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### **POPULATION PROJECTIONS FOR LEHIGH AND NORTHAMPTON COUNTIES: 2000-2030**

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The Lehigh Valley Planning Commission (LVPC) periodically creates projections of future population for the Lehigh Valley for use in the regional comprehensive plan for Lehigh and Northampton counties. Population projections are needed for a 20- to 30-year horizon to identify growth issues associated with land use, resource protection and infrastructure planning. The LVPC's projections provide data needed to forecast the Valley's future transportation, sewer, water and park needs. In 2002, as part of an update of the regional comprehensive plan, the LVPC created population projections for Lehigh County, Northampton County and the two-county region for the period of 2000 through 2030. These projections are documented in the Comprehensive Plan: The Lehigh Valley...2030 adopted by Lehigh and Northampton counties in June 2005. In 2006, the U.S. Census Bureau released municipal and county population estimates for July 1, 2005. The U.S. Census Bureau estimates showed higher populations for Lehigh and Northampton counties than the 2005 projected populations built into the comprehensive plan. The LVPC projection for Northampton County showed an increase of about 13,000 people between 2000 and 2005 while the Census data showed an increase of about 20,700 people during this period. Similarly, in Lehigh County the LVPC projected a population increase of about 9,000 people while the U.S. Census Bureau estimated an increase of about 18,000 people for the 2000 to 2005 period. Although these differences are relatively small compared to base populations of about 300,000 in each county, the differences were quite large in some rapidly growing municipalities. In addition, the growth due to migration was much higher than previously projected. For these reasons, in September 2006 the LVPC updated its population projections through 2030 taking into account the official 2005 Census estimates.

In the Lehigh Valley, population growth is caused by natural increases (more births than deaths) and migration of people into the region. Population projections for the Valley are most strongly influenced by the migration of people in or out of the region. Over the past several decades, both Lehigh and Northampton counties have experienced a strong migration of people into the area. During the 1990s, Lehigh County added about 11,900 people from migration and Northampton County added about 13,300 people. These numbers reflect net migration — meaning that, even though people moved both in and out of each county, those moving in outnumbered those that left by these totals. Migration accounted for more than half of Lehigh County's total population growth of 20,959 during the 1990s and two-thirds of the 19,961 population growth in Northampton County during the decade.

Given this migration history, the LVPC's 2002 population projections were based upon an assumption that net migration would continue to increase in both counties and the region throughout the 30-year projection period. Even so, the official 2005 Census net migration estimates released in 2006 were significantly higher than the estimates the LVPC had used in its projections. In fact, the official 2000 to 2005 Census net migration estimate for the Valley of 33,116 people (15,005 into Lehigh County and 18,111 into Northampton County) was higher than the LVPC's net migration estimate of 32,394 people (11,882 into Lehigh County and 20,512 into Northampton County) for the ten-year period from 2000 to 2010. This rapid increase in net migration over the five-year period between 2000 and 2005 represents a distinct deviation from the Valley's traditional migration pattern.

Recognizing this change in migration and the important role migration data has in determining the Valley's population, the LVPC incorporated the official 2005 Census net migration estimates into its population projection model. By adding the 2005 Census net migration estimates to the 1950 through 2000 migration data, the LVPC was able to establish a historical migration trend that took into account the actual migration that occurred between 1950 and 2000 as well as the estimated migration that occurred between 2000 and 2005. This updated historical migration trend ultimately translates into higher net migration estimates for each county throughout the projection period. Based upon the new trend, the LVPC estimates that the Valley will experience a net migration of 56,200 people (24,319 into Lehigh County and 31,881 into Northampton County) between 2000 and 2010. For the entire projection period of 2000 to 2030, the projections include a net migration of 169,625 people (67,142 into Lehigh County and 102,483 into Northampton County).

The population projection model the LVPC uses operates with a base Census year, in this case 2000, and then projects population from that base year forward taking into account fertility, survival rates and migration assumptions. Adding the official 2005 Census net migration estimates to this model allowed the LVPC to adjust the 2005 population projections so that the total population figures for each county and the region essentially replicate the official 2005 Census population estimates. The addition of this migration data also caused the model to adjust the remaining projections (2010 through 2030) to take into account the new migration trend established using the 2005 Census estimates.

