

# DEMOGRAPHICS

## POPULATION: COUNTY



**CLARK COUNTY**

Clark County is experiencing steady growth as it transitions from a small urbanized area surrounded by a rural farm population to a suburban—urban setting. Population in Clark County has been on the increase since 1971. The county experienced rapid growth in the mid to late seventies and slowed tremendously in the early eighties as the local economy weakened. However, as the economy diversified throughout the eighties, the county was able to stave off a national economic slowdown and actually begin another period of rapid growth that has been going strong since 1987. Current growth in Clark County has been mostly occurring in the cities of Battle Ground, Camas, Washougal, and along the urban fringe of Vancouver in areas such as Felida, Hazel Dell, Orchards, and Salmon Creek. The area between Vancouver and Camas, known as Fisher’s Swale, is experiencing a tremendous amount of growth.

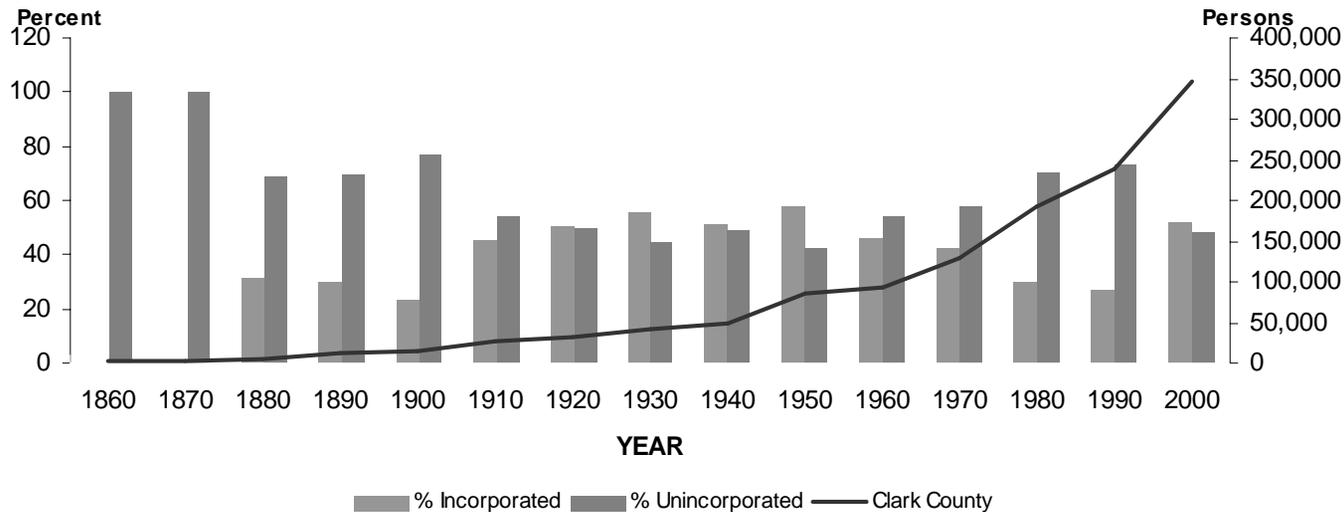
The City of Vancouver is increasing in size largely due to annexation of areas along the urban fringe and increases in building activity. Additionally, a number of residential redevelopment projects are occurring in downtown Vancouver. The cities of Battle Ground, Camas, and Washougal and surrounding areas are also continuing their urbanization. Additionally, recent growth has spread to rural areas where people are looking to find a more rustic and peaceful setting. Growth in rural areas is concentrating around small cities and towns, such as Battle Ground and Ridgefield and, to a lesser degree, La Center and Yacolt.

As the county continues to grow, the population is becoming more diversified with an increase in minority groups and ethnicity. Recent trends show an increase in all minority groups, particularly in the Asian and Pacific Islander, Black, and Hispanic Origin categories, as well as an influx of eastern Europeans. The white population for the county is still around 89 percent.

The following section provides a number of tables and charts highlighting general and detailed demographic characteristics of Clark County. Information is broken down into sections for county, cities and towns, and 2000 census tracts. Historical, current, and limited forecast information is provided throughout this section.

