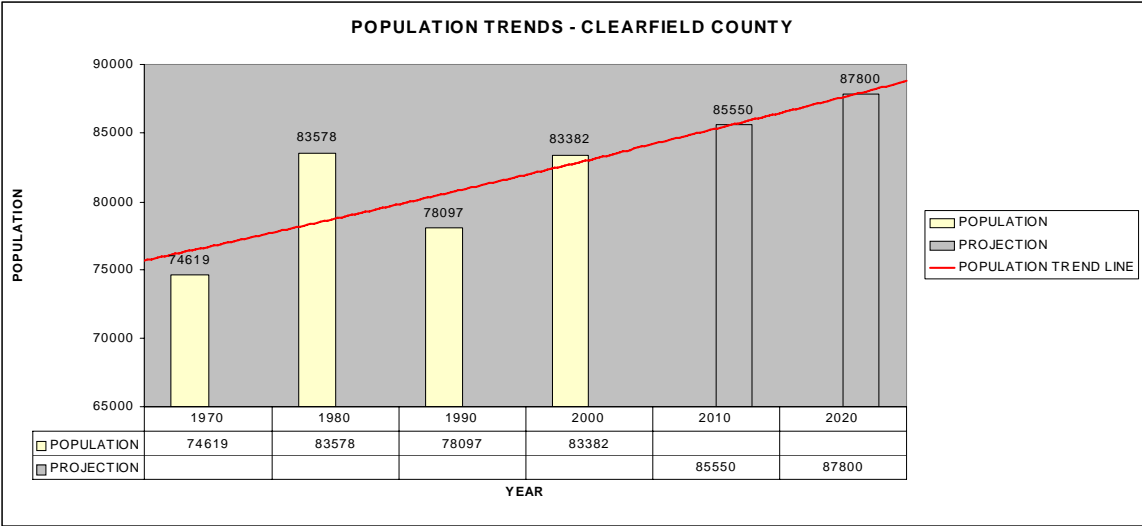


CHAPTER SEVEN: POPULATION, INCOME & POVERTY STATISTICS, AND SOCIAL CHARACTERISTICS and TRENDS

DEMOGRAPHICS

In order to gain an understanding of the region, a detailed analysis of population growth has been completed. The analysis includes both quantitative and qualitative data about the population characteristics of Clearfield County. Land use projections for residential, commercial, and industrial uses are related to the amount and type of population growth.

Based on past growth or decline in population, a chart showing a population trend line can be created. This trend line is meant to be a future projection of population growth based on the past. Clearfield County has shown a steady increase in population despite a decrease of 5,481 people from 1980 to 1990. The next chart shows the population of Clearfield County from 1970 through 2000 and projects a population through the year 2020. The projection figures were estimated based on the population trend line. The trend line is based on exponential growth of the previous U.S. Census Data.



Source: CEDG, Inc.

According to the population trend line, Clearfield County should experience population growth at a rate of approximately 2.6% each decade. At that rate, the population should be 87,800 by 2020.

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POPULATION CHANGE

Clearfield County ranked 21st out of the 67 counties in Pennsylvania in percent growth from 1990-2000. Of the municipalities in Clearfield County, the highest percentage of growth was in Woodward Township (119.00%) followed by Pine Township (79.07%).

Although it appears that significant growth occurred in both Woodward and Pine Townships, it should be further clarified that Woodward Township's population growth was attributed to the number of inmates incarcerated at a State Correctional Facility, which was built between the 1990 and 2000 censuses. As for Pine Township, its total population for 1990 was only 43 people, so when it grew to 77 residents in 2000, growth appeared to be significant since its population nearly doubled.

The largest population growth in actual numbers was in Sandy Township (2,551). The lowest percentage of growth in Clearfield County was in Newburg Borough where (-30.77%) of the population was lost followed by Houtzdale Borough with a (-21.84%) loss. The highest loss of actual population in numbers occurred in Lawrence Township (-288) followed by Curwensville Borough (-274).

The following table shows the change in population from 1990-2000 for Pennsylvania, Clearfield County, and each of its municipalities.

Population Change 1990-2000				
County or Municipality	2000 Population	1990 Population	Population Change	Percent Change
Pennsylvania	12,281,054	11,881,643	399,411	3.36%
Clearfield County	83,382	78,097	5,285	6.77%
Beccaria Twp	1,835	1,917	-82	-4.28%
Bell Twp	825	925	-100	-10.81%
Bigler Twp	1,368	1,391	-23	-1.65%
Bloom Twp	412	454	-42	-9.25%
Boggs Twp	1,837	1,907	-70	-3.67%

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Population Change 1990-2000 (Continued)				
County or Municipality	2000 Population	1990 Population	Population Change	Percent Change
Bradford Twp	3,314	2,504	810	32.35%
Brady Twp	2,010	2,023	-13	-0.64%
Brisbin Boro	413	369	44	11.92%
Burnside Boro	283	350	-67	-19.14%
Burnside Twp	1,128	1,137	-9	-0.79%
Chest Twp	547	565	-18	-3.19%
Chester Hill Boro	918	945	-27	-2.86%
Clearfield Boro	6,631	6,633	-2	-0.03%
Coalport Boro	490	578	-88	-15.22%
Cooper Twp	2,731	2,590	141	5.44%
Covington Twp	621	648	-27	-4.17%
Curwensville Boro	2,650	2,924	-274	-9.37%
Decatur Twp	2,974	3,004	-30	-1.00%
DuBois City	8,123	8,286	-163	-1.97%
Falls Creek Boro	44	54	-10	-18.52%

