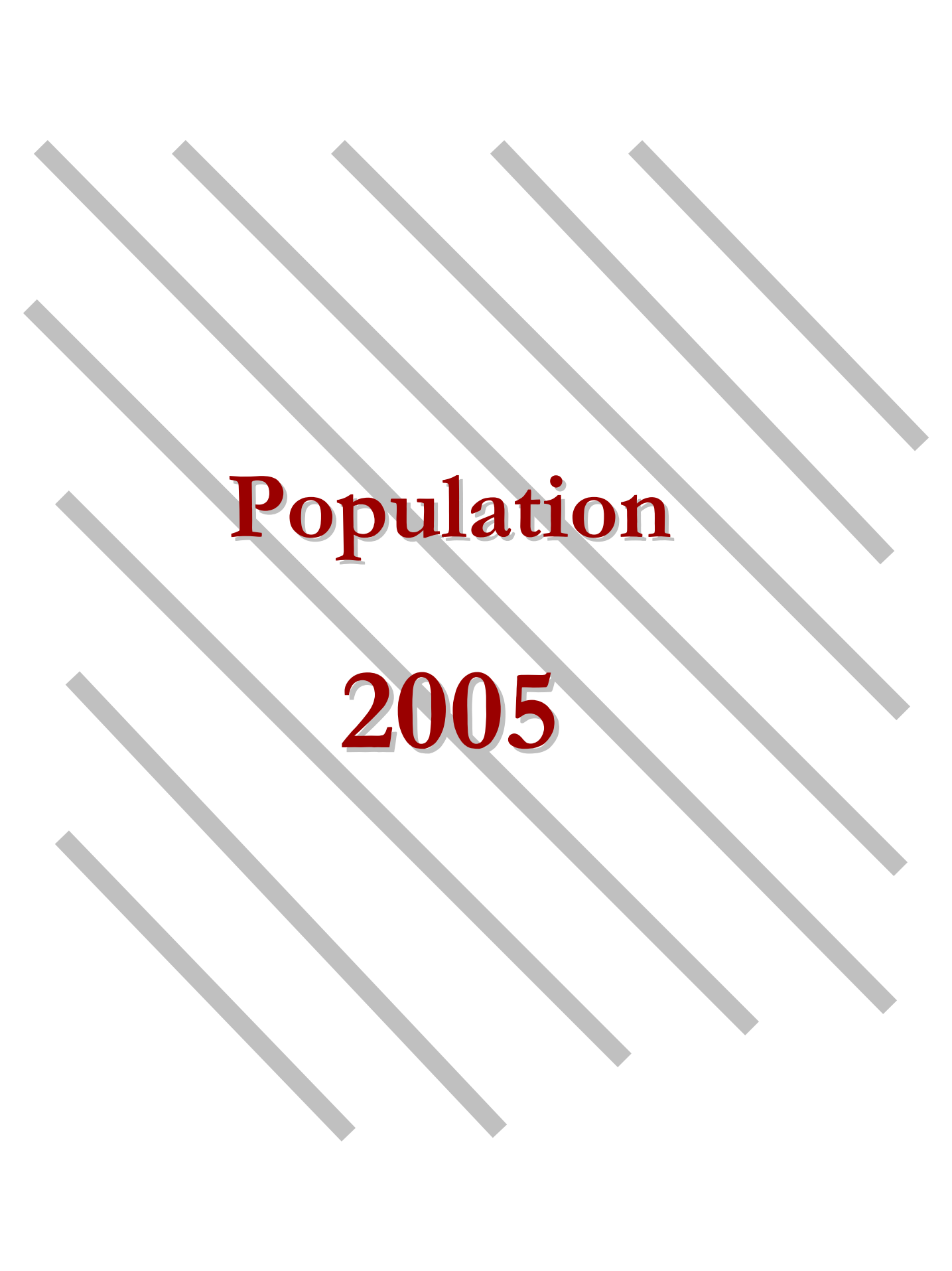


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**Population**

**2005**

## POPULATION

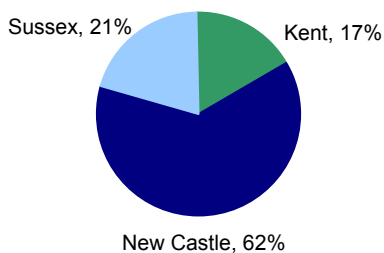
Each of Delaware's three counties continued their increasing population trend, though they grew at different rates. For the recent period from 2000 to 2005, county populations grew annually by 2.9 percent for Kent, 0.8 percent, for New Castle, and 2.5 percent for Sussex. The overall increase for Delaware was 1.5 percent.

Sussex County had the highest percentage of residents 65 years of age and older among the three counties at 20.2% in 2005 (see Table A-2).