## DECENNIAL POPULATION FOR CLARK COUNTY: 1860 - 2000

	1860	1870	1880	1890	1900	1910	1920	1930	1940	1950	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000
<b>Clark County</b>	2,384	3,081	5,490	11,709	13,419	26,115	32,805	40,316	49,852	85,307	93,809	128,454	192,227	238,053	345,238
<b>Unincorporated</b>	2,384	3,081	3,768	8,164	10,293	14,214	16,253	17,984	24,321	35,964	50,677	74,487	134,974	173,844	166,279
<b>Incorporated</b>	- 0 -	- 0 -	1,722	3,545	3,126	11,901	16,552	22,332	25,531	49,343	43,132	54,267	57,168	64,115	178,959
<b>% Incorporated</b>	- 0 -	- 0 -	31.4	30.3	23.3	45.5	50.5	55.4	51.2	57.7	46.0	42.2	29.8	27.0	51.8
<b>% Unincorporated</b>	100.0	100.0	68.6	69.7	76.7	54.4	49.5	44.6	48.8	42.3	54.0	57.8	70.2	73.0	48.2



**SOURCES & NOTES:** U. S. Dept. of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, 2000 Census of Population. 2010 is the next update for this information. This information will be updated at the time of the next decennial census in 2010, U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census.

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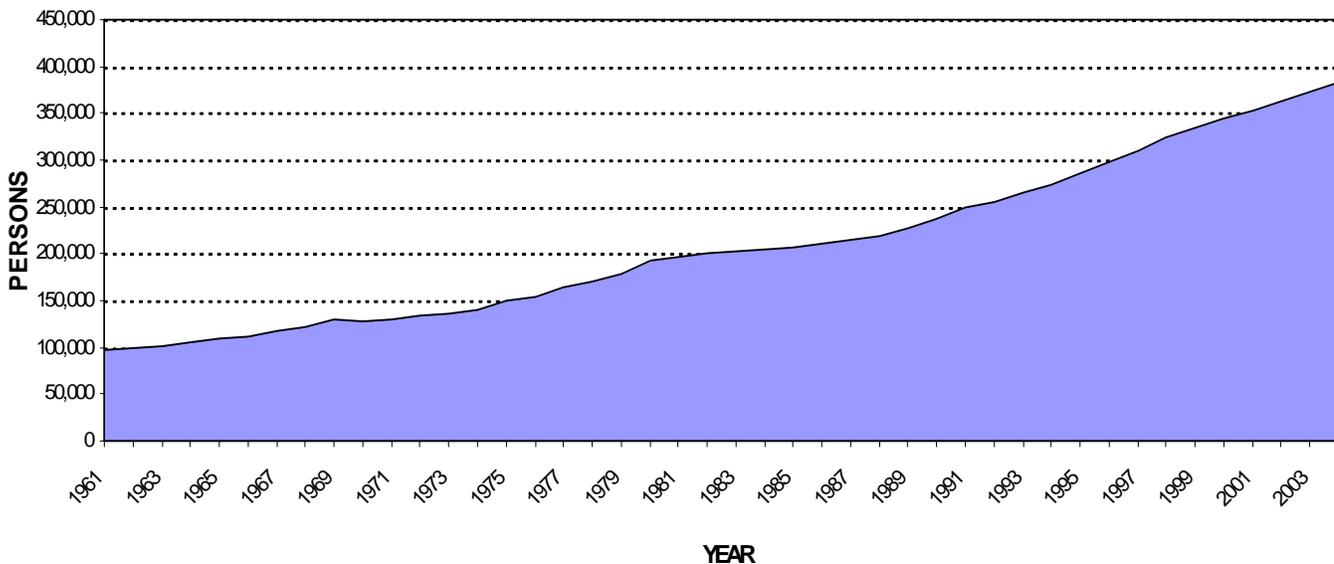
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## ANNUAL POPULATION ESTIMATES FOR CLARK COUNTY: 1960 - 2004