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Population Change 1990-2000 (Continued)				
County or Municipality	2000 Population	1990 Population	Population Change	Percent Change
Ferguson Twp	410	437	-27	-6.18%
Girard Twp	674	630	44	6.98%
Glen Hope Boro	149	187	-38	-20.32%
Goshen Twp	496	346	150	43.35%
Graham Twp	1,236	1,231	5	0.41%
Grampian Boro	441	395	46	11.65%
Greenwood Twp	424	415	9	2.17%
Gulich Twp	1,275	1,192	83	6.96%
Houtzdale Boro	941	1,204	-263	-21.84%
Huston Twp	1,468	1,352	116	8.58%
Irvona Boro	680	666	14	2.10%
Jordan Twp	543	533	10	1.88%
Karthaus Twp	811	547	264	48.26%
Knox Twp	705	704	1	0.14%
Lawrence Twp	7,712	8,000	-288	-3.60%
Lumber City Boro	86	83	3	3.61%

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Population Change 1990-2000 (Continued)				
County or Municipality	2000 Population	1990 Population	Population Change	Percent Change
Mahaffey Boro	402	341	61	17.89%
Morris Twp	3,063	2,680	383	14.29%
Newburg Boro	81	117	-36	-30.77%
New Washington Boro	89	78	11	14.10%
Osceola Mills Boro	1,249	1,310	-61	-4.66%
Penn Twp	1,326	1,372	-46	-3.35%
Pike Twp	2,309	2,044	265	12.96%
Pine Twp	77	43	34	79.07%
Ramey Boro	525	536	-11	-2.05%
Sandy Twp	11,556	9,005	2,551	28.33%
Troutville Boro	224	226	-2	-0.88%
Union Twp	918	833	85	10.20%
Wallaceton Boro	350	319	31	9.72%
Westover Boro	458	446	12	2.69%
Woodward Twp	3,550	1,621	1,929	119.00%

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Population Density**

POPULATION DENSITY

Clearfield County has a total area of approximately 1,147 square miles. According to the 2000 Census data, the population density of Clearfield County is 72.7 people per square mile. This makes Clearfield County 47th in population density out of the 67 counties in Pennsylvania. The boroughs and the city in Clearfield County have the highest population density with Osceola Mills Borough being the highest at 4163.3 people per square mile. Sandy Township has the highest population density among the 2nd class townships at 223.1 people per square mile. The lowest population density in Clearfield is in Pine Twp with 2.4 people per square mile.

The population density in Clearfield County tends to be greater in the northwest corner of the County in the area surrounding the City of DuBois and along the southeastern edge of the County next to Centre County. Other areas with high population density include the center of Clearfield County around Clearfield Borough through the municipalities that connect the City of DuBois with the southeastern edge of the County.

(Please see map section of the appendices to view the population density maps for Clearfield County.)

COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL POPULATION DENSITIES					
Municipality	2000 Population	1990 Population	Area (Sq. Miles)	2000 Density	1990 Density
Clearfield County	83,382	78,097	1,147	72.7	68.1
Beccaria Twp	1,835	1,917	36.4	50.4	52.7
Bell Twp	825	925	57.3	14.4	16.1
Bigler Twp	1,368	1,391	24.8	55.2	56.1
Bloom Twp	412	454	19.1	21.6	23.8
Boggs Twp	1,837	1,907	36.3	50.6	52.5
Bradford Twp	3,314	2,504	38.3	86.5	65.4

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COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL POPULATION DENSITIES (Continued)					
Municipality	2000 Population	1990 Population	Area (Sq. Miles)	2000 Density	1990 Density
Brady Twp	2,010	2,023	37.4	53.7	54.1
Brisbin Boro	413	369	0.6	688.3	615.0
Burnside Boro	283	350	1.7	166.5	205.9
Burnside Twp	1,128	1,137	44.3	25.5	25.7
Chest Twp	547	565	35.8	15.3	15.8
Chester Hill Boro	918	945	0.5	1,836.0	1,890.0
Clearfield Boro	6,631	6,633	1.8	3,683.9	3,685.0
Coalport Boro	490	578	0.4	1,225.0	1,445.0
Cooper Twp	2,731	2,590	40.6	67.3	63.8
Covington Twp	621	648	52.4	11.9	12.4
Curwensville Boro	2,650	2,924	2.2	1,204.5	1,329.1
Decatur Twp	2,974	3,004	38.2	77.9	78.6
DuBois City	8,123	8,286	3.4	2,389.1	2,437.1
Falls Creek Boro	44	54	0.1	440.0	540.0

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COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL POPULATION DENSITIES (Continued)					
Municipality	2000 Population	1990 Population	Area (Sq. Miles)	2000 Density	1990 Density
Ferguson Twp	410	437	23.4	17.5	18.7
Girard Twp	674	630	63.4	10.6	9.9
Glen Hope Boro	149	187	2.1	71.0	89.0
Goshen Twp	496	346	48.8	10.2	7.1
Graham Twp	1,236	1,231	30.3	40.8	40.6
Grampian Boro	441	395	0.3	1,470.0	1,316.7
Greenwood Twp	424	415	19.5	21.7	21.3
Gulich Twp	1,275	1,192	20.1	63.4	59.3
Houtzdale Boro	941	1,204	0.6	1,568.3	2,006.7
Huston Twp	1,468	1,352	63.6	23.1	21.3
Irvona Boro	680	666	0.5	1,360.0	1,332.0
Jordan Twp	543	533	24.2	22.4	22.0
Karthaus Twp	811	547	35.6	22.8	15.4
Knox Twp	705	704	25.3	27.9	27.8
Lawrence Twp	7,712	8,000	83.5	92.4	95.8
Lumber City Boro	86	83	2.7	31.9	30.7