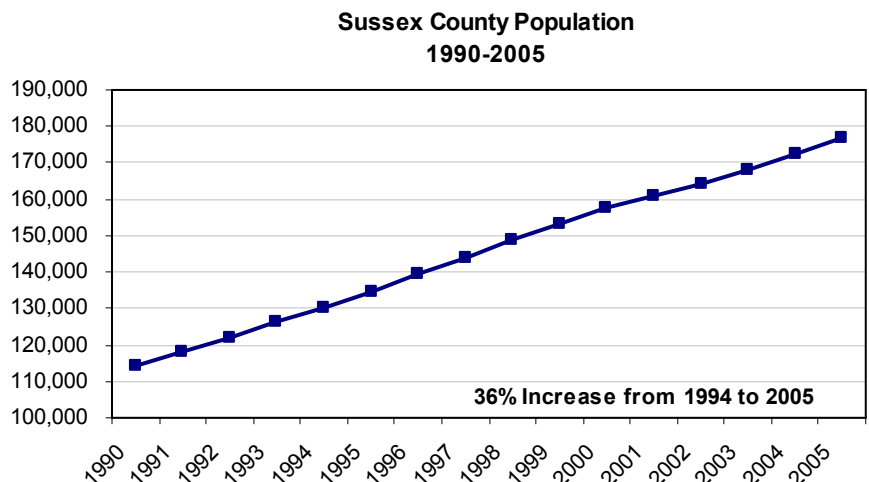
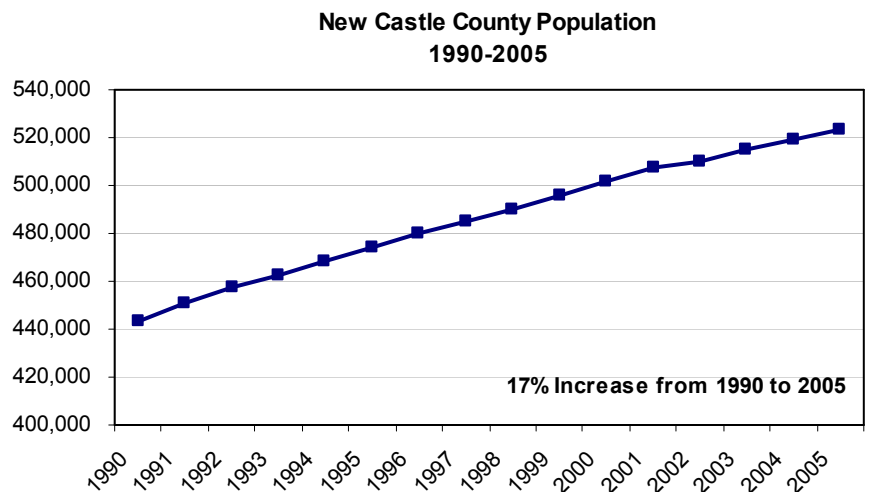
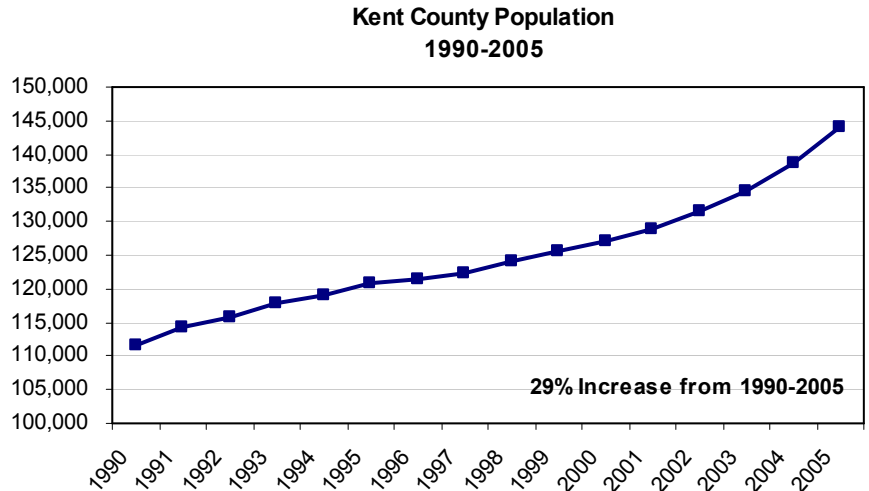
New Castle County had the highest percentage of black residents among the three counties at 23.1% in 2005 (see Table A-2).

Over half of Delaware's population resides in New Castle County.

