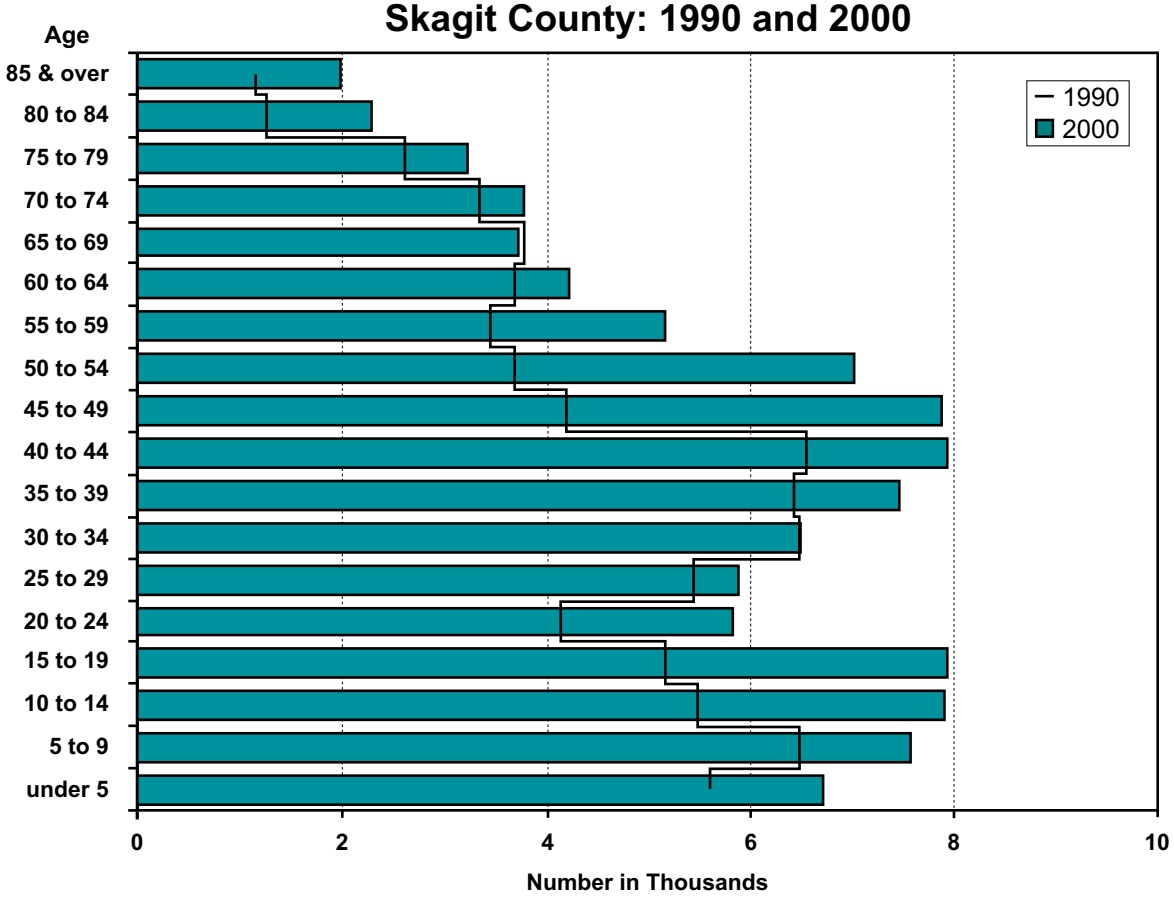
Clark County: 1990 and 2000



Age	Number 1990	Number 2000	Change #	Change %
85 & over	2,252	3,872	1,620	71.9
80 to 84	2,962	4,731	1,769	59.7
75 to 79	4,844	7,070	2,226	46.0
70 to 74	6,855	8,232	1,377	20.1
65 to 69	8,520	8,903	383	4.5
60 to 64	8,912	11,614	2,702	30.3
55 to 59	8,731	16,613	7,882	90.3
50 to 54	10,985	23,043	12,058	109.8
45 to 49	15,042	26,640	11,598	77.1
40 to 44	19,698	28,834	9,136	46.4
35 to 39	21,407	28,860	7,453	34.8
30 to 34	21,109	25,801	4,692	22.2
25 to 29	18,366	22,916	4,550	24.8
20 to 24	14,341	20,072	5,731	40.0
15 to 19	16,982	24,876	7,894	46.5
10 to 14	18,954	27,996	9,042	47.7
5 to 9	19,603	28,279	8,676	44.3
under 5	18,490	26,886	8,396	45.4
Total	**238,053**	**345,238**	**107,185**	**45.0**
Median Age	*32.9*	*34.2*		

Number in Age Group

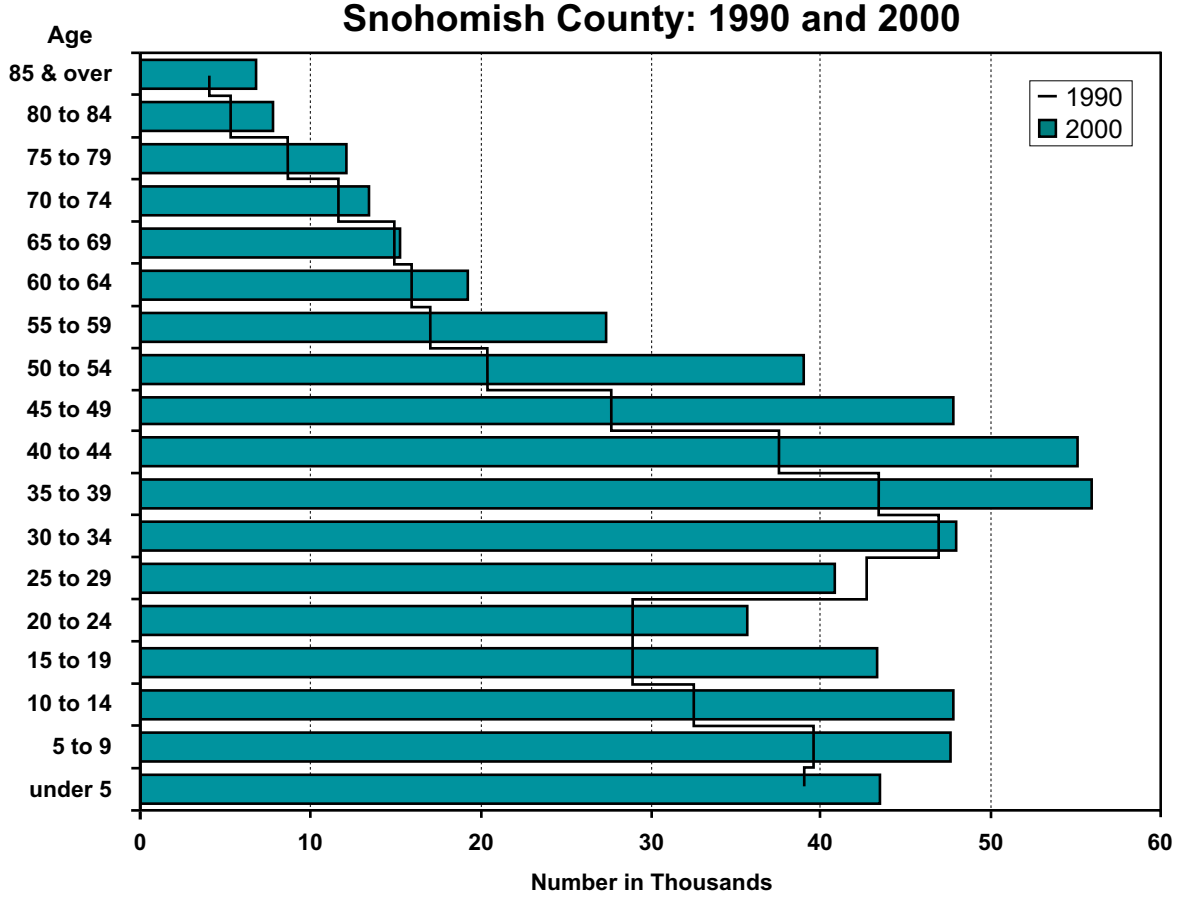
Skagit County: 1990 and 2000



Age	Number 1990	Number 2000	Change #	Change %
85 & over	1,231	1,984	753	61.2
80 to 84	1,363	2,293	930	68.2
75 to 79	2,697	3,236	539	20.0
70 to 74	3,390	3,790	400	11.8
65 to 69	3,813	3,731	-82	-2.2
60 to 64	3,744	4,237	493	13.2
55 to 59	3,500	5,167	1,667	47.6
50 to 54	3,738	7,007	3,269	87.5
45 to 49	4,233	7,862	3,629	85.7
40 to 44	6,537	7,932	1,395	21.3
35 to 39	6,423	7,452	1,029	16.0
30 to 34	6,459	6,492	33	0.5
25 to 29	5,460	5,871	411	7.5
20 to 24	4,191	5,826	1,635	39.0
15 to 19	5,185	7,927	2,742	52.9
10 to 14	5,479	7,894	2,415	44.1
5 to 9	6,492	7,560	1,068	16.5
under 5	5,620	6,718	1,098	19.5
Total	**79,555**	**102,979**	**23,424**	**29.4**
Median Age	*35.6*	*37.2*		

Number in Age Group

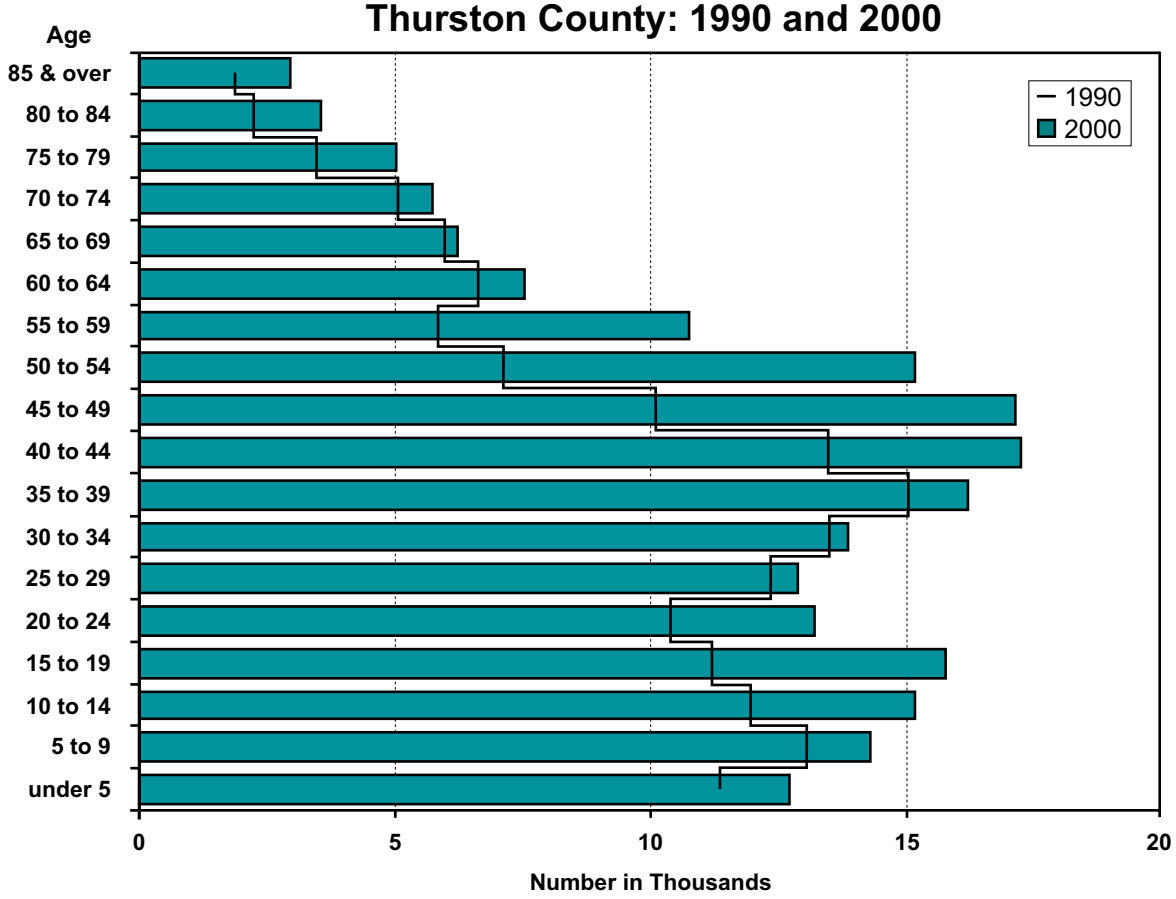
Snohomish County: 1990 and 2000



Age	Number 1990	Number 2000	Change #	Change %
85 & over	4,017	6,808	2,791	69.5
80 to 84	5,110	7,819	2,709	53.0
75 to 79	8,652	12,027	3,375	39.0
70 to 74	11,570	13,428	1,858	16.1
65 to 69	14,931	15,322	391	2.6
60 to 64	15,910	19,146	3,236	20.3
55 to 59	16,934	27,392	10,458	61.8
50 to 54	20,460	38,911	18,451	90.2
45 to 49	27,802	47,761	19,959	71.8
40 to 44	37,644	55,094	17,450	46.4
35 to 39	43,524	55,918	12,394	28.5
30 to 34	47,099	47,909	810	1.7
25 to 29	42,748	40,826	-1,922	-4.5
20 to 24	28,938	35,676	6,738	23.3
15 to 19	28,941	43,194	14,253	49.2
10 to 14	32,601	47,768	15,167	46.5
5 to 9	39,565	47,564	7,999	20.2
under 5	39,196	43,461	4,265	10.9
Total	**465,642**	**606,024**	**140,382**	**30.1**
Median Age	*32.2*	*34.7*		

Number in Age Group

Thurston County: 1990 and 2000



Age	Number 1990	Number 2000	Change #	Change %
85 & over	1,905	2,953	1,048	55.0
80 to 84	2,272	3,589	1,317	58.0
75 to 79	3,521	5,065	1,544	43.9
70 to 74	5,083	5,764	681	13.4
65 to 69	6,018	6,258	240	4.0
60 to 64	6,663	7,586	923	13.9
55 to 59	5,871	10,878	5,007	85.3
50 to 54	7,155	15,300	8,145	113.8
45 to 49	10,117	17,327	7,210	71.3
40 to 44	13,516	17,414	3,898	28.8
35 to 39	15,088	16,362	1,274	8.4
30 to 34	13,527	14,022	495	3.7
25 to 29	12,358	13,030	672	5.4
20 to 24	10,404	13,321	2,917	28.0
15 to 19	11,239	15,904	4,665	41.5
10 to 14	12,018	15,324	3,306	27.5
5 to 9	13,104	14,431	1,327	10.1
under 5	11,379	12,827	1,448	12.7
Total	**161,238**	**207,355**	**46,117**	**28.6**
Median Age	*33.7*	*36.5*		

Section 3
Large, Moderate Growth Counties

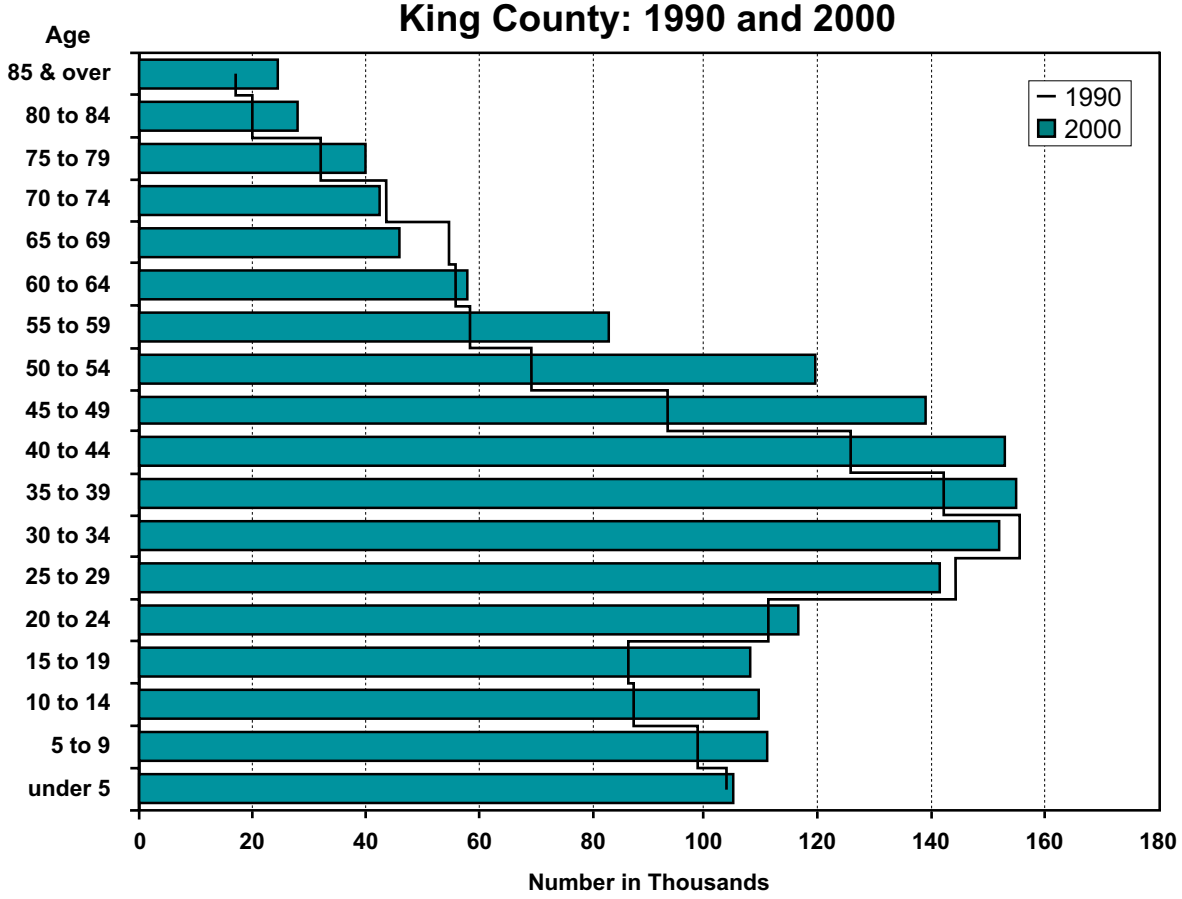
Counties in this category include **King**, **Kitsap**, **Pierce** and **Spokane**, having growth rates between 15% and 22% in the last decade. While growth rates were somewhat slower, the four counties in this category include the largest counties in the state. Thus, the number of people added was substantial. The number added ranged from a low of 42,000 in **Kitsap** County to a high of 230,000 in **King** County.

Kitsap, **Pierce** and **Spokane** counties all had notable increases in the number of persons under 19 and between the ages of 45 and 59. This is similar to the age group increases for counties in the rapid growth category. These moderate growth counties differ primarily in the somewhat slower growth rates overall in these age groups. **Pierce** and **Spokane** counties also differ in that there is little indentation in the age pyramid for the number of persons in the 20- to 24-year-old age group. Both counties are home to smaller educational institutions, thus, area high school graduates can stay in the area for a post-secondary education. If they leave, young adults coming to area colleges replace them.

King County's age structure differs from that of other counties in this category. It has a high concentration of persons in the 25- to 54-year-age groups and a relatively small number of youth under 19. There was a notable increase in the number of those 44 to 59 years old during the last decade, but much of the growth was due to aging alone. On the other hand, little or no increase occurred in the number of persons between 20 and 34 in the last decade. However, the number of persons in these age groups is much larger than would be expected due to aging alone; thus, **King** County experienced a substantial amount of in-migration of young adults.