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COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL POPULATION DENSITIES (Continued)					
Municipality	2000 Population	1990 Population	Area (Sq. Miles)	2000 Density	1990 Density
Mahaffey Boro	402	341	0.4	1,005.0	852.5
Morris Twp	3,063	2,680	19.5	157.1	137.4
Newburg Boro	81	117	1.7	47.6	68.8
New Washington Boro	89	78	2.2	40.5	35.5
Osceola Mills Boro	1,249	1,310	0.3	4,163.3	4,366.7
Penn Twp	1,326	1,372	25.4	52.2	54.0
Pike Twp	2,309	2,044	40.4	57.2	50.6
Pine Twp	77	43	32	2.4	1.3
Ramey Boro	525	536	0.9	583.3	595.6
Sandy Twp	11,556	9,005	51.8	223.1	173.8
Troutville Boro	224	226	0.8	280.0	282.5
Union Twp	918	833	31.1	29.5	26.8
Wallaceton Boro	350	319	0.7	500.0	455.7
Westover Boro	458	446	2.7	169.6	165.2
Woodward Twp	3,550	1,621	22	161.4	73.7

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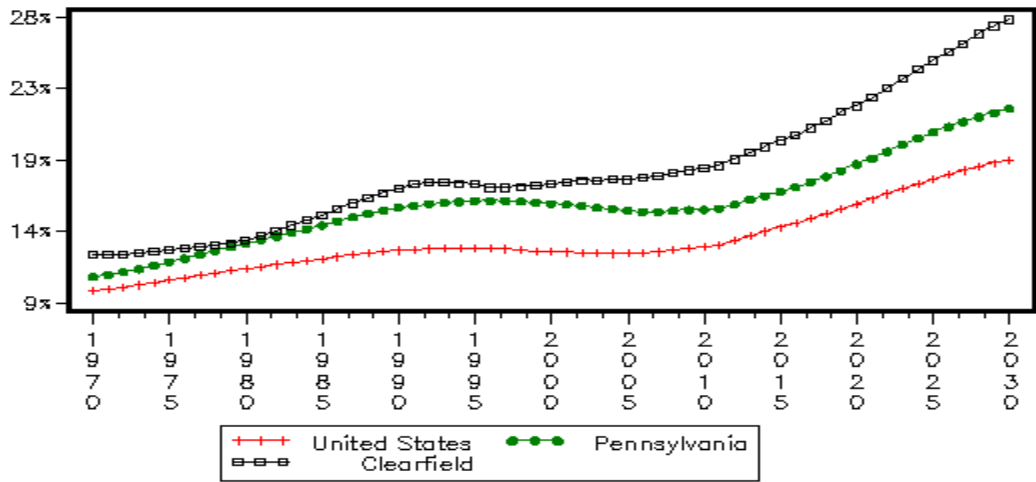
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AGE-SEX DISTRIBUTION

According to US Census estimates for 2004, our population for both sexes was generally equal proportion with males outnumbering females by less than a half of a percentage point. The male population was at 41,706 making up 50.3% of the total county population while the female population was 41,207 or 49.7%

Clearfield County, like the state of PA as a whole, is experiencing an ever-growing aging population. According to 2000 US Census population numbers, 17% of the County's population was 65 years old or older. In comparison, Clearfield County's aging population is 1 percentage point higher than the State average of 16% and 4.6 percentage points higher the nation's average of 12.4%. This aging population trend is expected to continue to grow. In fact, it is predicted that by the year 2020 Clearfield County's population of those 65 or older will be make up 22.1% of the total population.

Percent of Population age 65+



Source: Woods & Poole, Inc and Penn State Cooperative Extension

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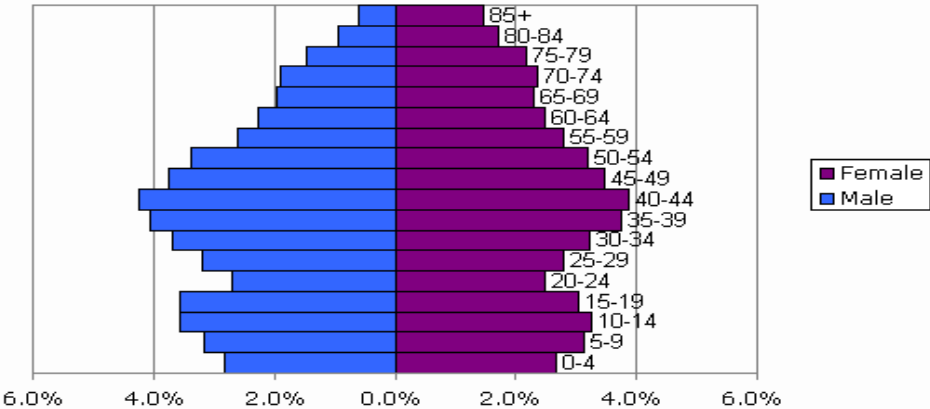
The age-sex comparison chart can tell a lot about the growth of a community, region, or country. The following display shows what rates of growth should be expected when studying the shape of an age-sex comparison chart according to the Population Reference Bureau (www.prb.org)



Population Reference Bureau (www.prb.org)

As we look at the following age-sex distribution chart for Clearfield County, it is apparent that Clearfield County is experiencing a negative growth, according to the Population Reference Bureau's above described growth shapes.

