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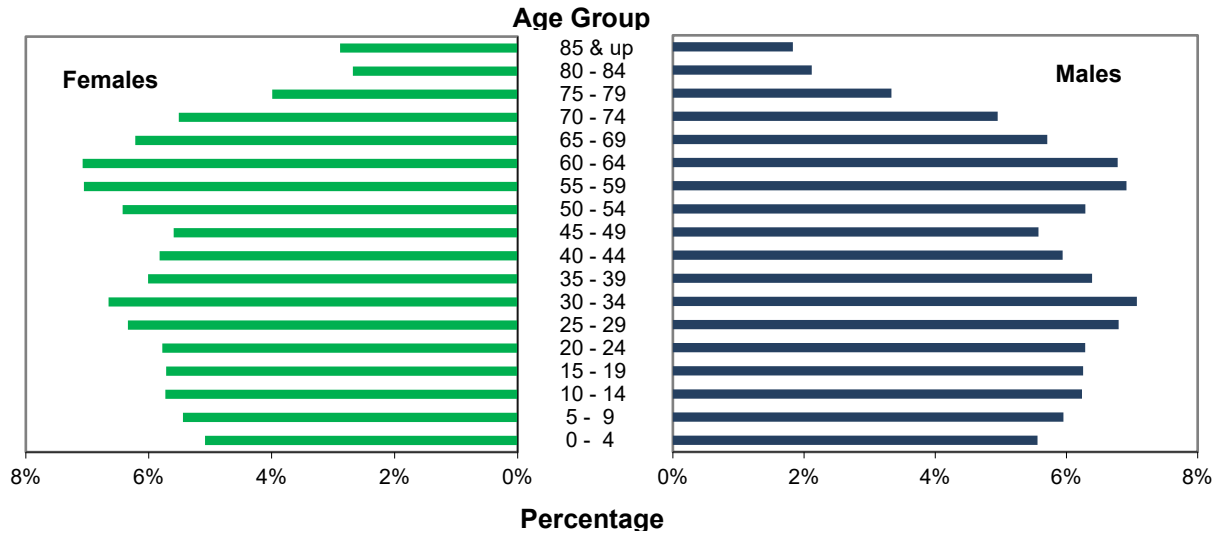


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In 2021, nearly 51% percent of Delaware’s population was female. Females made up a greater proportion of the older age groups, which reflects the longer female life expectancy. Delaware females born in 2021 can expect to live an average of 80.9 years versus males who can expect to live 74.3 years.

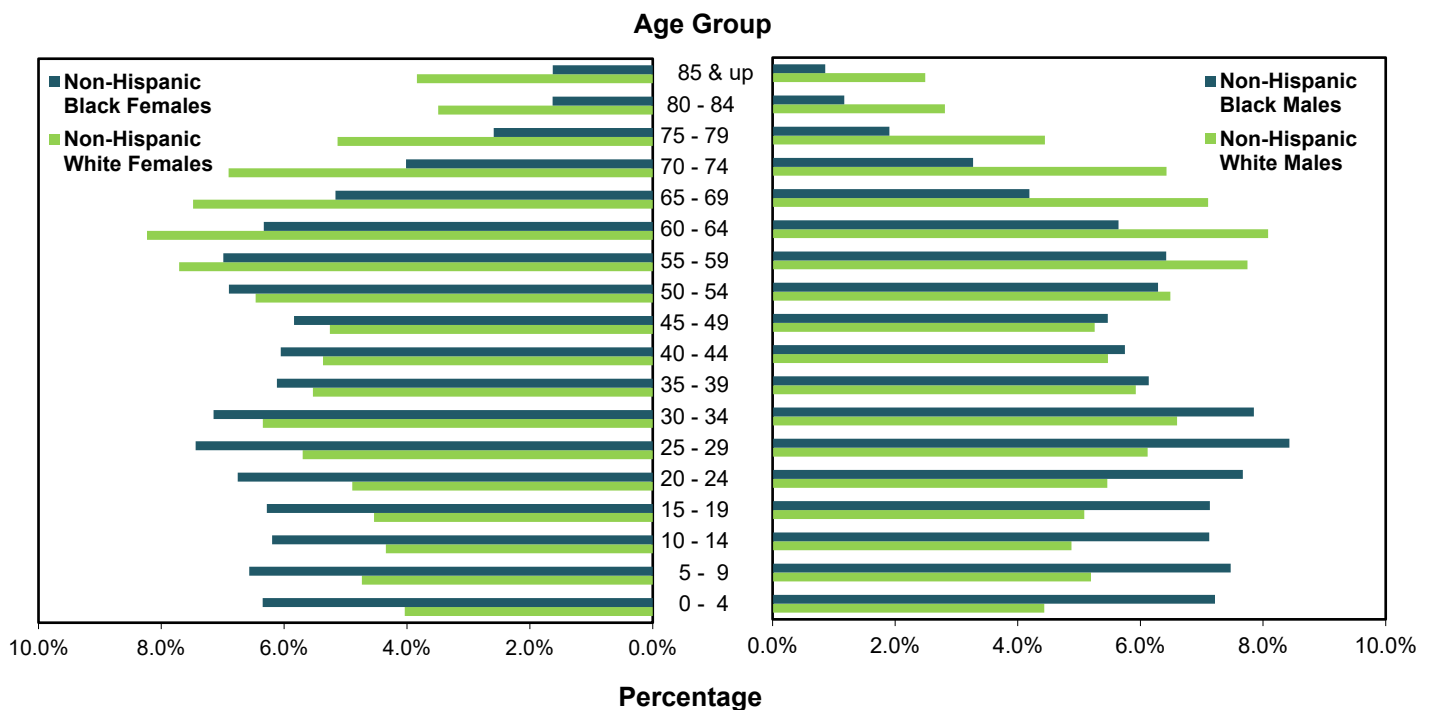
Figure 3. Population by Gender, Delaware, 2021