Number in Age Group

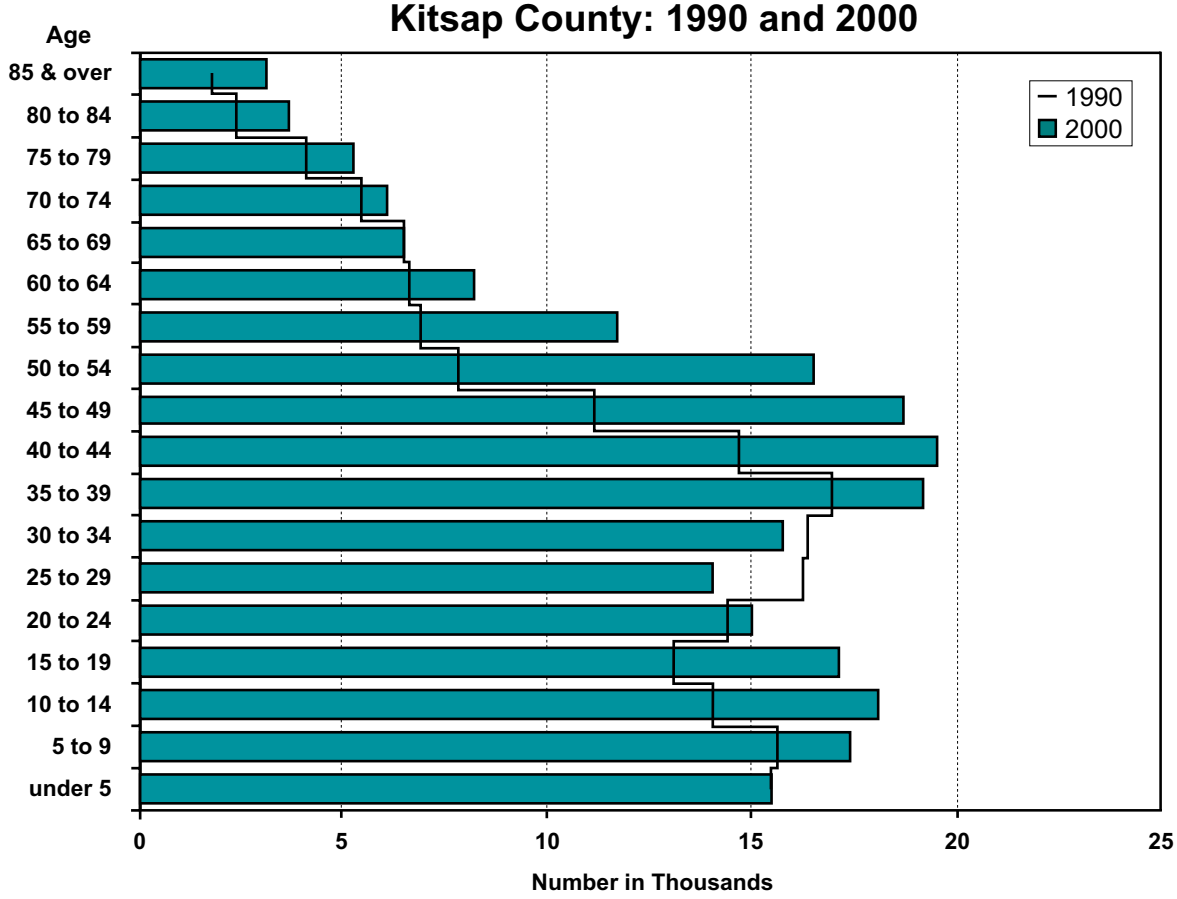
King County: 1990 and 2000



Age	Number 1990	Number 2000	Change #	Change %
85 & over	16,697	24,540	7,843	47.0
80 to 84	19,887	28,180	8,293	41.7
75 to 79	32,019	40,168	8,149	25.5
70 to 74	43,748	42,655	-1,093	-2.5
65 to 69	54,977	46,229	-8,748	-15.9
60 to 64	55,610	58,085	2,475	4.5
55 to 59	58,637	83,442	24,805	42.3
50 to 54	69,415	119,950	50,535	72.8
45 to 49	94,091	139,186	45,095	47.9
40 to 44	126,946	153,284	26,338	20.7
35 to 39	143,438	155,539	12,101	8.4
30 to 34	157,079	152,648	-4,431	-2.8
25 to 29	145,429	141,795	-3,634	-2.5
20 to 24	111,671	116,597	4,926	4.4
15 to 19	86,982	108,261	21,279	24.5
10 to 14	87,503	109,992	22,489	25.7
5 to 9	99,177	111,162	11,985	12.1
under 5	104,013	105,321	1,308	1.3
Total	**1,507,319**	**1,737,034**	**229,715**	**15.2**
Median Age	*33.7*	*35.7*		

Number in Age Group

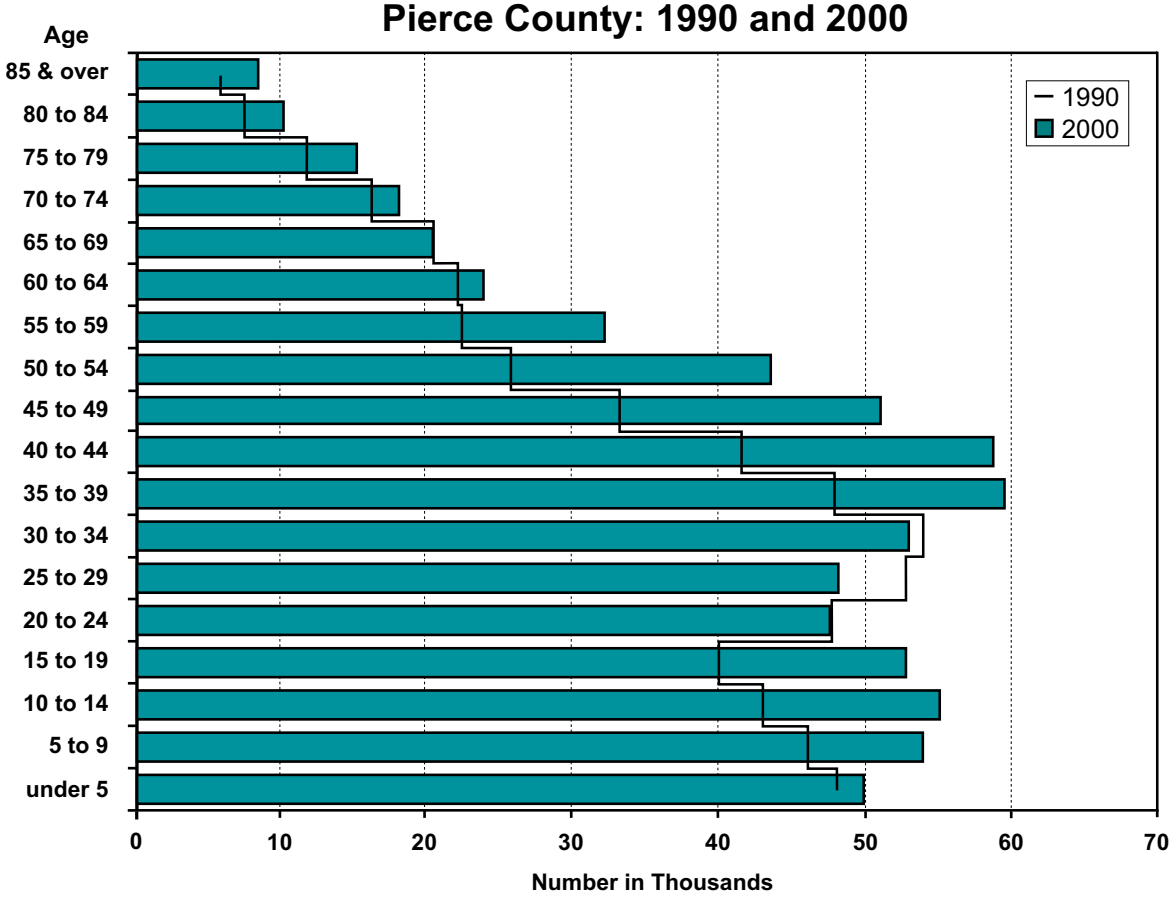
Kitsap County: 1990 and 2000



Age	Number 1990	Number 2000	Change #	Change %
85 & over	1,813	3,081	1,268	69.9
80 to 84	2,414	3,637	1,223	50.7
75 to 79	4,080	5,254	1,174	28.8
70 to 74	5,453	6,055	602	11.0
65 to 69	6,524	6,526	2	0.0
60 to 64	6,593	8,189	1,596	24.2
55 to 59	6,876	11,723	4,847	70.5
50 to 54	7,825	16,559	8,734	111.6
45 to 49	11,156	18,775	7,619	68.3
40 to 44	14,720	19,640	4,920	33.4
35 to 39	16,946	19,237	2,291	13.5
30 to 34	16,354	15,802	-552	-3.4
25 to 29	16,267	14,076	-2,191	-13.5
20 to 24	14,411	15,047	636	4.4
15 to 19	13,108	17,170	4,062	31.0
10 to 14	14,051	18,194	4,143	29.5
5 to 9	15,642	17,468	1,826	11.7
under 5	15,498	15,536	38	0.2
Total	**189,731**	**231,969**	**42,238**	**22.3**
Median Age	*31.8*	*35.8*		

Number in Age Group

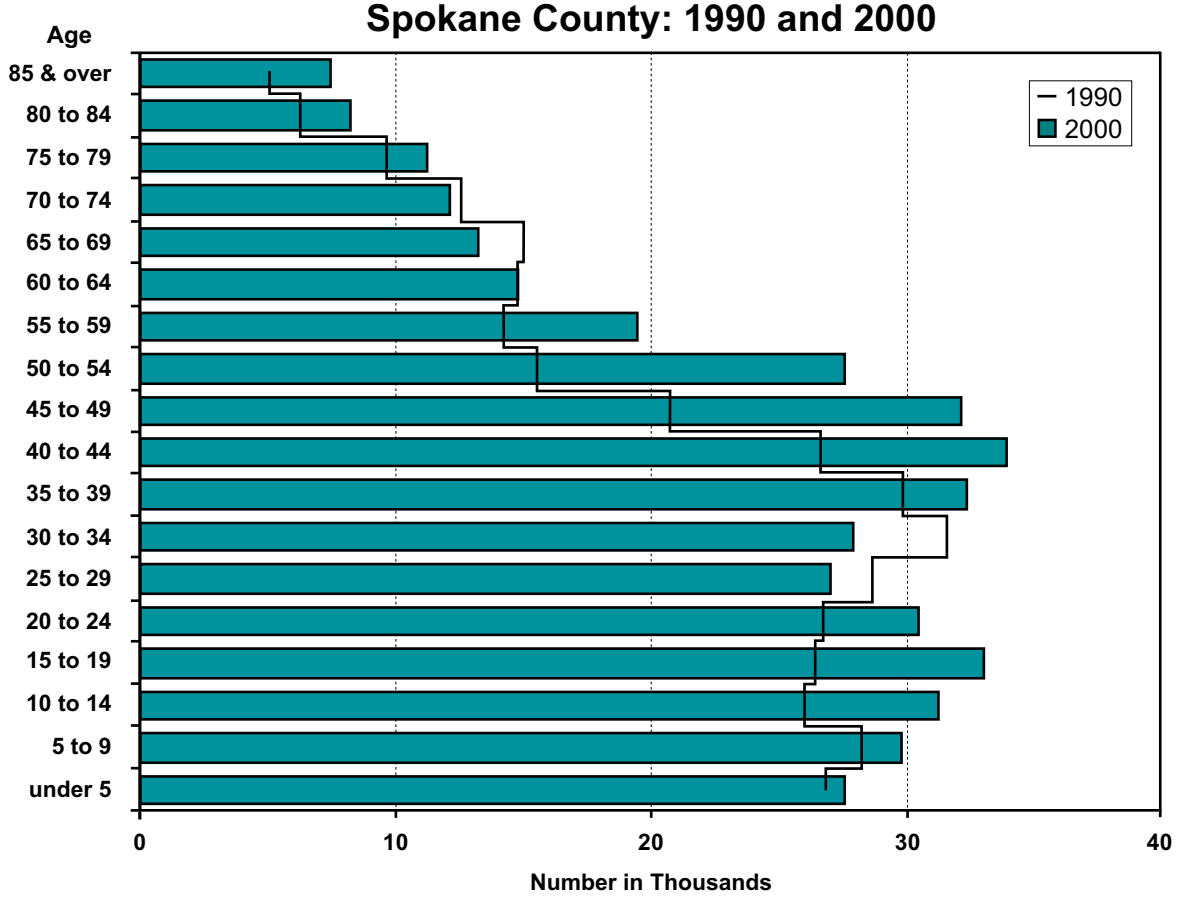
Pierce County: 1990 and 2000



Age	Number 1990	Number 2000	Change #	Change %
85 & over	5,718	8,269	2,551	44.6
80 to 84	7,301	10,149	2,848	39.0
75 to 79	11,702	15,048	3,346	28.6
70 to 74	16,168	17,888	1,720	10.6
65 to 69	20,358	20,266	-92	-0.5
60 to 64	22,111	23,771	1,660	7.5
55 to 59	22,229	32,142	9,913	44.6
50 to 54	25,690	43,478	17,788	69.2
45 to 49	33,080	51,096	18,016	54.5
40 to 44	41,586	58,793	17,207	41.4
35 to 39	48,049	59,615	11,566	24.1
30 to 34	54,187	53,033	-1,154	-2.1
25 to 29	52,858	48,113	-4,745	-9.0
20 to 24	47,896	47,645	-251	-0.5
15 to 19	40,092	52,775	12,683	31.6
10 to 14	42,905	55,016	12,111	28.2
5 to 9	46,121	53,862	7,741	16.8
under 5	48,152	49,861	1,709	3.5
Total	**586,203**	**700,820**	**114,617**	**22.3**
Median Age	*31.2*	*34.1*		

Number in Age Group

Spokane County: 1990 and 2000



Age	Number 1990	Number 2000	Change #	Change %
85 & over	4,908	7,432	2,524	51.4
80 to 84	6,221	8,183	1,962	31.5
75 to 79	9,500	11,145	1,645	17.3
70 to 74	12,444	12,042	-402	-3.2
65 to 69	14,804	13,147	-1,657	-11.2
60 to 64	14,653	14,703	50	0.3
55 to 59	14,073	19,423	5,350	38.0
50 to 54	15,354	27,505	12,151	79.1
45 to 49	20,575	32,046	11,471	55.8
40 to 44	26,434	33,794	7,360	27.8
35 to 39	29,666	32,231	2,565	8.6
30 to 34	31,340	27,771	-3,569	-11.4
25 to 29	28,381	26,903	-1,478	-5.2
20 to 24	26,532	30,336	3,804	14.3
15 to 19	26,154	32,890	6,736	25.8
10 to 14	25,723	31,176	5,453	21.2
5 to 9	27,961	29,734	1,773	6.3
under 5	26,641	27,478	837	3.1
Total	**361,364**	**417,939**	**56,575**	**15.7**
Median Age	*33.0*	*35.4*		

Section 4
Young Adult Out-Migration Counties

In a large number of nonmetro counties young adults leave shortly after high school graduation. These counties show a dramatic indentation in the age pyramid for the 20- to 24-year-old age group and often for the 25- to 29-year-old age group. County age structures begin to show recovery from this loss in the 30- to 34-year-old age group, and especially after age 35. Many of the counties that exhibit this pattern do have community colleges, but do not have 4-year colleges or universities, nor are they within easy commuting distance of counties that do. They may also lack the types of jobs that are attractive to high school graduates.

Sometimes parents, school administrators and other county officials, view this phenomenon with concern and wonder what can be done to stem the loss of high school youth. However, we live in an era when training beyond high school is essential for all but the lowest paid, least desirable jobs. Many jobs, especially those with health and pension benefits, require at least a college education. Thus this is a pattern that is difficult to counteract. In addition, all but the slowest growing counties in this category show more growth in the age groups after age 35 and definitely between 45 and 60 than would be expected by aging alone. So middle-aged adults, especially those who are likely to have children, do find these areas attractive.

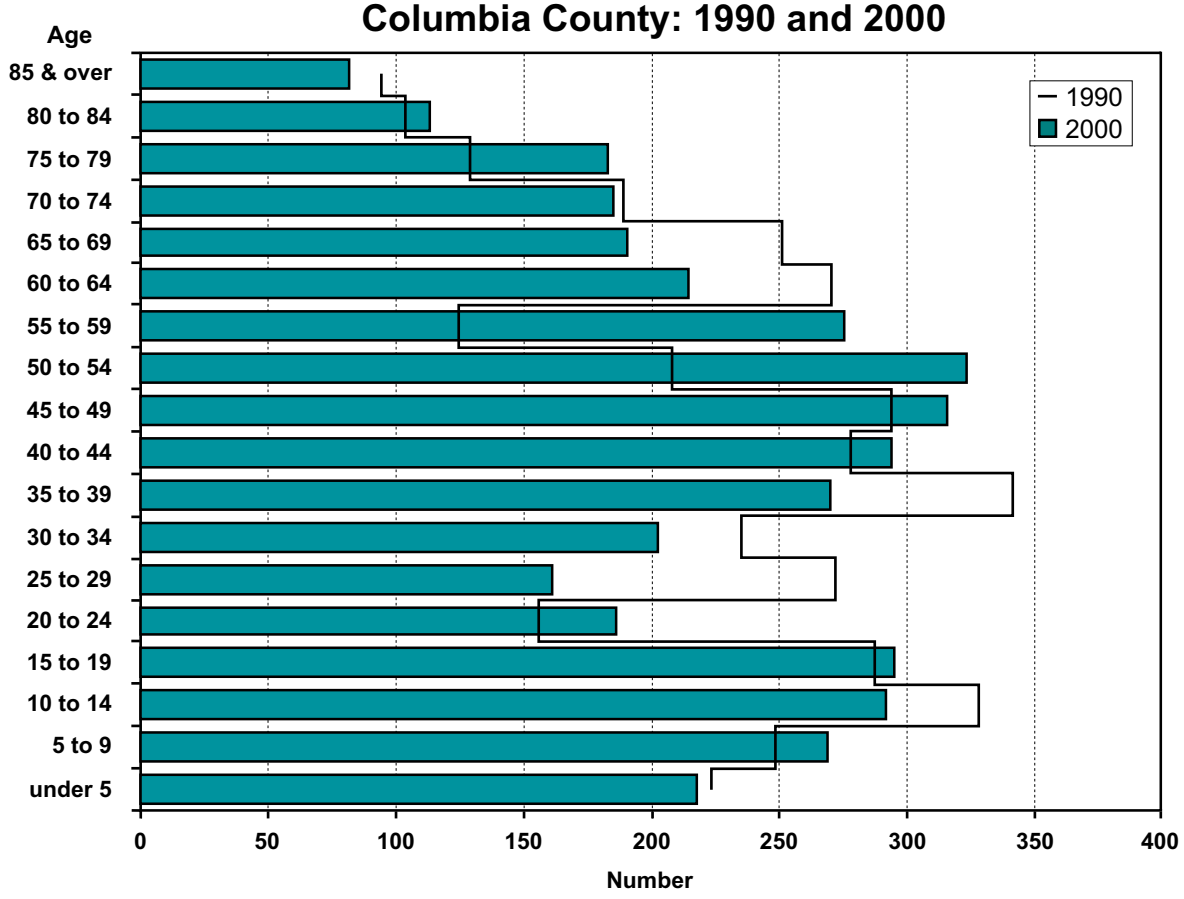
Because so many Washington counties can be classified in this category, I have divided them by their rate of growth during the last decade, and by the notable increase in older adults in **Jefferson** and **San Juan** counties.

Section 4.1
Young Adult Out-Migration, Slow Growth

Four Washington counties, **Columbia**, **Garfield**, **Grays Harbor**, and **Wahkiakum**, were the slowest growing counties in the state between 1990 and 2000, increasing by less than 7 percent. While each of these shows some recovery from the loss of high school graduates, much of this is due to aging of younger cohorts.

Number in Age Group

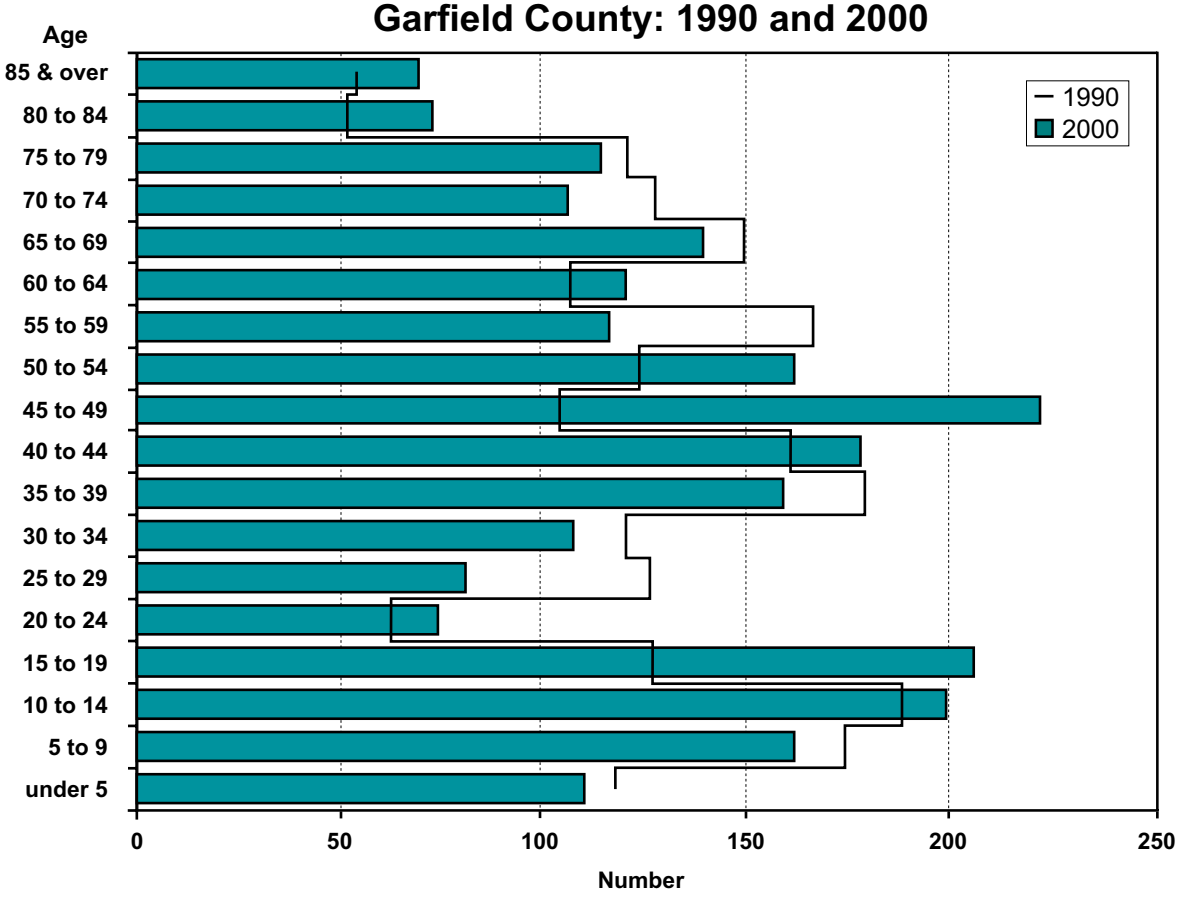
Columbia County: 1990 and 2000



Age	Number 1990	Number 2000	Change #	Change %
85 & over	92	82	-10	-10.9
80 to 84	102	113	11	10.8
75 to 79	128	183	55	43.0
70 to 74	188	185	-3	-1.6
65 to 69	251	190	-61	-24.3
60 to 64	270	214	-56	-20.7
55 to 59	123	275	152	123.6
50 to 54	207	323	116	56.0
45 to 49	294	315	21	7.1
40 to 44	278	294	16	5.8
35 to 39	342	270	-72	-21.1
30 to 34	235	202	-33	-14.0
25 to 29	272	161	-111	-40.8
20 to 24	154	186	32	20.8
15 to 19	288	295	7	2.4
10 to 14	329	291	-38	-11.6
5 to 9	248	268	20	8.1
under 5	223	217	-6	-2.7
Total	**4,024**	**4,046**	**40**	**1.0**
Median Age	*38.8*	*42.4*		

