

## Demographic Profile Lower Merion Library System

**Population Growth:** The total population of the Lower Merion Library System service area decreased by -3.4 percent over the past decade to 57,825; this decline rate was lower than the statewide rate of 3.4 percent.

**Age and Sex:** In 2010, the Lower Merion Library System service area had a total population of 57,825 - 26,618 males (46.0 percent) and 31,207 females (54.0 percent). The age structure of the population in 2010 was as follows: 25.9 percent of the population was under 20 years old, 55.3 percent was 20 to 64 years old and 18.8 percent was 65 years or older.

**Race and Ethnicity:** For people reporting one race alone, not of Hispanic ethnicity, 83.7 percent were White; 5.5 percent were Black or African American; 7.9 percent were Other Race Alone.<sup>1</sup> A total of 1,718 or 3.0 percent of the population were Hispanic.<sup>2</sup>

**Households:** In 2010, there were 22,473 households in the Lower Merion Library System service area. The average household size was 2.43 people. Families made up 66.1 percent of the households. This figure includes both families with (30.1 percent) and without (36.0 percent) children. Of families with children less than 18 years old, 25.5 percent were married-couple families, 3.5 percent were female householder families with no husband present, and the remaining (1.0 percent) were male-headed households with no wife present.

**Education:** The educational attainment of the population 25 years and over was higher in the Lower Merion Library System service area than in Pennsylvania. During the period 2008-2012, 74.5 percent of residents had earned a Bachelor's degree or higher, compared with 27.0 percent statewide. A total of 1,072 or 2.7 percent had not completed high school, compared with 11.7 percent for the commonwealth as a whole.

**Income and Poverty:** Households with incomes of \$100,000 or More (53.4 percent) made up the largest percent of households in the Lower Merion Library System service area in 2008-2012. For comparison, 20.8 percent of commonwealth households were in this range during the period.

In 2008-2012, the overall poverty rate for the Lower Merion Library System service area was lower than Pennsylvania (6.1 percent compared to 13.1 percent). The poverty rate for the population under 18 years of age was 2.4 percent, compared with 7.9 percent of people 18 to 64 years and 5.4 percent for those aged 65 years and over. A total of 356 or 2.4 percent of all families had incomes below poverty level. In 2008-2012, 2.3 percent of families with related children and 6.6 percent of families with a female householder and no husband with related children present had incomes below the poverty level.

**Class of Worker and Occupation:** In 2008-2012, 83.5 percent of the workforce was private wage and salary workers; 7.8 percent were federal, state, or local government workers; and 8.8 percent were self-employed in their own (not incorporated) business.

The top occupation group for the civilian employed population 16 years and over in the Lower Merion Library System service area in 2008-2012 was Management, business, science, and arts (68.2 percent).

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<sup>1</sup> Other race includes those who identified themselves as American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian, Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander, Some Other Race and Two or More Races on the 2010 Census form.

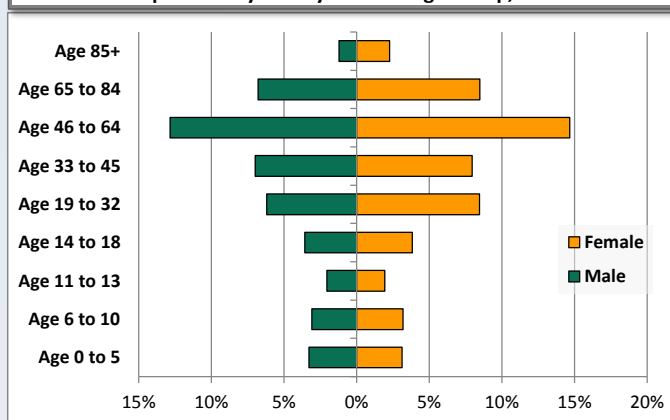
<sup>2</sup> People of Hispanic origin may be of any race.