**Percent of Population by County  
Delaware, 2005**

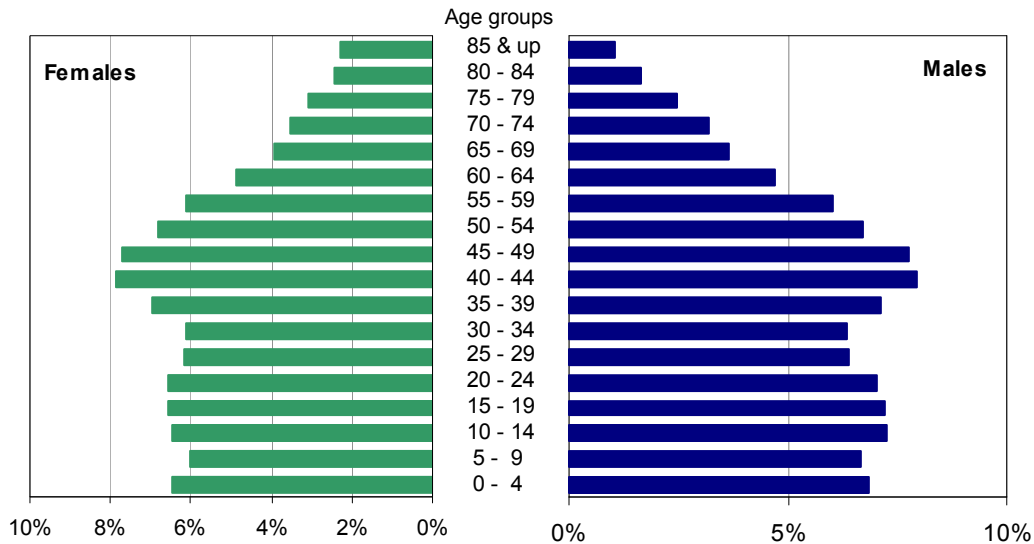


**Delaware Resident Population by County, 1990-2005**



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Just over 50 percent of Delaware's population was female in 2005. Females made up a greater proportion of the older age groups, which reflects the longer female life expectancy. Delaware females born in 2005 could expect to live an average of 80.3 years, versus males, who could expect to live 75.0 years.



When the population was broken down by race, the higher proportion of females in the older age groups appeared in the black population as well. However, both black males and females had a greater percentage of their population in the 0-39 year age range than whites; in the 40 and above age range, whites made up a greater proportion of the population.