Using the population projection model described above, the LVPC projects total persons for each county and the region for each 5-year period between 2000 and 2030. Male and female populations by 5-year age group (0 to 4, 5 to 9, 10 to 14, etc.) are also projected. Therefore, the projections are not only valuable for considering impacts of total population growth but also for evaluating impacts by gender and age group. One example is the aging of the baby boom generation that will yield dramatic increases in the older population of the region in the future. Projecting population by age group requires a migration profile or distribution by age and gender that takes into account the fact that not all age groups have the same migration tendencies. For instance, college-bound persons and those in their twenties are more mobile both in and out of the region than are other age groups. Based on the experience of the 1990s, the LVPC has developed a migration distribution by age and gender for each county. These patterns of movement by age and gender were applied throughout the projection period to create the gender and age group projections.

Key characteristics of the Northampton County migration distribution are as follows:

- Only two age groups have net migration out of the county — the 20–24 and 25–29 age groups.
- Beginning in their early thirties, people are bringing their families to live in Northampton County. This accounts for the strong in-migration of both the 30–34 and older age groups and the 14 and under age groups.
- The strongest “parent” in-migration is in the 35–39 age group and the strongest “child” in-migration is in the 5–9 age group. This suggests that many couples are beginning families when in their early thirties.
- College-bound young adults in the 15–19 age group are also migrating into the county to attend local colleges and universities. This trend is evident for both men and women but is much stronger among men.
- After college, both men and women are leaving the county to take jobs or pursue opportunities elsewhere. This trend continues through the 25–29 age group with more men than women moving out.
- The most dramatic migration is for males coming into Northampton County at college age and leaving in the 20–29 age groups.
- There is net migration into Northampton County for all age groups above 25–29. This counters the notion that people move out of the area in their 40s or 50s to find better jobs or to retire. Such movement may be taking place somewhat but, if so, it is more than counter-balanced by others moving into the Valley.

Key characteristics of the Lehigh County migration distribution are as follows:

- Migration is more moderate in Lehigh County than Northampton County in terms of both total persons and in the distribution by age group. Lehigh County does not have as dramatic shifts of in- and out-migration by age group.
  - Women are migrating in both for college and thereafter.
  - Men are migrating out both for college and after college.
  - Men come back into Lehigh County in their late 20s presumably for job opportunities.
- Families are migrating to live in Lehigh County in somewhat lower numbers than in Northampton County.
- At age 70 and above, there is net in-migration to Lehigh County, particularly among men.

A summary of the new LVPC population projections for Lehigh and Northampton counties and the Lehigh Valley is presented below. Additionally, a graph and table showing the population data for each county and the region from 1950 to 2030 is shown on page 6.

	<b><u>2000 Population</u></b>	<b>Population Projections</b>		
		<b><u>2010</u></b>	<b><u>2020</u></b>	<b><u>2030</u></b>
Lehigh County	312,090	342,932	370,644	399,721
Northampton County	267,066	301,416	333,382	368,135
Lehigh Valley	579,156	644,348	704,026	767,856

Key statistics about the population projections are as follows:

- The Lehigh Valley population will increase by 188,700 people from 2000 to 2030 or by 32.6% over three decades. This projected increase in population represents faster growth than experienced over the previous 30 years (1970-2000) during which the population increased by 23.3%.
- Lehigh County’s population will increase by 87,631 people from 2000 to 2030 – 9.4% per decade. In comparison, the population grew at a rate of 7.4% per decade over the previous 30 years.
- Northampton County’s population will increase by 101,069 people from 2000 to 2030 – 12.6% per decade. In comparison, the population grew at a rate of 8.2% per decade over the previous 30 years.
- Northampton County’s population over the projection period will increase faster than Lehigh County’s population because of additional migration. Lehigh County will experience a net migration of about 67,000 people over the projection period compared to the 102,000 people Northampton County will gain due to migration over the same period. Thus, Northampton County is projected to receive about 1.5 times as much net migration as Lehigh County.
- Northampton County’s net migration is stronger than Lehigh County’s because it is closer to the main inflow of people from New York and New Jersey.