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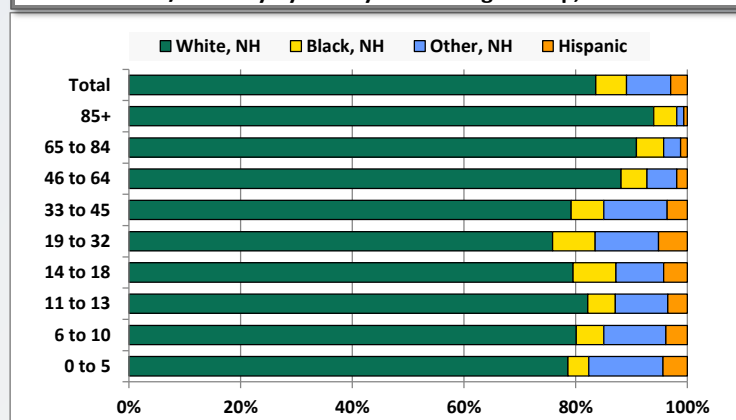
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Key Indicators		
	2000	2010
<b>Population Growth</b>		
Total Population	59,850	57,825
10-Year Growth	N/A	-3.4%
<b>Diversity</b>		
White Alone, Non-Hispanic	89.3%	83.7%
Black Alone, Non-Hispanic	4.5%	5.5%
Other Race Alone, Non-Hispanic	4.7%	7.9%
Percent Hispanic	1.6%	3.0%
<b>Aging</b>		
Percent 65 Years and Over	18.5%	18.8%
<b>Households</b>		
Percent Married Couple with Own Children	25.3%	25.5%
Percent Living Alone	28.3%	28.1%

Population by Library-Defined Age Group, 2010



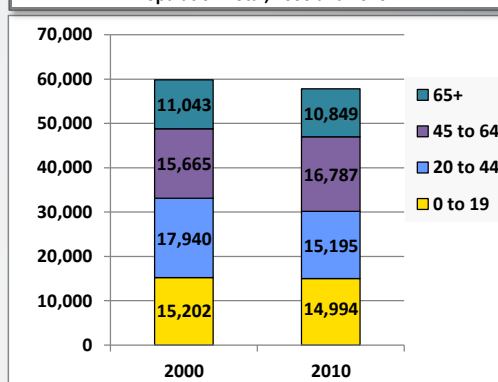
Race/Ethnicity by Library-Defined Age Group, 2010



Population Growth by Library-Defined Age Group, 2000 to 2010

Age Group	2010	Change	
		Numeric	Percent
Total	57,825	-2,025	-3.4%
85+	2,013	167	9.0%
65 to 84	8,836	-361	-3.9%
46 to 64	15,922	1,239	8.4%
33 to 45	8,645	-1,504	-14.8%
19 to 32	8,473	-1,499	-15.0%
14 to 18	4,280	197	4.8%
11 to 13	2,306	-253	-9.9%
6 to 10	3,638	-88	-2.4%
0 to 5	3,712	77	2.1%