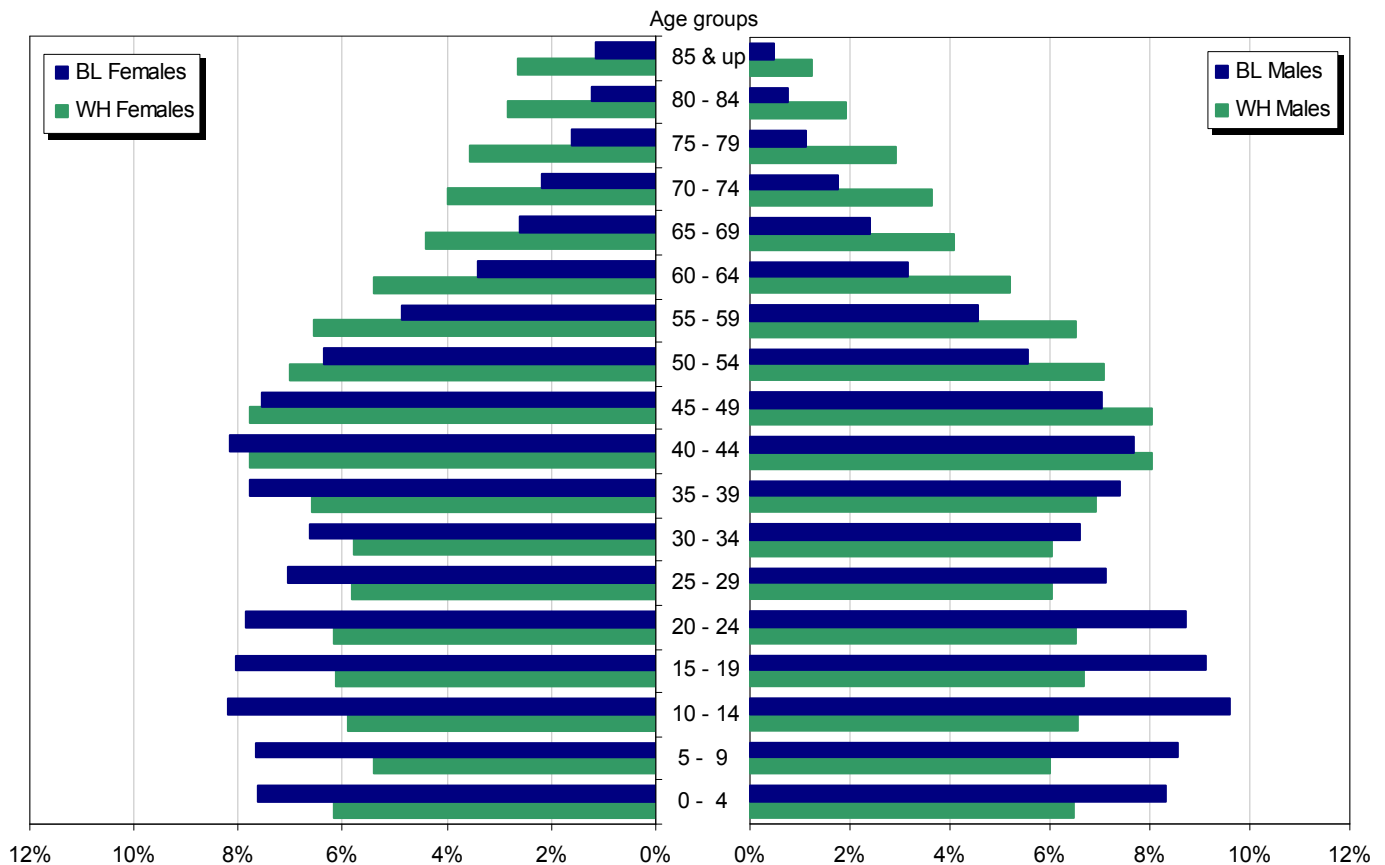


TABLE A-1  
PERCENT CHANGE IN POPULATION BY SEX

DELAWARE, COUNTIES, CITY OF DOVER, CITY OF NEWARK, AND CITY OF WILMINGTON, 1970-2020

| Area/<br>Sex      | 1970   | 1980   | % Change<br>1970-1980 | 1990   | % Change<br>1980-1990 | 2000   | % Change<br>1990-2000 | 2010*  | % Change<br>2000-2010 | 2020*  | % Change<br>2010-2020 | % Change<br>2000-2020 |
|-------------------|--------|--------|-----------------------|--------|-----------------------|--------|-----------------------|--------|-----------------------|--------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Delaware</b>   | 548104 | 594338 | 8.4                   | 666168 | 12.1                  | 786448 | 18.1                  | 894743 | 13.8                  | 979253 | 9.4                   | 24.5                  |
| Male              | 267332 | 286599 | 7.2                   | 322966 | 12.7                  | 381914 | 18.3                  | 434131 | 13.7                  | 474811 | 9.4                   | 24.3                  |
| Female            | 280772 | 307739 | 9.6                   | 343202 | 11.5                  | 404534 | 17.9                  | 460612 | 13.9                  | 504442 | 9.5                   | 24.7                  |
| <b>Kent</b>       | 81892  | 98219  | 19.9                  | 110993 | 13.0                  | 127085 | 14.5                  | 157503 | 23.9                  | 175816 | 11.6                  | 38.3                  |
| Male              | 41337  | 48254  | 16.7                  | 54300  | 12.5                  | 61256  | 12.8                  | 75945  | 24.0                  | 84702  | 11.5                  | 38.3                  |
| Female            | 40555  | 49965  | 23.2                  | 56693  | 13.5                  | 65829  | 16.1                  | 81558  | 23.9                  | 91114  | 11.7                  | 38.4                  |
| Dover             | 17488  | 23512  | 34.4                  | 27630  | 17.5                  | 32271  | 16.8                  | 34499  | 6.9                   | 36459  | 5.7                   | 13.0                  |
| Male              | 8319   | 11695  | 40.6                  | 13408  | 14.6                  | 15178  | 13.2                  | 16069  | 5.9                   | 16760  | 4.3                   | 10.4                  |
| Female            | 9169   | 11817  | 28.9                  | 14222  | 20.4                  | 17093  | 20.2                  | 18430  | 7.8                   | 19699  | 6.9                   | 15.2                  |
| <b>New Castle</b> | 385856 | 398115 | 3.2                   | 441946 | 11.0                  | 501933 | 13.6                  | 542818 | 8.1                   | 576679 | 6.2                   | 14.9                  |
| Male              | 187124 | 191176 | 2.2                   | 213869 | 11.9                  | 243750 | 14.0                  | 263299 | 8.0                   | 279398 | 6.1                   | 14.6                  |
| Female            | 198732 | 206939 | 4.1                   | 228077 | 10.2                  | 258183 | 13.2                  | 279519 | 8.3                   | 297281 | 6.4                   | 15.1                  |
| Newark            | 20757  | 25247  | 21.6                  | 26463  | 4.8                   | 29300  | 10.7                  | 31478  | 7.4                   | 31864  | 1.2                   | 8.8                   |
| Male              | 10242  | 11993  | 17.1                  | 12408  | 3.5                   | 13472  | 8.6                   | 14701  | 9.1                   | 14884  | 1.2                   | 10.5                  |
| Female            | 10515  | 13254  | 26.0                  | 14055  | 6.0                   | 15828  | 12.6                  | 16777  | 6.0                   | 16980  | 1.2                   | 7.3                   |
| Wilmington        | 80386  | 70195  |                       | 71529  | 1.9                   | 72664  | 1.6                   | 71727  | -1.3                  | 70445  | -1.8                  | -3.1                  |
| Male              | 36968  | 31458  | -14.9                 | 33249  | 5.7                   | 34674  | 4.3                   | 34950  | 0.8                   | 34777  | -0.5                  | 0.3                   |
| Female            | 43418  | 38737  | -10.8                 | 38280  | -1.2                  | 37990  | -0.8                  | 36777  | -3.2                  | 35668  | -3.0                  | -6.1                  |
| <b>Sussex</b>     | 80356  | 98004  | 22.0                  | 113229 | 15.5                  | 157430 | 39.0                  | 194422 | 23.5                  | 226758 | 16.6                  | 44.0                  |
| Male              | 38871  | 47169  | 21.3                  | 54797  | 16.2                  | 76908  | 40.4                  | 94887  | 23.4                  | 110711 | 16.7                  | 44.0                  |
| Female            | 41485  | 50835  | 22.5                  | 58432  | 14.9                  | 80522  | 37.8                  | 99535  | 23.6                  | 116047 | 16.6                  | 44.1                  |