Number in Age Group

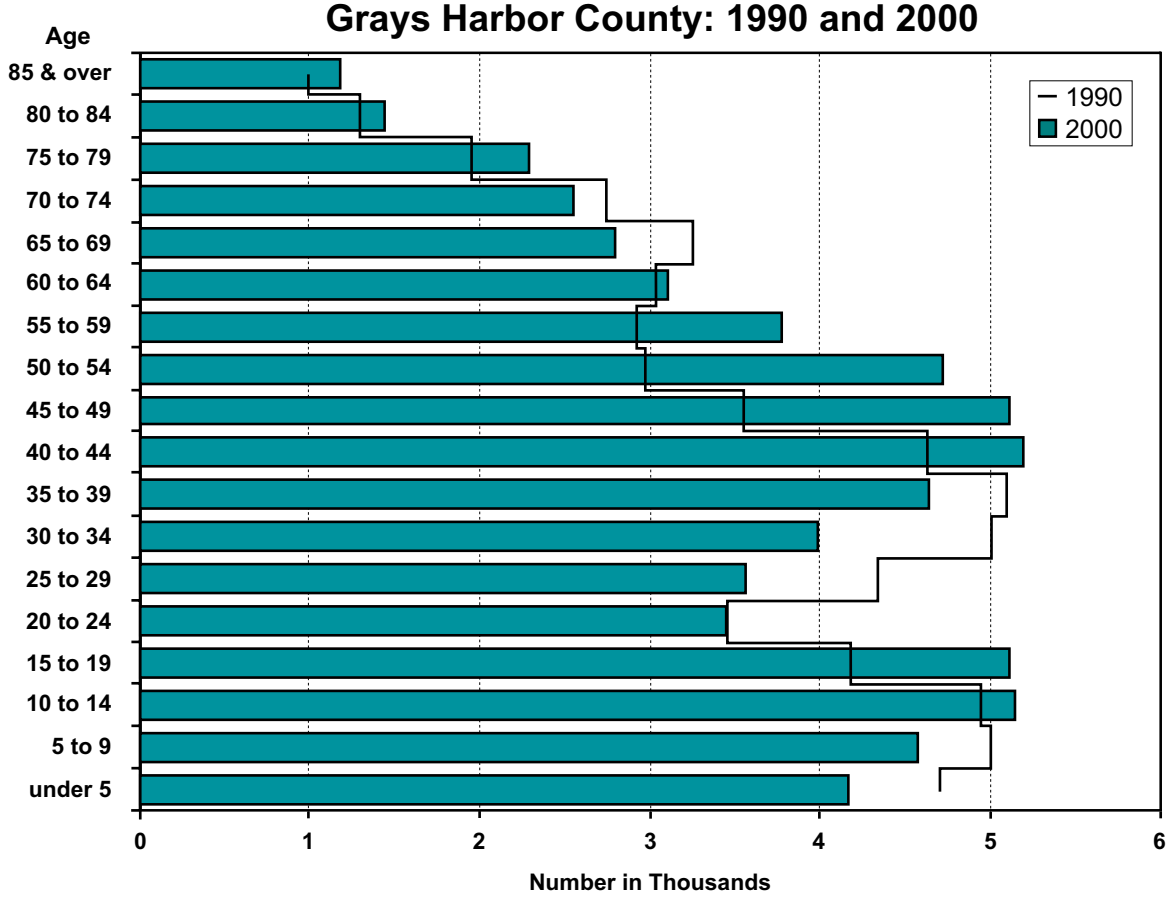
Garfield County: 1990 and 2000



Age	Number 1990	Number 2000	Change #	Change %
85 & over	53	69	16	30.2
80 to 84	51	73	22	43.1
75 to 79	120	114	-6	-5.0
70 to 74	127	106	-21	-16.5
65 to 69	149	139	-10	-6.7
60 to 64	106	120	14	13.2
55 to 59	166	116	-50	-30.1
50 to 54	123	162	39	31.7
45 to 49	103	222	119	115.5
40 to 44	160	178	18	11.3
35 to 39	179	159	-20	-11.2
30 to 34	119	107	-12	-10.1
25 to 29	126	81	-45	-35.7
20 to 24	61	74	13	21.3
15 to 19	126	206	80	63.5
10 to 14	188	199	11	5.9
5 to 9	174	162	-12	-6.9
under 5	117	110	-7	-6.0
Total	**2,248**	**2,397**	**149**	**6.6**
Median Age	*41.1*	*43.0*		

Number in Age Group

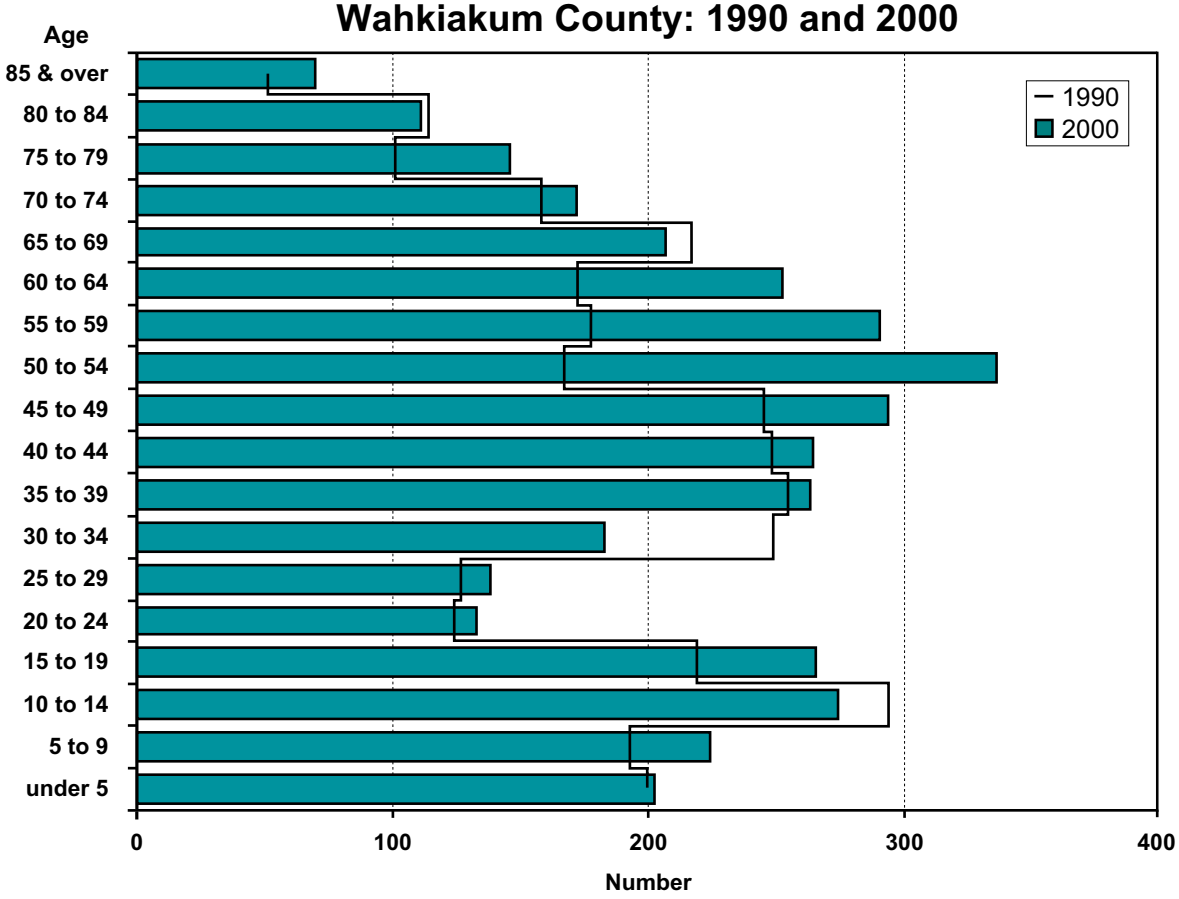
Grays Harbor County: 1990 and 2000



Age	Number 1990	Number 2000	Change #	Change %
85 & over	979	1,186	207	21.1
80 to 84	1,273	1,453	180	14.1
75 to 79	1,946	2,309	363	18.7
70 to 74	2,735	2,569	-166	-6.1
65 to 69	3,257	2,804	-453	-13.9
60 to 64	3,036	3,129	93	3.1
55 to 59	2,919	3,791	872	29.9
50 to 54	2,980	4,743	1,763	59.2
45 to 49	3,557	5,150	1,593	44.8
40 to 44	4,645	5,229	584	12.6
35 to 39	5,118	4,673	-445	-8.7
30 to 34	5,024	4,003	-1,021	-20.3
25 to 29	4,353	3,581	-772	-17.7
20 to 24	3,460	3,467	7	0.2
15 to 19	4,201	5,147	946	22.5
10 to 14	4,959	5,176	217	4.4
5 to 9	5,011	4,599	-412	-8.2
under 5	4,722	4,185	-537	-11.4
Total	**64,175**	**67,194**	**3,019**	**4.7**
Median Age	*35.4*	*38.8*		

Number in Age Group

Wahkiakum County: 1990 and 2000



Age	Number 1990	Number 2000	Change #	Change %
85 & over	54	70	16	29.6
80 to 84	116	111	-5	-4.3
75 to 79	102	146	44	43.1
70 to 74	159	172	13	8.2
65 to 69	217	207	-10	-4.6
60 to 64	174	252	78	44.8
55 to 59	179	290	111	62.0
50 to 54	167	336	169	101.2
45 to 49	246	294	48	19.5
40 to 44	249	264	15	6.0
35 to 39	255	263	8	3.1
30 to 34	249	183	-66	-26.5
25 to 29	128	138	10	7.8
20 to 24	126	133	7	5.6
15 to 19	219	265	46	21.0
10 to 14	294	274	-20	-6.8
5 to 9	193	224	31	16.1
under 5	200	202	2	1.0
Total	**3,327**	**3,824**	**497**	**14.9**
Median Age	*40.2*	*44.4*		

Section 4.2
Young Adult Out-Migration, Moderate Growth

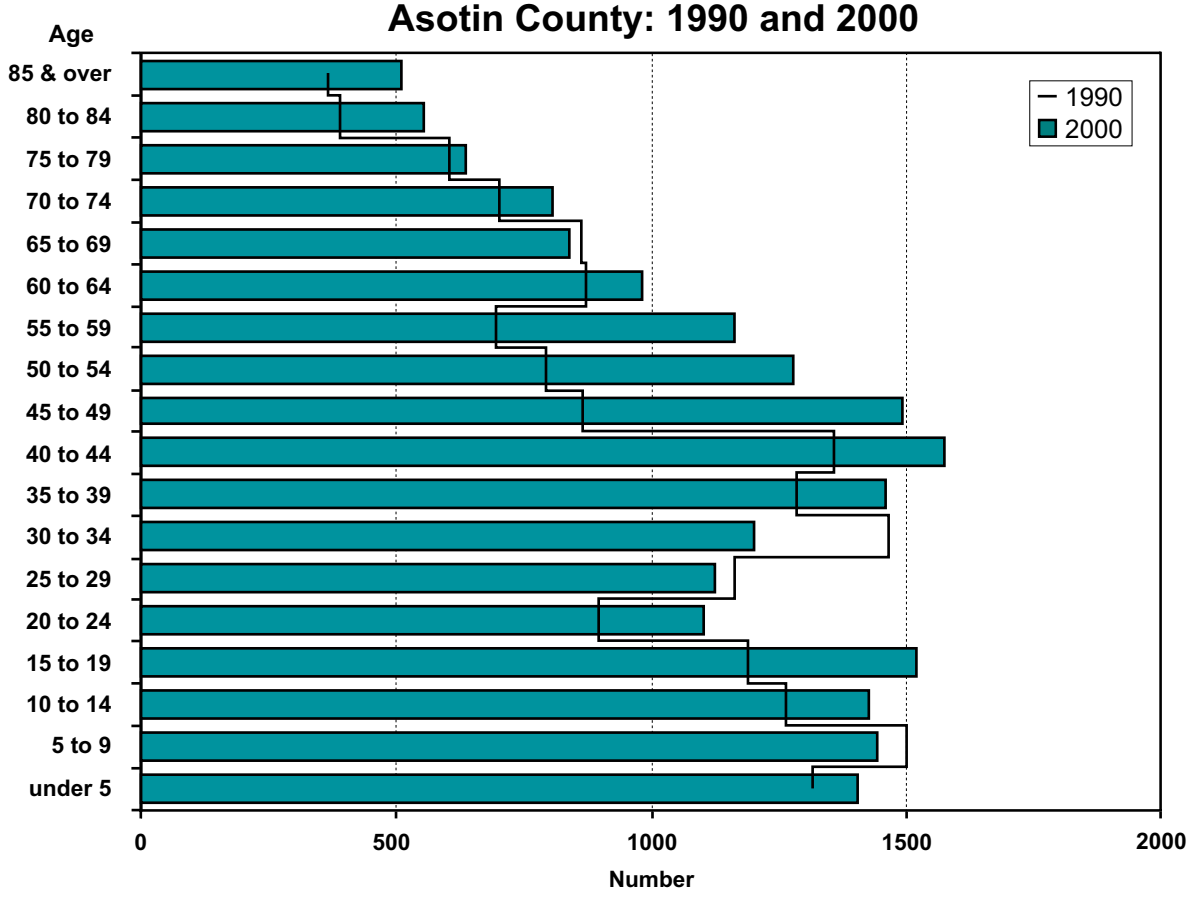
Asotin, **Clallam**, **Cowlitz**, **Ferry**, **Island**, **Klickitat**, **Lewis**, **Lincoln**, **Okanogan**, **Pacific**, and **Skamania** counties all grew between 13 and 19 percent in the last decade, just below the state average of 21 percent. These counties differ from the slow growth counties in that all experienced consistent growth in the number of persons between the ages of 40 and 64. In nearly all counties, growth in these age groups was greater than would be expected due to aging alone, indicating in-migration. In many cases the growth in these age groups was quite dramatic. For example, in most counties the 45- to 49- and 50- to 54-year-old age groups were the fastest growing with the numbers increasing by between 62 and 100 percent. In-migration coupled with the aging of the baby boom was responsible for this rapid increase.

The loss of 20- to 24-year-olds is somewhat muted in **Asotin**, **Cowlitz**, **Lewis**, and, especially, **Island** counties. Of the first three, **Asotin** is adjacent to **Whitman** County and Washington State University and the latter two are on the fringe of rapidly growing metro counties.

Island County is somewhat unique in that the pattern of high school out-migration is much more muted than in other counties in this group. But what is particularly interesting is that this pattern was not at all evident in 1990, and has evolved during the decade. It will be interesting to see if this pattern becomes more accentuated during this decade or once again disappears from the county's age structure.

Number in Age Group

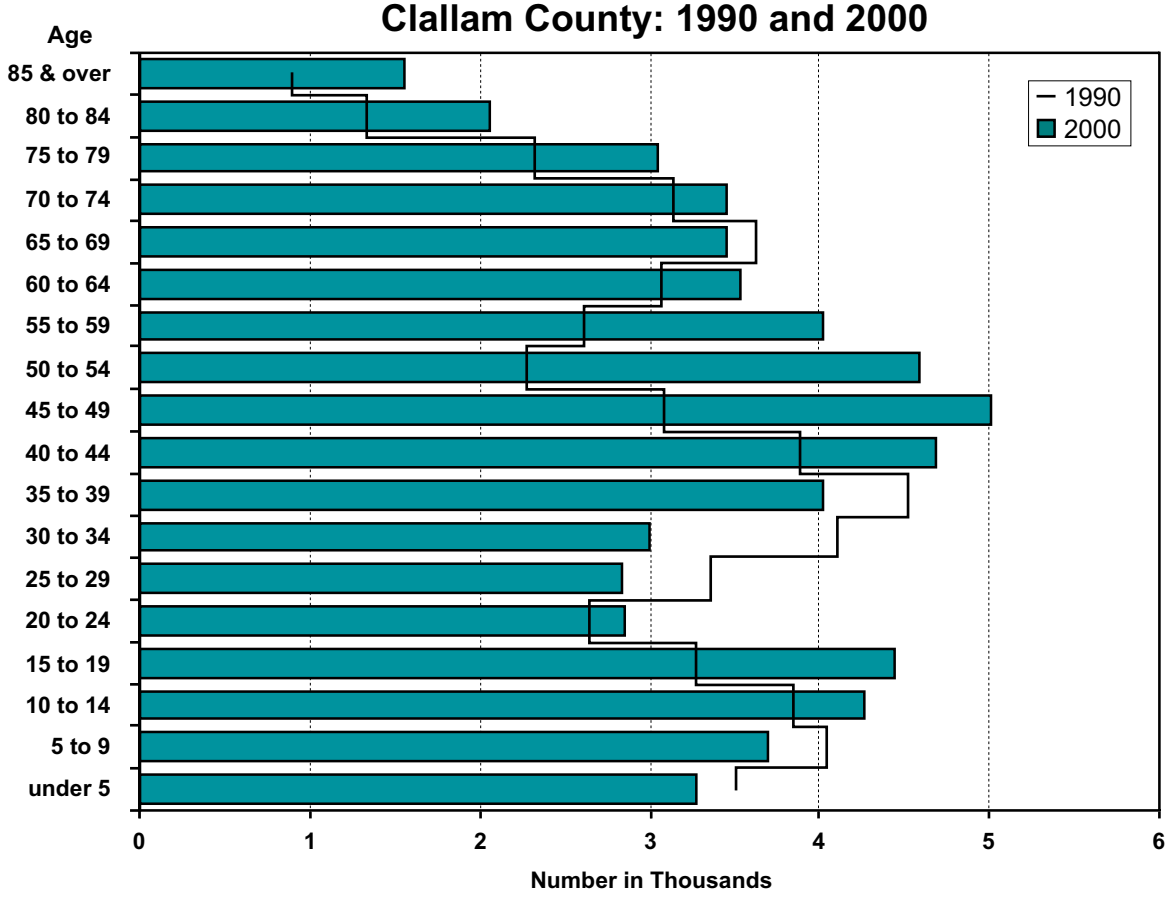
Asotin County: 1990 and 2000



Age	Number 1990	Number 2000	Change #	Change %
85 & over	364	509	145	39.8
80 to 84	387	554	167	43.2
75 to 79	604	640	36	6.0
70 to 74	702	810	108	15.4
65 to 69	862	842	-20	-2.3
60 to 64	868	986	118	13.6
55 to 59	696	1,163	467	67.1
50 to 54	793	1,281	488	61.5
45 to 49	864	1,496	632	73.1
40 to 44	1,362	1,575	213	15.6
35 to 39	1,288	1,461	173	13.4
30 to 34	1,470	1,201	-269	-18.3
25 to 29	1,165	1,127	-38	-3.3
20 to 24	897	1,104	207	23.1
15 to 19	1,192	1,524	332	27.9
10 to 14	1,267	1,428	161	12.7
5 to 9	1,505	1,444	-61	-4.1
under 5	1,319	1,406	87	6.6
Total	**17,605**	**20,551**	**2,946**	**16.7**
Median Age	*35.0*	*38.8*		

Number in Age Group

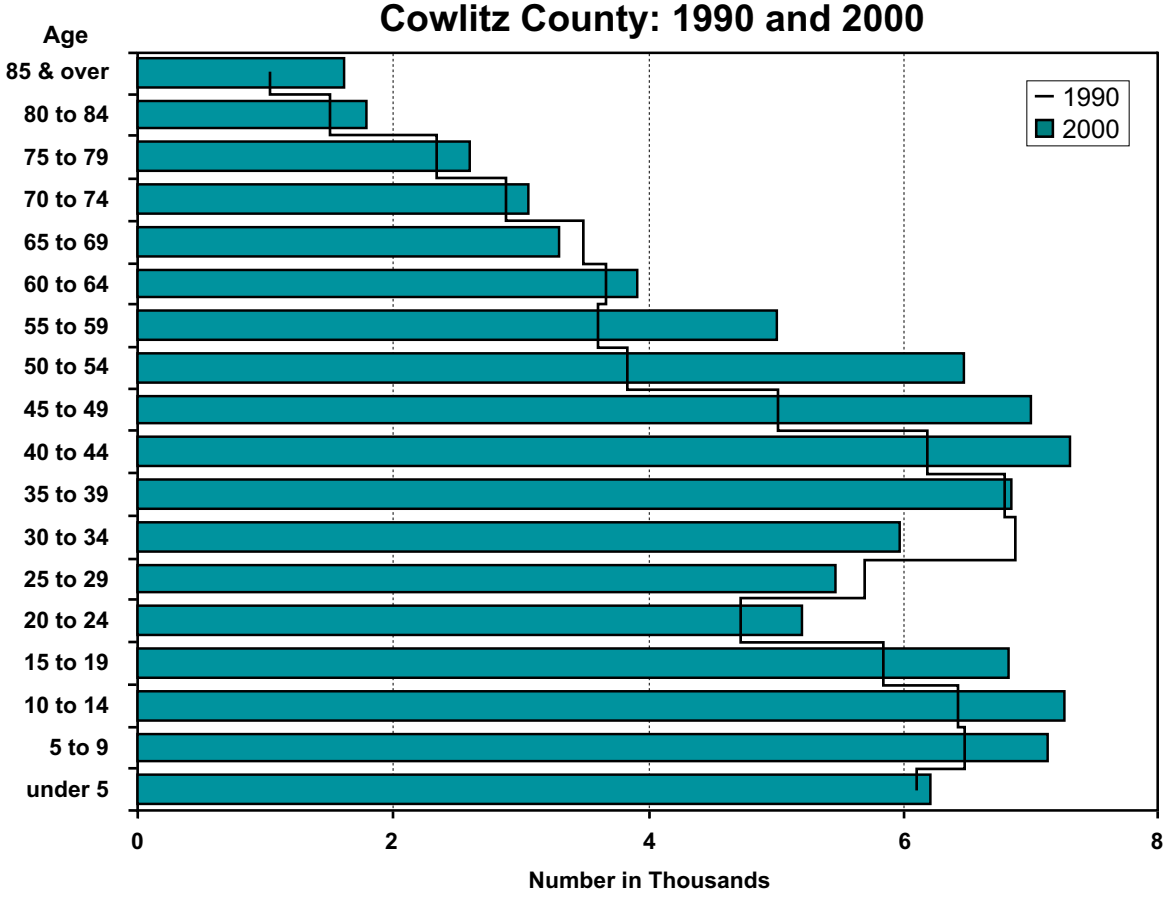
Clallam County: 1990 and 2000



Age	Number 1990	Number 2000	Change #	Change %
85 & over	918	1,567	649	70.7
80 to 84	1,352	2,090	738	54.6
75 to 79	2,374	3,089	715	30.1
70 to 74	3,201	3,493	292	9.1
65 to 69	3,683	3,488	-195	-5.3
60 to 64	3,116	3,567	451	14.5
55 to 59	2,660	4,059	1,399	52.6
50 to 54	2,317	4,647	2,330	100.6
45 to 49	3,138	5,071	1,933	61.6
40 to 44	3,934	4,732	798	20.3
35 to 39	4,596	4,073	-523	-11.4
30 to 34	4,161	3,036	-1,125	-27.0
25 to 29	3,414	2,863	-551	-16.1
20 to 24	2,697	2,893	196	7.3
15 to 19	3,329	4,498	1,169	35.1
10 to 14	3,906	4,309	403	10.3
5 to 9	4,096	3,737	-359	-8.8
under 5	3,572	3,313	-259	-7.3
Total	**56,464**	**64,525**	**8,061**	**14.3**
Median Age	*38.4*	*43.8*		