The age distribution will be changing dramatically over the projection period as the baby boomers move from the mid-years of the population to the older years. A graph and table showing population change by age group for 2000 to 2030 can be found on page 7. Several key elements of the projected population change are as follows:

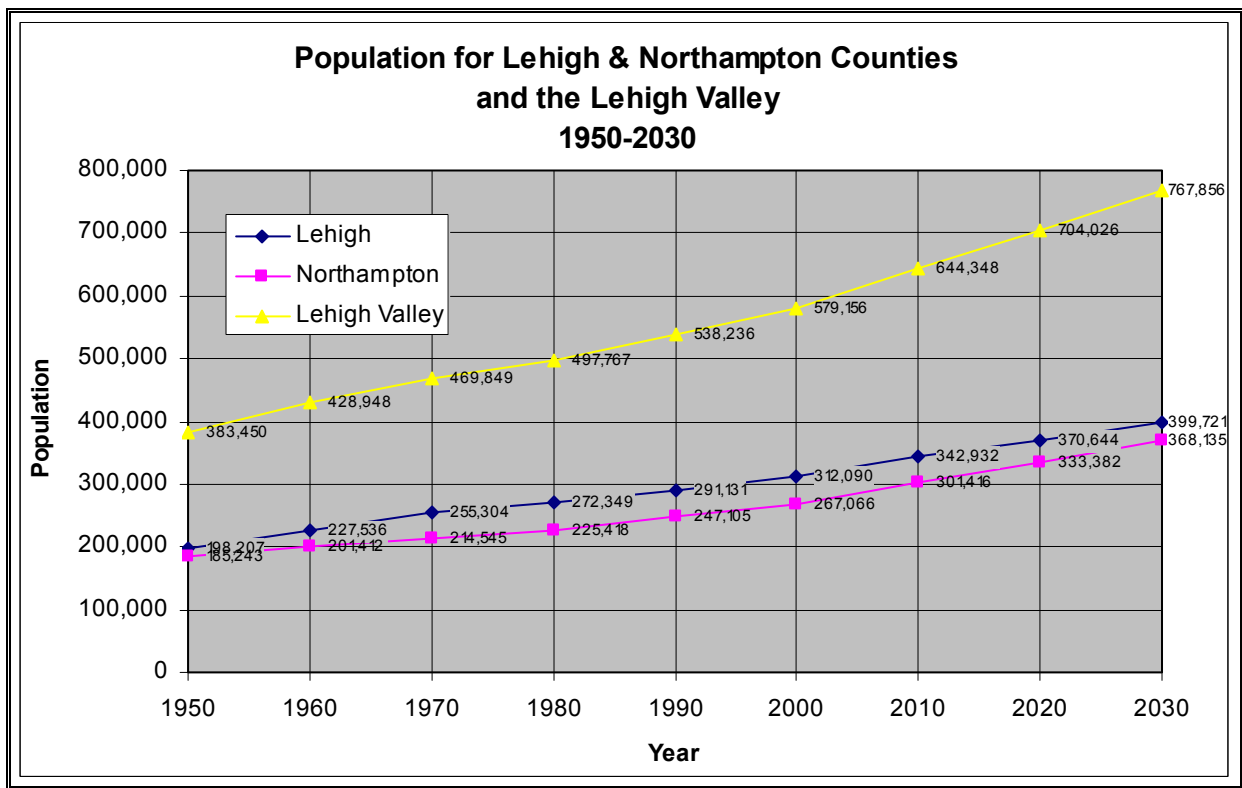
- In 2000, 24.8% of the Lehigh Valley population was 55 or older. It is projected that in 2030 31.7% of the regional population will be 55 or older.
- The number of people in the Lehigh Valley that are 55 or older will increase by 69.4% from 143,811 in 2000 to 243,589 in 2030.