**Note:**

\*Numbers for this year are projections.

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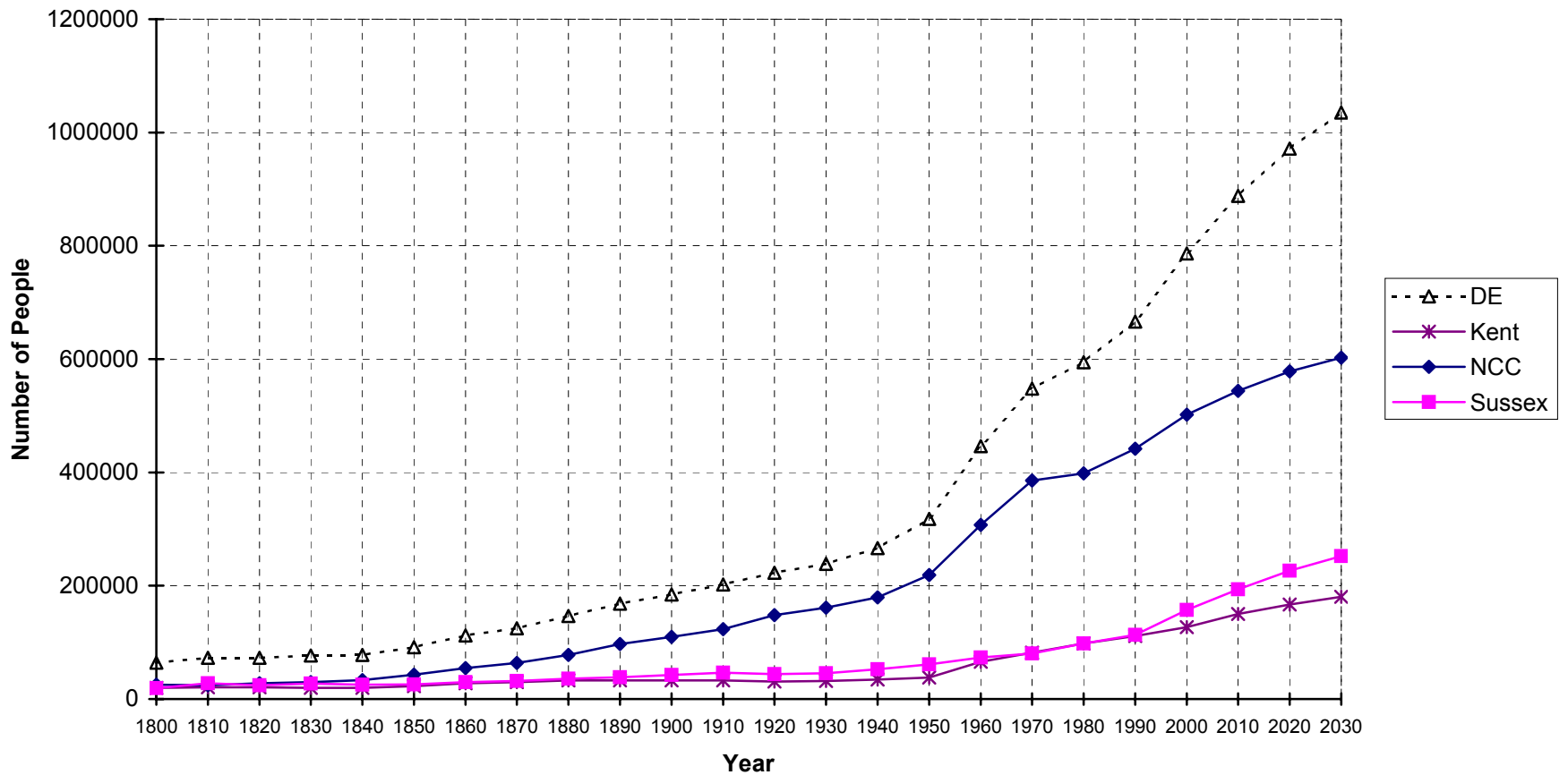
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**Figure A-1**  
**Population Growth**

