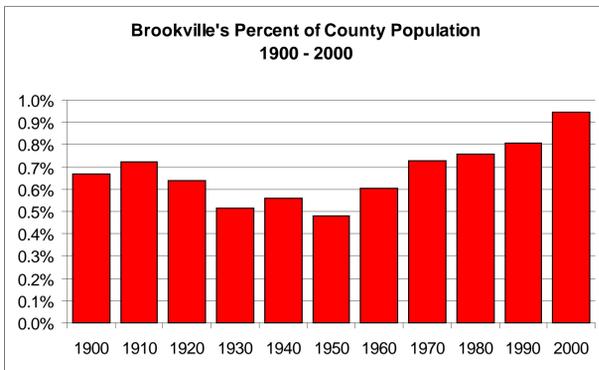
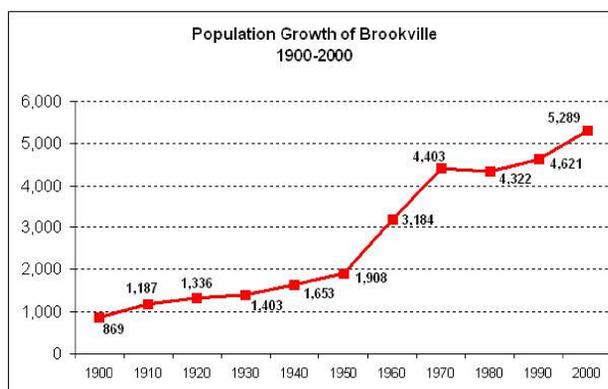


## Population

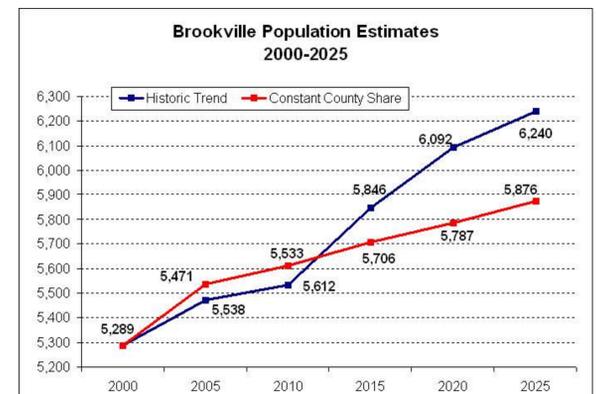
Population trends are one of the primary factors affecting the land use pattern of communities, counties and regions. These factors include the number of people, their age, and the living arrangements in which they place themselves, the types of dwellings they choose to live, as well as their social characteristics.



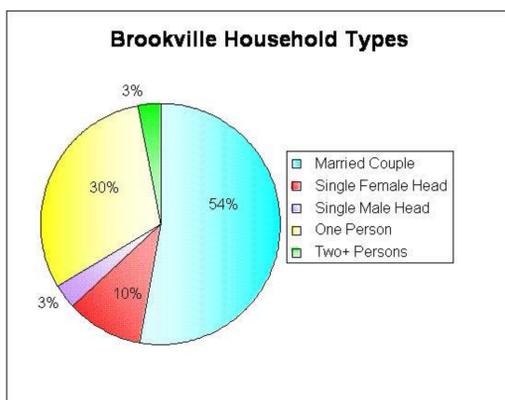
The graph above illustrates what percent of Montgomery County's population has been in Brookville during the last century. After generally declining between 1900 and 1950, Brookville's percent of the County's population has steadily risen since, reaching almost 1% in the year 2000. Over the last decade, this gain became more pronounced as Brookville became closer to the expanding urban nucleus of the region.



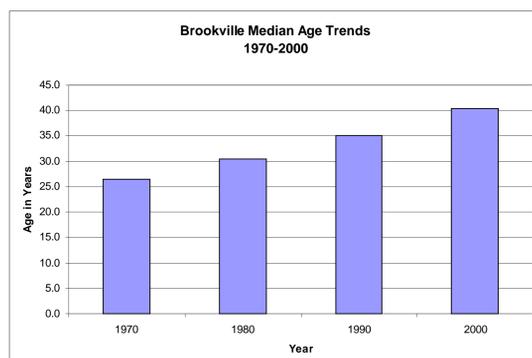
Brookville's population grew at a moderately slow rate during the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century as the community functioned as a railroad and agricultural service town. With the encouragement of vehicular travel, the baby boom and the opening of Interstate 70 in 1964, Brookville experienced its highest growth period between 1950 and 1970. Between 1970 and 1980, Brookville's population dropped slightly, mimicking a regional stagnation as the old manufacturing employment base declined. Between 1980 and 2000, population growth in Brookville resumed while Montgomery County experienced very little growth. This continued growth can be attributed to access to Interstate 70 and the availability of inexpensive land and low housing costs. Brookville gained 967 people during this latest 20 year period.



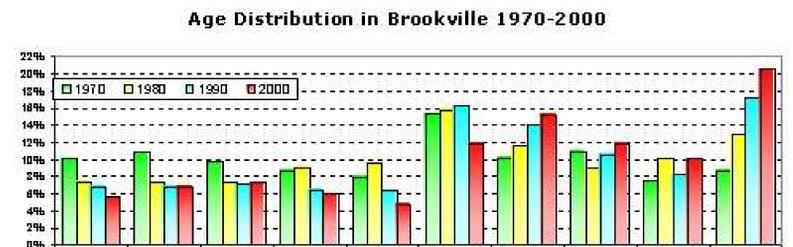
The population of Brookville is expected to increase through the year 2025. Two growth scenarios are presented. The lower growth scenario is based upon applying Brookville's share of Montgomery County's population it had in 2000 to county projections provided by the Ohio Department of Development. The higher growth scenario is based upon a continuation of Brookville's population growth rate since 1960.



In Brookville, all household types increased in number between 1970 and 2000. An additional 382 households were formed in the 1990s. Lifestyle changes have affected household patterns, increasing the number of one-person and non-family households. Non-family households tripled from 1970 to 2000, exceeding the growth of family households. This caused a drop in average household size from 3.13 people in 1970 to 2.32 people in 2000. The majority of households in Brookville still consist of married couples.



This chart shows us that there has been an increase in median age since 1970 and this is probably attributed to the baby-boomers and longer life expectancy.



Brookville has seen a continued decline in the percentage of its population less than 25 years old and the continued increase of those who are 35 and older. This increase is due to continually increasing life spans along with the aging of the baby boomers. The 65 and older age bracket is expected to continue to expand in the years to come.