Age Distribution, 2000



Source: CEDG, Inc.

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The actual age-sex distribution numbers and percentages based on the 2000 US Census are listed on the following table.

Clearfield County Age Distribution By Sex				
	Male		Female	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total Population	41,581	49.87%	41,801	50.13%
0-4	2,350	2.82%	2,213	2.65%
5-9	2,644	3.17%	2,620	3.14%
10-14	2,967	3.56%	2,706	3.25%
15-19	2,981	3.58%	2,531	3.04%
20-24	2,244	2.69%	2,061	2.47%
25-29	2,673	3.21%	2,328	2.79%
30-34	3,066	3.68%	2,686	3.22%
35-39	3,393	4.07%	3,133	3.76%
40-44	3,530	4.23%	3,233	3.88%
45-49	3,118	3.74%	2,900	3.48%
50-54	2,806	3.37%	2,665	3.20%

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Clearfield County Age Distribution By Sex (Continued)

	Male		Female	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
55-59	2,179	2.61%	2,317	2.78%
60-64	1,882	2.26%	2,062	2.47%
65-69	1,643	1.97%	1,913	2.29%
70-74	1,581	1.90%	1,977	2.37%
75-79	1,224	1.47%	1,815	2.18%
80-84	786	0.94%	1,419	1.70%
85+	514	0.62%	1,222	1.47%

(See map section of appendices to view age distribution map for Clearfield County)

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RACIAL AND ETHNIC CHARACTER

Of the County's residents in 2000, 97.4% were white, 1.5% were black, 0.3% were Asian, 0.1% were Native American, and 0.6% identified themselves as Hispanic or Latino. 0.5% of the people in Clearfield County identified themselves as being of two or more races. With the exception of Native Americans, the percentages of minority individuals in Clearfield County are well below the percentages in Pennsylvania as a whole.

SUMMARY OF RACE ORIGIN										
MUNICIPALITY	POPULATION	% ONE RACE	% WHITE	% BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN	% AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE	% ASIAN	% NATIVE HAWAIIAN AND OTHER PACIFIC ISLANDER	% SOME OTHER RACE	% TWO OR MORE RACES	% HISPANIC OR LATINO (ANY RACE)
Beccaria Twp	1,835	99.7	99.5	0.1	0.1	0	0	0	0.3	0.2
Bell Twp	825	99.5	99	0	0.2	0.1	0	0.1	0.5	0.2
Bigler Twp	1,368	99.4	99	0.1	0	0.1	0	0.2	0.6	0.1
Bloom Twp	412	100	99.8	0	0.2	0	0	0	0	0
Boggs Twp	1,837	99.6	98.9	0.1	0.2	0.3	0	0.1	0.4	0.1
Bradford Twp	3,314	99.6	98.9	0.2	0.4	0.1	0	0	0.4	0.2

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MUNICIPALITY	POPULATION	% ONE RACE	% WHITE	% BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN	% AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE	% ASIAN	% NATIVE HAWAIIAN AND OTHER PACIFIC ISLANDER	% SOME OTHER RACE	% TWO OR MORE RACES	% HISPANIC OR LATINO (ANY RACE)
Brady Twp	2,010	99.3	99.2	0	0.1	0	0	0	0.7	0.3
Brisbin Boro	413	99.3	98.8	0.2	0	0	0	0.2	0.7	0.2
Burnside Boro	283	100	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burnside Twp	1,128	99.6	99.3	0	0.2	0.1	0	0	0.4	0.4
Chest Twp	547	99.5	99.3	0.2	0	0	0	0	0.5	0
Chester Hill Boro	918	99.5	99.2	0	0.1	0.1	0	0	0.5	0.2
Clearfield Boro	6,631	99.6	98.4	0.7	0.1	0.3	0	0	0.4	0.3
Coalport Boro	490	99.8	98.4	0	0	0.1	0	0.2	0.2	0.2

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MUNICIPALITY	POPULATION	% ONE RACE	% WHITE	% BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN	% AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE	% ASIAN	% NATIVE HAWAIIAN AND OTHER PACIFIC ISLANDER	% SOME OTHER RACE	% TWO OR MORE RACES	% HISPANIC OR LATINO (ANY RACE)
Cooper Twp	2,731	99.9	99.7	0	0	0.1	0	0	0.1	0.3
Covington Twp	621	99.7	99.4	0	0	0	0	0.3	0.3	0.3
Curwensville Boro	2,650	99.7	99	0.3	0.2	0.1	0	0	0.3	0.3
Decatur Twp	2,974	99.5	98.8	0.1	0.1	0.2	0	0.3	0.5	0.6
DuBois City	8,123	99.2	98.2	0.3	0.1	0.5	0	0	0.8	0.4
Falls Creek Boro	44	99.4	99.1	0	0.2	0.1	0	0	0.6	0.2
Ferguson Twp	410	100	99.3	0	0	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0

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MUNICIPALITY	POPULATION	% ONE RACE	% WHITE	% BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN	% AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE	% ASIAN	% NATIVE HAWAIIAN AND OTHER PACIFIC ISLANDER	% SOME OTHER RACE	% TWO OR MORE RACES	% HISPANIC OR LATINO (ANY RACE)
Girard Twp	674	100	99.7	0	0.1	0.1	0	0	0	0.1
Glen Hope Boro	149	99.3	99.3	0	0	0	0	0	0.7	0
Goshen Twp	496	100	99.8	0	0.2	0	0	0	0	0
Graham Twp	1,236	98.9	98.5	0	0.4	0	0	0.1	1.1	0.2
Grampian Boro	441	100	99.8	0	0	0	0	0.2	0	0.7
Greenwood Twp	424	99.3	99.3	0	0	0	0	0	0.7	0.7
Gulich Twp	1,275	99.5	99.4	0	0.1	0	0.1	0	0.5	0
Houtzdale Boro	941	99.8	99.6	0	0.2	0	0	0	0.2	0
Huston Twp	1,468	99.8	99.7	0	0	0.1	0.1	0	0.2	0