Source: Delaware Department of Social Services, Division of Public Health, Delaware Health Statistic Center

When the population was broken down by race, the highest proportion of females in the older age groups appeared in the non-Hispanic white population. However, non-Hispanic black females had a greater percentage of their population in the 0-54 year age range than non-Hispanic white females. In the 55 and above age range for both males and females, a greater proportion of the population was non-Hispanic white.

Figure 4. Non-Hispanic Population by Gender and Race, Delaware, 2021



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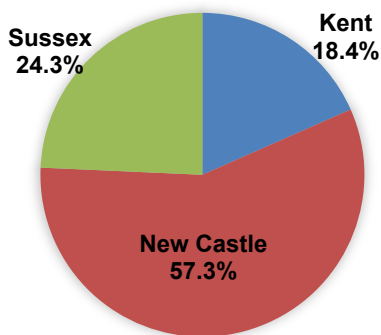
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Delaware’s three counties continued their increasing population trend, although they grew at different rates. Between 2000 and 2021, county populations grew annually by 2.1 percent for Kent, 0.7 percent for New Castle, and 2.6 percent for Sussex. Delaware’s statewide increase was 1.3 percent.

In 2021, nearly half of Delaware’s 65 and older population resided in New Castle County. However, residents 65 and older represented a much larger proportion of the Sussex County population, where one in four residents was 65 or older, versus New Castle and Kent counties, where approximately one in six residents was 65 or older.