Number in Age Group

Cowlitz County: 1990 and 2000



Age	Number 1990	Number 2000	Change #	Change %
85 & over	998	1,628	630	63.1
80 to 84	1,468	1,790	322	21.9
75 to 79	2,310	2,596	286	12.4
70 to 74	2,849	3,061	212	7.4
65 to 69	3,474	3,293	-181	-5.2
60 to 64	3,641	3,910	269	7.4
55 to 59	3,603	4,999	1,396	38.7
50 to 54	3,838	6,477	2,639	68.8
45 to 49	4,999	6,999	2,000	40.0
40 to 44	6,169	7,291	1,122	18.2
35 to 39	6,784	6,837	53	0.8
30 to 34	6,855	5,958	-897	-13.1
25 to 29	5,666	5,469	-197	-3.5
20 to 24	4,698	5,212	514	10.9
15 to 19	5,820	6,824	1,004	17.3
10 to 14	6,401	7,266	865	13.5
5 to 9	6,465	7,135	670	10.4
under 5	6,081	6,203	122	2.0
Total	**82,119**	**92,948**	**10,829**	**13.2**
Median Age	*34.2*	*36.9*		

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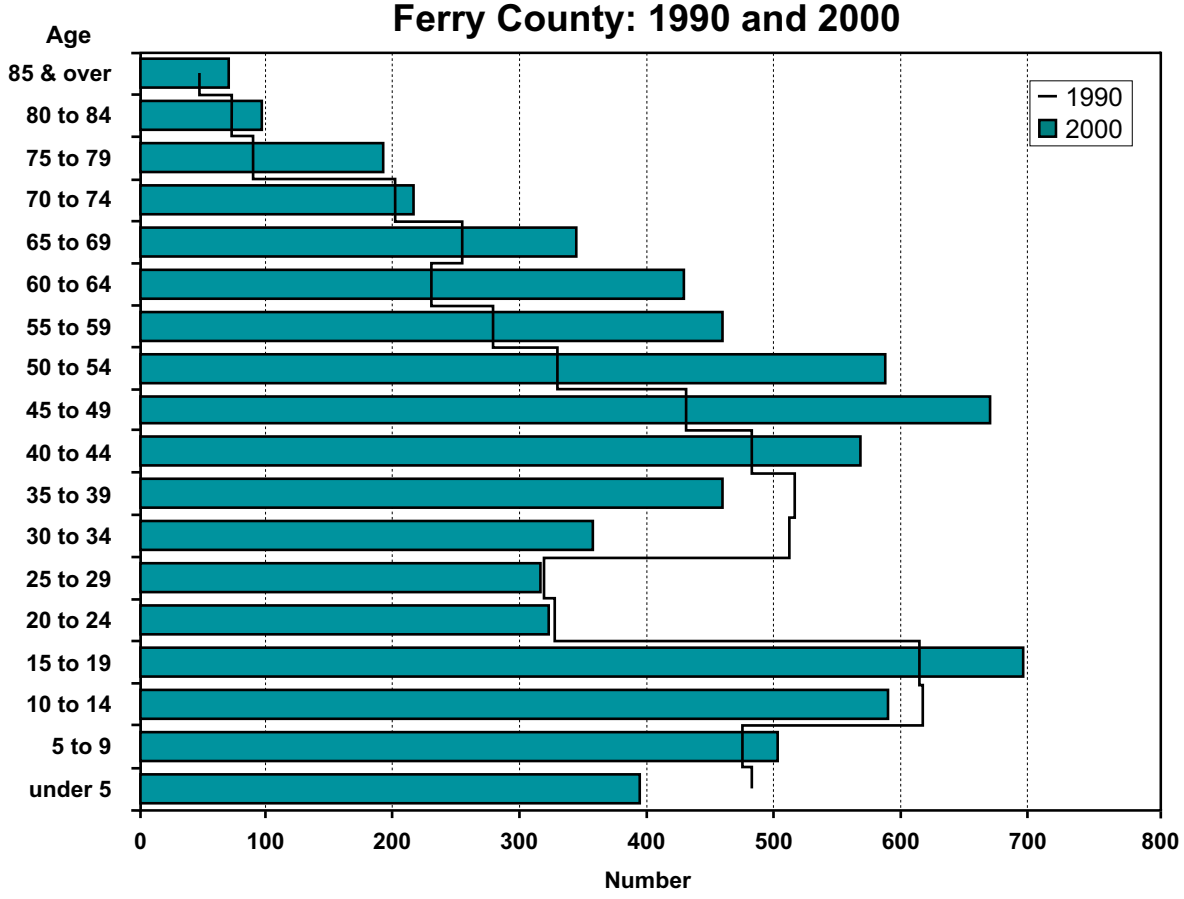
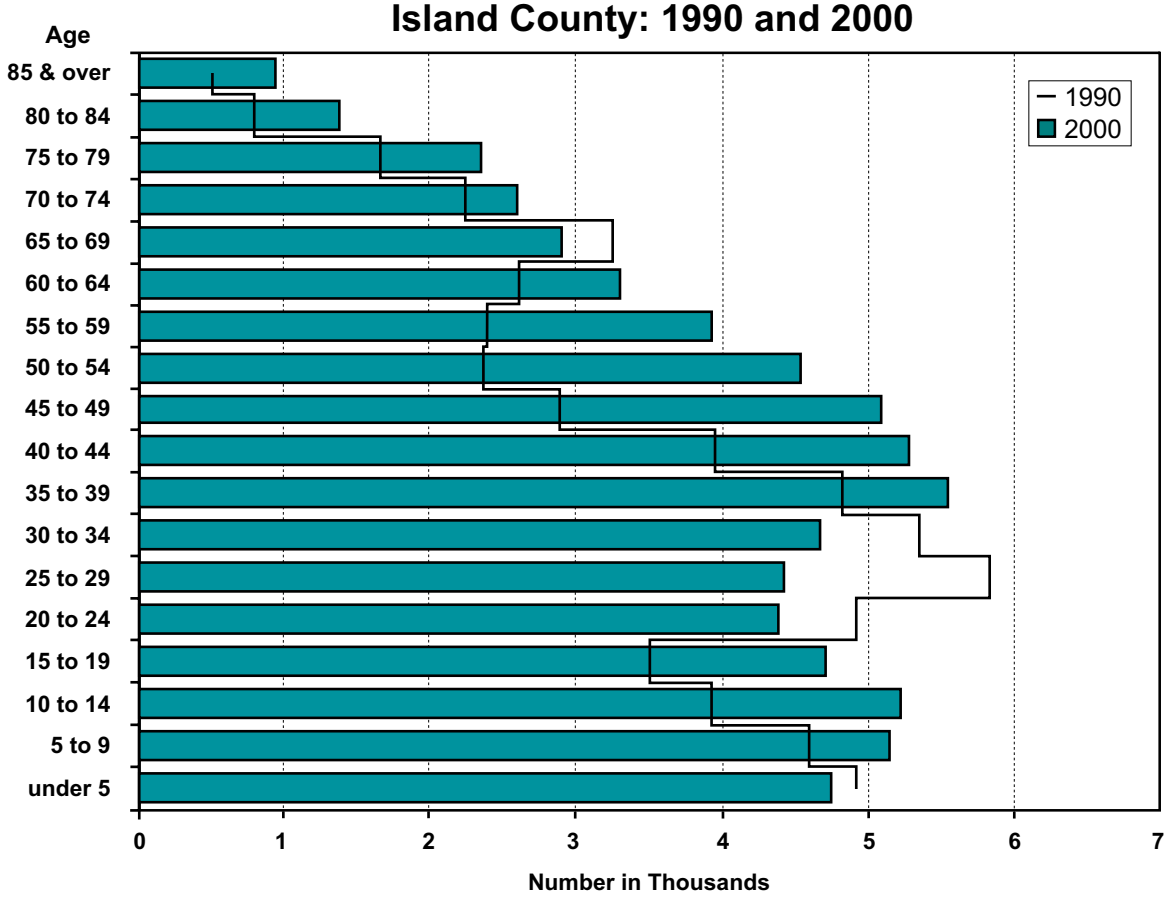
Ferry County: 1990 and 2000



Age	Number 1990	Number 2000	Change #	Change %
85 & over	49	69	20	40.8
80 to 84	73	95	22	30.1
75 to 79	90	192	102	113.3
70 to 74	202	216	14	6.9
65 to 69	256	343	87	34.0
60 to 64	231	429	198	85.7
55 to 59	279	459	180	64.5
50 to 54	331	586	255	77.0
45 to 49	431	670	239	55.5
40 to 44	483	568	85	17.6
35 to 39	515	459	-56	-10.9
30 to 34	514	356	-158	-30.7
25 to 29	321	316	-5	-1.6
20 to 24	328	321	-7	-2.1
15 to 19	616	695	79	12.8
10 to 14	617	589	-28	-4.5
5 to 9	476	503	27	5.7
under 5	483	394	-89	-18.4
Total	**6,295**	**7,260**	**965**	**15.3**
Median Age	*33.0*	*40.0*		

Number in Age Group

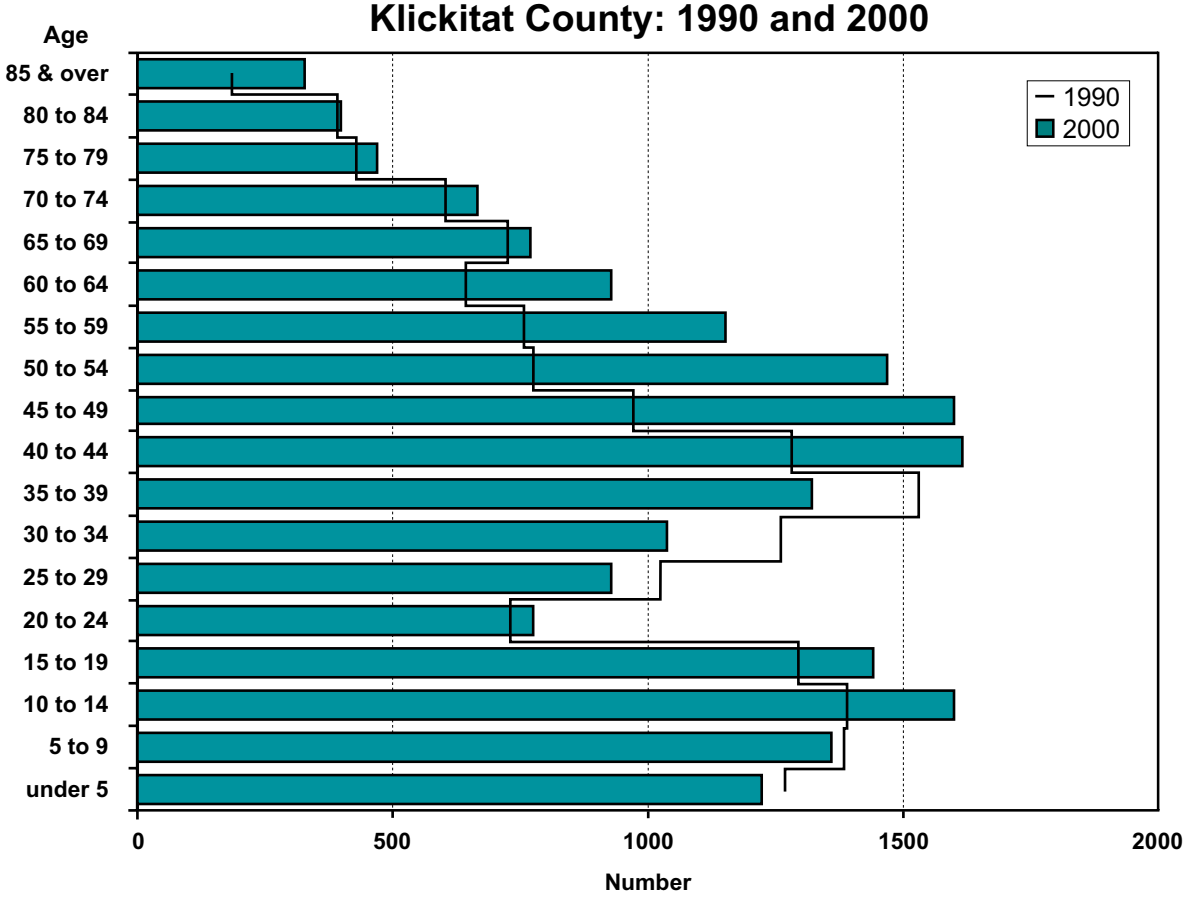
Island County: 1990 and 2000



Age	Number 1990	Number 2000	Change #	Change %
85 & over	471	944	473	100.4
80 to 84	751	1,378	627	83.5
75 to 79	1,627	2,362	735	45.2
70 to 74	2,213	2,610	397	17.9
65 to 69	3,227	2,917	-310	-9.6
60 to 64	2,582	3,313	731	28.3
55 to 59	2,365	3,955	1,590	67.2
50 to 54	2,344	4,572	2,228	95.1
45 to 49	2,868	5,120	2,252	78.5
40 to 44	3,940	5,314	1,374	34.9
35 to 39	4,819	5,574	755	15.7
30 to 34	5,345	4,695	-650	-12.2
25 to 29	5,827	4,449	-1,378	-23.6
20 to 24	4,913	4,402	-511	-10.4
15 to 19	3,487	4,734	1,247	35.8
10 to 14	3,915	5,259	1,344	34.3
5 to 9	4,589	5,179	590	12.9
under 5	4,912	4,781	-131	-2.7
Total	**60,195**	**71,558**	**11,363**	**18.9**
Median Age	*32.1*	*37.0*		

Number in Age Group

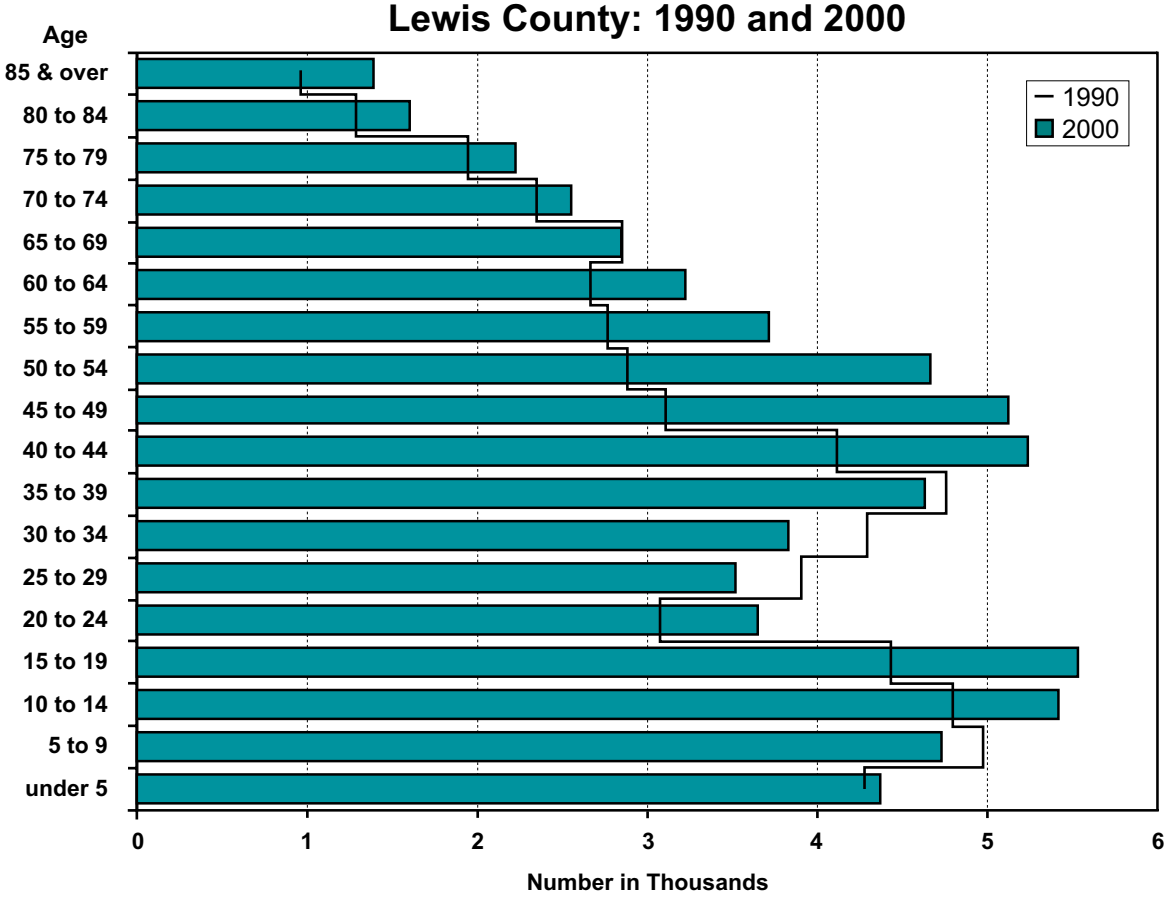
Klickitat County: 1990 and 2000



Age	Number 1990	Number 2000	Change #	Change %
85 & over	186	328	142	76.3
80 to 84	394	400	6	1.5
75 to 79	429	473	44	10.3
70 to 74	605	671	66	10.9
65 to 69	727	772	45	6.2
60 to 64	644	930	286	44.4
55 to 59	760	1,156	396	52.1
50 to 54	775	1,474	699	90.2
45 to 49	970	1,607	637	65.7
40 to 44	1,278	1,621	343	26.8
35 to 39	1,526	1,326	-200	-13.1
30 to 34	1,253	1,040	-213	-17.0
25 to 29	1,021	934	-87	-8.5
20 to 24	730	780	50	6.8
15 to 19	1,288	1,449	161	12.5
10 to 14	1,385	1,604	219	15.8
5 to 9	1,383	1,367	-16	-1.2
under 5	1,262	1,229	-33	-2.6
Total	**16,616**	**19,161**	**2,545**	**15.3**
Median Age	*34.5*	*39.5*		

Number in Age Group

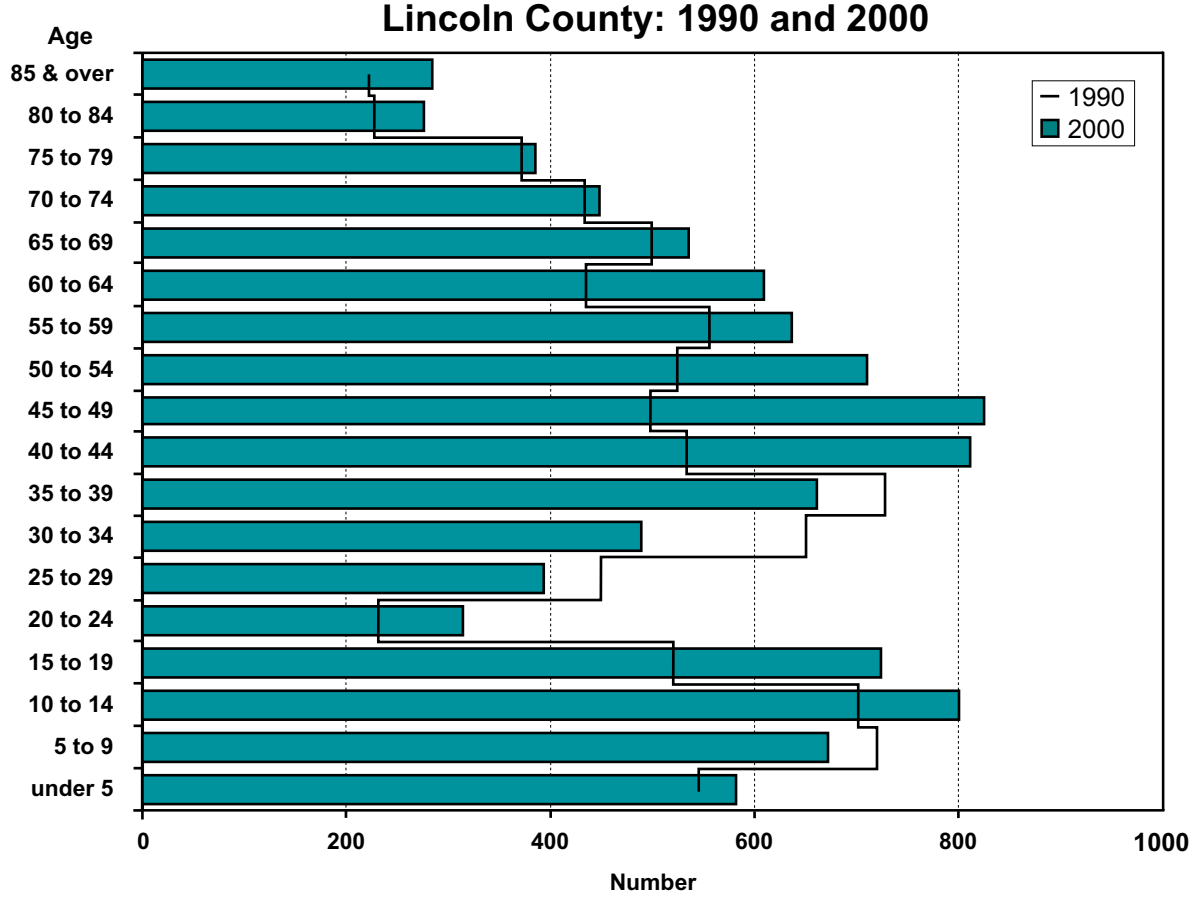
Lewis County: 1990 and 2000



Age	Number 1990	Number 2000	Change #	Change %
85 & over	933	1,395	462	49.5
80 to 84	1,273	1,617	344	27.0
75 to 79	1,931	2,237	306	15.8
70 to 74	2,332	2,564	232	9.9
65 to 69	2,842	2,854	12	0.4
60 to 64	2,660	3,233	573	21.5
55 to 59	2,753	3,739	986	35.8
50 to 54	2,890	4,683	1,793	62.0
45 to 49	3,113	5,147	2,034	65.3
40 to 44	4,119	5,267	1,148	27.9
35 to 39	4,762	4,654	-108	-2.3
30 to 34	4,299	3,853	-446	-10.4
25 to 29	3,888	3,535	-353	-9.1
20 to 24	3,101	3,673	572	18.4
15 to 19	4,430	5,555	1,125	25.4
10 to 14	4,794	5,445	651	13.6
5 to 9	4,965	4,752	-213	-4.3
under 5	4,273	4,397	124	2.9
Total	**59,358**	**68,600**	**9,242**	**15.6**
Median Age	*34.9*	*38.4*		

