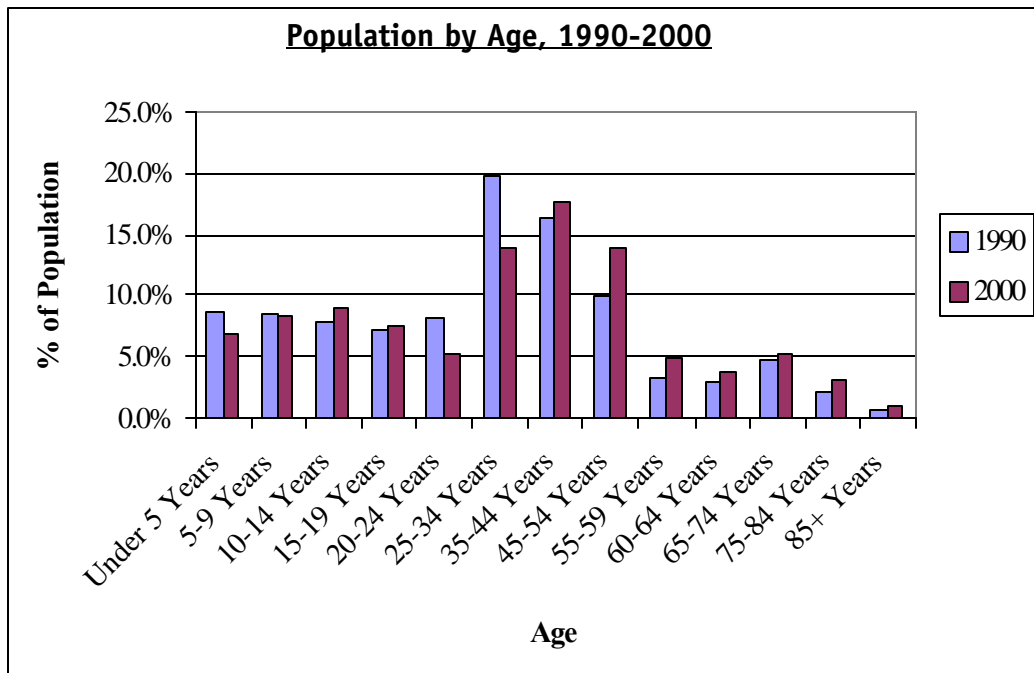


# Dorchester County

	1990	2000	Percent Change (1990-2000)
Total Population	83,060	96,413	16.1%
Male	41,419	47,184	13.9%
Female	41,641	49,229	18.2%
Under 5 Years	7,317	6,470	-11.6%
5-9 Years	7,150	7,977	11.6%
10-14 Years	6,415	8,541	33.1%
15-19 Years	6,011	7,325	21.9%
20-24 Years	6,741	5,034	-25.3%
25-34 Years	16,396	13,451	-18.0%
35-44 Years	13,515	17,052	26.2%
45-54 Years	8,134	13,511	66.1%
55-59 Years	2,814	4,732	68.2%
60-64 Years	2,431	3,562	46.5%
65-74 Years	3,887	5,002	28.7%
75-84 Years	1,748	2,919	67.0%
85+ Years	501	870	73.7%
Median Age	29.7	34.7	16.8%
18+ Years	58,492	68,570	17.2%
Male	28,965	32,793	13.2%
Female	29,527	35,777	21.2%
21+ Years	54,942	65,091	18.5%
62+ Years	7,546	10,834	43.6%
65+ Years	6,136	8,791	43.3%
Male	2,352	3,511	49.3%
Female	3,784	5,280	39.5%

Dorchester County saw the greatest population increase during the 1990's of the three counties in the BCD region. However, as seen in the other counties, its population aged over the course of the decade. The number of children under the age of 5 years declined almost 12 percent, while the number of residents over the age of 65 years increased more than 43 percent.

The only other age brackets that saw a decline were the 20 to 24 years and 25 to 34 years age categories. The median age increased significantly, from 29.7 years to 34.7 years during the 1990's, an increase of 5 years.



# Dorchester County

	1990	2000	Percent Change (1990-2000)
Persons in Household	80,968	94,324	16.5%
Total Households	28,213	34,709	23.0%
Spouse	18,165	19,855	9.3%
Child	30,080	31,503	4.7%
Own Child Under 18	26,534	24,995	-5.8%
Other Relatives	1,992	4,771	139.5%
Nonrelatives	1,076	3,486	224.0%
Unmarried Partner	829	1,602	93.2%
In Group Quarters	2,092	2,089	-0.1%
Institutionalized	1,717	1,708	-0.5%
Noninstitutionalized	375	381	1.6%
Family Households	22,317	26,293	17.8%
Married Couple Family	18,165	19,855	9.3%
Female Householder, No Husband Present	3,247	5,073	56.2%
Nonfamily Households	5,896	8,416	42.7%
Householder Living Alone	4,805	7,006	45.8%
65+ Years	1,537	2,254	46.6%
Households with Individuals Under 18 Years	13,554	15,528	14.6%
Households with Individuals 65+ Years	4,395	6,316	43.7%
Average Household Size	2.87	2.72	-5.2%
Average Family Size	3.25	3.13	-3.7%
Total Housing Units	30,632	37,237	21.6%
Occupied Housing Units	28,213	34,709	23.0%
Vacant Housing Units	2,419	2,528	4.5%
Seasonal Housing	196	256	30.6%
Homeowner Vacancy Rate	2.2	1.6	-27.3%
Rental Vacancy Rate	7.5	6.4	-14.7%
Owner Occupied Units	20,034	26,023	29.9%
Renter Occupied Units	8,179	8,686	6.2%
Persons Per Owner Occupied	2.98	2.8	-6.0%
Persons Per Renter Occupied	2.60	2.47	-5.0%

During the 1990's, Dorchester County experienced a change in its household composition, although not as severe a change as that experienced by Berkeley and Charleston Counties. The number of households in the County increased, as did the number of children in these households.

The number of other relatives and nonrelatives in households, along with the number of unmarried partner households increased by significant amounts. The number of female householders with no husband present, nonfamily households, and householders living alone also increased.

The average household and family sizes decreased, as did the number of persons per owner and renter occupied units.

	1990	2000	Percent Change (1990-2000)
White	62,323	68,498	9.9%
African American	19,128	24,176	26.4%
American Indian, Eskimo, or Aleut	549	703	28.1%
Asian or Pacific Islander	786	1,152	46.6%
Other Race	274	570	0.0%
Hispanic (of any race)	1,040	1,722	65.6%

Chart at right contains percent of population only for those races that comprise 1 percent or more of the total population