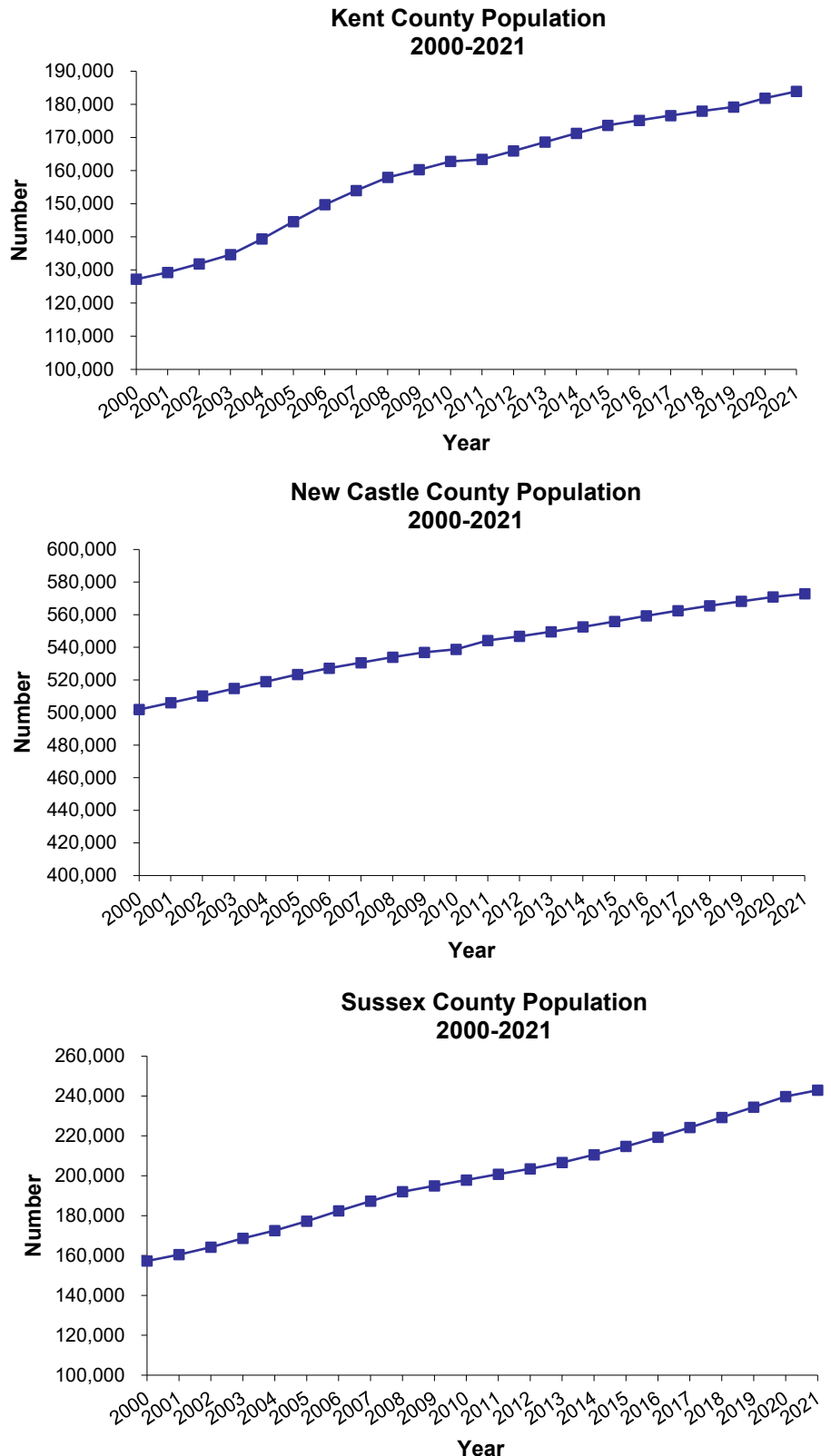
Over half of Delaware’s total population resides in New Castle County, 57%.

Figure 6. Percent of Population by County, Delaware, 2021



Source: Delaware Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Public Health, Delaware Health Statistics Center

Figure 5. Resident Population by County, Delaware, 2000-2021



Source: Delaware Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Public Health, Delaware Health Statistics Center

TABLE A-1. PERCENT CHANGE IN POPULATION BY SEX, COUNTY, CITY OF DOVER, CITY OF NEWARK, AND CITY OF WILMINGTON, DELAWARE, 1970-2020