- In 2000, 15.8% of the Lehigh Valley population was 65 or older. It is projected that in 2030 20.6% of the regional population will be 65 or older.
- The number of people in the Lehigh Valley that are 65 or older will increase by 72.6% from 91,464 in 2000 to 158,006 in 2030.
- In 2000, 8.0% of the Lehigh Valley population was 75 or older. It is projected that in 2030 9.8% of the regional population will be 75 or older.
- The number of people in the Lehigh Valley that are 75 or older will increase by 63.7% from 46,192 in 2000 to 75,594 in 2030.

The year 2000 Census population for Lehigh County, Northampton County and the two-county region can be found on page 8 for reference. Data is provided for both male and female populations by 5-year age group. Projected populations by age, gender, county and region for each 5-year period from 2005 to 2030 can also be found beginning on page 8. The 2005 projected population data is shown rather than the 2005 Census estimates for two reasons. First, the projections and the Census estimates are essentially the same at the county and regional level. Second, the Census estimates do not provide a breakdown by age/sex cohort. Providing the 2005 projections rather than the 2005 Census estimates allows for a breakdown by cohort to be presented while still essentially providing the official 2005 total population figures.

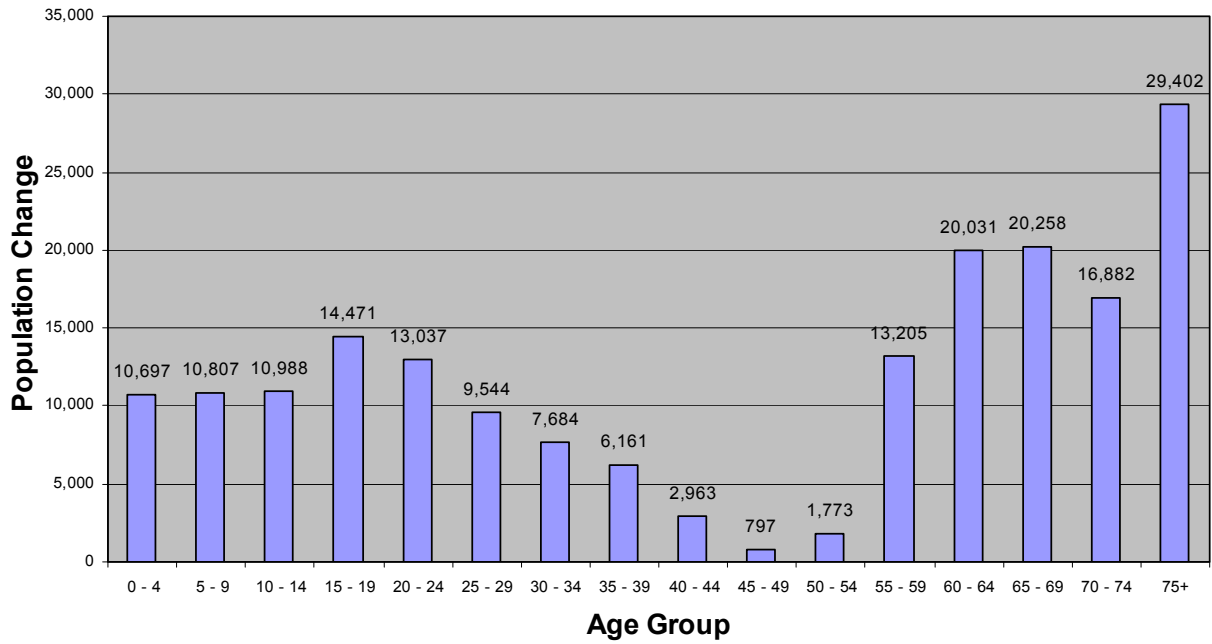
The LVPC will continue to monitor population changes for Lehigh and Northampton counties and will make future adjustments to the population projections as needed.