Number in Age Group

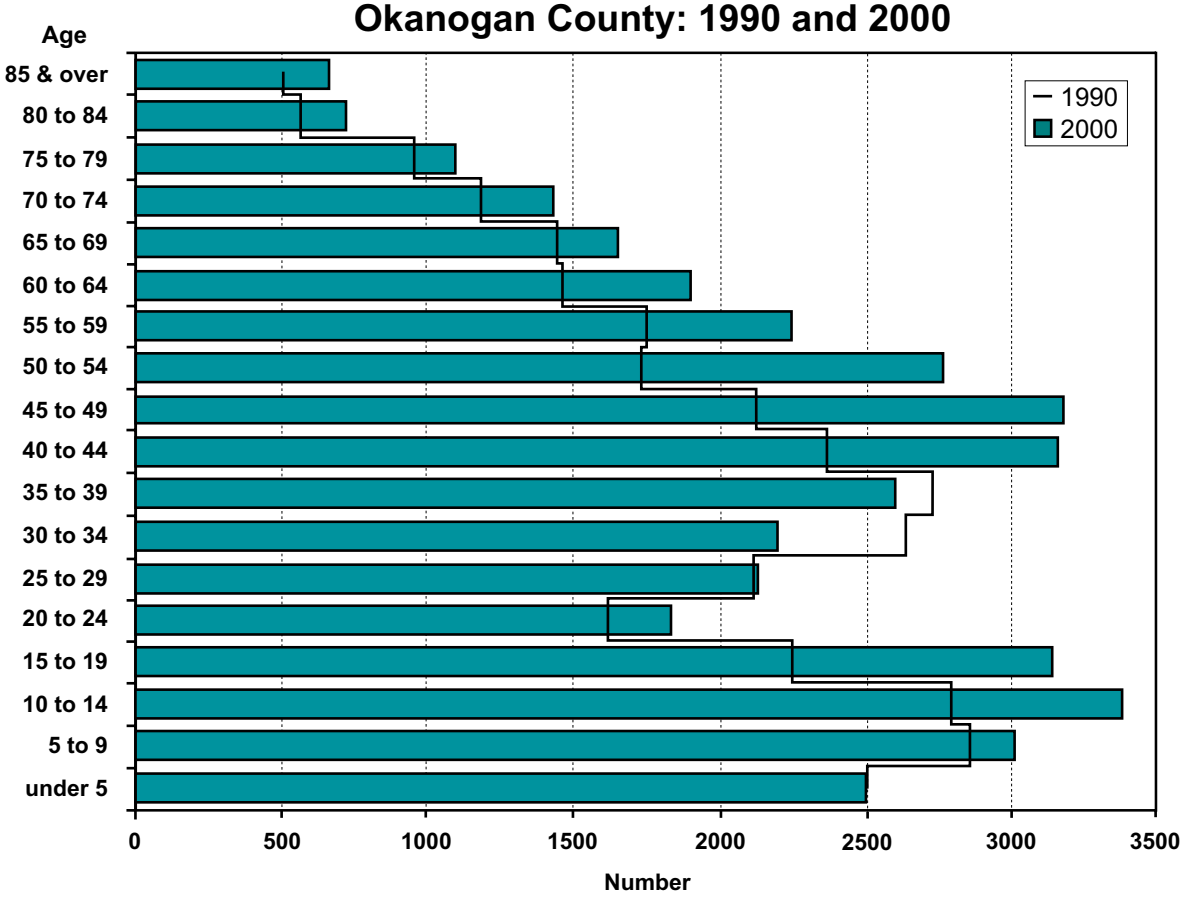
Lincoln County: 1990 and 2000



Age	Number 1990	Number 2000	Change #	Change %
85 & over	222	285	63	28.4
80 to 84	224	277	53	23.7
75 to 79	373	386	13	3.5
70 to 74	435	448	13	3.0
65 to 69	500	536	36	7.2
60 to 64	436	611	175	40.1
55 to 59	558	637	79	14.2
50 to 54	527	713	186	35.3
45 to 49	500	827	327	65.4
40 to 44	535	815	280	52.3
35 to 39	730	662	-68	-9.3
30 to 34	651	491	-160	-24.6
25 to 29	451	394	-57	-12.6
20 to 24	231	315	84	36.4
15 to 19	522	726	204	39.1
10 to 14	702	802	100	14.2
5 to 9	721	675	-46	-6.4
under 5	546	584	38	7.0
Total	**8,864**	**10,184**	**1,320**	**14.9**
Median Age	*39.2*	*42.8*		

Number in Age Group

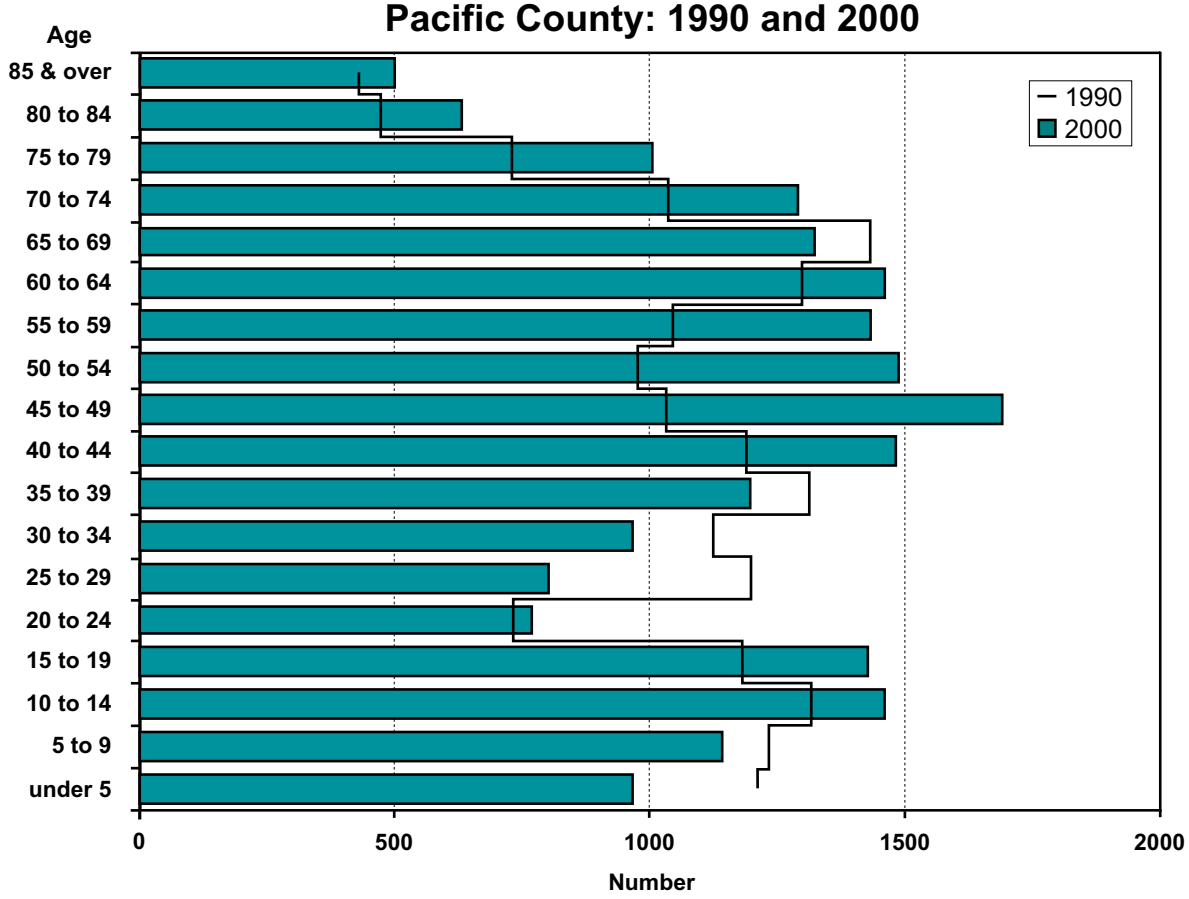
Okanogan County: 1990 and 2000



Age	Number 1990	Number 2000	Change #	Change %
85 & over	510	662	152	29.8
80 to 84	573	721	148	25.8
75 to 79	951	1,097	146	15.4
70 to 74	1,179	1,431	252	21.4
65 to 69	1,434	1,646	212	14.8
60 to 64	1,453	1,903	450	31.0
55 to 59	1,733	2,242	509	29.4
50 to 54	1,720	2,766	1,046	60.8
45 to 49	2,104	3,171	1,067	50.7
40 to 44	2,341	3,154	813	34.7
35 to 39	2,697	2,603	-94	-3.5
30 to 34	2,614	2,193	-421	-16.1
25 to 29	2,118	2,132	14	0.7
20 to 24	1,605	1,831	226	14.1
15 to 19	2,227	3,137	910	40.9
10 to 14	2,762	3,374	612	22.2
5 to 9	2,827	3,008	181	6.4
under 5	2,502	2,493	-9	-0.4
Total	**33,350**	**39,564**	**6,214**	**18.6**
Median Age	*35.0*	*38.2*		

Number in Age Group

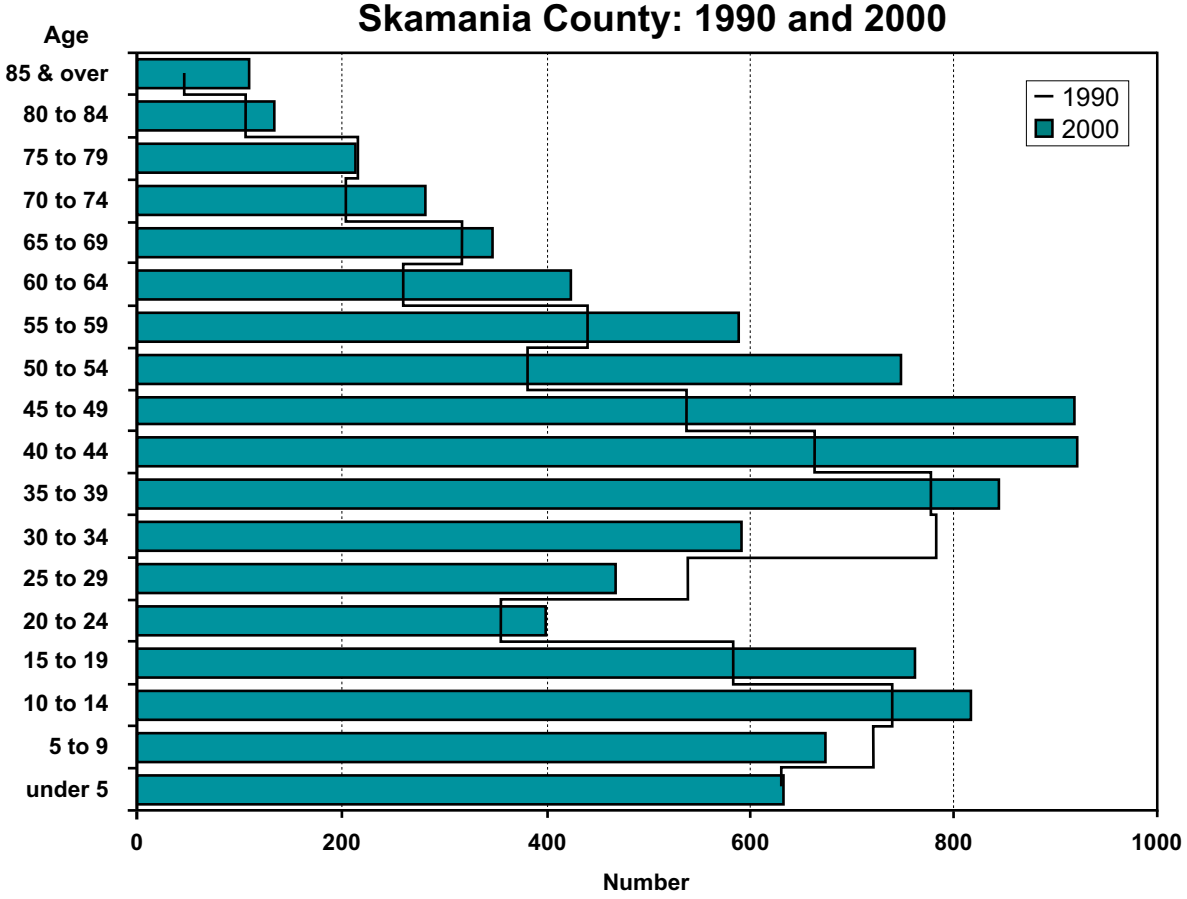
Pacific County: 1990 and 2000



Age	Number 1990	Number 2000	Change #	Change %
85 & over	428	498	70	16.4
80 to 84	471	628	157	33.3
75 to 79	729	1,001	272	37.3
70 to 74	1,033	1,289	256	24.8
65 to 69	1,427	1,319	-108	-7.6
60 to 64	1,293	1,455	162	12.5
55 to 59	1,040	1,432	392	37.7
50 to 54	973	1,487	514	52.8
45 to 49	1,027	1,685	658	64.1
40 to 44	1,186	1,479	293	24.7
35 to 39	1,307	1,197	-110	-8.4
30 to 34	1,119	964	-155	-13.9
25 to 29	1,194	799	-395	-33.1
20 to 24	728	768	40	5.5
15 to 19	1,178	1,424	246	20.9
10 to 14	1,313	1,457	144	11.0
5 to 9	1,229	1,139	-90	-7.3
under 5	1,207	963	-244	-20.2
Total	**18,882**	**20,984**	**2,102**	**11.1**
Median Age	*40.2*	*45.8*		

Number in Age Group

Skamania County: 1990 and 2000



Age	Number 1990	Number 2000	Change #	Change %
85 & over	46	110	64	139.1
80 to 84	107	133	26	24.3
75 to 79	216	213	-3	-1.4
70 to 74	203	283	80	39.4
65 to 69	316	347	31	9.8
60 to 64	260	425	165	63.5
55 to 59	441	588	147	33.3
50 to 54	380	748	368	96.8
45 to 49	538	917	379	70.4
40 to 44	662	920	258	39.0
35 to 39	776	843	67	8.6
30 to 34	779	593	-186	-23.9
25 to 29	539	468	-71	-13.2
20 to 24	355	401	46	13.0
15 to 19	583	761	178	30.5
10 to 14	738	817	79	10.7
5 to 9	719	673	-46	-6.4
under 5	631	632	1	0.2
Total	**8,289**	**9,872**	**1,538**	**19.1**
Median Age	*33.7*	*38.7*		

Section 4.3

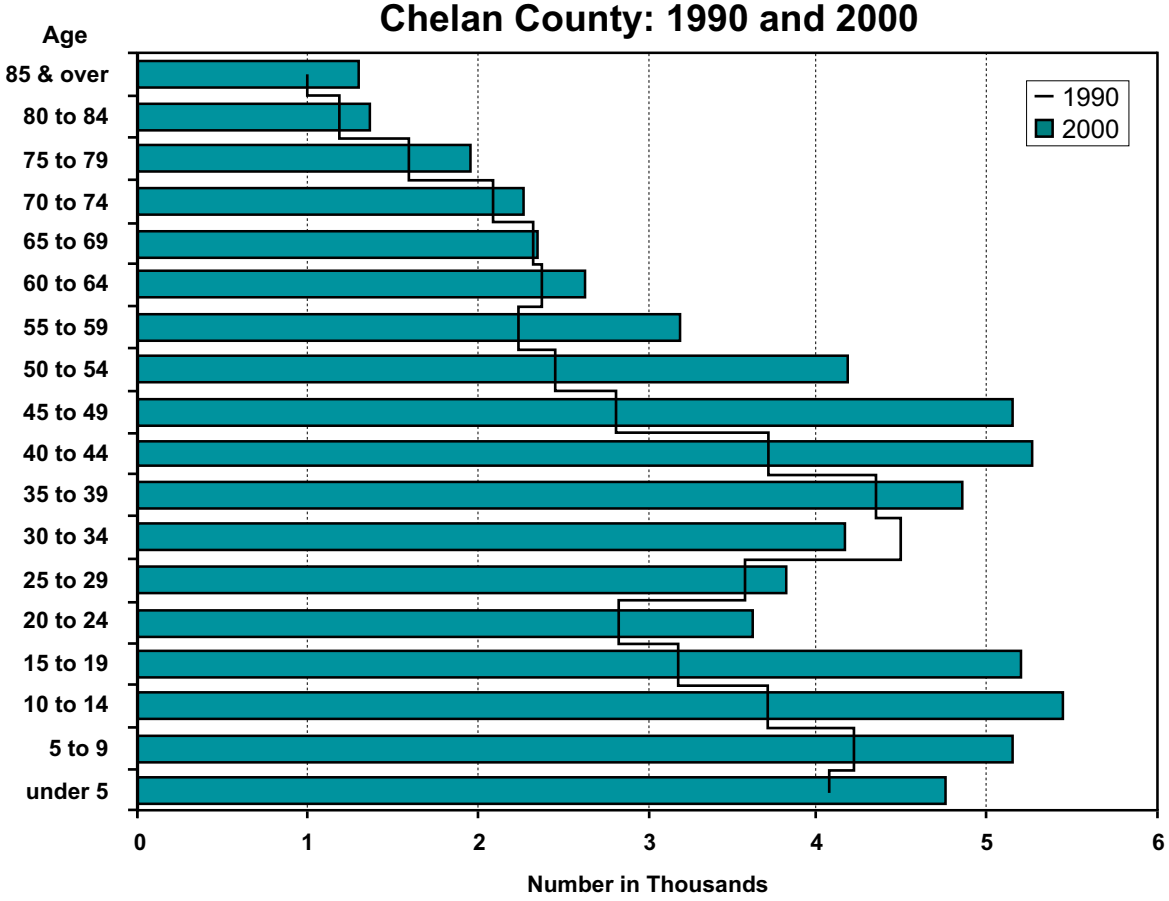
Young Adult Out-Migration, Above Average Growth

Counties in this category include **Chelan**, **Douglas**, **Mason**, **Pend Oreille**, and **Stevens**, all of which grew between 24 and 32 percent. In nearly all counties, the number of persons in all age groups over 35 increased during the decade, with substantial increases in the number between 40 and 59. The aging of the baby boom is partially responsible for this growth. However, with the exception of **Douglas** County, all show much greater growth at these ages than would be expected due to aging alone indicating that in-migration has contributed substantially to county growth and amplified the impact of the baby boom.

All counties in this category also experienced growth in the number of children between 5 and 19. This is a direct result of the increasing number of adults who were already parents when they moved to the area, or who had children after their move. **Chelan** and **Douglas** counties had the greatest growth at these younger ages, and the number of children under 5 also increased. The somewhat different pattern for these counties may be due to the fact that growth of the Hispanic population accounted for about 56 percent of all growth in the first two, but for only between 11 and 16 percent in the other three. In **Mason** County, the loss of young adults between 20 and 24 is more muted than in the other counties in this category, which may be due to the fact that the county borders on three metropolitan areas.