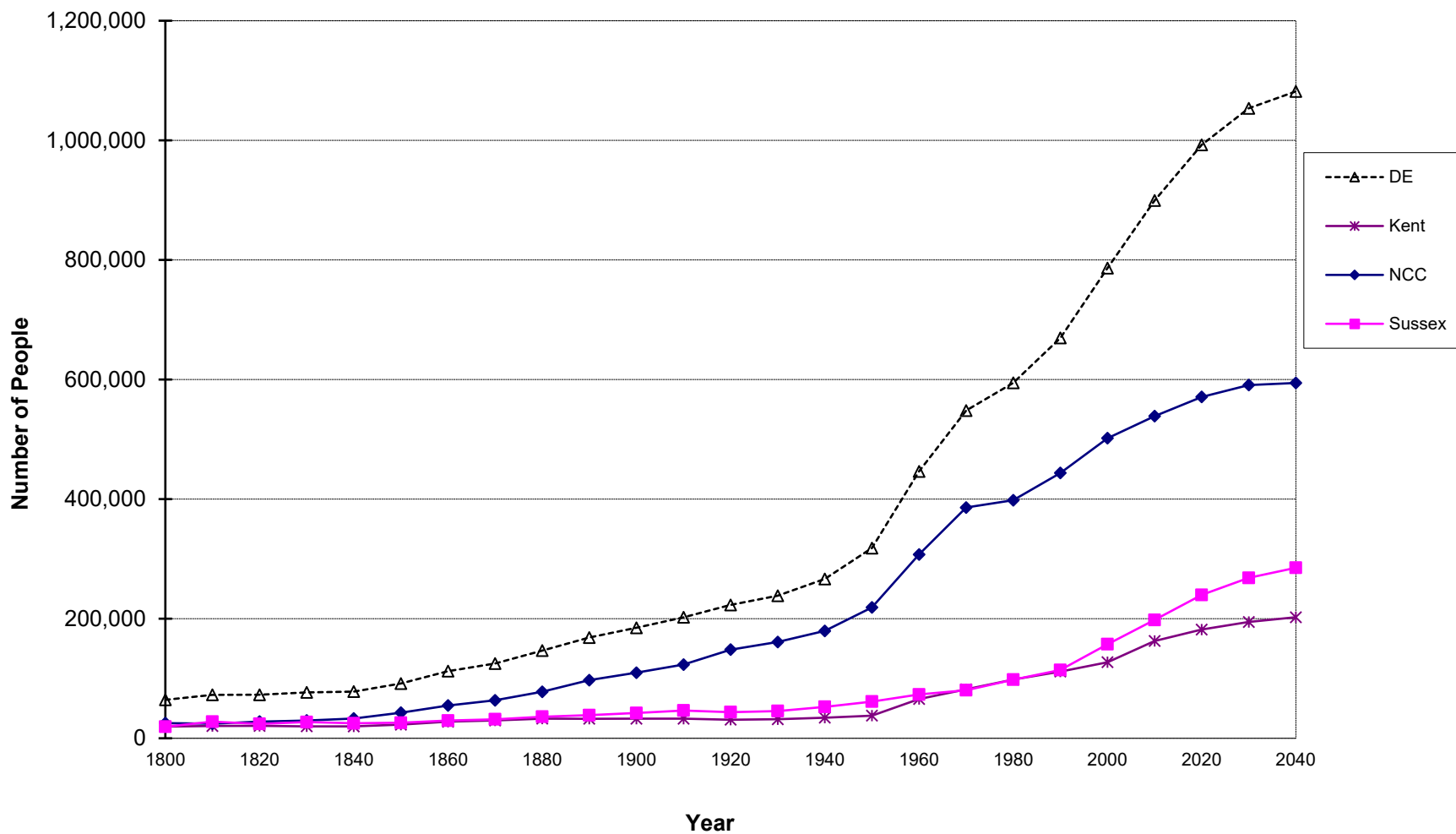
| Area/ Sex | 1970 | 1980 | % Change 1970-1980 | 1990 | % Change 1980-1990 | 2000 | % Change 1990-2000 | 2010 | % Change 2000-2010 | 2020* | % Change 2010-2020 | % Change 2000-2020 |
|-------------------|---------|---------|-----------------------|---------|-----------------------|---------|-----------------------|---------|-----------------------|---------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Delaware | 548,104 | 594,338 | 8.4 | 666,168 | 12.1 | 786,393 | 18.0 | 899,381 | 14.4 | 992,508 | 10.4 | 26.2 |
| Male | 267,332 | 286,599 | 7.2 | 322,966 | 12.7 | 381,690 | 18.2 | 435,584 | 14.1 | 480,707 | 10.4 | 25.9 |
| Female | 280,772 | 307,739 | 9.6 | 343,202 | 11.5 | 404,703 | 17.9 | 463,797 | 14.6 | 511,801 | 10.4 | 26.5 |
| Kent | 81,892 | 98,219 | 19.9 | 110,993 | 13.0 | 127,230 | 14.6 | 162,763 | 27.9 | 181,858 | 11.7 | 42.9 |
| Male | 41,337 | 48,254 | 16.7 | 54,300 | 12.5 | 61,325 | 12.9 | 78,307 | 27.7 | 86,159 | 10.0 | 40.5 |
| Female | 40,555 | 49,965 | 23.2 | 56,693 | 13.5 | 65,905 | 16.2 | 84,456 | 28.1 | 95,699 | 13.3 | 45.2 |
| Dover | 17,488 | 23,512 | 34.4 | 27,630 | 17.5 | 32,135 | 16.3 | 35,894 | 11.7 | 39,554 | 10.2 | 23.1 |
| Male | 8,319 | 11,695 | 40.6 | 13,408 | 14.6 | 15,114 | 12.7 | 16,667 | 10.3 | 18,382 | 10.3 | 21.6 |