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	<b>Lehigh</b>	<b>Northampton</b>	<b>Lehigh Valley</b>
<b>1950</b>	198,207	185,243	383,450
<b>1960</b>	227,536	201,412	428,948
<b>1970</b>	255,304	214,545	469,849
<b>1980</b>	272,349	225,418	497,767
<b>1990</b>	291,131	247,105	538,236
<b>2000</b>	312,090	267,066	579,156
<b>2010</b>	342,932	301,416	644,348
<b>2020</b>	370,644	333,382	704,026
<b>2030</b>	399,721	368,135	767,856

## Lehigh Valley Population Change from 2000-2030 by Age Group



	<b>Total Change from 2000-2030</b>
<b>0 - 4</b>	10,697
<b>5 - 9</b>	10,807
<b>10 - 14</b>	10,988
<b>15 - 19</b>	14,471
<b>20 - 24</b>	13,037
<b>25 - 29</b>	9,544
<b>30 - 34</b>	7,684
<b>35 - 39</b>	6,161
<b>40 - 44</b>	2,963
<b>45 - 49</b>	797
<b>50 - 54</b>	1,773
<b>55 - 59</b>	13,205
<b>60 - 64</b>	20,031
<b>65 - 69</b>	20,258
<b>70 - 74</b>	16,882
<b>75+</b>	29,402

**OFFICIAL PROJECTIONS OF POPULATION BY AGE AND SEX: 2000-2030**

<b>2000 CENSUS</b>									
<b>Age</b>	<b>LEHIGH COUNTY</b>			<b>NORTHAMPTON COUNTY</b>			<b>LEHIGH VALLEY</b>		
	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Total</b>
0 - 4	9,615	9,147	18,762	7,644	7,218	14,862	17,259	16,365	33,624
5 - 9	10,924	10,467	21,391	9,114	8,602	17,716	20,038	19,069	39,107
10 - 14	11,296	10,768	22,064	9,666	9,187	18,853	20,962	19,955	40,917
15 - 19	10,341	9,980	20,321	9,929	9,359	19,288	20,270	19,339	39,609
20 - 24	8,524	8,815	17,339	8,454	7,759	16,213	16,978	16,574	33,552
25 - 29	9,142	9,294	18,436	7,211	7,132	14,343	16,353	16,426	32,779
30 - 34	10,767	10,587	21,354	8,660	9,023	17,683	19,427	19,610	39,037
35 - 39	12,435	12,675	25,110	10,532	10,587	21,119	22,967	23,262	46,229
40 - 44	13,031	13,183	26,214	11,038	11,479	22,517	24,069	24,662	48,731
45 - 49	11,487	11,692	23,179	9,928	10,105	20,033	21,415	21,797	43,212
50 - 54	10,017	10,525	20,542	8,916	9,090	18,006	18,933	19,615	38,548
55 - 59	7,454	8,016	15,470	6,732	7,049	13,781	14,186	15,065	29,251
60 - 64	5,952	6,522	12,474	5,139	5,483	10,622	11,091	12,005	23,096
65 - 69	5,508	6,608	12,116	4,644	5,545	10,189	10,152	12,153	22,305
70 - 74	5,287	7,044	12,331	4,643	5,993	10,636	9,930	13,037	22,967
75+	8,774	16,213	24,987	7,711	13,494	21,205	16,485	29,707	46,192
<b>Total</b>	<b>150,554</b>	<b>161,536</b>	<b>312,090</b>	<b>129,961</b>	<b>137,105</b>	<b>267,066</b>	<b>280,515</b>	<b>298,641</b>	<b>579,156</b>

