

**HISTORIC POPULATION TRENDS**

Communities constantly change as the residents mature and marry, have children, and go through the various life stages. In addition, people are continually moving to and from the community. By studying demographic trends, a community can better understand the changes taking place and plan for the future needs of its residents. This section provides a picture of regional and municipal growth trends and changes that are affecting Conewago Township now, and are likely to affect it in the future. Analyses of population and socioeconomic trends, coupled with an analysis of housing provides a context for making decisions about land use and the nature and intensity of development to be either encouraged or discouraged.

**Table 2-1: Historic Population Counts, 1960-2005**

	1960	1970	% Change, 1960-1970	1980	% Change, 1970-1980	1990	% Change, 1980-1990	2000	% Change, 1990-2000	2005 est.*	% Change, 2000-2005
Pennsylvania	11,319,366	11,793,909	4.19	11,863,895	0.59	11,881,643	0.15	12,281,054	3.36	12,429,616	1.21
Dauphin County	220,255	223,713	1.57	232,317	3.85	237,813	2.37	251,798	5.88	253,995	0.87
Conewago Township	1,353**	1,124**	-16.93	2,471	119.84	2,832	14.61	2,847	0.53	2,926	2.77
Derry Township	12,388	16,045	29.52	18,115	12.90	18,048	-0.37	21,273	17.87	21,814	2.54
Londonderry Township	3,053	3,453	13.10	5,138	48.80	4,962	-3.43	5,224	5.28	5,203	-0.40
Mount Joy Township, Lancaster County	4,135	4,228	2.25	5,128	21.29	6,227	21.43	7,944	27.57	10,232	28.80
South Londonderry Township, Lebanon County	2,911	3,754	28.96	3,777	0.61	4,502	19.20	5,458	21.24	6,688	22.54

\* represents 2005 U.S. Census Bureau population estimates

\*\* There are discrepancies with the U.S. Census historical population data for Conewago Township in 1960 and 1970.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau; Conewago Township Comprehensive Plan 1981

**Table 2-2: Population Change, 1960-2005**

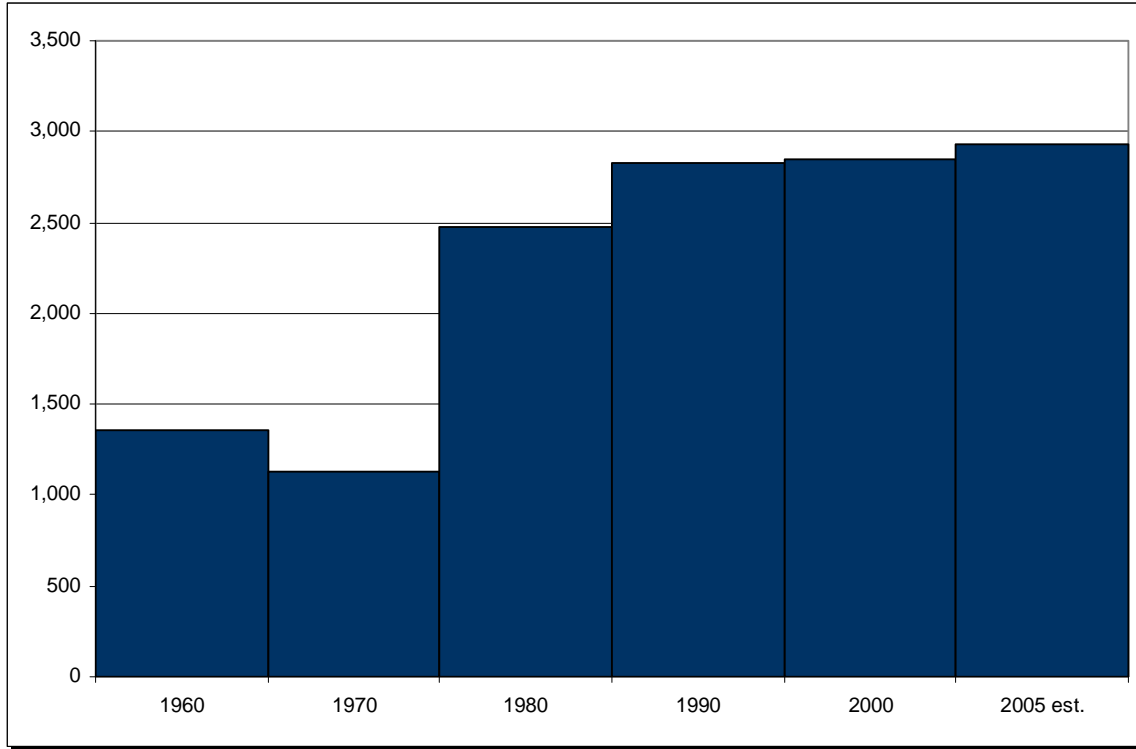
	1960	2005 est.*	Total Change, 1960-2005*	% Change, 1960-2005*
Pennsylvania	11,319,366	12,429,616	1,110,250	9.81
Dauphin County	220,255	253,995	33,740	15.32
Conewago Township	1,353**	2,926	1,573	116.26
Derry Township	12,388	21,814	9,426	76.09
Londonderry Township	3,053	5,203	2,150	70.42
Mount Joy Township, Lancaster County	4,135	10,232	6,097	147.45
South Londonderry Township, Lebanon County	2,911	6,688	3,777	129.75