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SUMMARY OF RACE ORIGIN (Continued)										
MUNICIPALITY	POPULATION	% ONE RACE	% WHITE	% BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN	% AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE	% ASIAN	% NATIVE HAWAIIAN AND OTHER PACIFIC ISLANDER	% SOME OTHER RACE	% TWO OR MORE RACES	% HISPANIC OR LATINO (ANY RACE)
Irvona Boro	680	99.4	99.4	0	0	0	0	0	0.6	0
Jordan Twp	543	100	99.8	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Karthaus Twp	811	96.4	80.3	15.4	0.1	0.2	0	0.4	3.6	3.7
Knox Twp	705	99.7	99.6	0	0.1	0	0	0	0.3	0.1
Lawrence Twp	7,712	99.6	98.6	0.4	0.2	0.3	0	0	0	0.5
Lumber City Boro	86	95.3	95.3	0	0	0	0	0	4.7	1.2
Mahaffey Boro	402	100	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Morris Twp	3,063	99.7	99.4	0.1	0	0.2	0	0	0.3	0.7

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MUNICIPALITY	POPULATION	% ONE RACE	% WHITE	% BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN	% AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE	% ASIAN	% NATIVE HAWAIIAN AND OTHER PACIFIC ISLANDER	% SOME OTHER RACE	% TWO OR MORE RACES	% HISPANIC OR LATINO (ANY RACE)
Newburg Boro	89	95.1	92.6	2.5	0	0	0	0	4.9	2.5
New Washington Boro	81	100	97.8	0	0	2.2	0	0	0	0
Osceola Mills Boro	1,249	99.8	99.4	0	0.2	0.2	0	0	0.2	0.7
Penn Twp	1,326	99.8	99.5	0.1	0	0.1	0	0.2	0.2	0.3
Pike Twp	2,309	99.8	99.4	0	0.2	0.2	0	0	0.2	0.1
Pine Twp	77	100	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ramey Boro	525	99.6	99.2	0	0.4	0	0	0	0.4	1
Sandy Twp	11,556	99.5	98.6	0.2	0.1	0.6	0	0	1	0.4

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SUMMARY OF RACE ORIGIN (Continued)										
MUNICIPALITY	POPULATION	% ONE RACE	% WHITE	% BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN	% AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE	% ASIAN	% NATIVE HAWAIIAN AND OTHER PACIFIC ISLANDER	% SOME OTHER RACE	% TWO OR MORE RACES	% HISPANIC OR LATINO (ANY RACE)
Troutville Boro	224	98.7	98.7	0	0	0	0	0	1.3	0
Union Twp	918	99.6	99.5	0	0.1	0	0	0	0.4	0.2
Wallacetown Boro	350	99.4	98.9	0.3	0.3	0	0	0	0.6	0
Westover Boro	458	99.3	98.9	0	0	0.4	0	0	0.7	1.3
Woodward Twp	3,550	99.9	67.9	26.9	0.1	0.3	0	4.6	0.1	4.8

POPULATION MOVEMENTS

During the period of time between 1995 up until the 2000 US Census, 70.1% of the County residents said they lived in the same house. Of the 29.9% who indicated they lived elsewhere, 18.4 % lived in another house within the County while the other 11.5% lived outside the County. The majority of Clearfield County residents, 88.5% during the time of the 2000 US Census, had been residents for the past five years.

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Migration, 1990 Residence 5 Years Prior to Census		
Residence in 1985	Number	Percent
Same house	52,290	71.65%
Different house	20,694	28.35%
 Same county	13,383	18.34%
 Different county	7,232	9.91%
Same state	5,022	6.88%
Different State	2,210	3.03%
Elsewhere in 1985	79	0.11%
Total Population Age 5+	72,984	100.00%

Migration, 2000 Residence 5 Years Prior to Census		
Residence in 1995	Number	Percent
Same house	55,289	70.09%
Different house	23,592	29.91%
 Same county	14,478	18.35%
 Different county	8,900	11.28%
Same state	5,961	7.56%
Different State	2,939	3.73%
Elsewhere in 1995	214	0.27%
Total Population Age 5+	78,881	100.00%

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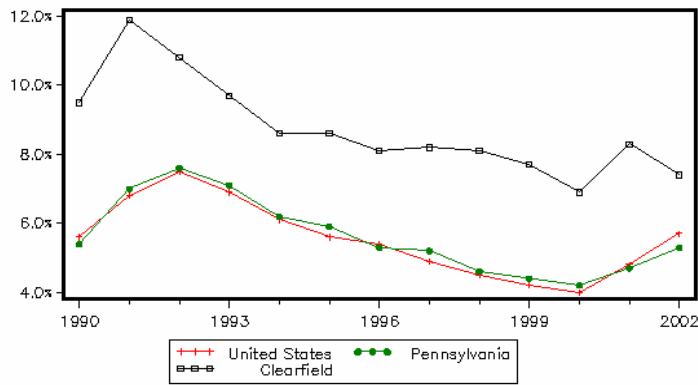
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Unemployment

Unemployment is a significant indicator of the local economy. Typically, a low unemployment figure is a sign of a healthy economy. Clearfield County, unfortunately, has a long history of high unemployment; rates which tend to be much higher than both national and state averages.