<b>2005 PROJECTION</b>									
<b>Age</b>	<b>LEHIGH COUNTY</b>			<b>NORTHAMPTON COUNTY</b>			<b>LEHIGH VALLEY</b>		
	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Total</b>
0 - 4	9,975	9,396	19,371	8,217	7,929	16,146	18,192	17,325	35,517
5 - 9	11,096	10,725	21,821	10,098	8,845	18,943	21,194	19,570	40,764
10 - 14	12,693	12,274	24,967	9,702	9,880	19,582	22,395	22,154	44,549
15 - 19	10,930	11,279	22,209	12,967	11,216	24,183	23,897	22,495	46,392
20 - 24	9,518	10,385	19,903	8,206	7,738	15,944	17,724	18,123	35,847
25 - 29	9,931	9,052	18,983	5,399	6,646	12,045	15,330	15,698	31,028
30 - 34	10,753	10,662	21,415	8,017	8,201	16,218	18,770	18,863	37,633
35 - 39	11,240	11,103	22,343	10,935	11,232	22,167	22,175	22,335	44,510
40 - 44	12,892	13,240	26,132	10,792	11,171	21,963	23,684	24,411	48,095
45 - 49	12,607	13,046	25,653	11,599	11,660	23,259	24,206	24,706	48,912
50 - 54	11,173	11,353	22,526	9,933	10,355	20,288	21,106	21,708	42,814
55 - 59	9,634	10,200	19,834	9,051	9,250	18,301	18,685	19,450	38,135
60 - 64	6,981	7,812	14,793	6,438	7,023	13,461	13,419	14,835	28,254
65 - 69	5,484	6,022	11,506	5,033	5,623	10,656	10,517	11,645	22,162
70 - 74	5,079	6,662	11,741	4,607	5,349	9,956	9,686	12,011	21,697
75+	10,019	17,520	27,539	9,011	15,132	24,143	19,030	32,652	51,682
<b>Total</b>	<b>160,005</b>	<b>170,731</b>	<b>330,736</b>	<b>140,005</b>	<b>147,250</b>	<b>287,255</b>	<b>300,010</b>	<b>317,981</b>	<b>617,991</b>



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<b>2010 PROJECTION</b>									
<b>Age</b>	<b>LEHIGH COUNTY</b>			<b>NORTHAMPTON COUNTY</b>			<b>LEHIGH VALLEY</b>		
	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Total</b>
0 - 4	10,108	9,581	19,689	8,037	7,741	15,778	18,145	17,322	35,467
5 - 9	10,887	10,371	21,258	10,080	9,164	19,244	20,967	19,535	40,502
10 - 14	12,190	11,844	24,034	10,542	9,816	20,358	22,732	21,660	44,392
15 - 19	12,452	12,585	25,037	12,207	11,419	23,626	24,659	24,004	48,663
20 - 24	10,399	11,523	21,922	11,632	9,976	21,608	22,031	21,499	43,530
25 - 29	10,367	10,523	20,890	5,872	6,888	12,760	16,239	17,411	33,650
30 - 34	10,908	9,893	20,801	6,012	7,458	13,470	16,920	17,351	34,271
35 - 39	11,026	10,971	21,997	9,739	9,878	19,617	20,765	20,849	41,614
40 - 44	11,499	11,439	22,938	11,112	11,662	22,774	22,611	23,101	45,712
45 - 49	12,569	13,113	25,682	11,188	11,289	22,477	23,757	24,402	48,159
50 - 54	12,290	12,756	25,046	11,512	11,795	23,307	23,802	24,551	48,353
55 - 59	10,749	11,039	21,788	9,916	10,395	20,311	20,665	21,434	42,099
60 - 64	9,035	9,881	18,916	8,587	9,087	17,674	17,622	18,968	36,590
65 - 69	6,373	7,291	13,664	6,114	6,969	13,083	12,487	14,260	26,747
70 - 74	4,911	5,894	10,805	4,781	5,356	10,137	9,692	11,250	20,942
75+	10,372	18,093	28,465	9,585	15,607	25,192	19,957	33,700	53,657
<b>Total</b>	<b>166,135</b>	<b>176,797</b>	<b>342,932</b>	<b>146,916</b>	<b>154,500</b>	<b>301,416</b>	<b>313,051</b>	<b>331,297</b>	<b>644,348</b>