| Female | 9,169 | 11,817 | 28.9 | 14,222 | 20.4 | 17,021 | 19.7 | 19,227 | 13.0 | 21,171 | 10.1 | 24.4 |
| New Castle | 385,856 | 398,115 | 3.2 | 441,946 | 11.0 | 501,846 | 13.6 | 538,753 | 7.4 | 570,888 | 6.0 | 13.8 |
| Male | 187,124 | 191,176 | 2.2 | 213,869 | 11.9 | 243,587 | 13.9 | 260,629 | 7.0 | 277,725 | 6.6 | 14.0 |
| Female | 198,732 | 206,939 | 4.1 | 228,077 | 10.2 | 258,259 | 13.2 | 278,124 | 7.7 | 293,163 | 5.4 | 13.5 |
| Newark | 20,757 | 25,247 | 21.6 | 26,463 | 4.8 | 28,457 | 7.5 | 31,468 | 10.6 | 31,296 | -0.5 | 10.0 |
| Male | 10,242 | 11,993 | 17.1 | 12,408 | 3.5 | 13,085 | 5.5 | 14,689 | 12.3 | 14,646 | -0.3 | 11.9 |
| Female | 10,515 | 13,254 | 26.0 | 14,055 | 6.0 | 15,372 | 9.4 | 16,779 | 9.2 | 16,649 | -0.8 | 8.3 |
| Wilmington | 80,386 | 70,195 | -12.7 | 71,529 | 1.9 | 72,730 | 1.7 | 71,454 | -1.8 | 70,905 | -0.8 | -2.5 |
| Male | 36,968 | 31,458 | -14.9 | 33,249 | 5.7 | 34,759 | 4.5 | 33,997 | -2.2 | 33,912 | -0.3 | -2.4 |
| Female | 43,418 | 38,737 | -10.8 | 38,280 | -1.2 | 37,971 | -0.8 | 37,457 | -1.4 | 36,993 | -1.2 | -2.6 |
| Sussex | 80,356 | 98,004 | 22.0 | 113,229 | 15.5 | 157,317 | 38.9 | 197,865 | 25.8 | 239,762 | 21.2 | 52.4 |
| Male | 38,871 | 47,169 | 21.3 | 54,797 | 16.2 | 76,778 | 40.1 | 96,648 | 25.9 | 116,823 | 20.9 | 52.2 |
| Female | 41,485 | 50,835 | 22.5 | 58,432 | 14.9 | 80,539 | 37.8 | 101,217 | 25.7 | 122,939 | 21.5 | 52.6 |

