

## SECTION 2. DEMOGRAPHICS OF THE PLANNING AREA

### Demographic Trends

**Population and Growth.** Demographics and current trends for the Planning Area were derived from United States Census data (1970 County, 1990 and 2000 Block Group, and 2006 American Communities Survey) and Henderson County government data. The United States Census (hereinafter “Census”) identified the number of households for Block Groups. The demographic estimates for the Planning Area were extrapolated from this data by comparing Henderson County government residential structure data to Census Block Group household data. The Planning Area’s 2008 estimated population is approximately 6,063 persons, some 5.9% of the estimated County population (103,510 persons) (See Table 2.1).

<b>Table 2.1. Planning Area Population, Persons and Households 2008</b>	
<b>Persons</b>	6,063
<b>Households</b>	2,682
<b>Persons/Household</b>	2.26

Source: Census data (1970 County and 2006 American Communities Survey) with extrapolations by Henderson County Planning Staff.

The Planning Area experienced substantial population growth in the 10-year period from 1990 to 2000 (See Table 2.2). Data extrapolated from the Census (1990 and 2000 Block Group) indicate the Planning Area experienced a net gain of 1,862 persons and an overall 48.1% increase in population. In comparison, Henderson County experienced a 28.7% increase in population during the same period. The Planning Area population gain accounts for 9.4% of the total population increase for the County during this period (See Tables 2.2 and 2.3).

The household increase in the Planning Area was equivalent to the population increase (48.1%) during the 10-year period from 1990 to 2000. The number of households within the County grew at a rate that exceeded population growth during the same period. As a result, the average persons per household held constant in the Planning Area during this 10-year period, exceeding that of the County in both 1990 and 2000 (See Tables 2.2 and 2.3).

<b>Table 2.2. Planning Area Population, Persons and Households 1990 to 2000</b>				
<b>Year</b>	<b>1990</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>Net Change</b>	<b>Percent Change (%)</b>
<b>Persons</b>	3,873	5,735	1,862	48.1
<b>Households</b>	1,583	2,344	761	48.1
<b>Persons/Household</b>	2.45	2.45	0	0

Source: Census data (1990 and 2000 Block Group) with extrapolations by Henderson County Planning Staff.

<b>Table 2.3. Henderson County Population, Persons and Households 1990 to 2000</b>				
<b>Year</b>	<b>1990</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>Net Change</b>	<b>Percent Change (%)</b>
<b>Persons</b>	69,285	89,173	19,888	28.7
<b>Households</b>	28,709	37,414	8,705	30.3
<b>Persons/Household</b>	2.41	2.38	-0.03	-1.2

Source: Census data (1990 and 2000 County).

Data indicate the Planning Area population grew 2.4% during the period from 2000 to 2006, a significant decline from the previous 48.1% increase experienced from 1990 to 2000. The County population grew more quickly with a 12.3% increase in population during the period from 2000 to 2006. The number of households continued to increase in the Planning Area and County, reducing the average persons per household for both (See Tables 2.4 and 2.5).

<b>Table 2.4. Planning Area Population, Persons and Households 2000 to 2006</b>				
<b>Year</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>Net Change</b>	<b>Percent Change (%)</b>
<b>Persons</b>	5,735	5,871	136	2.4
<b>Households</b>	2,344	2,575	231	9.9
<b>Persons/Household</b>	2.45	2.28	-0.17	-6.8

Source: Census data (2000 Block Group and 2006 American Communities Survey) with extrapolations by Henderson County Planning Staff.

<b>Table 2.5. Henderson County Population, Persons and Households 2000 to 2006</b>				
<b>Year</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>Net Change</b>	<b>Percent Change (%)</b>
<b>Persons</b>	89,173	100,107	10,934	12.3
<b>Households</b>	37,414	43,907	6,493	17.4
<b>Persons/Household</b>	2.38	2.28	-0.10	-4.3

Source: Census data (2000 County and 2006 American Communities Survey).