County Unemployment Rate Since 1990



Source: BLS and Penn State Cooperative Extension

Historical Unemployment & Poverty Rates

Both the County's unemployment rate as well as the poverty rate have declined a bit since 1993, but still are high in comparison to both national and state averages.

Historical Poverty & Unemployment Rates

	Unemployment Rate (%)	Poverty Rate (%)
2003	7.2	12.8
1997	8.0	13.4
1993	9.7	15.5

Source: US Census Bureau

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Children Living in Poverty

Another disturbing rate for Clearfield County is the amount of children living in poverty. Again, Clearfield County's rates have been historically higher than both national and state averages. In 2003, Clearfield County had a "children living in poverty rate" of 19.2% while the State average was 14.9% and the federal rate was 17.6%.

Percent of Clearfield County Children Living in Poverty

Year	Children Living in Poverty (%)
2003	19.2
2002	17.6
1999	18.7

Source: US Census Bureau

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Regional Income & Poverty Statistics

The following chart displays some income and poverty statistics for Clearfield County and the surrounding counties. These figures are similar to the surrounding counties. 9.1% of families or 12.5% of individuals in Clearfield County are living below the poverty level. The Median household income is \$31,357 while the median family income is \$38,004.

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	CLEARFIELD COUNTY		CAMERON COUNTY		ELK COUNTY		JEFFERSON COUNTY		INDIANA COUNTY		CENTRE COUNTY	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
FAMILIES	22,921	100	1,624	100	9,734	100	12,956	100	22,605	100	28,628	100
FAMILIES BELOW POVERTY	2,086	9.1	107	6.6	486	5	1,107	8.5	2,225	9.8	1,754	6.1
INDIVIDUALS BELOW POVERTY	10,028	12.5	558	9.4	2,432	7	5,312	11.8	14,701		22,742	18.8
MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME	31,357		32,212		37,550		31,722		30,233		36,165	
MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME	38,004		39,479		46,402		37,364		38,386		50,557	
PER CAPITA INCOME	16,010		15,968		18,174		16,186		15,312		18,020	

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Per Capita Income

The per capita income for an area may be defined as the total personal income in an area divided by the number of people in that area, or the income per person. Per capita income is often used as an indicator of local economic wellbeing. The average per capita income for Clearfield County in 2000 was \$16,010. The highest per capita income in Clearfield County is \$26,319 in Pine Township. Pine Township had a 215.12% increase from its 1990 per capita income of \$8,352. This increase was the largest increase in the county from 1990 to 2000. New Washington Borough had the lowest per capita income in Clearfield County in 2000 with \$9,121. This figure grew by 13.29% from its 1990 figure of \$8,051. This represents the lowest percent change in Clearfield County.

MUNICIPAL PER CAPITA INCOME CHANGE 1990-2000				
County Or Municipality	2000 Per Capita Income	1990 Per Capita Income	Change In Dollars	Percent Change
Clearfield County	\$16,010	\$10,430	\$5,580	53.50%
Beccaria Township	\$13,941	\$8,630	\$5,311	61.54%
Bell Township	\$12,090	\$7,922	\$4,168	52.61%
Bigler Township	\$12,434	\$9,688	\$2,746	28.34%
Bloom Township	\$15,470	\$9,404	\$6,066	64.50%
Boggs Township	\$14,694	\$8,497	\$6,197	72.93%
Bradford Township	\$14,877	\$9,087	\$5,790	63.72%
Brady Township	\$15,298	\$9,289	\$6,009	64.69%
Brisbin Borough	\$13,805	\$9,816	\$3,989	40.64%
Burnside Borough	\$9,993	\$7,099	\$2,894	40.77%

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MUNICIPAL PER CAPITA INCOME CHANGE 1990-2000 (Continued)				
County Or Municipality	2000 Per Capita Income	1990 Per Capita Income	Change In Dollars	Percent Change
Burnside Township	\$15,005	\$8,223	\$6,782	82.48%
Chest Township	\$10,760	\$8,385	\$2,375	28.32%
Chester Hill Borough	\$14,256	\$9,438	\$4,818	51.05%
Clearfield Borough	\$17,374	\$12,338	\$5,036	40.82%
Coalport Borough	\$16,232	\$8,733	\$7,499	85.87%
Cooper Township	\$16,161	\$8,400	\$7,761	92.39%
Covington Township	\$16,964	\$8,853	\$8,111	91.62%
Curwensville Borough	\$14,829	\$10,723	\$4,106	38.29%
Decatur Township	\$17,485	\$9,567	\$7,918	82.76%
DuBois City	\$17,079	\$11,713	\$5,366	45.81%
Falls Creek Borough	\$16,410	\$7,134	\$9,276	130.03%
Ferguson Township	\$14,337	\$7,969	\$6,368	79.91%
Girard Township	\$15,142	\$8,123	\$7,019	86.41%
Glen Hope Borough	\$13,322	\$7,508	\$5,814	77.44%
Goshen Township	\$12,255	\$8,471	\$3,784	44.67%