Note:

*Numbers for this year are projections.

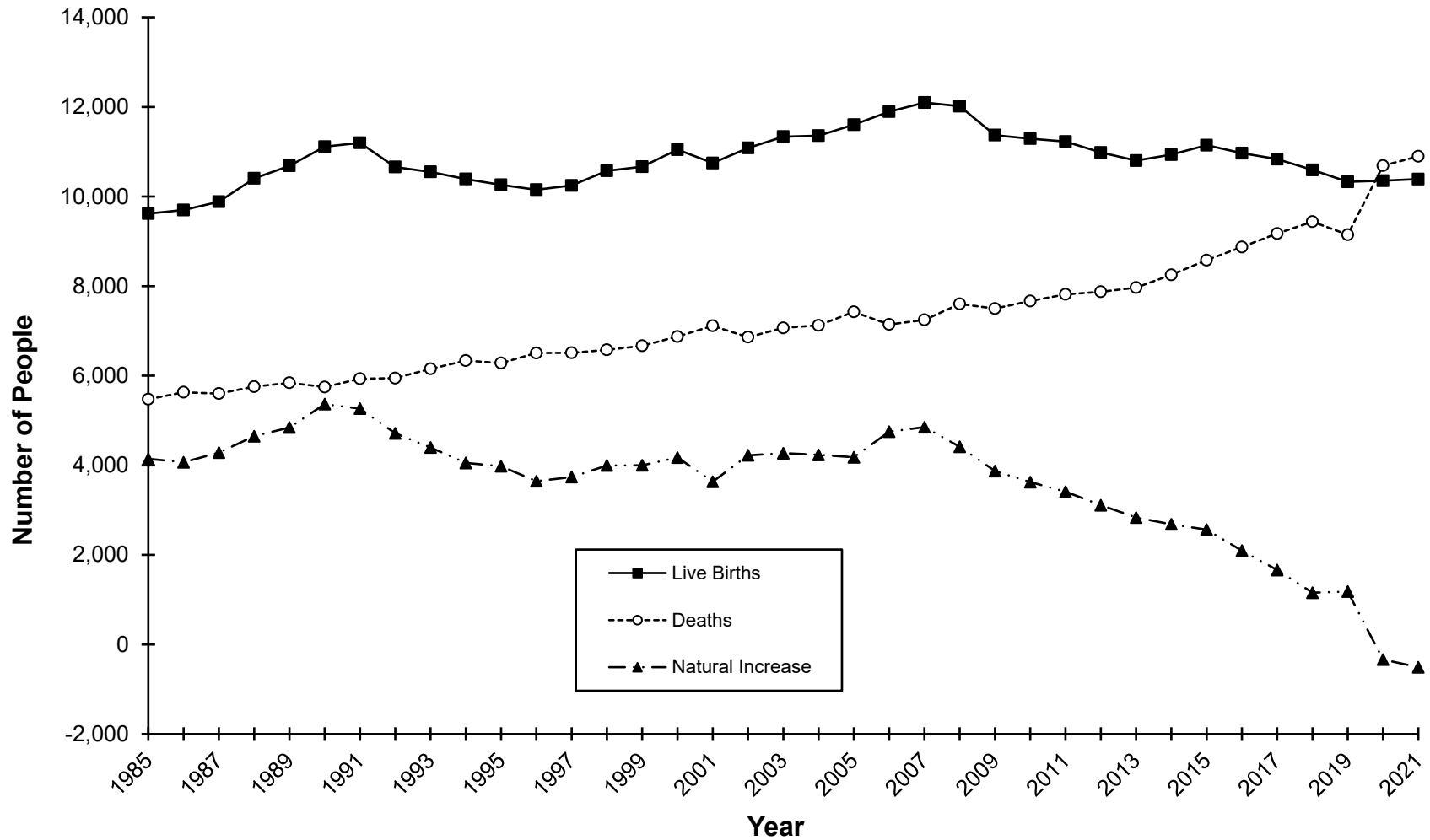
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Figure A-1. Population Growth, Delaware and Counties, 1800-2040



Sources: Delaware Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Public Health, Delaware Health Statistics Center
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Figure A-2. Live Births, Deaths, and Natural Increase, Delaware, 1985-2021



Source: Delaware Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Public Health, Delaware Health Statistics Center

TABLE A-2. POPULATION ESTIMATES BY SEX, RACE AND AGE, COUNTY, CITY OF DOVER, CITY OF NEWARK, AND CITY OF WILMINGTON, DELAWARE, 2021