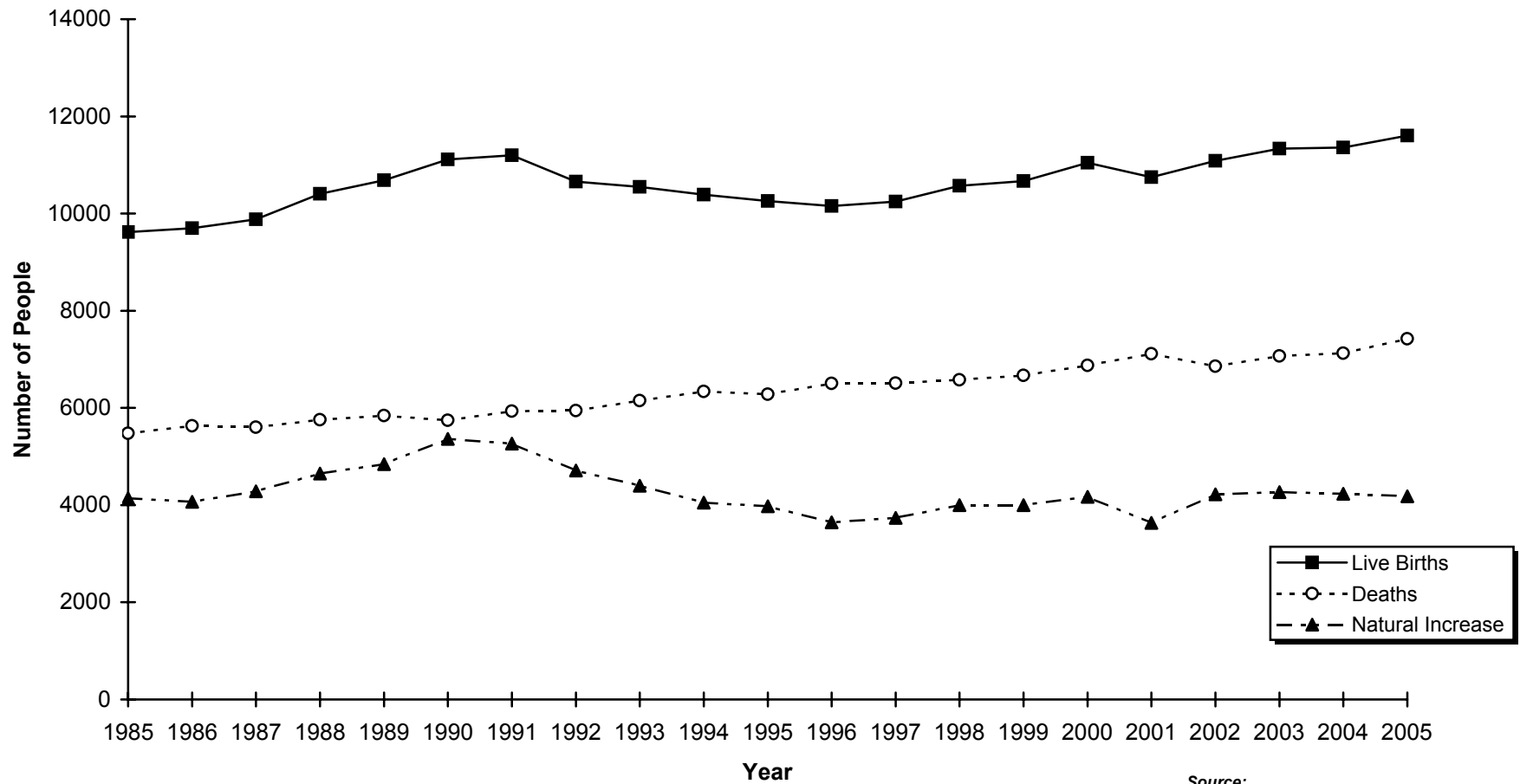
**Delaware and Counties, 1800-2030**



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**Figure A-2**  
**Live Births, Deaths, and Natural Increase**