Number in Age Group

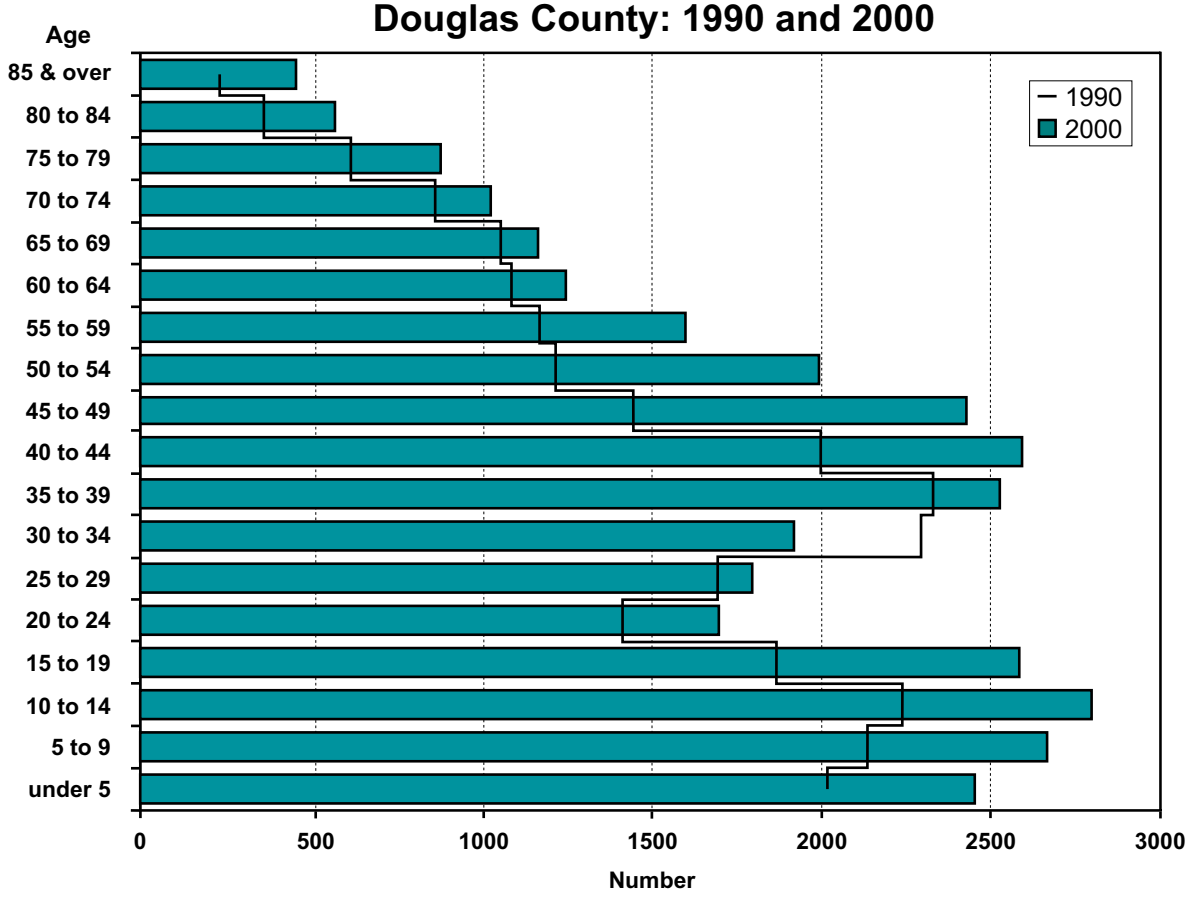
Chelan County: 1990 and 2000



Age	Number 1990	Number 2000	Change #	Change %
85 & over	991	1,295	304	30.7
80 to 84	1,185	1,369	184	15.5
75 to 79	1,597	1,962	365	22.9
70 to 74	2,092	2,264	172	8.2
65 to 69	2,323	2,352	29	1.2
60 to 64	2,374	2,631	257	10.8
55 to 59	2,237	3,182	945	42.2
50 to 54	2,458	4,174	1,716	69.8
45 to 49	2,818	5,146	2,328	82.6
40 to 44	3,716	5,267	1,551	41.7
35 to 39	4,351	4,844	493	11.3
30 to 34	4,495	4,162	-333	-7.4
25 to 29	3,582	3,820	238	6.6
20 to 24	2,835	3,621	786	27.7
15 to 19	3,187	5,188	2,001	62.8
10 to 14	3,714	5,449	1,735	46.7
5 to 9	4,223	5,140	917	21.7
under 5	4,072	4,750	678	16.7
Total	**52,250**	**66,616**	**14,366**	**27.5.1**
Median Age	*35.0*	*36.3*		

Number in Age Group

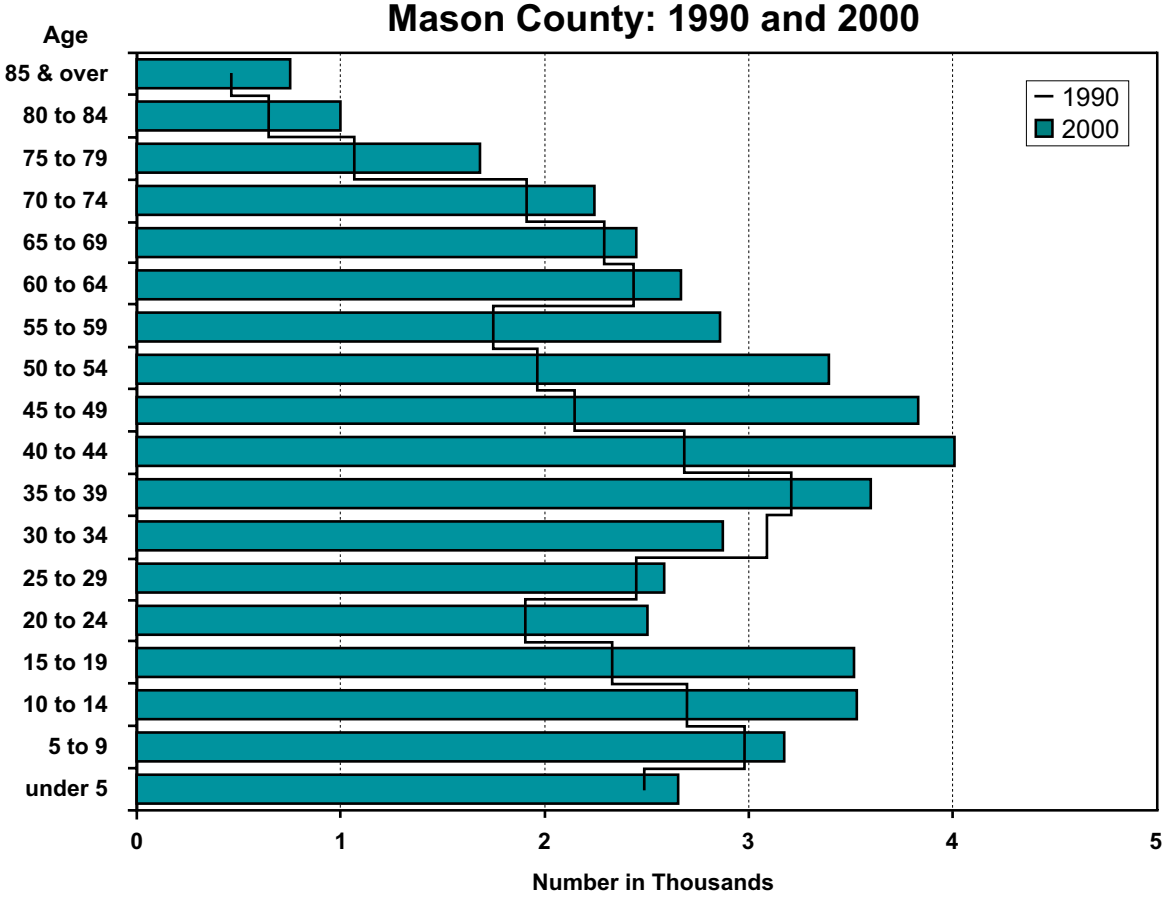
Douglas County: 1990 and 2000



Age	Number 1990	Number 2000	Change #	Change %
85 & over	244	463	219	89.8
80 to 84	361	574	213	59.0
75 to 79	628	888	260	41.4
70 to 74	873	1,039	166	19.0
65 to 69	1,068	1,174	106	9.9
60 to 64	1,097	1,255	158	14.4
55 to 59	1,182	1,612	430	36.4
50 to 54	1,233	2,003	770	62.4
45 to 49	1,457	2,438	981	67.3
40 to 44	2,004	2,609	605	30.2
35 to 39	2,336	2,541	205	8.8
30 to 34	2,302	1,932	-370	-16.1
25 to 29	1,702	1,806	104	6.1
20 to 24	1,424	1,712	288	20.2
15 to 19	1,882	2,595	713	37.9
10 to 14	2,248	2,815	567	25.2
5 to 9	2,140	2,683	543	25.4
under 5	2,024	2,464	440	21.7
Total	**26,205**	**32,603**	**6,398**	**24.4**
Median Age	*33.7*	*35.7*		

Number in Age Group

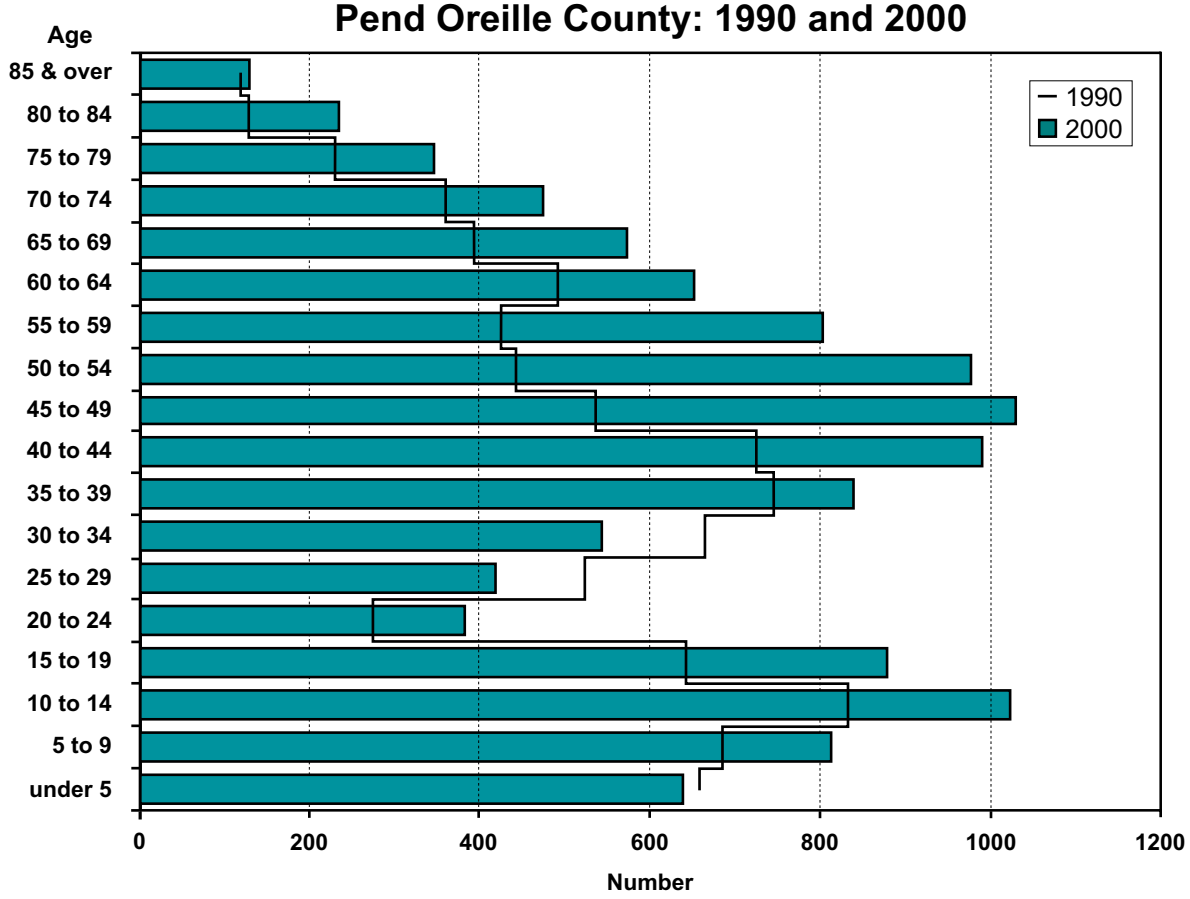
Mason County: 1990 and 2000



Age	Number 1990	Number 2000	Change #	Change %
85 & over	457	758	301	65.9
80 to 84	631	1,003	372	59.0
75 to 79	1,052	1,684	632	60.1
70 to 74	1,908	2,253	345	18.1
65 to 69	2,278	2,451	173	7.6
60 to 64	2,421	2,677	256	10.6
55 to 59	1,738	2,862	1,124	64.7
50 to 54	1,968	3,392	1,424	72.4
45 to 49	2,141	3,830	1,689	78.9
40 to 44	2,676	4,008	1,332	49.8
35 to 39	3,195	3,596	401	12.6
30 to 34	3,073	2,882	-191	-6.2
25 to 29	2,429	2,594	165	6.8
20 to 24	1,901	2,507	606	31.9
15 to 19	2,324	3,524	1,200	51.6
10 to 14	2,692	3,540	848	31.5
5 to 9	2,974	3,181	207	7.0
under 5	2,483	2,663	180	7.2
Total	**38,341**	**49,405**	**11,064**	**28.9**
Median Age	*36.8*	*40.3*		

Number in Age Group

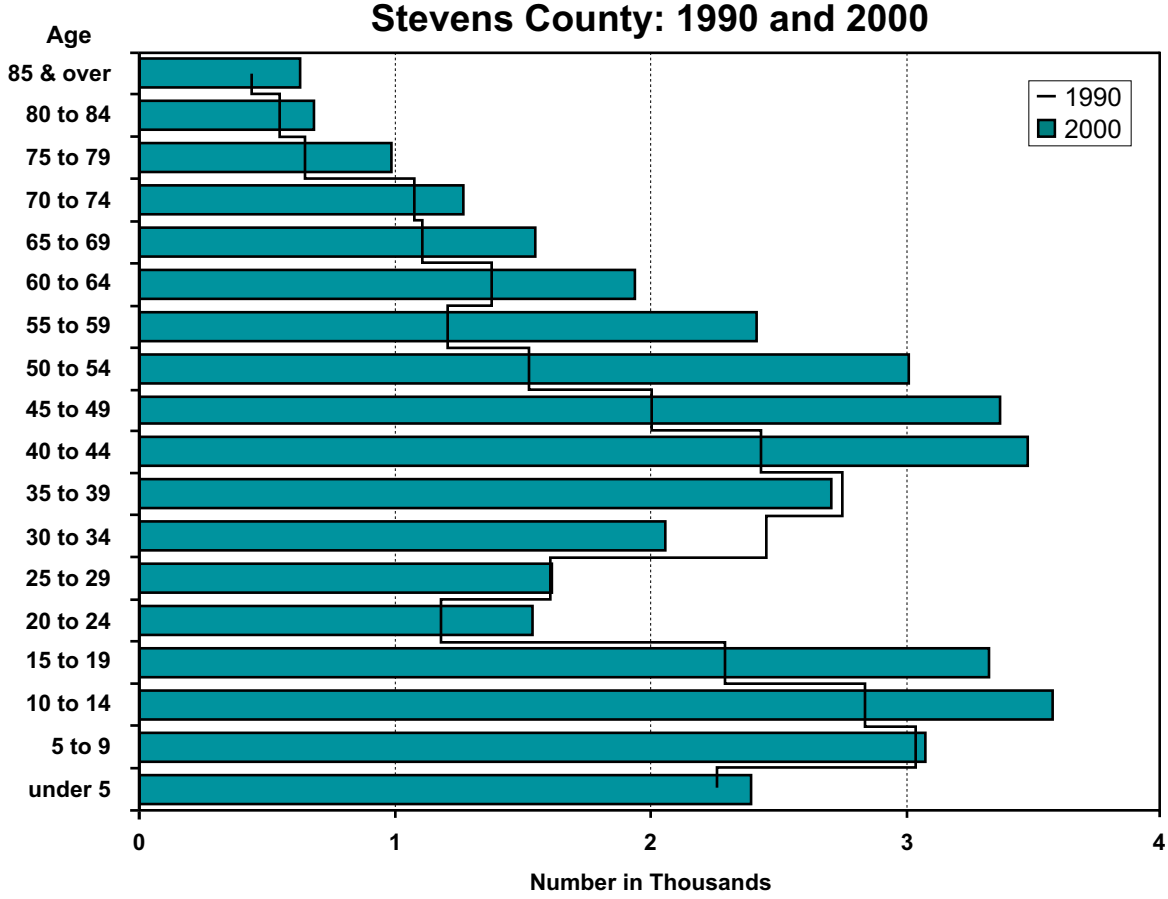
Pend Oreille County: 1990 and 2000



Age	Number 1990	Number 2000	Change #	Change %
85 & over	122	129	7	5.7
80 to 84	131	233	102	77.9
75 to 79	232	344	112	48.3
70 to 74	363	472	109	30.0
65 to 69	394	572	178	45.2
60 to 64	494	652	158	32.0
55 to 59	428	802	374	87.4
50 to 54	445	976	531	119.3
45 to 49	539	1,030	491	91.1
40 to 44	727	991	264	36.3
35 to 39	747	839	92	12.3
30 to 34	666	541	-125	-18.8
25 to 29	526	418	-108	-20.5
20 to 24	278	382	104	37.4
15 to 19	643	879	236	36.7
10 to 14	834	1,022	188	22.5
5 to 9	686	813	127	18.5
under 5	660	637	-23	-3.5
Total	**8,915**	**11,732**	**2,817**	**31.6**
Median Age	*36.1*	*41.9*		

Number in Age Group

Stevens County: 1990 and 2000



Age	Number 1990	Number 2000	Change #	Change %
85 & over	444	641	197	44.4
80 to 84	559	687	128	22.9
75 to 79	660	992	332	50.3
70 to 74	1,085	1,278	193	17.8
65 to 69	1,113	1,562	449	40.3
60 to 64	1,393	1,959	566	40.6
55 to 59	1,213	2,444	1,231	101.5
50 to 54	1,530	3,050	1,520	99.3
45 to 49	2,014	3,412	1,398	69.4
40 to 44	2,444	3,514	1,070	43.8
35 to 39	2,766	2,745	-21	-0.8
30 to 34	2,463	2,081	-382	-15.5
25 to 29	1,617	1,629	12	0.7
20 to 24	1,186	1,554	368	31.0
15 to 19	2,302	3,368	1,066	46.3
10 to 14	2,851	3,612	761	26.7
5 to 9	3,042	3,113	71	2.3
under 5	2,266	2,425	159	7.0
Total	**30,948**	**40,066**	**9,118**	**29.5**
Median Age	*34.5*	*39.2*		

Section 4.4

Young Adult Out-migration, Retirement Counties

Jefferson and **San Juan** counties are unique in the very rapid growth of persons between 40 and 64 during the last decade. In both counties, the number of persons between 50 and 60 increased by close to 200 percent. Rapid growth also occurred in the number of persons between 45 and 49. Some of this growth was due to the aging of persons who were 35 to 50 years old in 1990, but much of this growth was due to in-migration at these age groups. Growth also occurred in each age category over 65. Normally these categories should grow only slowly as mortality begins to influence population change.

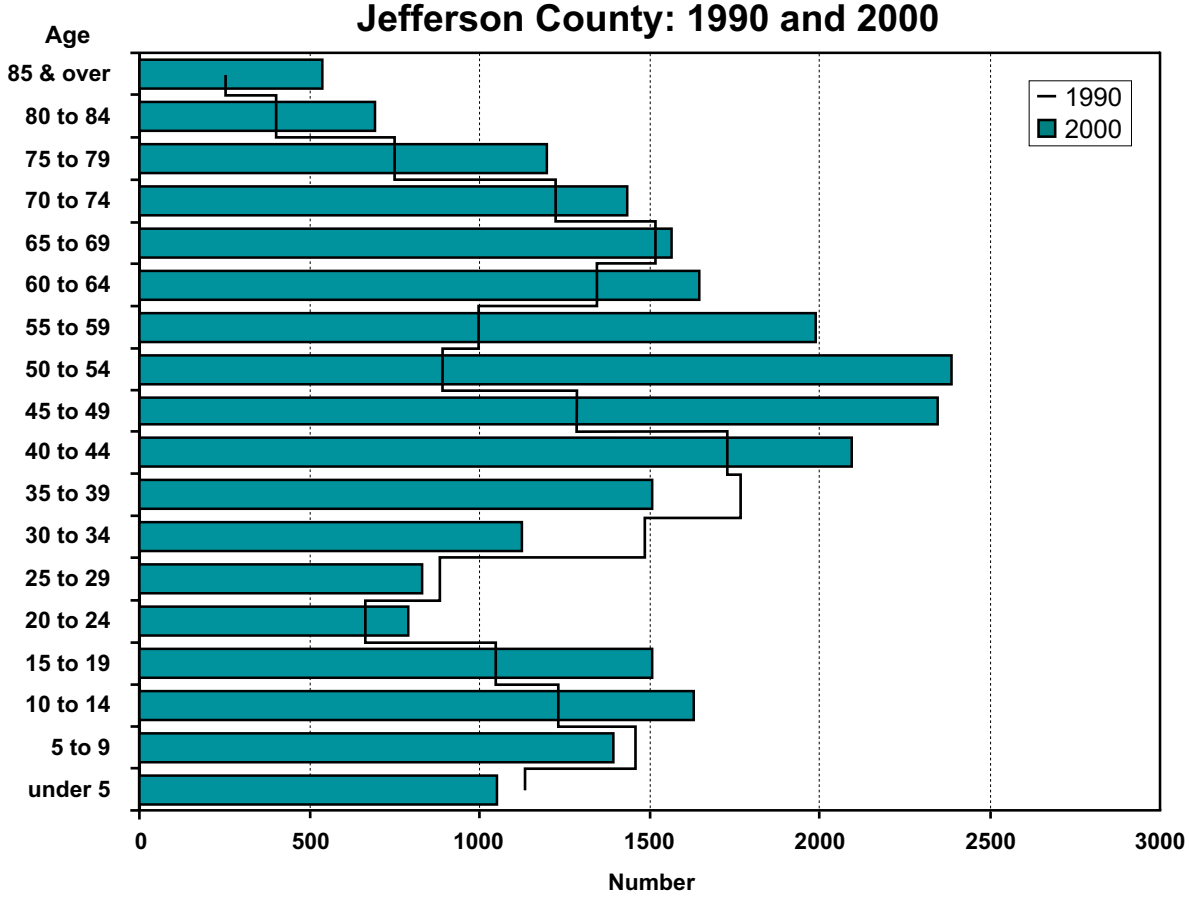
In contrast, there was little or no growth in the number of persons between 20 and 39. The number of teenagers and young adults increased modestly in each county, but not enough to counteract the very rapid growth in the older age groups.

As a consequence, these counties have a notably top heavy appearance with a large concentration of the population between 45 and 59. In 2000, 26 percent of **Jefferson** County's population, and 29 percent of **San Juan's** were between these ages compared to just 16 percent of the state's population. During this decade, the number of persons between 50 and 65 will increase, even if in-migration to these counties slows, as persons already living there grow older.