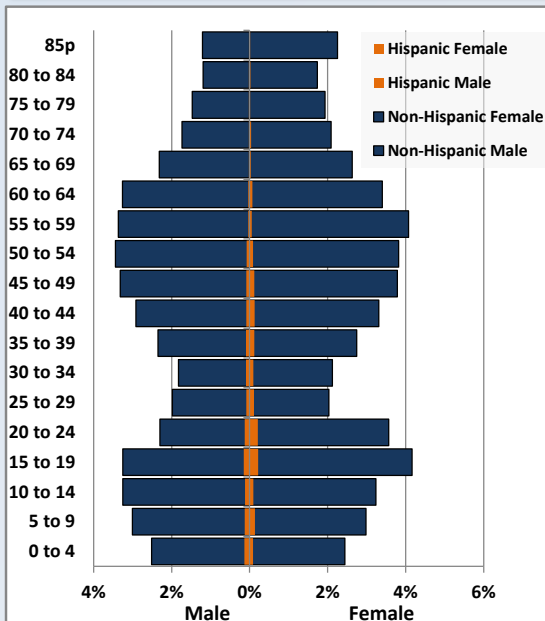
Population Total, 2000 and 2010



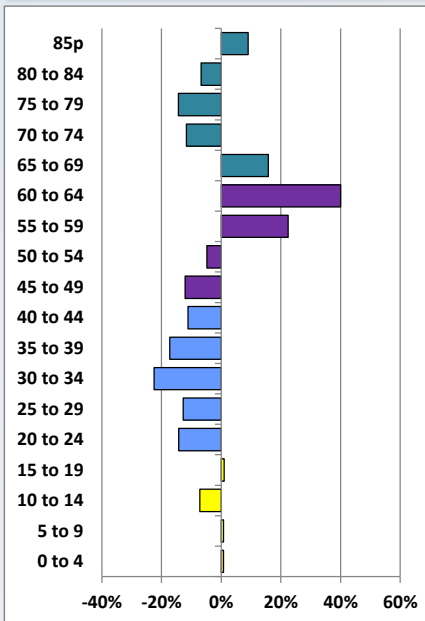
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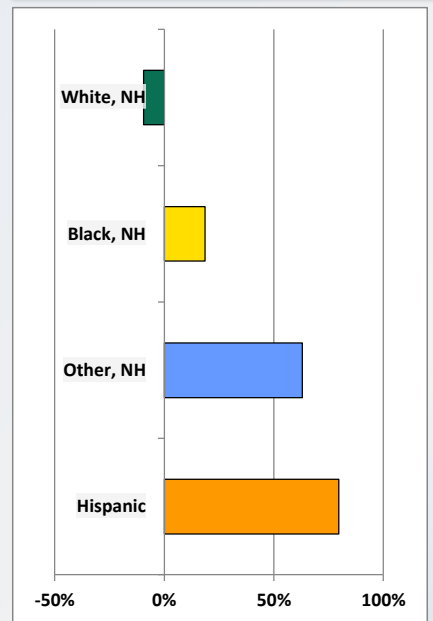
Population by 5-Year Age Cohorts