**Population Composition.** The composition of the population (age, race, ethnicity, income, and origin) is provided by Census Block Group data. In 1990 the Planning Area was comprised of all or portions of the following Census Tract Block Groups: 99.01 (1, 2, 3, and 4); 99.02 (1 and 2); 99.03 (1); 99.04 (1, 2, and 3); and 99.05 (2) (See Figure 2.1). In 2000 the Planning Area was comprised of all or portions of the following Census Tract Block Groups: 99.01 (1, 2, and 3); 99.02 (1, 2, and 3); 99.03 (1); 99.04 (1, 2, and 3); and 99.05 (2). County data indicate the Planning Area portion of Census Tract 99.02, Block Group 3 does not contain any residences. Data from this Census Tract Block Group is not included in demographic tabulations.

**In-Migration and Change in Housing.** Planning Area in-migration during the period from 1995 to 2000 (25.0%) equaled that experienced in the County as a whole. This did reflect an increase in the rate of in-migration in the Planning Area when compared to the period from 1985 to 1990 (See Table 2.6). The Planning Area and County both saw a decline in the percent of persons living within the same household when comparing the periods of 1985 to 1990 and 1995 to 2000. The percent of persons living in the same household within the Planning Area (53.3%) was just below that of the County (54%) during the period between 1995 and 2000 (See Table 2.7).

<b>Table 2.6. In-Migration*, 1985 to 2000</b>		
<b>Place</b>	<b>Percent of Population</b>	
	<b>1985 to 1990</b>	<b>1995 to 2000</b>
<b>Henderson County</b>	23.6%	25.0%
<b>Planning Area</b>	18.3%	25.0%

\*In-migration refers to those that moved into the listed place from outside Henderson County.

Source: Census data (1990 and 2000 Block Group) with extrapolations by Henderson County Planning Staff.

Table 2.7. Change in Housing, 1985 to 2000		
Place	Percent of Persons Living in the Same House Between	
	1985 and 1990	1995 and 2000
Henderson County	56.5%	54.0%
Planning Area	61.6%	53.3%

Source: Census data (1990 and 2000 Block Group) with extrapolations by Henderson County Planning Staff.

**Age of Population.** The populations of the United States, County, and Planning Area are composed primarily of residents aged 35 to 64. The United States, County, and Planning Area are composed secondarily of those aged 20 to 34 (See Figure 2.1 and Table 2.8).

The Planning Area population is generally younger than the County population. School-aged children (aged 19 or younger) make up 26.5% of the population in the Planning Area, higher than the percentage of school-aged children in the County (22.7%). Additionally, 21.7% of the County’s population is aged 65 or older, while only 14.1% of the Planning Area population is this age or older (See Figure 2.1 and Table 2.8).

**Figure 2.1 Planning Area Age of Population 2000**

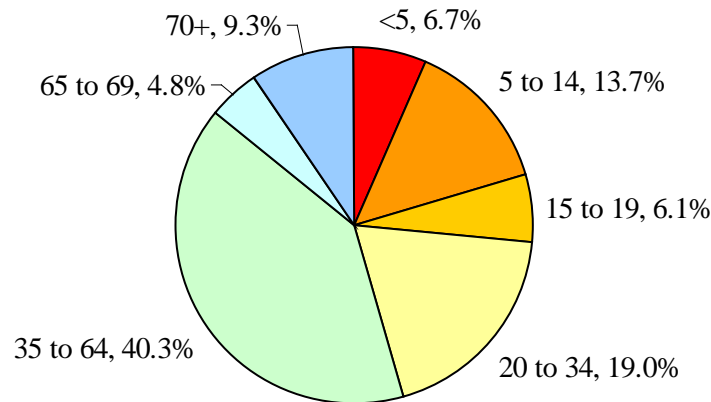


Table 2.8. Planning Area Age of Population 2000							
Place*	Age						
	<5	5 to 14	15 to 19	20 to 34	35 to 64	65 to 69	70+
United States	6.8%	14.7%	7.1%	20.8%	38.3%	3.4%	9.0%
Henderson County	5,007 (5.6%)	10,499 (11.8%)	4,709 (5.3%)	14,667 (16.4%)	34,950 (39.2%)	4,929 (5.5%)	14,412 (16.2%)
Planning Area	387 (6.7%)	785 (13.7%)	351 (6.1%)	1,089 (19.0%)	2,313 (40.3%)	276 (4.8%)	534 (9.3%)

Source: Census data (2000 Block Group) with extrapolations by Henderson County Planning Staff.