The median ages in these counties reflect these patterns. These increased by 6.2 and 4.9 years respectively in just a decade compared to the state's overall increase of 2.2 years. The median age in both counties is now over 47, by far the oldest counties in the state, and about 12 years older than the state average.

Number in Age Group

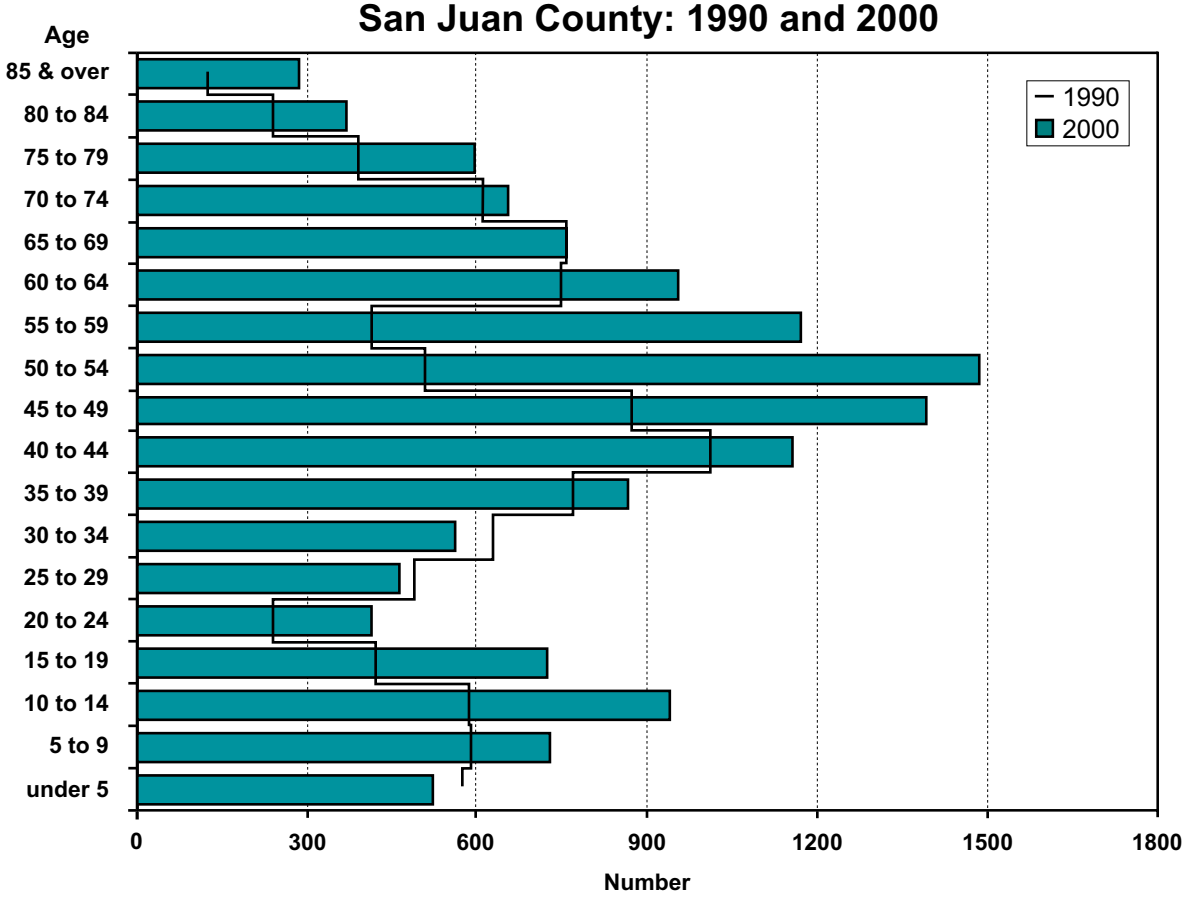
Jefferson County: 1990 and 2000



Age	Number 1990	Number 2000	Change #	Change %
85 & over	261	546	285	109.2
80 to 84	407	698	291	71.5
75 to 79	758	1,205	447	59.0
70 to 74	1,225	1,450	225	18.4
65 to 69	1,516	1,582	66	4.4
60 to 64	1,350	1,659	309	22.9
55 to 59	1,001	2,005	1,004	100.3
50 to 54	898	2,405	1,507	167.8
45 to 49	1,293	2,370	1,077	83.3
40 to 44	1,731	2,109	378	21.8
35 to 39	1,766	1,522	-244	-13.8
30 to 34	1,486	1,133	-353	-23.8
25 to 29	892	841	-51	-5.7
20 to 24	670	801	131	19.6
15 to 19	1,054	1,519	465	44.1
10 to 14	1,236	1,640	404	32.7
5 to 9	1,463	1,409	-54	-3.7
under 5	1,139	1,059	-80	-7.0
Total	**20,146**	**25,953**	**5,807**	**28.8**
Median Age	*40.9*	*47.1*		

Number in Age Group

San Juan County: 1990 and 2000



Age	Number 1990	Number 2000	Change #	Change %
85 & over	126	288	162	128.6
80 to 84	245	368	123	50.2
75 to 79	395	599	204	51.6
70 to 74	615	656	41	6.7
65 to 69	759	759	0	0.0
60 to 64	749	959	210	28.0
55 to 59	419	1,175	756	180.4
50 to 54	509	1,490	981	192.7
45 to 49	880	1,396	516	58.6
40 to 44	1,018	1,160	142	13.9
35 to 39	774	867	93	12.0
30 to 34	629	561	-68	-10.8
25 to 29	494	464	-30	-6.1
20 to 24	245	413	168	68.6
15 to 19	421	726	305	72.4
10 to 14	589	942	353	59.9
5 to 9	590	729	139	23.6
under 5	578	525	-53	-9.2
Total	**10,035**	**14,077**	**4,042**	**40.3**
Median Age	*42.5*	*47.4*		

Section 5
Young, Central Washington Counties

In central Washington, **Adams**, **Franklin**, **Grant**, and **Yakima** counties all have conspicuously young age structures. Between 35 and 38 percent of each county's population is less than 20 years of age, compared to 29 percent for the state as a whole. In addition, the number of persons under 20 grew more rapidly in these counties than in the state as a whole. In **Adams** and **Yakima** counties this growth was only slightly above the state's, an increase of 23 and 24 percent respectively compared to 21 percent for the state. But in **Franklin** and **Grant** counties it was much more rapid—33 and 41 percent respectively.

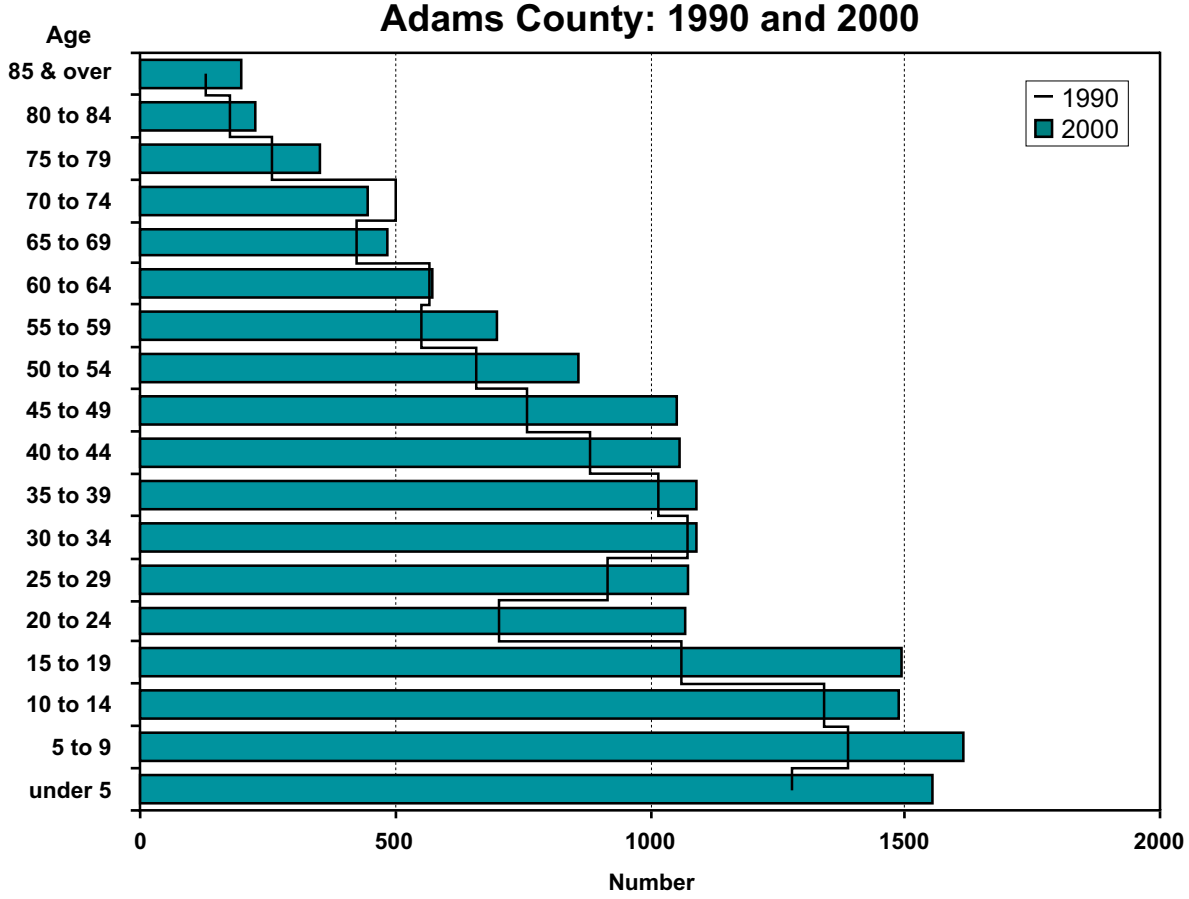
The uniqueness of these counties is reflected in their median ages. These are the youngest in the state, between 28.0 and 31.2. In addition, these are the only counties where the median age decreased during the last decade.

With the exception of **Yakima** County, these are all nonmetropolitan counties. As reported earlier, many of the state's nonmetro counties show a notable indentation in their age pyramids for the 20 to 30 or 35-year-old age groups, as young adults leave the area after high school to pursue further schooling and employment. This indentation does not show up in these counties, and yet there is no large educational institution in any of these.

These differences from state and other nonmetro county patterns are attributable to the rapid growth of the Hispanic population in the area. This population grew by between 77 and 142 percent in these counties. ***All*** or nearly all of the population growth in **Adams**, **Franklin**, and **Yakima** counties was due to growth in the Hispanic population. In **Grant**, 66 percent of the county's population growth was due to growth in the number of Hispanics.

Number in Age Group

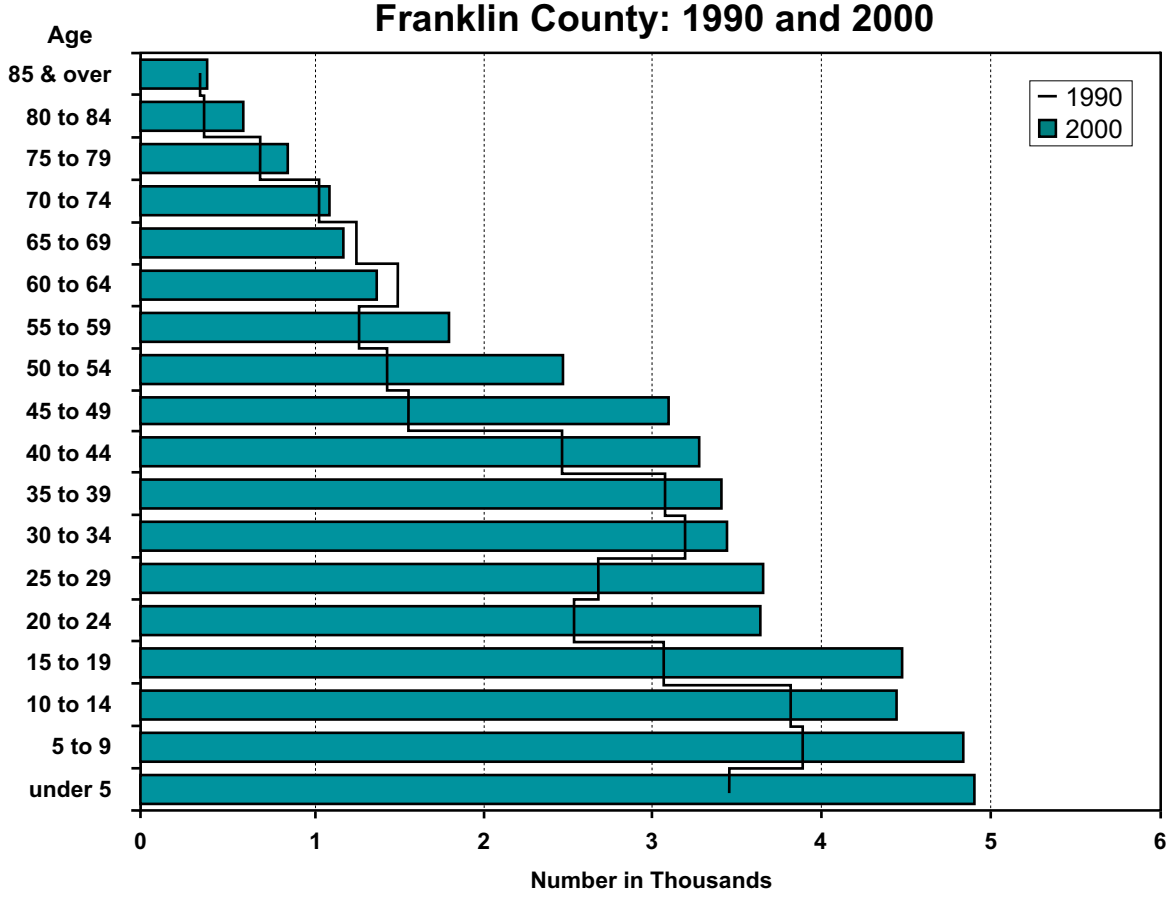
Adams County: 1990 and 2000



Age	Number 1990	Number 2000	Change #	Change %
85 & over	134	199	65	48.5
80 to 84	190	227	37	19.5
75 to 79	271	350	79	29.2
70 to 74	503	447	-56	-11.1
65 to 69	429	484	55	12.8
60 to 64	564	572	8	1.4
55 to 59	554	702	148	26.7
50 to 54	656	858	202	30.8
45 to 49	755	1,052	297	39.3
40 to 44	876	1,058	182	20.8
35 to 39	1,005	1,093	88	8.8
30 to 34	1,062	1,090	28	2.6
25 to 29	906	1,077	171	18.9
20 to 24	699	1,070	371	53.1
15 to 19	1,055	1,492	437	41.4
10 to 14	1,321	1,489	168	12.7
5 to 9	1,365	1,616	251	18.4
under 5	1,258	1,552	294	23.4
Total	**13,603**	**16,428**	**2,825**	**20.8**
Median Age	*30.9*	*29.6*		

Number in Age Group

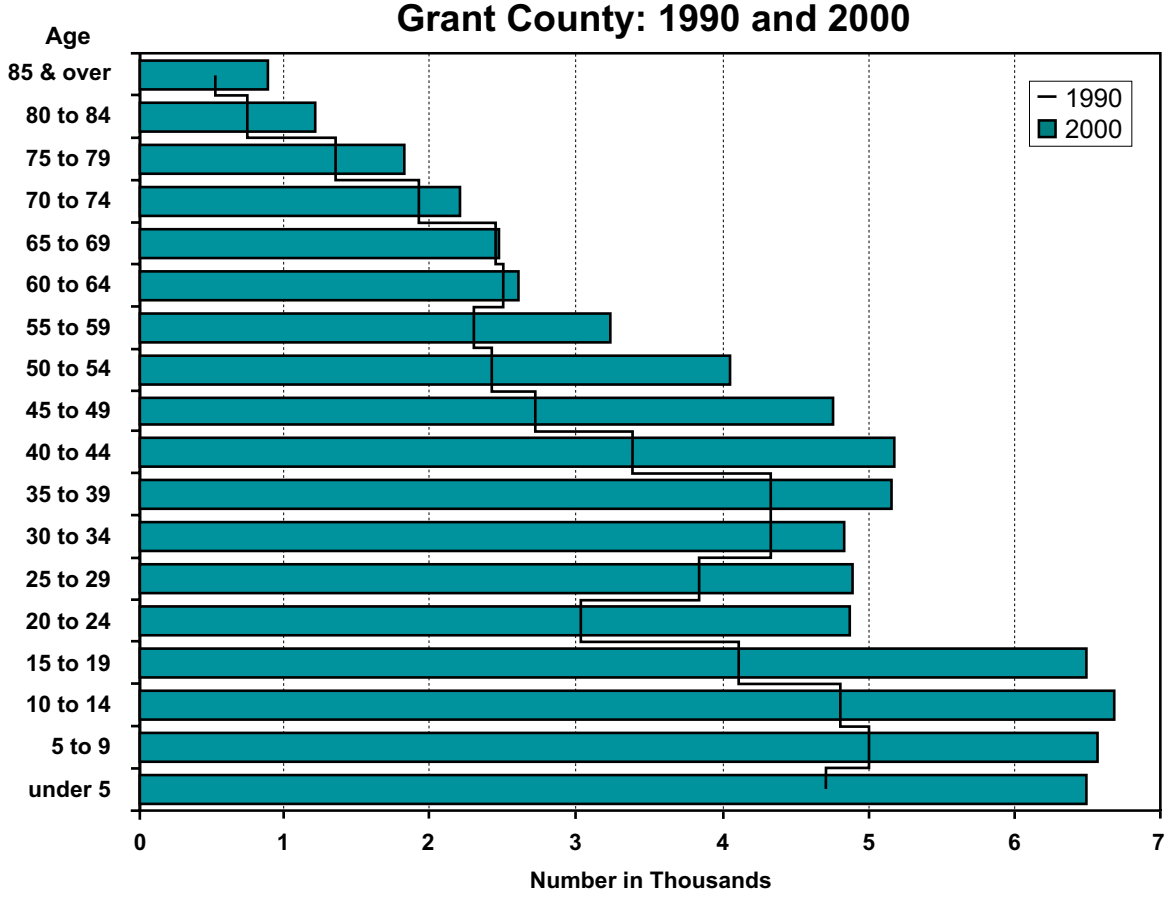
Franklin County: 1990 and 2000



Age	Number 1990	Number 2000	Change #	Change %
85 & over	338	398	60	17.8
80 to 84	347	603	256	73.8
75 to 79	700	878	178	25.4
70 to 74	1,031	1,114	83	8.1
65 to 69	1,258	1,207	-51	-4.1
60 to 64	1,496	1,390	-106	-7.1
55 to 59	1,262	1,817	555	44.0
50 to 54	1,440	2,492	1,052	73.1
45 to 49	1,563	3,131	1,568	100.3
40 to 44	2,461	3,305	844	34.3
35 to 39	3,055	3,442	387	12.7
30 to 34	3,181	3,464	283	8.9
25 to 29	2,663	3,675	1,012	38.0
20 to 24	2,534	3,668	1,134	44.8
15 to 19	3,051	4,503	1,452	47.6
10 to 14	3,790	4,466	676	17.8
5 to 9	3,865	4,861	996	25.8
under 5	3,438	4,933	1,495	43.5
Total	**37,473**	**49,347**	**11,874**	**31.7**
Median Age	*28.7*	*28.0*		

Number in Age Group

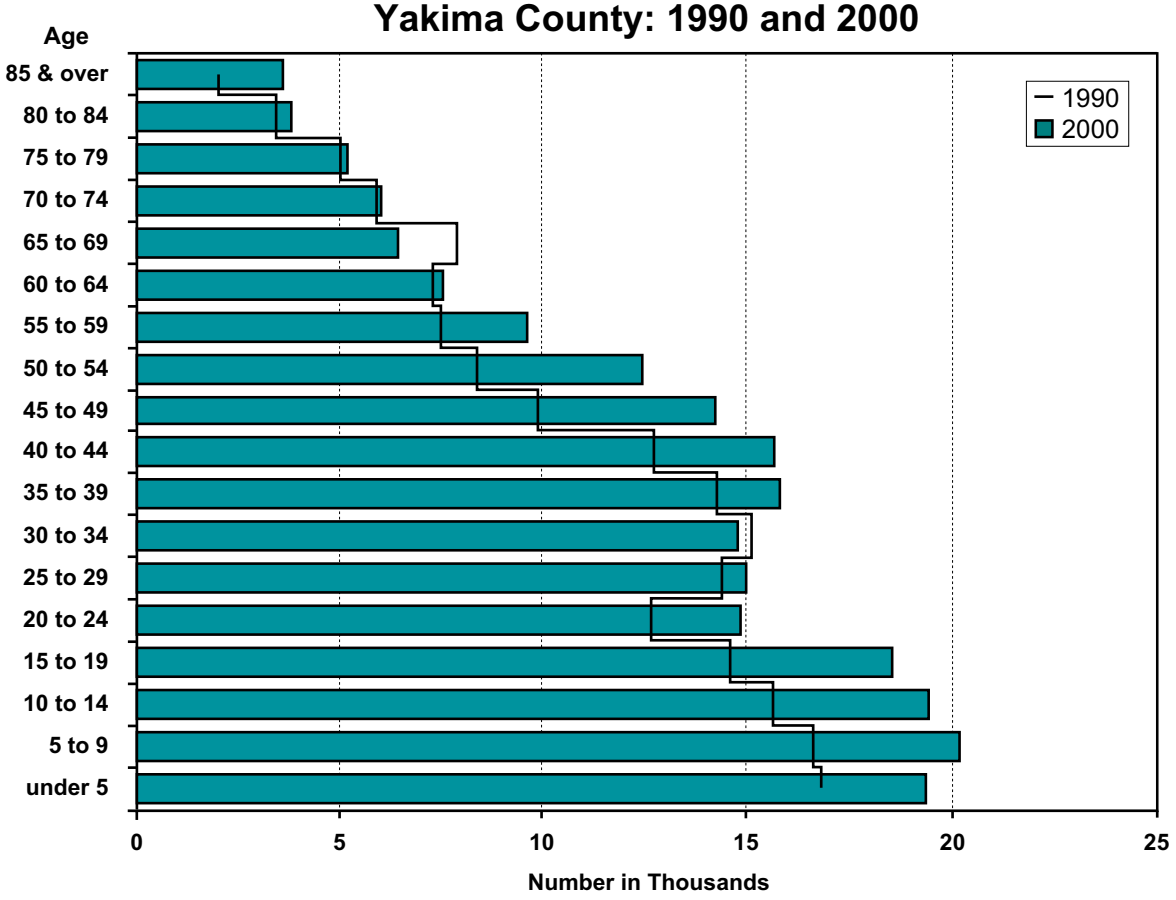
Grant County: 1990 and 2000



Age	Number 1990	Number 2000	Change #	Change %
85 & over	506	891	385	76.1
80 to 84	747	1,216	469	62.8
75 to 79	1,353	1,830	477	35.3
70 to 74	1,930	2,202	272	14.1
65 to 69	2,453	2,479	26	1.1
60 to 64	2,482	2,602	120	4.8
55 to 59	2,312	3,239	927	40.1
50 to 54	2,436	4,075	1,639	67.3
45 to 49	2,730	4,770	2,040	74.7
40 to 44	3,420	5,206	1,786	52.2
35 to 39	4,372	5,181	809	18.5
30 to 34	4,371	4,855	484	11.1
25 to 29	3,880	4,907	1,027	26.5
20 to 24	3,043	4,883	1,840	60.5
15 to 19	4,144	6,519	2,375	57.3
10 to 14	4,827	6,719	1,892	39.2
5 to 9	5,005	6,600	1,595	31.9
under 5	4,747	6,524	1,777	37.4
Total	**54,758**	**74,698**	**19,940**	**36.4**
Median Age	*32.0*	*31.1*		