Pop Change by Age, 2000 to 2010

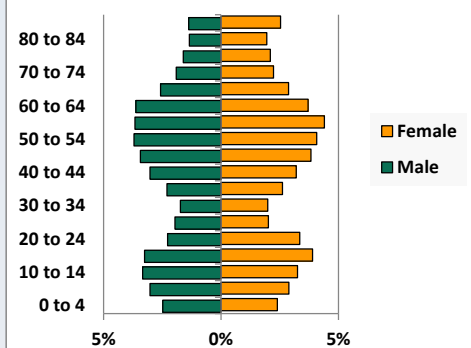


Pop Change by Race/Ethnicity, 2000 to 2010

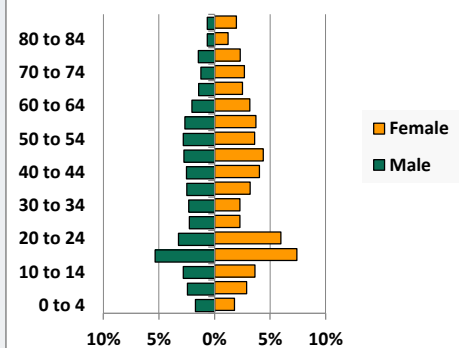


Population by Age, Race and Ethnicity 2010

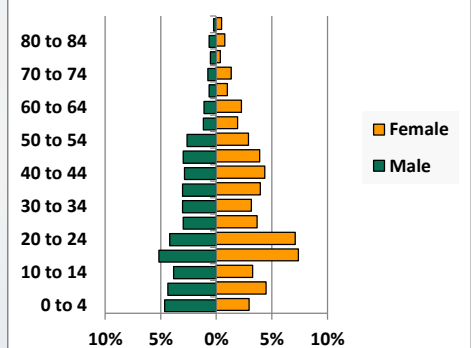
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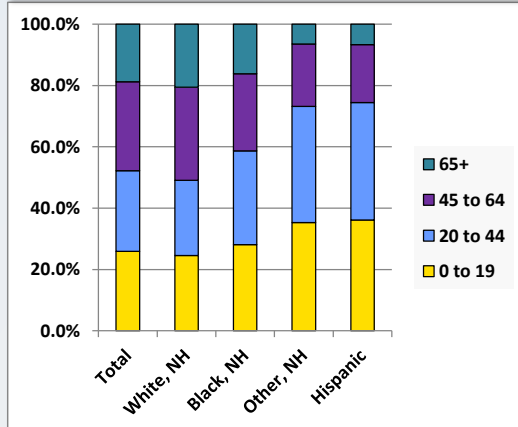
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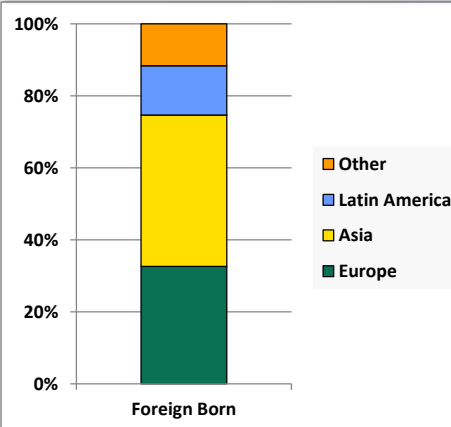
Hispanic