<b>2015 PROJECTION</b>									
<b>Age</b>	<b>LEHIGH COUNTY</b>			<b>NORTHAMPTON COUNTY</b>			<b>LEHIGH VALLEY</b>		
	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Total</b>
0 - 4	10,809	10,246	21,055	8,469	8,162	16,631	19,278	18,408	37,686
5 - 9	11,074	10,615	21,689	10,112	9,116	19,228	21,186	19,731	40,917
10 - 14	12,048	11,558	23,606	10,575	10,244	20,819	22,623	21,802	44,425
15 - 19	11,937	12,176	24,113	13,330	11,530	24,860	25,267	23,706	48,973
20 - 24	11,884	12,842	24,726	10,731	10,041	20,772	22,615	22,883	45,498
25 - 29	11,296	11,668	22,964	9,020	9,027	18,047	20,316	20,695	41,011
30 - 34	11,403	11,413	22,816	6,554	7,791	14,345	17,957	19,204	37,161
35 - 39	11,200	10,226	21,426	7,943	9,328	17,271	19,143	19,554	38,697
40 - 44	11,307	11,330	22,637	9,953	10,369	20,322	21,260	21,699	42,959
45 - 49	11,183	11,326	22,509	11,564	11,799	23,363	22,747	23,125	45,872
50 - 54	12,250	12,815	25,065	11,130	11,462	22,592	23,380	24,277	47,657
55 - 59	11,823	12,405	24,228	11,477	11,834	23,311	23,300	24,239	47,539
60 - 64	10,080	10,693	20,773	9,409	10,210	19,619	19,489	20,903	40,392
65 - 69	8,233	9,239	17,472	8,088	8,956	17,044	16,321	18,195	34,516
70 - 74	5,682	7,079	12,761	5,757	6,613	12,370	11,439	13,692	25,131
75+	10,477	17,822	28,299	10,131	15,983	26,114	20,608	33,805	54,413
<b>Total</b>	<b>172,686</b>	<b>183,453</b>	<b>356,139</b>	<b>154,243</b>	<b>162,465</b>	<b>316,708</b>	<b>326,929</b>	<b>345,918</b>	<b>672,847</b>

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<b>2020 PROJECTION</b>									
<b>Age</b>	<b>LEHIGH COUNTY</b>			<b>NORTHAMPTON COUNTY</b>			<b>LEHIGH VALLEY</b>		
	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Total</b>
0 - 4	11,681	11,075	22,756	9,153	8,822	17,975	20,834	19,897	40,731
5 - 9	11,830	11,338	23,168	10,754	9,677	20,431	22,584	21,015	43,599
10 - 14	12,300	11,868	24,168	10,658	10,305	20,963	22,958	22,173	45,131
15 - 19	11,783	11,909	23,692	13,647	12,133	25,780	25,430	24,042	49,472
20 - 24	11,343	12,449	23,792	11,705	10,014	21,719	23,048	22,463	45,511
25 - 29	12,828	12,994	25,822	7,866	8,997	16,863	20,694	21,991	42,685
30 - 34	12,388	12,606	24,994	9,757	10,019	19,776	22,145	22,625	44,770
35 - 39	11,712	11,761	23,473	8,682	9,853	18,535	20,394	21,614	42,008
40 - 44	11,500	10,613	22,113	8,199	9,876	18,075	19,699	20,489	40,188
45 - 49	10,983	11,217	22,200	10,480	10,541	21,021	21,463	21,758	43,221
50 - 54	10,894	11,047	21,941	11,518	11,999	23,517	22,412	23,046	45,458
55 - 59	11,785	12,460	24,245	11,149	11,541	22,690	22,934	24,001	46,935
60 - 64	11,088	12,013	23,101	10,885	11,615	22,500	21,973	23,628	45,601
65 - 69	9,181	10,000	19,181	8,865	10,054	18,919	18,046	20,054	38,100
70 - 74	7,279	8,886	16,165	7,493	8,456	15,949	14,772	17,342	32,114
75+	11,162	18,671	29,833	11,284	17,385	28,669	22,446	36,056	58,502
<b>Total</b>	<b>179,737</b>	<b>190,907</b>	<b>370,644</b>	<b>162,095</b>	<b>171,287</b>	<b>333,382</b>	<b>341,832</b>	<b>362,194</b>	<b>704,026</b>