| Area/ Sex/Race | Age | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| | Total | 0-4 | 5-9 | 10-14 | 15-19 | 20-24 | 25-29 | 30-34 | 35-39 | 40-44 | 45-49 | 50-54 | 55-59 | 60-64 | 65-69 | 70-74 | 75-79 | 80-84 | 85+ |
| Delaware | 999,674 | 53,127 | 56,892 | 59,738 | 59,750 | 60,224 | 65,572 | 68,539 | 61,933 | 58,786 | 55,818 | 63,560 | 69,844 | 69,300 | 59,689 | 52,389 | 36,703 | 24,065 | 23,745 |
| Male | 484,122 | 26,914 | 28,830 | 30,204 | 30,280 | 30,429 | 32,905 | 34,243 | 30,945 | 28,767 | 26,983 | 30,448 | 33,480 | 32,833 | 27,634 | 23,981 | 16,134 | 10,257 | 8,855 |
| Non-Hispanic White | 299,199 | 13,258 | 15,540 | 14,586 | 15,211 | 16,341 | 18,302 | 19,738 | 17,726 | 16,367 | 15,720 | 19,415 | 23,174 | 24,185 | 21,256 | 19,224 | 13,289 | 8,413 | 7,454 |
| Non-Hispanic Black | 99,740 | 7,197 | 7,454 | 7,105 | 7,115 | 7,651 | 8,408 | 7,831 | 6,120 | 5,733 | 5,454 | 6,270 | 6,404 | 5,628 | 4,179 | 3,263 | 1,901 | 1,168 | 859 |
| Female | 515,552 | 26,213 | 28,062 | 29,534 | 29,470 | 29,795 | 32,667 | 34,296 | 30,988 | 30,019 | 28,835 | 33,112 | 36,364 | 36,467 | 32,055 | 28,408 | 20,569 | 13,808 | 14,890 |
| Non-Hispanic White | 319,020 | 12,874 | 15,104 | 13,855 | 14,476 | 15,601 | 18,178 | 20,246 | 17,649 | 17,124 | 16,769 | 20,625 | 24,595 | 26,268 | 23,875 | 22,027 | 16,368 | 11,143 | 12,243 |
| Non-Hispanic Black | 110,752 | 7,031 | 7,274 | 6,862 | 6,958 | 7,483 | 8,241 | 7,918 | 6,775 | 6,705 | 6,467 | 7,641 | 7,741 | 7,011 | 5,721 | 4,448 | 2,868 | 1,805 | 1,803 |
| Kent | 183,890 | 10,812 | 11,606 | 11,701 | 12,018 | 12,001 | 12,629 | 13,712 | 11,466 | 10,647 | 10,213 | 11,259 | 12,101 | 11,456 | 9,563 | 8,547 | 6,334 | 4,099 | 3,726 |
| Male | 87,113 | 5,466 | 5,868 | 5,799 | 5,888 | 5,964 | 6,222 | 6,790 | 5,524 | 4,923 | 4,727 | 5,322 | 5,626 | 5,335 | 4,237 | 3,806 | 2,704 | 1,626 | 1,286 |
| Non-Hispanic White | 56,999 | 3,050 | 3,593 | 3,328 | 3,556 | 3,641 | 3,555 | 3,987 | 3,594 | 3,310 | 3,096 | 3,688 | 4,028 | 3,913 | 3,178 | 2,958 | 2,194 | 1,275 | 1,055 |
| Non-Hispanic Black | 20,621 | 1,613 | 1,508 | 1,507 | 1,468 | 1,613 | 1,961 | 1,962 | 1,183 | 900 | 1,021 | 1,165 | 1,228 | 1,093 | 834 | 689 | 422 | 271 | 183 |
| Female | 96,777 | 5,346 | 5,738 | 5,902 | 6,130 | 6,037 | 6,407 | 6,922 | 5,942 | 5,724 | 5,486 | 5,937 | 6,475 | 6,121 | 5,326 | 4,741 | 3,630 | 2,473 | 2,440 |
| Non-Hispanic White | 60,252 | 2,959 | 3,495 | 3,159 | 3,291 | 3,348 | 3,248 | 3,842 | 3,746 | 3,617 | 3,453 | 3,795 | 4,421 | 4,274 | 3,727 | 3,449 | 2,698 | 1,870 | 1,860 |
| Non-Hispanic Black | 23,237 | 1,593 | 1,483 | 1,383 | 1,542 | 1,540 | 2,102 | 2,169 | 1,323 | 1,277 | 1,238 | 1,412 | 1,404 | 1,282 | 1,165 | 901 | 627 | 415 | 381 |
| New Castle | 572,867 | 30,929 | 33,124 | 34,767 | 35,334 | 36,175 | 40,473 | 42,611 | 37,761 | 36,134 | 33,677 | 37,729 | 39,489 | 38,228 | 32,055 | 26,076 | 16,667 | 10,627 | 11,011 |
| Male | 278,686 | 15,675 | 16,773 | 17,638 | 18,070 | 18,453 | 20,369 | 21,216 | 18,980 | 17,801 | 16,526 | 18,105 | 18,977 | 18,105 | 14,820 | 11,865 | 7,134 | 4,398 | 3,781 |