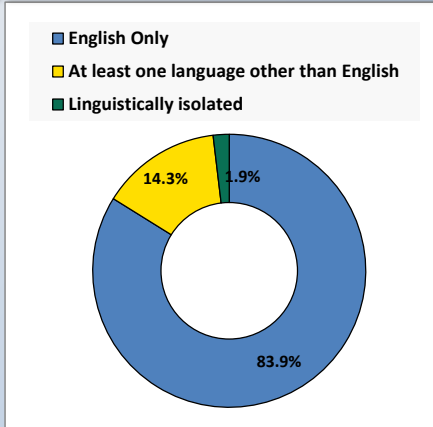
Age by Race and Ethnicity, 2010



Foreign Born, 2010



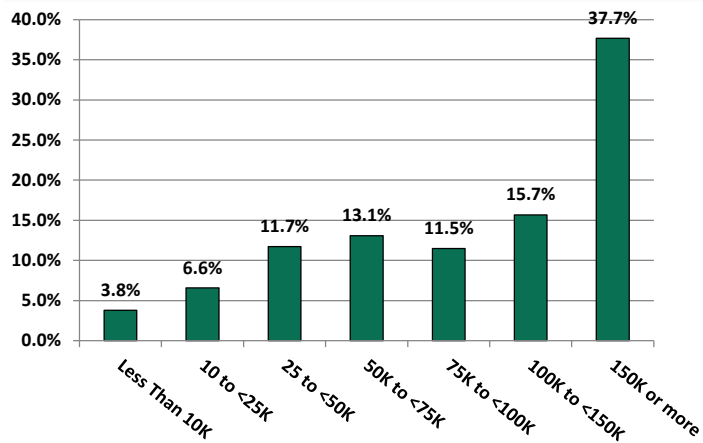
Household Language, 2010



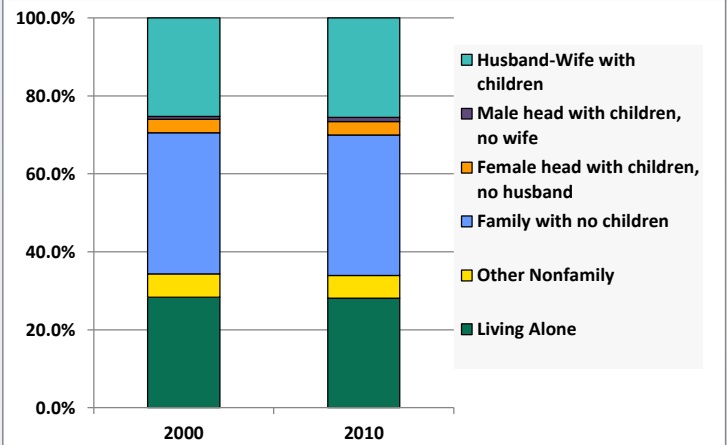
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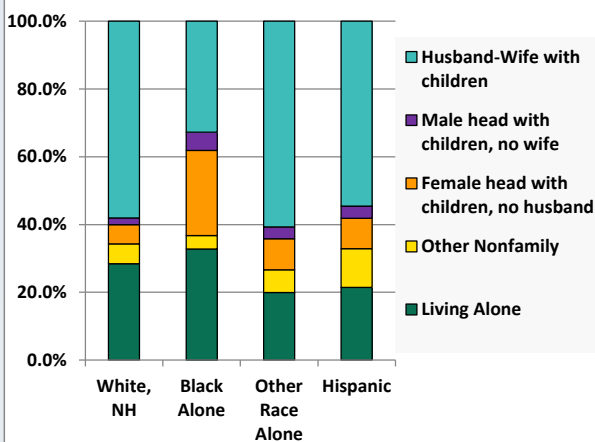
Household Income Distribution, 2008-2012