The Planning Area saw the most significant growth in the population under age five (5). No group saw a decline in population between 1990 and 2000. Age groups showing the least percent change include those 15 to 19, 20 to 34, and 70 or older (See Table 2.9).

<b>Table 2.9. Planning Area Age of Population 1990 to 2000</b>				
<b>Age</b>	<b>1990</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>Net Change</b>	<b>Percent Change (%)</b>
<b>Under 5</b>	190	387	197	103.7
<b>5 to 14</b>	487	785	298	61.2
<b>15 to 19</b>	291	351	60	20.7
<b>20 to 34</b>	882	1089	206	23.4
<b>35 to 64</b>	1430	2313	883	61.8
<b>65 to 69</b>	175	276	101	58.0
<b>70+</b>	418	534	116	27.6

Source: Census data (1990 and 2000 Block Group) with extrapolations by Henderson County Planning Staff.

**Population Race and Ethnicity.** The population in the County and Planning Area is predominantly White (See Table 2.10). Data extrapolated from 2000 Census Block Groups indicate 5,001 White persons, 499 Hispanic or Latino (of any race) persons, 89 Black or African-American persons, and 149 persons of another race or ethnicity reside within the Planning Area. The Planning Area includes a larger percentage of Hispanics/Latinos (of any race) than the County (8.7% versus 5.5%) (See Table 2.10). Census Tract 99.03, Block Group 1 contains the largest percent of Hispanic or Latino persons in the Planning Area, with 24.3% of the population within this Tract falling into this category.

<b>Table 2.10. Planning Area Race and Ethnicity 2000</b>				
<b>Place</b>	<b>Percent</b>			
	<b>White</b>	<b>Hispanic or Latino (Any Race)</b>	<b>Black or African-American</b>	<b>Other*</b>
<b>Henderson County</b>	89.7	5.5	2.8	2
<b>Planning Area</b>	87.2	8.7	1.5	2.6

\* Other includes: American Indian, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian, Asian, other Pacific Islander, Individuals of two (2) or more races, or any other unlisted race.

Source: Census data (2000 Block Group) with extrapolations by Henderson County Planning Staff.

**Population Income and Poverty.** In 1999, approximately 51.6% of Planning Area households earned less than \$35,000 (See Table 2.11). The median household income during the same year for the Planning Area was \$31,494 while for the County it was \$38,109 (approximately 20% higher). The projected 2006 median household income for the Planning Area is \$34,357 while for the County it is \$41,573. In both 1999 and 2006, only Tract 99.04, Block Group 2 and Tract 99.05, Block Group 2 had median incomes exceeding the County's. These Block Groups account for only 17.6% of the Planning Area population (See Table 2.12).

<b>Table 2.11. Planning Area Household Income 1999</b>								
<b>Place</b>	<b>Percent (%)</b>							
	<b>Less than \$10,000</b>	<b>\$10,000 to \$24,999</b>	<b>\$25,000 to \$34,999</b>	<b>\$35,000 to \$44,999</b>	<b>\$45,000 to \$59,999</b>	<b>\$60,000 to \$74,999</b>	<b>\$75,000 to \$99,999</b>	<b>\$100,000+</b>
<b>Henderson County</b>	8.4	21.5	15.6	13.6	14.8	10	8.5	7.7
<b>Planning Area</b>	10.0	24.4	17.2	13.9	15.2	7.9	6.4	5.2

Source: Census data (2000 Block Group) with extrapolations by Henderson County Planning Staff.

<b>Table 2.12. Planning Area Median Household Income 1999 and 2006</b>		
<b>Place</b>	<b>Median Household Income</b>	
	<b>1999</b>	<b>2006*</b>
<b>Henderson County</b>	\$38,109	\$41,573
<b>Planning Area</b>	\$31,494	\$34,357

\*Assumes a 9.09% increase in median household income based on the increase experienced for the County from 1999 to 2006.