<b>2025 PROJECTION</b>									
<b>Age</b>	<b>LEHIGH COUNTY</b>			<b>NORTHAMPTON COUNTY</b>			<b>LEHIGH VALLEY</b>		
	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Total</b>
0 - 4	12,305	11,668	23,973	9,727	9,376	19,103	22,032	21,044	43,076
5 - 9	12,756	12,225	24,981	11,650	10,476	22,126	24,406	22,701	47,107
10 - 14	13,121	12,658	25,779	11,351	10,976	22,327	24,472	23,634	48,106
15 - 19	12,022	12,239	24,261	14,015	12,368	26,383	26,037	24,607	50,644
20 - 24	11,160	12,199	23,359	11,877	10,478	22,355	23,037	22,677	45,714
25 - 29	12,344	12,611	24,955	8,577	8,876	17,453	20,921	21,487	42,408
30 - 34	13,973	13,981	27,954	8,683	10,083	18,766	22,656	24,064	46,720
35 - 39	12,712	12,971	25,683	12,067	12,266	24,333	24,779	25,237	50,016
40 - 44	12,029	12,164	24,193	8,961	10,452	19,413	20,990	22,616	43,606
45 - 49	11,165	10,505	21,670	8,806	10,075	18,881	19,971	20,580	40,551
50 - 54	10,696	10,932	21,628	10,476	10,791	21,267	21,172	21,723	42,895
55 - 59	10,479	10,731	21,210	11,563	12,098	23,661	22,042	22,829	44,871
60 - 64	11,052	12,068	23,120	10,587	11,353	21,940	21,639	23,421	45,060
65 - 69	10,096	11,241	21,337	10,231	11,420	21,651	20,327	22,661	42,988
70 - 74	8,100	9,606	17,706	8,211	9,484	17,695	16,311	19,090	35,401
75+	12,842	20,845	33,687	13,393	20,016	33,409	26,235	40,861	67,096
<b>Total</b>	<b>186,852</b>	<b>198,644</b>	<b>385,496</b>	<b>170,175</b>	<b>180,588</b>	<b>350,763</b>	<b>357,027</b>	<b>379,232</b>	<b>736,259</b>

**OFFICIAL PROJECTIONS OF POPULATION BY AGE AND SEX: 2000-2030  
(cont.)**

<b>2030 PROJECTION</b>									
<b>Age</b>	<b>LEHIGH COUNTY</b>			<b>NORTHAMPTON COUNTY</b>			<b>LEHIGH VALLEY</b>		
	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Total</b>
0 - 4	12,587	11,931	24,518	10,082	9,721	19,803	22,669	21,652	44,321
5 - 9	13,435	12,876	26,311	12,433	11,170	23,603	25,868	24,046	49,914
10 - 14	14,112	13,612	27,724	12,296	11,885	24,181	26,408	25,497	51,905
15 - 19	12,828	13,048	25,876	14,991	13,213	28,204	27,819	26,261	54,080
20 - 24	11,370	12,544	23,914	12,100	10,575	22,675	23,470	23,119	46,589
25 - 29	12,216	12,371	24,587	8,491	9,245	17,736	20,707	21,616	42,323
30 - 34	13,554	13,651	27,205	9,461	10,055	19,516	23,015	23,706	46,721
35 - 39	14,309	14,363	28,672	11,198	12,520	23,718	25,507	26,883	52,390
40 - 44	13,042	13,392	26,434	12,351	12,909	25,260	25,393	26,301	51,694
45 - 49	11,677	12,042	23,719	9,619	10,671	20,290	21,296	22,713	44,009
50 - 54	10,872	10,224	21,096	8,859	10,366	19,225	19,731	20,590	40,321
55 - 59	10,289	10,616	20,905	10,601	10,950	21,551	20,890	21,566	42,456
60 - 64	9,825	10,406	20,231	10,987	11,909	22,896	20,812	22,315	43,127
65 - 69	10,068	11,289	21,357	9,996	11,210	21,206	20,064	22,499	42,563
70 - 74	8,894	10,766	19,660	9,430	10,759	20,189	18,324	21,525	39,849
75+	14,515	22,997	37,512	15,288	22,794	38,082	29,803	45,791	75,594
<b>Total</b>	<b>193,593</b>	<b>206,128</b>	<b>399,721</b>	<b>178,183</b>	<b>189,952</b>	<b>368,135</b>	<b>371,776</b>	<b>396,080</b>	<b>767,856</b>

*Sources: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census; projections by the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission.*