**Delaware, 1985-2005**



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TABLE A-2  
POPULATION ESTIMATES BY SEX, RACE AND AGE

DELAWARE, COUNTIES, CITY OF DOVER, CITY OF NEWARK, AND CITY OF WILMINGTON, 2005

| Area/<br>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          | 843540 | 56164 | 53285 | 57893 | 58189 | 57318 | 53062 | 52560 | 59266 | 66672 | 65185 | 56977 | 51217 | 40442 | 32102 | 28344 | 23503 | 17243 | 14118 |
| Male              | 409205 | 28027 | 27192 | 29801 | 29571 | 28737 | 26209 | 25969 | 29115 | 32555 | 31789 | 27377 | 24585 | 19205 | 14985 | 13000 | 10140 | 6675  | 4273  |
| White             | 309912 | 20074 | 18544 | 20370 | 20745 | 20217 | 18761 | 18748 | 21496 | 24859 | 24922 | 21991 | 20177 | 16161 | 12634 | 11337 | 9089  | 5963  | 3824  |
| Black             | 85141  | 7098  | 7304  | 8181  | 7773  | 7414  | 6064  | 5623  | 6298  | 6532  | 5994  | 4750  | 3875  | 2688  | 2043  | 1494  | 953   | 651   | 406   |
| Female            | 434335 | 28137 | 26093 | 28092 | 28618 | 28581 | 26853 | 26591 | 30151 | 34117 | 33396 | 29600 | 26632 | 21237 | 17117 | 15344 | 13363 | 10568 | 9845  |
| White             | 326961 | 20127 | 17645 | 19301 | 20051 | 20192 | 19107 | 18952 | 21564 | 25388 | 25470 | 22916 | 21448 | 17631 | 14360 | 13078 | 11705 | 9336  | 8690  |
| Black             | 93825  | 7157  | 7177  | 7703  | 7552  | 7359  | 6624  | 6225  | 7302  | 7645  | 7083  | 5965  | 4579  | 3198  | 2439  | 2050  | 1519  | 1151  | 1097  |
| Kent              | 143969 | 10214 | 10027 | 10695 | 11073 | 10839 | 9439  | 8842  | 9896  | 11484 | 10901 | 8934  | 8041  | 6241  | 5120  | 4513  | 3371  | 2390  | 1949  |
| Male              | 69411  | 5099  | 5056  | 5521  | 5574  | 5341  | 4622  | 4164  | 4829  | 5527  | 5240  | 4240  | 3874  | 2969  | 2356  | 2129  | 1420  | 886   | 564   |
| White             | 52104  | 3665  | 3546  | 3876  | 3970  | 3617  | 3195  | 3121  | 3692  | 4314  | 4141  | 3361  | 3097  | 2417  | 1913  | 1746  | 1217  | 744   | 472   |
| Black             | 15501  | 1303  | 1333  | 1503  | 1448  | 1594  | 1266  | 886   | 983   | 1048  | 967   | 804   | 700   | 507   | 399   | 349   | 188   | 134   | 89    |
| Female            | 74558  | 5115  | 4971  | 5174  | 5499  | 5498  | 4817  | 4678  | 5067  | 5957  | 5661  | 4694  | 4167  | 3272  | 2764  | 2384  | 1951  | 1504  | 1385  |
| White             | 55178  | 3667  | 3416  | 3691  | 3925  | 3676  | 3077  | 3372  | 3770  | 4508  | 4308  | 3574  | 3247  | 2628  | 2261  | 1929  | 1654  | 1294  | 1181  |
| Black             | 17289  | 1316  | 1392  | 1330  | 1425  | 1691  | 1588  | 1120  | 1134  | 1262  | 1199  | 987   | 807   | 559   | 434   | 397   | 260   | 192   | 196   |
| Dover             | 33858  | 2309  | 2027  | 2165  | 3133  | 3615  | 2300  | 1991  | 2038  | 2334  | 2280  | 1971  | 1814  | 1327  | 1172  | 1095  | 937   | 694   | 656   |
| Male              | 15836  | 1168  | 1059  | 1069  | 1503  | 1757  | 1111  | 920   | 975   | 1091  | 1009  | 924   | 819   | 616   | 529   | 488   | 343   | 267   | 188   |
| Female            | 18022  | 1141  | 968   | 1096  | 1630  | 1858  | 1189  | 1071  | 1063  | 1243  | 1271  | 1047  | 995   | 711   | 643   | 607   | 594   | 427   | 468   |
| New Castle        | 523016 | 36018 | 33718 | 36768 | 36575 | 36608 | 35561 | 34823 | 38938 | 42347 | 40933 | 35299 | 30446 | 22753 | 16815 | 14629 | 12602 | 9845  | 8338  |
| Male              | 253690 | 17952 | 17259 | 18889 | 18666 | 18273 | 17438 | 17400 | 19119 | 20747 | 19993 | 16918 | 14551 | 10726 | 7842  | 6502  | 5277  | 3683  | 2455  |
| White             | 185624 | 12613 | 11376 | 12431 | 12657 | 12678 | 12456 | 12169 | 13662 | 15330 | 15191 | 13152 | 11476 | 8657  | 6246  | 5469  | 4627  | 3243  | 2191  |