Source: Census data (2000 County and 2006 American Communities Survey) with extrapolations by Henderson County Planning Staff.

The Census Bureau defines poverty level based on income, family size, and family composition. In 1999, households with two (2) adults and two (2) children were in poverty when their income was \$16,895 or less. The Planning Area experiences a higher rate of poverty than the County as a whole. In 1999, approximately 13.1% of Planning Area households had incomes below poverty level compared to the County with approximately 9.7% below poverty level (See Table 2.13).

<b>Table 2.13. Planning Area Poverty Status 1999</b>				
<b>Place</b>	<b>Income in 1999 Below Poverty Level</b>		<b>Income in 1999 at or Above Poverty Level</b>	
	<b>Persons</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Persons</b>	<b>Percent</b>
<b>Henderson County</b>	8,670	9.7%	80,503	90.3%
<b>Planning Area</b>	847	13.1%	4,866	86.9%

Source: Census data (2000 Block Group) with extrapolations by Henderson County Planning Staff.

Within the Planning Area a larger percentage of children (those under age 18) are below poverty level than in the County as a whole (See Table 2.14).

<b>Table 2.14. Planning Area Population Below Poverty Status, By Age, 1999</b>			
<b>Place</b>	<b>Age</b>		
	<b>&lt;18</b>	<b>18 to 64</b>	<b>65+</b>
<b>Henderson County</b>	2,719 (31.9%)	4,283 (50.2%)	1,524 (17.9%)
<b>Planning Area</b>	307 (36.3%)	419 (49.5%)	120 (14.2%)

Source: Census data (2000 Block Group) with extrapolations by Henderson County Planning Staff.

The 1999 Planning Area population accounted for only 6.4% of the total County population; however the Planning Area population below poverty level accounted for 9.8% of the County population below poverty level.

### ***Demographic Projections***

Planning Area demographic projections were derived from Census data (1970 County, 2000 Block Group Data, and 2006 American Communities Survey) and Henderson County government data. The Census identifies the number of households for Block Groups. The demographic estimates for the Planning Area were extrapolated from this data by comparing Henderson County government residential structure data to Census Block Group household data.

Trends indicate the Planning Area will experience substantial population growth in the 20-year period from 2000 to 2020 (See Table 2.15). Data indicate the Planning Area will experience a 28.4% increase in population by 2020. In comparison, Henderson County will likely experience a 41.9% increase in population during the same period. The Planning Area population gain will account for only 4.4% of the projected total population increase for the County (See Tables 2.15 and 2.16).

**Table 2.15. Planning Area Growth 2000 to 2020**

<b>Year</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>Growth 2000 to 2020</b>	<b>Percent Change 2000 to 2020 (%)</b>
<b>Persons</b>	5,735	5,871	6,263	6,790	7,363	1,628	28.4
<b>Households</b>	2,344	2,575	2,794	3,094	3,426	1,082	46.2
<b>Persons/Household</b>	2.45	2.28	2.24	2.19	2.15	-0.30	-12.2

Source: Census data (1970 County and 2006 American Communities Survey) with extrapolations by Henderson County Planning Staff.

**Table 2.16. Henderson County Growth 2000 to 2020**

<b>Year</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>Growth 2000 to 2020</b>	<b>Percent Change 2000 to 2020 (%)</b>
<b>Persons</b>	89,173	100,107	107,029	116,358	126,500	37,327	41.9
<b>Households</b>	37,414	43,907	48,378	54,613	61,652	24,238	64.8
<b>Persons/Household</b>	2.38	2.28	2.21	2.13	2.05	-0.33	-13.8

Source: Census data (1970 County and 2006 American Communities Survey) with extrapolations by Henderson County Planning Staff.

The number of households within the Planning Area is projected to increase more quickly than the population will grow through 2020. The average persons per household is projected to be reduced in the Planning Area and the County over this period; however, the average household size in the Planning Area (2.15 persons per household) is projected to continue exceeding that of the County (2.05 persons per household) in 2020 (See Tables 2.15 and 2.16).