YEAR	POPULATION	PERCENTAGE CHANGE	YEAR	POPULATION	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
<b>1960</b>	<b>93,809</b>	—	1983	202,165	1.2
1961	96,800	3.2	1984	203,757	.8
1962	99,900	3.2	1985	206,744	1.5
1963	102,200	2.3	1986	210,423	1.8
1964	105,000	2.7	1987	213,961	1.7
1965	108,500	3.3	1988	219,050	2.4
1966	111,900	3.1	1989	226,188	3.3
1967	117,200	4.7	<b>1990</b>	<b>238,053</b>	<b>5.3</b>
1968	122,500	4.5	1991	248,417	4.4
1969	129,000	5.3	1992	255,915	3.0
<b>1970</b>	<b>128,454</b>	<b>(.4)</b>	1993	264,548	3.4
1971	130,100	1.3	1994	274,423	3.7
1972	132,800	2.0	1995	286,304	4.5
1973	135,200	1.8	1996	298,364	4.0
1974	140,300	3.7	1997	310,512	4.0
1975	149,000	6.2	1998	323,892	4.3
1976	154,300	3.5	1999	334,641	3.3
1977	164,000	6.3	<b>2000</b>	<b>345,238</b>	<b>3.2</b>
1978	169,900	3.6	2001	352,600	2.1
1979	178,900	5.3	2002	363,400	3.0
<b>1980</b>	<b>192,227</b>	<b>7.4</b>	2003	372,300	2.4
1981	196,475	2.2	2004	383,300	3.0
1982	199,685	1.6			



**SOURCES & NOTES:** (n) Represents a negative number.

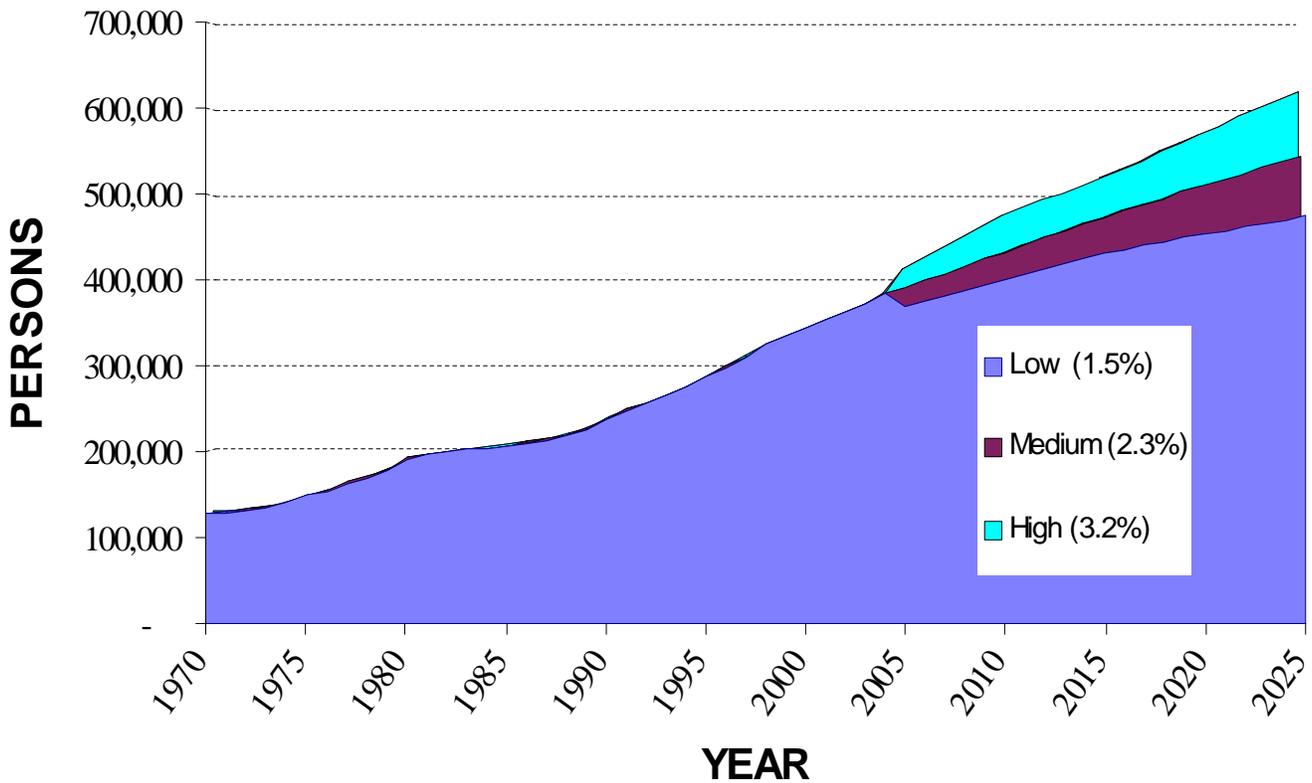
Bold figures represent actual Census counts, all others are intercensal estimates provided by Washington State Office of Financial Management, Washington State Office of Financial Management, *1979 Population Trends for Washington State*, 1979.