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County Or Municipality	2000 Per Capita Income	1990 Per Capita Income	Change In Dollars	Percent Change
Graham Township	\$15,950	\$8,814	\$7,136	80.96%
Grampian Borough	\$12,127	\$9,256	\$2,871	31.02%
Greenwood Township	\$15,945	\$9,112	\$6,833	74.99%
Gulich Township	\$14,405	\$9,384	\$5,021	53.51%
Houtzdale Borough	\$14,177	\$9,984	\$4,193	42.00%
Huston Township	\$16,734	\$11,242	\$5,492	48.85%
Irvona Borough	\$11,786	\$7,693	\$4,093	53.20%
Jordan Township	\$12,600	\$8,021	\$4,579	57.09%
Karthaus Township	\$13,723	\$8,703	\$5,020	57.68%
Knox Township	\$13,394	\$8,623	\$4,771	55.33%
Lawrence Township	\$16,321	\$11,344	\$4,977	43.87%
Lumber City Borough	\$15,655	\$9,495	\$6,160	64.88%
Mahaffey Borough	\$11,320	\$6,859	\$4,461	65.04%
Morris Township	\$14,023	\$9,074	\$4,949	54.54%
Newburg Borough	\$15,166	\$6,638	\$8,528	128.47%

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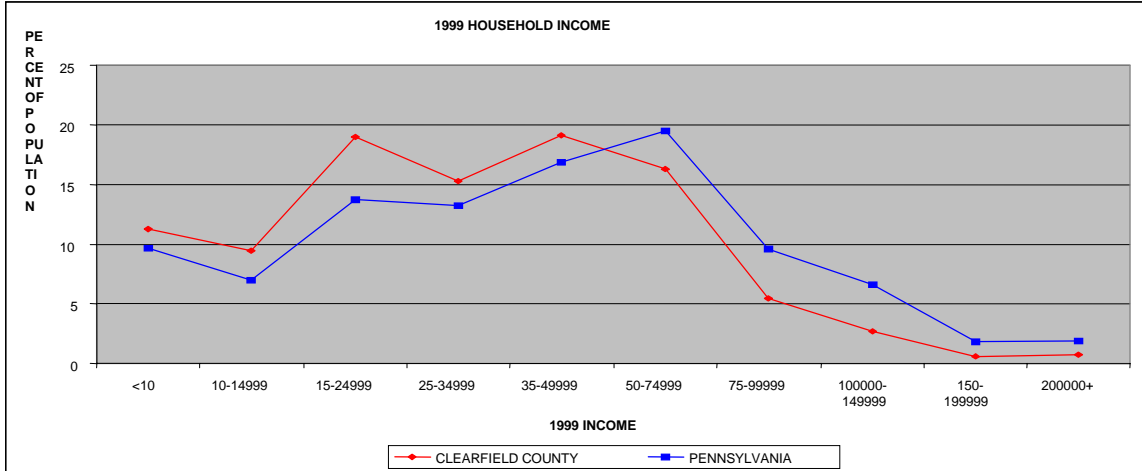
County Or Municipality	2000 Per Capita Income	1990 Per Capita Income	Change In Dollars	Percent Change
New Washington Boro	\$9,121	\$8,051	\$1,070	13.29%
Osceola Mills Borough	\$14,932	\$9,065	\$5,867	64.72%
Penn Township	\$13,994	\$10,003	\$3,991	39.90%
Pike Township	\$15,670	\$9,238	\$6,432	69.63%
Pine Township	\$26,319	\$8,352	\$17,967	215.12%
Ramey Borough	\$14,101	\$9,278	\$4,823	51.98%
Sandy Township	\$20,420	\$13,567	\$6,853	50.51%
Troutville Borough	\$15,335	\$10,616	\$4,719	44.45%
Union Township	\$15,558	\$10,842	\$4,716	43.50%
Wallaceton Borough	\$11,571	\$6,857	\$4,714	68.75%
Westover Borough	\$10,866	\$8,154	\$2,712	33.26%
Woodward Township	\$13,062	\$9,513	\$3,549	37.31%

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Median Household Income

The percentage of the population making lower incomes in Clearfield County is significantly higher than the State average until approximately the \$50,000 income range. From that point up, the State has a higher percentage of higher income population. The median household income for Clearfield County is \$31,357 while the median income for PA is \$40,106. The highest median household income by municipality is Pine Township at \$53,750. The lowest household income by municipality is Falls Creek Borough at \$14,750.



Source:CEDG, Inc.

(Please see map section of appendices to view median household income by municipality for Clearfield County.)

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Overview

In August of 2005, the County sponsored a roundtable of its social service agencies to assess these issues. These discussions revealed that although there are many symptoms being treated, the root cause unanimously agreed upon was due to the economics of the area. Agencies reported that adults living in poverty struggle with a feeling of hopelessness and many are receiving treatment for depression. Many times, these same individuals will turn to and rely upon drugs and alcohol to escape from their economic disparity. Although having access to such services is a strength, it is also a weakness in that there is such a demand for these services. Additional discussions indicated that county social services may attract in-migration from other geographic locations. In fact, some of the largest employers in the County are from the social service industry.

Unfortunately, these social issues not only impact adults; studies have shown that extreme economic deprivation can also greatly affect children as well. Our county agencies also confirmed this and shared with us many of their prevention and intervention programs which were designed specifically for adolescents. Many of the same problems that the adults experience were also prevalent in their children. These adolescent problem behaviors not only include substance abuse and delinquency, but teen pregnancy, school dropouts, and violence as well. With almost 20% of Clearfield County children living in poverty, it is understandable that these types of behavioral problems are common.

Family Types

Around 70% of the 32,758 households within the County are considered family households. Of those family households over 80% of them consist of married couples, both with and with out children. The other 20% of families are either single male or single female headed.