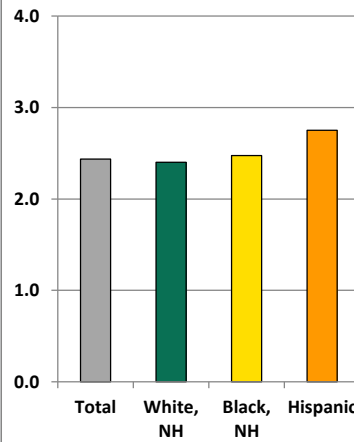
Household Type, 2000 and 2010



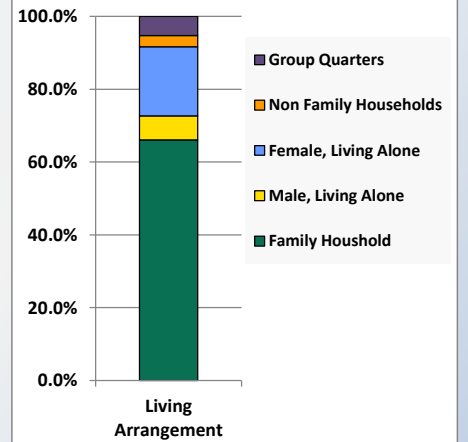
Household Type by Race/Ethnicity, 2010



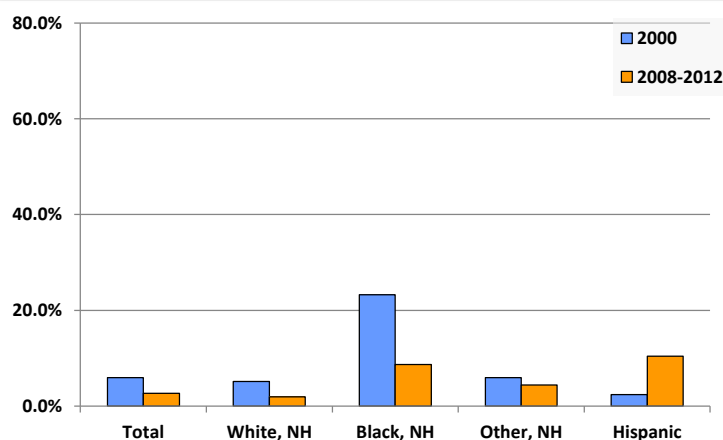
Average Household Size, 2010



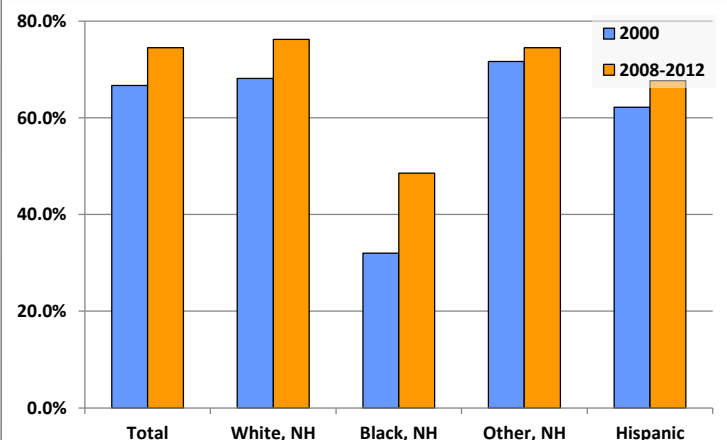
Living Arrangements 65+, 2008-2012



Percent of Adults that Did Not Complete High School



Percent of Adults Who Attained a Bachelor's Degree or Higher



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	Total Population	White, Non- Hispanic	Black, Non- Hispanic	Other, Non- Hispanic	Detail for Other, Non-Hispanic					
					AIAN	Asian	NHOPI	Some Other Race	Two or More Races	Hispanic or Latino
A. Total Population										
2000 Total	59,850	53,423	2,669	2,802	32	2,044	39	97	590	956
2000 pct of Total	100.0%	89.3%	4.5%	4.7%	0.1%	3.4%	0.1%	0.2%	1.0%	1.6%
2010 Total	57,825	48,375	3,165	4,567	27	3,469	17	116	938	1,718
2010 pct of Total	100.0%	83.7%	5.5%	7.9%	0.0%	6.0%	0.0%	0.2%	1.6%	3.0%
B. Population by Major Age Groups by Race and Ethnicity										
2000										
0-19	15,202	13,167	730	984	7	606	19	46	306	321
20-64	33,605	29,842	1,537	1,662	21	1,325	18	51	247	564
65+	11,043	10,414	402	156	4	113	2	0	37	71
85+	1,846	1,751	68	17	2	11	0	0	4	10
2010										
0-19	14,994	11,871	888	1,614	8	1,012	3	58	533	621
20-64	31,982	26,577	1,766	2,657	17	2,213	12	52	363	982
65+	10,849	9,927	511	296	2	244	2	6	42	115
85+	2,013	1,892	83	26	0	16	0	1	9	12
C. Age Mix for Each Racial and Ethnic Group										
2000										
0-19	25.4%	24.6%	27.4%	35.1%	21.9%	29.6%	48.7%	47.4%	51.9%	33.6%
20-64	56.1%	55.9%	57.6%	59.3%	65.6%	64.8%	46.2%	52.6%	41.9%	59.0%
65+	18.5%	19.5%	15.1%	5.6%	12.5%	5.5%	5.1%	0.0%	6.3%	7.4%
85+	3.1%	3.3%	2.5%	0.6%	6.3%	0.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.7%	1.0%
2010										
0-19	25.9%	24.5%	28.1%	35.3%	29.6%	29.2%	17.6%	50.0%	56.8%	36.1%
20-64	55.3%	54.9%	55.8%	58.2%	63.0%	63.8%	70.6%	44.8%	38.7%	57.2%
65+	18.8%	20.5%	16.1%	6.5%	7.4%	7.0%	11.8%	5.2%	4.5%	6.7%
85+	3.5%	3.9%	2.6%	0.6%	0.0%	0.5%	0.0%	0.9%	1.0%	0.7%
D. Racial and Ethnic Composition of Each Age Group										
2000										
0-19	100.0%	86.6%	4.8%	6.5%	0.0%	4.0%	0.1%	0.3%	2.0%	2.1%
20-64	100.0%	88.8%	4.6%	4.9%	0.1%	3.9%	0.1%	0.2%	0.7%	1.7%
65+	100.0%	94.3%	3.6%	1.4%	0.0%	1.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.3%	0.6%
85+	100.0%	94.9%	3.7%	0.9%	0.1%	0.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.5%
2010										
0-19	100.0%	79.2%	5.9%	10.8%	0.1%	6.7%	0.0%	0.4%	3.6%	4.1%
20-64	100.0%	83.1%	5.5%	8.3%	0.1%	6.9%	0.0%	0.2%	1.1%	3.1%
65+	100.0%	91.5%	4.7%	2.7%	0.0%	2.2%	0.0%	0.1%	0.4%	1.1%
85+	100.0%	94.0%	4.1%	1.3%	0.0%	0.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.4%	0.6%
E. Population Growth										
2000-2010, Change										
0-19	-208	-1,296	158	630	1	406	-16	12	227	300
20-64	-1,623	-3,265	229	995	-4	888	-6	1	116	418
65+	-194	-487	109	140	-2	131	0	6	5	44
85+	167	141	15	9	-2	5	0	1	5	2
Total	-2,025	-5,048	496	1,765	-5	1,425	-22	19	348	762
2000-2010, Pct Change										
0-19	-1.4%	-9.8%	21.6%	64.0%	14.3%	67.0%	-84.2%	26.1%	74.2%	93.5%
20-64	-4.8%	-10.9%	14.9%	59.9%	-19.0%	67.0%	-33.3%	2.0%	47.0%	74.1%
65+	-1.8%	-4.7%	27.1%	89.7%	-50.0%	115.9%	0.0%	0.0%	13.5%	62.0%
85+	9.0%	8.1%	22.1%	52.9%	-100.0%	45.5%	0.0%	0.0%	125.0%	20.0%
Total	-3.4%	-9.4%	18.6%	63.0%	-15.6%	69.7%	-56.4%	19.6%	59.0%	79.7%