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### POPULATION FORECASTS FOR CLARK COUNTY: 1980 - 2025

SOURCE	CENSUS			2005	2010	2015	2020	2025
	1980	1990	2000					
Federal Census (2000)	192,227	238,053	345,238	—	—	—	—	—
State OFM (2001) <sup>1</sup>								
Low	—	—	—	370,136	400,908	430,096	453,280	473,984
Medium	—	—	—	391,264	432,479	473,674	509,876	544,809
High	—	—	—	413,273	465,996	520,449	571,061	621,763



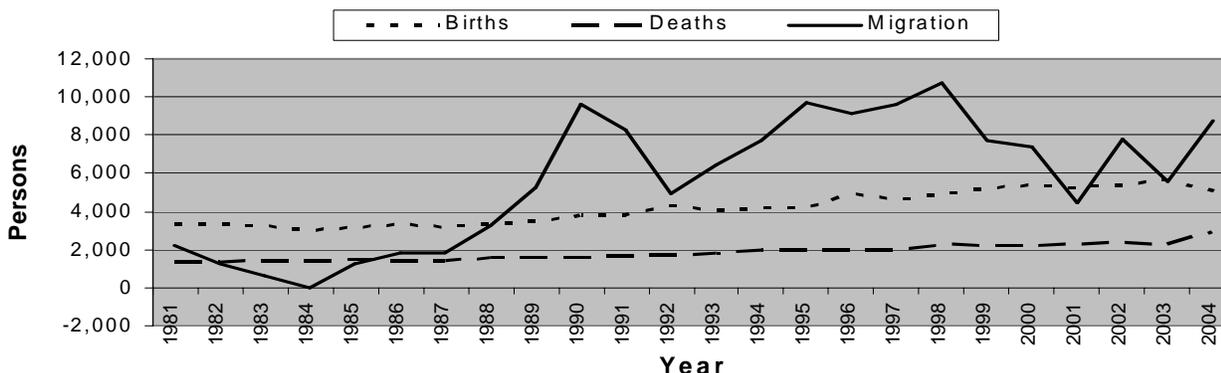
**SOURCES & NOTES:**

<sup>1</sup> State of Washington Office of Financial Management, *Washington State County Population Projections: 2000-2025*, December 2001.

## COMPONENTS OF POPULATION CHANGE FOR CLARK COUNTY: APRIL 1, 1980 - MARCH 31, 2004

<u>POPULATION</u>		<u>CHANGE</u>		<u>COMPONENTS OF CHANGE</u>			
				Births	Deaths	Natural Increase	Net Migration
<u>April 1 to March 31</u>		Number	Percent				
<b>1980</b>	192,227						
<b>1981</b>	196,475	4,248	1.21	3,354	1,335	2,019	2,229
<b>1982</b>	199,685	3,210	1.63	3,337	1,355	1,982	1,228
<b>1983</b>	202,165	2,480	1.24	3,262	1,395	1,867	613
<b>1984</b>	203,757	1,593	.79	3,020	1,399	1,621	(28)
<b>1985</b>	206,744	2,987	1.47	3,169	1,475	1,694	1,293
<b>1986</b>	210,423	3,679	1.78	3,320	1,460	1,860	1,819
<b>1987</b>	213,961	3,538	1.68	3,151	1,459	1,692	1,846
<b>1988</b>	219,050	5,089	2.38	3,358	1,547	1,811	3,278
<b>1989</b>	226,188	7,138	3.26	3,478	1,580	1,898	5,240
<b>1990</b>	238,053	11,865	5.25	3,806	1,572	2,234	9,631
<b>1991</b>	248,417	10,364	4.35	3,808	1,668	2,140	8,224
<b>1992</b>	255,915	7,498	3.02	4,278	1,720	2,558	4,940
<b>1993</b>	264,548	8,633	4.37	4,029	1,835	2,194	6,439
<b>1994</b>	274,423	9,875	3.73	4,183	2,012	2,171	7,704
<b>1995</b>	286,304	11,881	4.33	4,165	1,940	2,225	9,656
<b>1996</b>	248,364	12,061	4.21	4,922	1,976	2,946	9,115
<b>1997</b>	310,512	12,148	4.07	4,567	2,011	2,556	9,592
<b>1998</b>	323,892	13,380	4.31	4,898	2,261	2,637	10,743
<b>1999</b>	334,641	10,749	3.32	5,207	2,182	3,025	7,724
<b>2000</b>	345,238	10,597	3.17	5,422	2,239	3,183	7,414
<b>2001</b>	352,600	7,362	2.13	5,223	2,299	2,924	4,438
<b>2002</b>	363,400	10,800	3.06	5,361	2,358	3,003	7,797
<b>2003</b>	372,300	8,900	2.45	5,609	2,303	3,306	5,594
<b>2004</b>	383,300	11,000	3.0	5,117	2,893	2,224	8,776