| Black             | 57268  | 4725  | 4870  | 5507  | 5216  | 4752  | 3937  | 3990  | 4426  | 4521  | 4142  | 3263  | 2662  | 1786  | 1357  | 913   | 578   | 393   | 230   |
| Female            | 269326 | 18066 | 16459 | 17879 | 17909 | 18335 | 18123 | 17423 | 19819 | 21600 | 20940 | 18381 | 15895 | 12027 | 8973  | 8127  | 7325  | 6162  | 5883  |
| White             | 195716 | 12674 | 10722 | 11806 | 12120 | 12877 | 13057 | 11942 | 13563 | 15440 | 15404 | 13695 | 12284 | 9549  | 7106  | 6688  | 6278  | 5376  | 5135  |
| Black             | 63407  | 4779  | 4792  | 5255  | 5019  | 4660  | 4207  | 4388  | 5223  | 5352  | 4906  | 4148  | 3154  | 2191  | 1642  | 1305  | 953   | 730   | 703   |
| Newark            | 30613  | 940   | 962   | 1208  | 5776  | 8385  | 1857  | 1298  | 1136  | 1327  | 1535  | 1415  | 1237  | 906   | 707   | 604   | 554   | 447   | 319   |
| Male              | 14237  | 486   | 510   | 615   | 2271  | 3952  | 1005  | 699   | 548   | 673   | 759   | 678   | 587   | 439   | 309   | 245   | 229   | 158   | 74    |
| Female            | 16377  | 454   | 452   | 593   | 3505  | 4433  | 852   | 599   | 588   | 654   | 776   | 737   | 650   | 467   | 398   | 359   | 325   | 289   | 245   |
| Wilmington*       | 72213  | 5699  | 4522  | 5232  | 5202  | 5315  | 5488  | 5829  | 5416  | 5290  | 5049  | 4414  | 3728  | 2755  | 2129  | 1891  | 1577  | 1351  | 1326  |
| Male              | 34839  | 2910  | 2377  | 2675  | 2630  | 2719  | 2823  | 2954  | 2691  | 2629  | 2468  | 2114  | 1704  | 1222  | 896   | 742   | 555   | 411   | 319   |
| White             | 12425  | 899   | 504   | 490   | 585   | 820   | 1148  | 1445  | 1064  | 940   | 921   | 814   | 757   | 584   | 357   | 326   | 297   | 240   | 234   |
| Black             | 19998  | 1797  | 1649  | 1944  | 1826  | 1631  | 1401  | 1291  | 1439  | 1545  | 1446  | 1196  | 862   | 586   | 499   | 398   | 245   | 163   | 80    |
| Female            | 37374  | 2789  | 2145  | 2557  | 2572  | 2596  | 2665  | 2875  | 2725  | 2661  | 2581  | 2300  | 2024  | 1533  | 1233  | 1149  | 1022  | 940   | 1007  |
| White             | 12807  | 846   | 460   | 422   | 512   | 741   | 991   | 1269  | 868   | 754   | 785   | 847   | 835   | 650   | 483   | 494   | 576   | 585   | 689   |
| Black             | 22344  | 1738  | 1519  | 1918  | 1855  | 1617  | 1491  | 1379  | 1673  | 1765  | 1694  | 1349  | 1110  | 827   | 707   | 629   | 424   | 345   | 304   |
| Sussex            | 176555 | 9932  | 9540  | 10430 | 10541 | 9871  | 8062  | 8895  | 10432 | 12841 | 13351 | 12744 | 12730 | 11448 | 10167 | 9202  | 7530  | 5008  | 3831  |
| Male              | 86104  | 4976  | 4877  | 5391  | 5331  | 5123  | 4149  | 4405  | 5167  | 6281  | 6556  | 6219  | 6160  | 5510  | 4787  | 4369  | 3443  | 2106  | 1254  |
| White             | 72184  | 3796  | 3622  | 4063  | 4118  | 3922  | 3110  | 3458  | 4142  | 5215  | 5590  | 5478  | 5604  | 5087  | 4475  | 4122  | 3245  | 1976  | 1161  |
| Black             | 12372  | 1070  | 1101  | 1171  | 1109  | 1068  | 861   | 747   | 889   | 963   | 885   | 683   | 513   | 395   | 287   | 232   | 187   | 124   | 87    |
| Female            | 90451  | 4956  | 4663  | 5039  | 5210  | 4748  | 3913  | 4490  | 5265  | 6560  | 6795  | 6525  | 6570  | 5938  | 5380  | 4833  | 4087  | 2902  | 2577  |
| White             | 76067  | 3786  | 3507  | 3804  | 4006  | 3639  | 2973  | 3638  | 4231  | 5440  | 5758  | 5647  | 5917  | 5454  | 4993  | 4461  | 3773  | 2666  | 2374  |
| Black             | 13129  | 1062  | 993   | 1118  | 1108  | 1008  | 829   | 717   | 945   | 1031  | 978   | 830   | 618   | 448   | 363   | 348   | 306   | 229   | 198   |

**Note:**

\*Race estimates for the City of Wilmington are illustrative and should be interpreted with caution.

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**Figure A-3**  
**Projected Population Growth**  
**Delaware and Counties, 1990-2030**