Source: Decennial Census 2010, 2000, American Community Survey 2008-2012

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F. Population by Library-Defined Age Groups, 2010										
0-5	3,712	2,920	138	494	2	286	0	14	192	160
6-10	3,638	2,915	180	404	3	236	0	21	144	139
11-13	2,306	1,896	113	217	1	148	0	6	62	80
14-18	4,280	3,405	328	367	2	237	3	17	108	180
19-32	8,473	6,429	648	960	3	726	5	24	202	436
33-45	8,645	6,847	506	984	6	869	2	18	89	308
46-64	15,922	14,036	741	845	8	723	5	10	99	300
65-84	8,836	8,035	428	270	2	228	2	5	33	103
85+	2,013	1,892	83	26	0	16	0	1	9	12
Total	57,825	48,375	3,165	4,567	27	3,469	17	116	938	1,718
G. Population by 5-Year Age Cohorts, 2010										
0-4	2,998	2,356	111	400	2	223	0	11	164	131
5-9	3,613	2,864	169	428	3	257	0	22	146	152
10-14	3,876	3,193	204	357	2	234	1	13	107	122
15-19	4,507	3,458	404	429	1	298	2	12	116	216
20-24	3,585	2,722	292	377	0	269	1	11	96	194
25-29	2,434	1,926	144	250	2	190	2	8	48	114
30-34	2,386	1,803	145	332	3	286	2	5	36	106
35-39	3,065	2,377	181	387	2	337	0	5	43	120
40-44	3,725	3,013	208	380	2	333	1	10	34	124
45-49	4,229	3,517	226	368	1	324	2	7	34	118
50-54	4,294	3,765	203	231	1	204	4	3	19	95
55-59	4,352	3,902	202	195	3	155	0	1	36	53
60-64	3,912	3,552	165	137	3	115	0	2	17	58
65-69	2,886	2,635	125	98	0	86	0	2	10	28
70-74	2,244	2,004	124	80	1	63	1	2	13	36
75-79	1,985	1,797	119	54	1	47	1	0	5	15
80-84	1,721	1,599	60	38	0	32	0	1	5	24
85-89	1,224	1,157	40	19	0	10	0	1	8	8
90-94	582	546	26	7	0	6	0	0	1	3
95-99	171	157	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
100+	36	32	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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H. Income Distribution, 2008-2012			I. Household Type, 2010				
Range (in thousands)	Households	Pct of Total	Household Type	2000	2000pct	2010	2010pct
<\$10K	857	3.8%	Total Households	22,868	100.0%	22,473	100.0%
\$10K to <\$25K	1,489	6.6%	Family Households	15,021	65.7%	14,856	66.1%
\$25K to <\$50K	2,659	11.7%	Husband-wife, no children w/children	5,784	25.3%	5,739	25.5%
\$50K to <\$75K	2,971	13.1%	Female head, no husband, w/ children	780	3.4%	786	3.5%
\$75K to <\$100K	2,601	11.5%	Male head, no wife, w/ children	169	0.7%	233	1.0%
\$100K to <\$150K	3,559	15.7%	Without children	8,288	36.2%	8,098	36.0%
\$150K+	8,545	37.7%	Nonfamily households	7,847	34.3%	7,617	33.9%
			Living alone	6,478	28.3%	6,308	28.1%
			Other nonfamily	1,369	6.0%	1,309	5.8%