**SOURCES & NOTES:** Washington State Office of Financial Management, Intercensal Estimates of the Population and Components of Population Change by County, State of Washington 1980-2004, September 2004. State of Washington, <http://www.ofm.wa.gov/>



## COMPONENTS OF POPULATION CHANGE – CLARK COUNTY SUMMARY: 1970 - 2004

<u>April 1 to March 31</u>	<u>Total Change</u>	<u>Births</u>	<u>Deaths</u>	<u>Net Increase</u>	<u>Total In-Migration</u>
<b>1970 - 1979</b>	50,446	22,152	10,503	11,649	38,797
<b>1980 - 1990</b>	45,826	33,255	14,577	18,678	27,148
<b>1990 - 2000</b>	107,185	45,479	19,844	25,635	81,550
<b>2000 - 2004</b>	38,062	21,310	9,853	11,457	26,605

**SOURCES & NOTES:** Washington State Office of Financial Management, 2003 Population Trends for Washington State, September 2004. State of WA, <http://www.ofm.wa.gov/>

**POPULATION DISTRIBUTION BY RACE FOR CLARK COUNTY: 1970, 1980, 1990 - 2000**

Year	Total Population	White		Black		Indian, Eskimo, & Aleut		Asian & Pacific Islander		Other		Hispanic Origin	
		Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%
1970	128,454	126,965	98.8	569	.4	398	.3	371	.3	151	.1		0
1980	192,227	184,827	96.2	1,682	.9	1,521	.8	2,294	1.2	1,903	1.0	3,059	1.6
1990	238,053	226,940	95.3	3,022	1.3	2,368	1.0	5,723	2.4	1,919	.8	5,872	2.5
1991	250,300	237,720	95.0	3,347	1.4	2,500	1.0	6,734	2.7	1,931	.8	6,513	2.6
1992	257,500	243,797	94.7	3,543	1.4	2,613	1.0	7,542	2.9	1,954	.8	7,196	2.8
1993	269,500	254,165	94.3	3,870	1.4	2,820	1.0	8,646	3.2	NA	NA	8,026	3.0
1994	280,800	263,717	93.9	4,200	1.5	3,008	1.1	9,875	3.5	NA	NA	8,825	3.1
1995	291,000	272,173	93.5	4,519	1.6	3,198	1.1	11,110	3.8	NA	NA	9,718	3.3
1996	303,500	282,731	93.2	4,913	1.6	3,393	1.1	12,463	4.1	NA	NA	10,923	3.6
1997	316,800	295,715	93.3	5,105	1.6	3,386	1.1	12,594	4.0	NA	NA	10,958	3.5
1998	328,000	306,318	93.4	5,216	1.6	3,491	1.1	12,974	4.0	NA	NA	11,257	3.4
1999	337,000	314,457	93.3	5,476	1.6	3,543	1.1	13,525	4.0	NA	NA	11,942	3.5
2000	345,238	306,648	88.8	5,813	1.7	2,910	0.8	12,369	3.6	6,857	2.0	16,248	4.7

SOURCES & NOTES: U.S. Census Bureau, Census of Population and Housing, 1970, 1980, 1990, 2000.