Number in Age Group

Yakima County: 1990 and 2000



Age	Number 1990	Number 2000	Change #	Change %
85 & over	2,146	3,559	1,413	65.8
80 to 84	3,510	3,773	263	7.5
75 to 79	5,086	5,182	96	1.9
70 to 74	5,915	5,980	65	1.1
65 to 69	7,814	6,427	-1,387	-17.8
60 to 64	7,292	7,547	255	3.5
55 to 59	7,452	9,630	2,178	29.2
50 to 54	8,354	12,399	4,045	48.4
45 to 49	9,845	14,241	4,396	44.7
40 to 44	12,607	15,673	3,066	24.3
35 to 39	14,051	15,826	1,775	12.6
30 to 34	15,120	14,757	-363	-2.4
25 to 29	14,300	14,956	656	4.6
20 to 24	12,520	14,873	2,353	18.8
15 to 19	14,411	18,598	4,187	29.1
10 to 14	15,420	19,457	4,037	26.2
5 to 9	16,385	20,263	3,878	23.7
under 5	16,595	19,440	2,845	17.1
Total	**188,823**	**222,581**	**33,758**	**17.9**
Median Age	*31.5*	*31.2*		

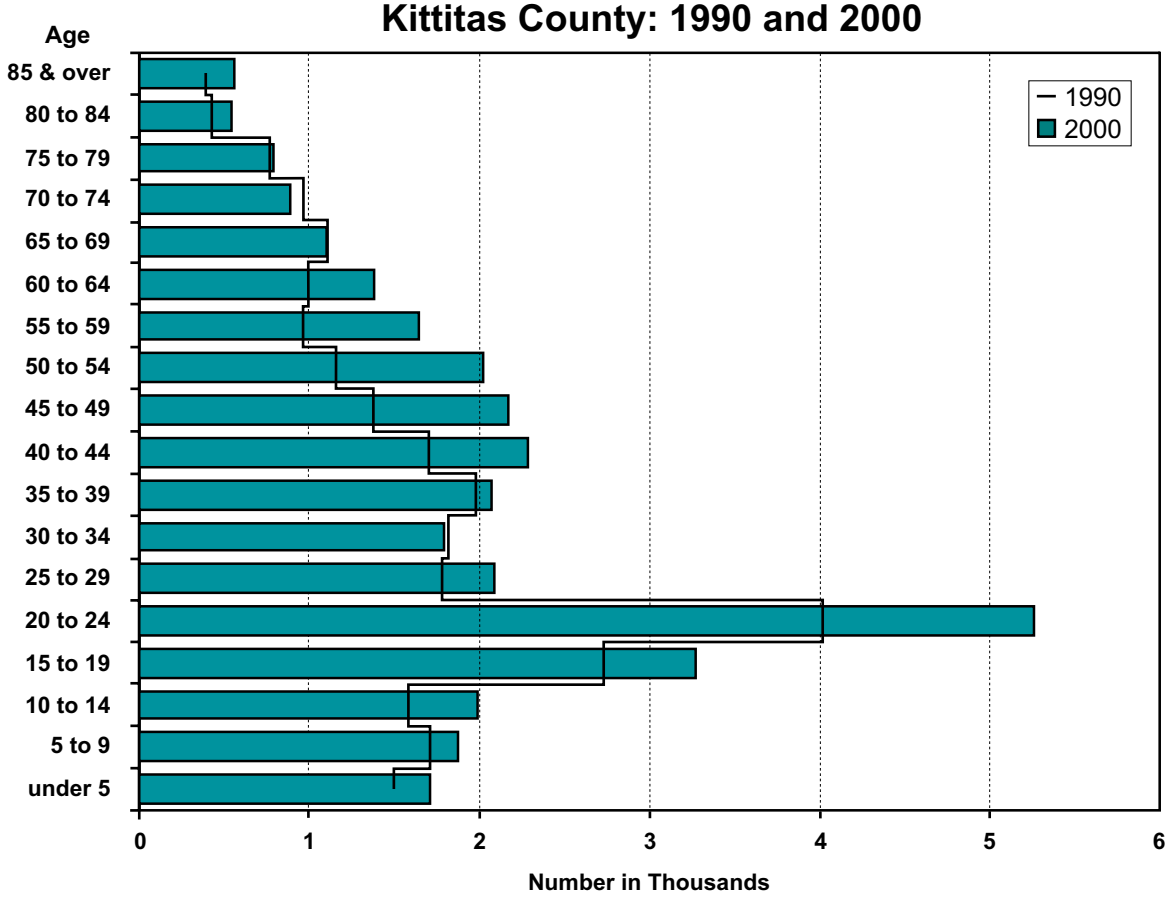
Section 6
College Counties

Several smaller Washington counties are the home to colleges or universities and this creates unique age structures. Instead of an indentation in the pyramids for the 20- to 24-year-old age group, there is a high concentration of the population in these years. **Kittitas** and, especially, **Whitman** counties are the best examples of this pattern. In **Whitman** County nearly a quarter of the population is in this one age group. This is somewhat less in **Kittitas**—17 percent—but still well above the state average of just 7%. **Walla Walla** and **Whatcom** counties also show a greater concentration in this age group than other Washington counties. With the exception of **Whitman** County, these counties also witnessed a substantial increase in the number of 20- to 24 year-olds.

Walla Walla and **Whatcom** counties also have a large number of 15- to 19-year-olds perhaps because of the additional presence of community colleges. Both of these counties experienced growth in the number of 40- to 54-year-olds, but the pattern of concentration in the college-aged population became more rather than less notable during the last decade.

Number in Age Group

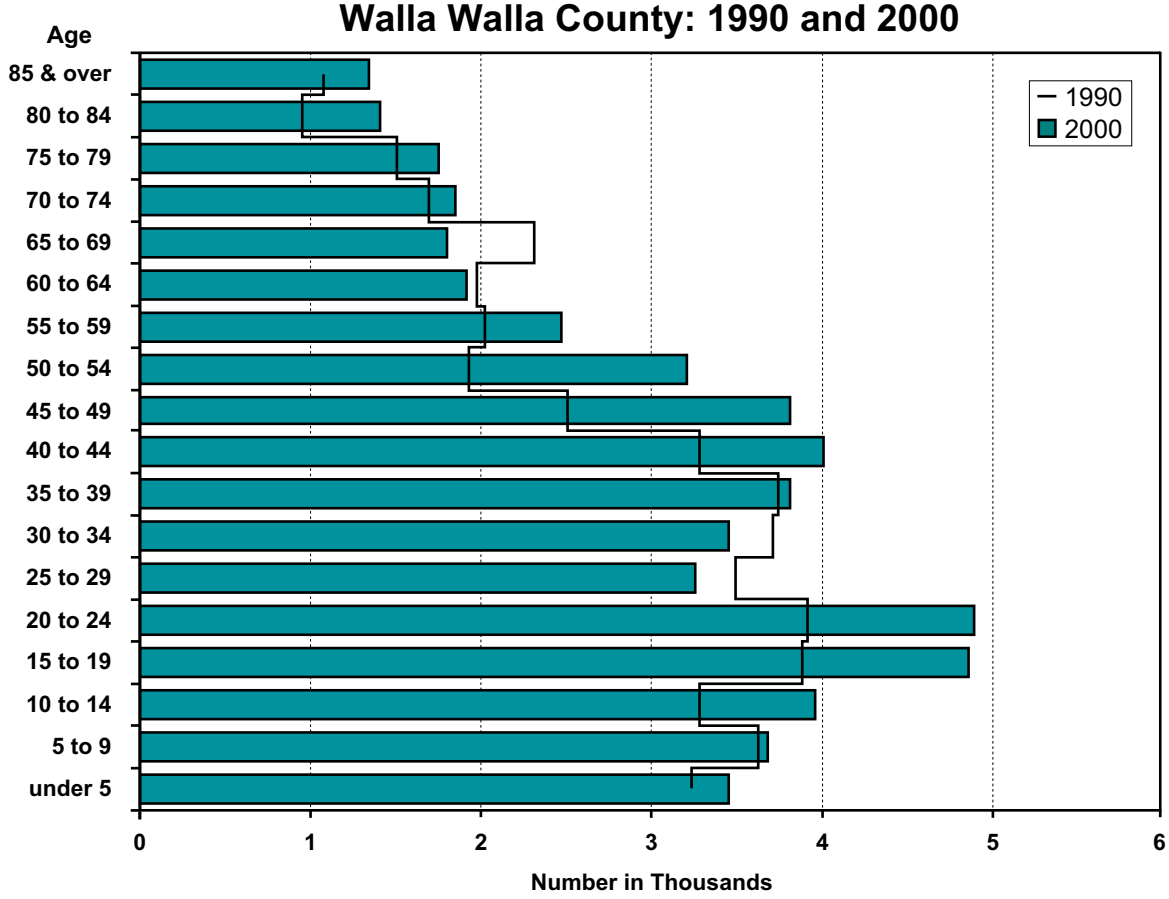
Kittitas County: 1990 and 2000



Age	Number 1990	Number 2000	Change #	Change %
85 & over	366	553	187	51.1
80 to 84	391	543	152	38.9
75 to 79	760	794	34	4.5
70 to 74	948	884	-64	-6.8
65 to 69	1,085	1,097	12	1.1
60 to 64	979	1,372	393	40.1
55 to 59	959	1,646	687	71.6
50 to 54	1,146	2,014	868	75.7
45 to 49	1,362	2,168	806	59.2
40 to 44	1,692	2,281	589	34.8
35 to 39	1,972	2,066	94	4.8
30 to 34	1,813	1,787	-26	-1.4
25 to 29	1,761	2,078	317	18.0
20 to 24	4,021	5,249	1,228	30.5
15 to 19	2,730	3,264	534	19.6
10 to 14	1,567	1,990	423	27.0
5 to 9	1,690	1,870	180	10.7
under 5	1,483	1,706	223	15.0
Total	**26,725**	**33,362**	**6,637**	**24.8**
Median Age	*30.1*	*31.4*		

Number in Age Group

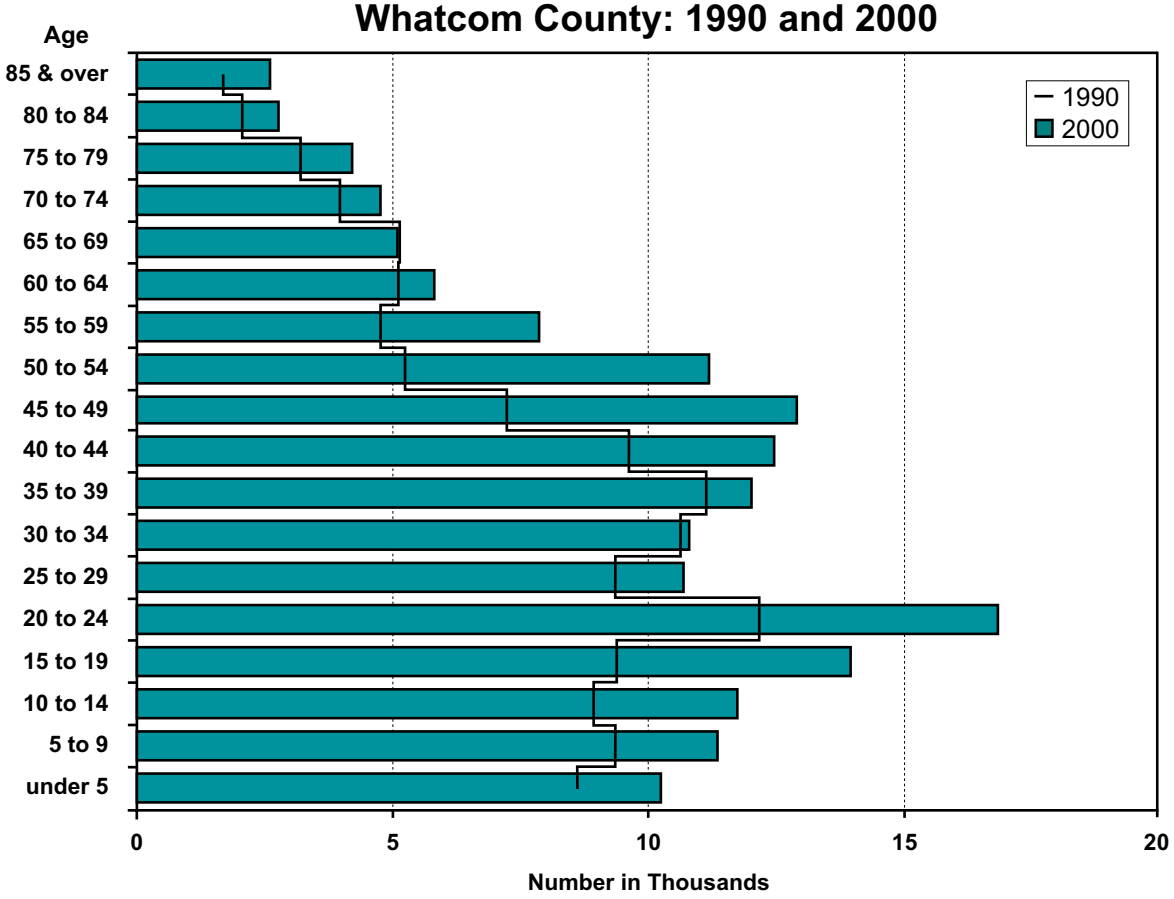
Walla Walla County: 1990 and 2000



Age	Number 1990	Number 2000	Change #	Change %
85 & over	1,082	1,344	262	24.2
80 to 84	965	1,413	448	46.4
75 to 79	1,528	1,753	225	14.7
70 to 74	1,694	1,864	170	10.0
65 to 69	2,331	1,800	-531	-22.8
60 to 64	1,989	1,925	-64	-3.2
55 to 59	2,034	2,482	448	22.0
50 to 54	1,945	3,227	1,282	65.9
45 to 49	2,524	3,829	1,305	51.7
40 to 44	3,296	4,029	733	22.2
35 to 39	3,759	3,824	65	1.7
30 to 34	3,739	3,475	-264	-7.1
25 to 29	3,514	3,279	-235	-6.7
20 to 24	3,933	4,923	990	25.2
15 to 19	3,906	4,879	973	24.9
10 to 14	3,306	3,974	668	20.2
5 to 9	3,638	3,691	53	1.5
under 5	3,256	3,469	213	6.5
Total	**48,439**	**55,180**	**6,741**	**13.9**
Median Age	*33.6*	*34.9*		

Number in Age Group

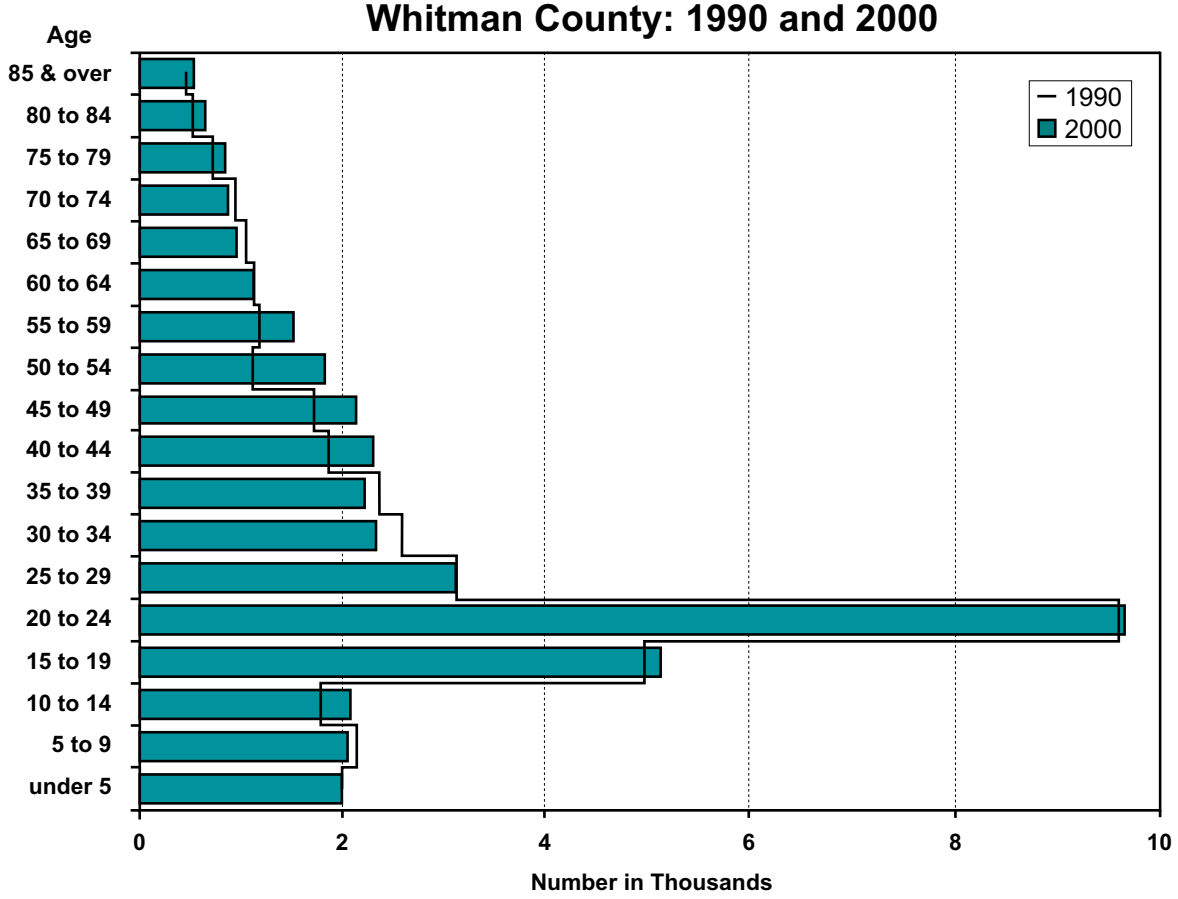
Whatcom County: 1990 and 2000



Age	Number 1990	Number 2000	Change #	Change %
85 & over	1,783	2,582	799	44.8
80 to 84	2,111	2,760	649	30.7
75 to 79	3,156	4,225	1,069	33.9
70 to 74	4,011	4,728	717	17.9
65 to 69	5,164	5,105	-59	-1.1
60 to 64	5,150	5,779	629	12.2
55 to 59	4,806	7,819	3,013	62.7
50 to 54	5,274	11,153	5,879	111.5
45 to 49	7,247	12,865	5,618	77.5
40 to 44	9,603	12,442	2,839	29.6
35 to 39	11,096	11,976	880	7.9
30 to 34	10,634	10,758	124	1.2
25 to 29	9,375	10,671	1,296	13.8
20 to 24	12,117	16,776	4,659	38.5
15 to 19	9,362	13,946	4,584	49.0
10 to 14	8,911	11,707	2,796	31.4
5 to 9	9,369	11,312	1,943	20.7
under 5	8,611	10,210	1,599	18.6
Total	**127,780**	**166,814**	**39,034**	**30.5**
Median Age	*32.7*	*34.0*		

Number in Age Group

Whitman County: 1990 and 2000



Age	Number 1990	Number 2000	Change #	Change %
85 & over	437	529	92	21.1
80 to 84	529	626	97	18.3
75 to 79	728	818	90	12.4
70 to 74	919	859	-60	-6.5
65 to 69	1,052	933	-119	-11.3
60 to 64	1,098	1,110	12	1.1
55 to 59	1,150	1,501	351	30.5
50 to 54	1,099	1,802	703	64.0
45 to 49	1,706	2,106	400	23.4
40 to 44	1,822	2,258	436	23.9
35 to 39	2,334	2,182	-152	-6.5
30 to 34	2,558	2,285	-273	-10.7
25 to 29	3,085	3,072	-13	-0.4
20 to 24	9,505	9,566	61	0.6
15 to 19	4,907	5,048	141	2.9
10 to 14	1,754	2,051	297	16.9
5 to 9	2,117	2,021	-96	-4.5
under 5	1,975	1,973	-2	-0.1
Total	**38,775**	**40,740**	**1,965**	**5.1**
Median Age	*24.4*	*24.7*		

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