J. Household Type by Race and Ethnicity, 2008-2012					
Household Type	White, NH	Black, NH	Other, NH	Hispanic	
Total Households	19,656	1,093	1,398	447	
Husband wife family	58.0%	32.8%	60.7%	54.6%	
Family with male head, no wife	2.0%	5.4%	3.6%	3.6%	
family with female head, no husband	5.7%	25.1%	9.1%	8.9%	
Living alone	28.5%	32.8%	20.0%	21.5%	
Other nonfamily	5.8%	4.0%	6.7%	11.4%	

K. Poverty, 2008-2012			
Families	Poverty	PA	
All families	2.4%	9.1%	
Families w/ related children	2.3%	15.3%	
Female householder, no husband present	8.8%	28.8%	
Female householder, no husband present, w/ related children	6.6%	39.2%	
All people	6.1%	13.1%	
Under 18 years	2.4%	18.4%	
18 to 64 years	7.9%	12.3%	
65 years and over	5.4%	8.4%	

L. Educational Attainment by Race and Ethnicity, 2008-2012					
Education Level	White, NH	Black	Other	Hispanic	Total
Population 25 years and over	33,555	2,123	2,895	1,016	39,458
Less than high school	1.9%	8.7%	4%	10.4%	2.7%
High school graduate (includes equivalency	9.8%	24.3%	10%	7.3%	10.5%
Some college or associates degree	12.0%	18.5%	11%	14.6%	12.3%
Bachelors degree or higher	76.3%	48.6%	74%	67.7%	74.5%

M. Occupation, 2008-2012		
Occupation	Estimate	Percent
Civilian population age 16 years and over	27,978	100.0%
Management, professional, and related occupations	19,094	68.2%
Service occupations	2,494	8.9%
Sales and office occupations	5,265	18.8%
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	14	0.1%
Construction, extraction, maintenance, and repair occupations	481	1.7%
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	630	2.3%

N. Class of Worker, 2008-2012		
Occupation	Estimate	Percent
Civilian population age 16 years and over	27,978	100.0%
Private, for profit, wage and salary employee	15,053	53.8%
Private, not for profit, wage and salary employee	5,806	20.8%
Private, for profit, wage and salary self-employed in own business	2,490	8.9%
Government workers	2,177	7.8%
Self-employed in own not incorporated business	2,452	8.8%
Unpaid family workers in family business	0	0.0%

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