Washington State Office of Financial Management, Postcensal Population Estimates by Race and Hispanic Origin: Washington State, 1990-1999.

The "Other" category was assigned to specific race categories for 1993 to 1995.

Detail may not add due to rounding.

Hispanic Origin is not a race category. Persons of Hispanic Origin can be of any race.

[http://www.ofm.wa.gov/race&ho90\\_99/race99.pdf](http://www.ofm.wa.gov/race&ho90_99/race99.pdf)

**POPULATION DISTRIBUTION BY AGE AND SEX FOR CLARK COUNTY:  
1950 - 1980**

1980				1970			
GROUP	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE	GROUP	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE
75+	6,400	2,378	4,022	75+	4,657	1,756	2,901
70-74	4,623	2,050	2,573	70-74	3,050	1,405	1,645
65-69	6,356	2,908	3,448	65-69	3,884	1,814	2,070
60-64	7,495	3,501	3,994	60-64	5,154	2,505	2,652
55-59	8,285	4,018	4,267	55-59	6,374	3,143	3,231
50-54	8,634	4,301	4,333	50-54	7,168	3,518	3,650
45-49	8,393	4,286	4,107	45-49	7,518	3,654	3,864
40-44	10,160	5,163	4,997	40-44	7,229	3,564	3,665
35-39	13,870	7,172	6,698	35-39	6,706	3,360	3,346
30-34	17,915	8,814	9,101	30-34	7,595	3,737	3,858
25-29	17,585	8,685	8,900	25-29	9,286	4,614	4,672
20-24	15,584	7,603	7,981	20-24	9,177	4,062	5,115
15-19	17,038	8,540	8,498	15-19	11,835	5,843	5,992
10-14	17,316	8,889	8,427	10-14	13,706	7,147	6,559
5-9	16,248	8,535	7,716	5-9	13,482	6,906	6,576
0-4	16,325	8,336	7,989	0-4	11,633	5,943	5,690
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>192,227</b>	<b>95,176</b>	<b>97,051</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>128,454</b>	<b>62,968</b>	<b>65,486</b>

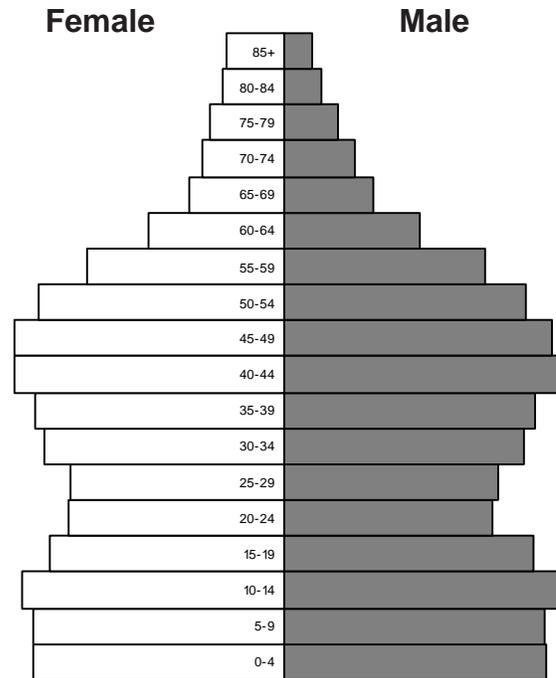
1960				1950			
GROUP	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE	GROUP	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE
75+	3,462	1,626	1,838	75+	2,102	1,083	1,019
70-74	2,699	1,314	1,385	70-74	1,943	983	960
65-69	3,262	1,599	1,663	65-69	2,710	1,434	1,276
60-64	3,700	1,926	1,774	60-64	3,339	1,738	1,601
55-59	4,427	2,232	2,195	55-59	3,771	1,968	1,803
50-54	5,189	2,634	2,555	50-54	4,211	2,251	1,960
45-49	6,221	3,152	3,069	45-49	4,867	2,489	2,378
40-44	6,443	3,211	3,232	40-44	5,707	2,924	2,783
35-39	6,389	3,066	3,323	35-39	6,623	3,386	3,237
30-34	5,691	2,737	2,954	30-34	6,740	3,333	3,407
25-29	4,708	2,320	2,388	25-29	6,817	3,264	3,553
20-24	4,549	2,120	2,429	20-24	5,506	2,514	2,992
15-19	7,209	3,675	3,534	15-19	5,581	2,754	2,827
10-14	9,690	4,974	4,716	10-14	6,735	3,436	3,299
5-9	10,323	5,210	5,113	5-9	8,404	4,300	4,104
0-4	98,47	5,064	4,783	0-4	10,251	5,233	5,018
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>93,809</b>	<b>48,860</b>	<b>46,949</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>85,307</b>	<b>43,090</b>	<b>42,217</b>