| Non-Hispanic White | 155,801 | 6,960 | 8,336 | 7,718 | 8,180 | 8,995 | 10,636 | 11,789 | 10,109 | 9,116 | 8,736 | 10,433 | 11,884 | 12,238 | 10,563 | 8,693 | 5,288 | 3,251 | 2,876 |
| Non-Hispanic Black | 66,004 | 4,615 | 4,919 | 4,604 | 4,682 | 5,096 | 5,453 | 4,926 | 4,118 | 4,090 | 3,810 | 4,340 | 4,327 | 3,748 | 2,704 | 2,124 | 1,187 | 712 | 549 |
| Female | 294,181 | 15,254 | 16,351 | 17,129 | 17,264 | 17,722 | 20,104 | 21,395 | 18,781 | 18,333 | 17,151 | 19,624 | 20,512 | 20,123 | 17,235 | 14,211 | 9,533 | 6,229 | 7,230 |
| Non-Hispanic White | 165,914 | 6,771 | 8,133 | 7,359 | 7,869 | 8,595 | 10,874 | 12,422 | 9,781 | 9,480 | 8,846 | 11,007 | 12,504 | 13,291 | 11,803 | 10,043 | 6,931 | 4,582 | 5,623 |
| Non-Hispanic Black | 73,547 | 4,481 | 4,791 | 4,510 | 4,492 | 5,022 | 5,184 | 4,845 | 4,608 | 4,656 | 4,549 | 5,339 | 5,393 | 4,774 | 3,817 | 2,956 | 1,827 | 1,140 | 1,163 |
| Wilmington* | 70,761 | 4,878 | 5,235 | 4,946 | 4,469 | 4,168 | 4,357 | 4,512 | 5,796 | 5,407 | 4,190 | 4,242 | 4,315 | 4,140 | 3,421 | 2,660 | 1,668 | 1,090 | 1,267 |
| Male | 33,861 | 2,435 | 2,611 | 2,472 | 2,260 | 2,098 | 2,178 | 2,311 | 2,807 | 2,612 | 2,048 | 2,012 | 2,022 | 1,895 | 1,555 | 1,154 | 644 | 404 | 343 |
| Non-Hispanic White | 9,422 | 343 | 469 | 440 | 293 | 242 | 276 | 477 | 1,178 | 1,048 | 806 | 701 | 674 | 674 | 635 | 506 | 330 | 179 | 151 |
| Non-Hispanic Black | 17,795 | 1,446 | 1,460 | 1,422 | 1,363 | 1,373 | 1,473 | 1,391 | 1,069 | 1,066 | 876 | 987 | 1,069 | 1,019 | 731 | 510 | 248 | 164 | 128 |
| Female | 36,900 | 2,443 | 2,624 | 2,474 | 2,209 | 2,070 | 2,179 | 2,201 | 2,989 | 2,795 | 2,142 | 2,230 | 2,293 | 2,245 | 1,866 | 1,506 | 1,024 | 686 | 924 |
| Non-Hispanic White | 9,437 | 344 | 471 | 426 | 309 | 266 | 259 | 462 | 1,101 | 986 | 662 | 580 | 582 | 642 | 631 | 597 | 433 | 264 | 422 |
| Non-Hispanic Black | 20,759 | 1,465 | 1,482 | 1,427 | 1,343 | 1,335 | 1,495 | 1,346 | 1,341 | 1,281 | 1,106 | 1,307 | 1,431 | 1,353 | 1,040 | 764 | 495 | 347 | 401 |
| Sussex | 242,917 | 11,386 | 12,162 | 13,270 | 12,398 | 12,048 | 12,470 | 12,216 | 12,706 | 12,005 | 11,928 | 14,572 | 18,254 | 19,616 | 18,071 | 17,766 | 13,702 | 9,339 | 9,008 |
| Male | 118,323 | 5,773 | 6,189 | 6,767 | 6,322 | 6,012 | 6,314 | 6,237 | 6,441 | 6,043 | 5,730 | 7,021 | 8,877 | 9,393 | 8,577 | 8,310 | 6,296 | 4,233 | 3,788 |
| Non-Hispanic White | 86,399 | 3,248 | 3,611 | 3,540 | 3,475 | 3,705 | 4,111 | 3,962 | 4,023 | 3,941 | 3,888 | 5,294 | 7,262 | 8,034 | 7,515 | 7,573 | 5,807 | 3,887 | 3,523 |
| Non-Hispanic Black | 13,115 | 969 | 1,027 | 994 | 965 | 942 | 994 | 943 | 819 | 743 | 623 | 765 | 849 | 787 | 641 | 450 | 292 | 185 | 127 |
| Female | 124,594 | 5,613 | 5,973 | 6,503 | 6,076 | 6,036 | 6,156 | 5,979 | 6,265 | 5,962 | 6,198 | 7,551 | 9,377 | 10,223 | 9,494 | 9,456 | 7,406 | 5,106 | 5,220 |
| Non-Hispanic White | 92,854 | 3,144 | 3,476 | 3,337 | 3,316 | 3,658 | 4,056 | 3,982 | 4,122 | 4,027 | 4,470 | 5,823 | 7,670 | 8,703 | 8,345 | 8,535 | 6,739 | 4,691 | 4,760 |
| Non-Hispanic Black | 13,968 | 957 | 1,000 | 969 | 924 | 921 | 955 | 904 | 844 | 772 | 680 | 890 | 944 | 955 | 739 | 591 | 414 | 250 | 259 |

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