Clearfield County Families, by Type

Family Type	Percent (%)
Married Couples with Children	32.3
Married Couples without Children	48.6
Male headed, no wife present	5.8
Female headed, no husband present	13.3

Source: The Center for Rural Pennsylvania

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Marriages/Divorces

In 2003, there were 489 marriages and 263 divorces reported for Clearfield County. Comparing this to 1999 records, both the number of marriage and divorces decreased. Comparing both years, the number of marriages almost doubled the number of divorces.

Aging Population

With an ever-growing aging population, which is expected to reach 22.1% by the year 2020, we must prepare for the special needs associated with such a population base as well as understand the dynamics it has upon the local economy. Personal income shifts employment earnings to transfer payments such as social security. If the elderly are economically sound and are of good health, their talents and disposable income can be an asset to the local economy. If those elderly have health-related issues and are living on fixed incomes, social services will be needed to assist them. Another issue associated with the elderly is isolation. Many elderly are living by themselves. In fact, in 2000, 29.8% of our households were made up residents over the age of 65 and 13.1% of the County's households are single person over the age of 65. County social service agencies have reported a reluctance of elderly in leaving their homes for institutional care. Many are isolated from interacting with others due to limited mobility. Local service agencies such as the Area Agency on Aging have programs designed to address these issues and are preparing for the future needs of this growing sector of population.

Public Assistance

From 2000 to 2005, Clearfield County has seen an increase in the participation and eligibility for public assistance. In 2005, 12.3 percent of the population was receiving food stamps. In 2003, state data shows that 42% of county students were eligible for either free or reduced lunches.

Clearfield County Population Participating or Eligible for Public Assistance

Type of Public Assistance	Percent of Population 2000	Percent of Population 2005
Cash assistance	1.5	1.8
Food Stamps	8.8	12.3
Medical Assistance Eligible	16.2	20.1

Source: The Center for Rural Pennsylvania

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Drug & Alcohol Abuse

Clearfield County residents received treatment for alcohol related problems much more frequently than involving drug use between July 2002 and June 2003. The PA Department of Health reported 298 alcohol related admissions and 177 drug admissions to state supported treatment facility in Clearfield County during that period of time.

Juvenile Substance Abuse

According to a 2003 Youth survey report conducted by the Clearfield County Collaborations Board, use of alcohol significantly increased between 6th - 12th grades. Twenty-nine of 6th graders reported that they tried alcohol at least once while 84% of 12th graders reported trying alcohol at least once. Comparing Clearfield County youth to the national average, our youth reported higher usage of drugs and alcohol than the national average sample.

Over half of all students surveyed said they used alcohol within the past 30 days, 37% indicated smoking cigarettes, 16% marijuana, and 4% used inhalants.

Crime

For 2002, there were 619 arrests for DUI and drug violations. Liquor and drunkenness have remained higher or the same as Jefferson County, but lower than Indiana County rates. Arrests for vandalism, disorderly conduct, and assaults decreased nearly 33% from 1999 to 2002. Court commitments to state prisons increased significantly between 2000 and 2003, more so than our neighboring counties of Jefferson and Indiana. In 2002, 82 county residents were committed to state prisons, a 42% increase from 2000.

Juvenile Crime

Property offenses are the most common court cases in the County for juveniles. Property offenses include burglary, theft, receiving stolen property, and vandalism. In 2000, 56% of juvenile court offenses were property. The second common juvenile offense was person offenses. Person offenses include robbery, assault, and sex offenses. Person offenses made up 30% of the juvenile court offenses in 2000.

Family Management Problems

The number of reports received by the County's Children Youth & Family Services in 2003 was 959. Of those, 140 were listed as Child Protective Service and 819 were listed as General Protective Services. The DuBois, Clearfield, and Curwensville areas were the highest sources of referrals with Clearfield having the highest percentage of those referrals.

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Educational Attainment

The number of County residents 25 or older who did not graduate high school between 1990 and 2000 decreased. In 1990, 30% of those did not have a high school diploma. Clearfield County's rate is higher than the State average and higher than neighboring counties, Jefferson and Indiana.

Educational Attainment in Population 25 Years and Over, 1990-2000

	1990		2000	
	Number	Percent of Total	Number	Percent of Total
Total Population Age 25+	51,464	100.00%	58,138	100.00%
Less than 9th grade	6,650	12.92%	3,964	6.82%
Some high school, no diploma	8,700	16.91%	8,188	14.08%
High school graduate*	24,896	48.38%	29,643	50.99%
Some college, no degree	4,414	8.58%	6,631	11.41%
Associate degree	2,380	4.62%	3,242	5.58%
Bachelor's degree	2,928	5.69%	4,181	7.19%
Graduate or professional degree	1,496	2.91%	2,289	3.94%

* "High school graduate" includes people with the G.E.D. and similar equivalents.

Juvenile School Drop-out Rates

Clearfield County drop-out rates rose steadily from 1998-2002, but dropped significantly in the 2001-2002 school year. The dropout rate peaked in the 2000-2001 school year as 2.2%. drop-out rates for Clearfield County for 2001-2002 dropped to 1.4% which was actually lower than our neighboring counties of Jefferson and Indiana and significantly lower than the State average of 2.2%.

Clearfield County Students- Drop-out Rates

School Year	Drop-Out Rate (%)
2000-2001	2.2
2001-2002	1.4
2003-2004	1.6

Sources: Center for Rural PA & Clearfield County Collaboration Board's Oct. '04 Risk Factor Analysis

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Juvenile Pregnancy

The teen pregnancy rate of Clearfield County was 3.1% in 2002, much higher than our neighboring counties of Jefferson and Clearfield Counties yet nearly the same as the State rate.