**SOURCES & NOTES:** Office of Program Planning and Fiscal Management, State of Washington Population Pyramids, 1950, 1960, 1970.  
 Office of Program Planning and Fiscal Management, Corrected 1970 Population by County by 5-Year Age Groups, by Sex, State of Washington.  
 April 1977.  
 U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, 1980 Census of Population, 1980.

## POPULATION DISTRIBUTION BY AGE AND SEX FOR CLARK COUNTY: 1990, 2000, AND 2004

2004			
GROUP	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE
85+	4,868	1,581	3,287
80-84	5,588	2,117	3,471
75-79	7,265	3,091	4,174
70-74	8,650	3,972	4,678
65-69	10,388	5,038	5,351
60-64	15,371	7,643	7,728
55-59	22,528	11,348	11,180
50-54	27,641	13,700	13,941
45-49	30,469	15,184	15,285
40-44	30,934	15,624	15,310
35-39	28,323	14,218	14,105
30-34	27,162	13,603	13,559
25-29	24,191	12,066	12,125
20-24	24,077	11,840	12,236
15-19	27,372	14,086	13,286
10-14	30,488	15,626	14,863
5-9	28,943	14,777	14,166
0-4	29,040	14,847	14,192
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>383,300</b>	<b>190,362</b>	<b>192,938</b>
<b>MEDIAN AGE</b>	<b>34.86</b>	<b>34.20</b>	<b>35.72</b>

**2004 Population by Age and Sex**



2000			
GROUP	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE
85+	3,872	1,223	2,649
80-84	4,731	1,808	2,923
75-79	7,070	2,968	4,102
70-74	8,232	3,690	4,542
65-69	8,903	4,276	4,627
60-64	11,614	5,757	5,857
55-59	16,613	8,437	8,176
50-54	23,043	11,497	11,546
45-49	26,640	13,206	13,434
40-44	28,834	14,523	14,311
35-39	28,860	14,363	14,497
30-34	25,801	12,895	12,906
25-29	22,913	11,399	11,517
20-24	20,072	9,871	10,201
15-19	24,876	12,871	12,005
10-14	27,996	14,323	13,673
5-9	28,279	14,463	13,816
0-4	26,886	13,760	13,126
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>345,238</b>	<b>171,330</b>	<b>173,908</b>
<b>MEDIAN AGE</b>	<b>34.20</b>	<b>33.50</b>	<b>34.90</b>

1990			
GROUP	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE
85+	2,265	682	1,583
80-84	3,007	1,095	1,912
75-79	4,922	2,059	2,863
70-74	6,682	2,915	3,767
65-69	8,317	3,820	4,497
60-64	8,811	4,170	4,641
55-59	8,956	4,565	4,391
50-54	10,978	5,591	5,387
45-49	14,906	7,649	7,257
40-44	19,570	9,657	9,913
35-39	21,298	10,475	10,823
30-34	20,935	10,343	10,592
25-29	18,335	8,956	9,379
20-24	14,599	7,236	7,363
15-19	16,948	8,721	8,227
10-14	19,129	9,822	9,307
5-9	19,480	10,025	9,455
0-4	18,915	9,720	9,195
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>238,053</b>	<b>117,501</b>	<b>120,552</b>
<b>MEDIAN AGE</b>	<b>32.78</b>	<b>32.06</b>	<b>33.47</b>

SOURCES & NOTES: Washington State Office of Financial Management, Forecasting Division Population by Age and Sex, 1980-2004, Clark County, November 2004. <http://www.ofm.wa.gov/pop/coagemf/index.htm>