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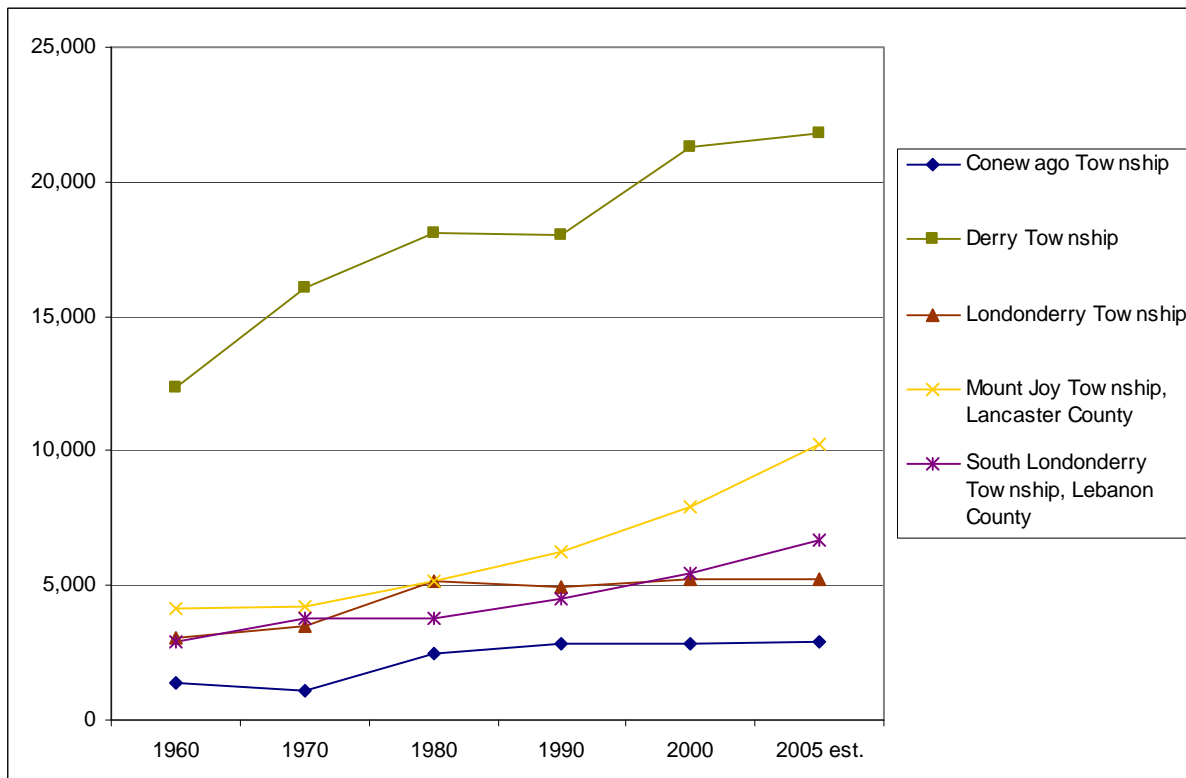
Source: U.S. Census Bureau; Conewago Township Comprehensive Plan, 1981

**Figure 2-1: Historic Population of Conewago Township, 1960-2005**



Source: U.S. Census Bureau; Conewago Township Comprehensive Plan 1981

**Figure 2-2: Historic Population of Conewago and Surrounding Municipalities, 1960-2005**



Source: U.S. Census Bureau; Conewago Township Comprehensive Plan 1981

## ■ **State and County Statistics and Trends**

- The increase in the population of Pennsylvania was less than 5% in each decade since 1960.
- During the 1970s and 1980s, population growth in the state was nearly stagnant.
- Population growth increased slightly during the 1990s, when the state saw a 3.36% increase in population.
- Between 2000 and 2005, it is estimated that the state increased its population by 1.21%.

## ■ **Conewago Township and Regional Trends**

- Conewago Township saw the greatest increase in population during the 1970s. Between 1970 and 1980, the township more than doubled its population. This came after a decline in population between 1960 and 1970. This rapid growth is reflected in the percentage of population increase between 1970 and 1980, a percentage increase in population of 119.84%. This percentage increase can be attributed to two main factors:
  - The township has a relatively low population count, so a moderate increase in the absolute number of people can result in a large relative increase. The number of residents in the township increased by 1,347 between 1970 and 1980, compared to increases of 2,070 and 1,685 in Derry and Londonderry Townships, respectively, during this same time period.
  - The large percentage influx of residents that was seen between 1970 and 1980 was compounded by the fact that the township lost population during the previous decade.
  - The total percentage population increase in the township between 1960 and 2005 is also over 100%, even though the township saw the smallest influx of residents in the area.
- Growth in the township during the 1970s and 1980s can largely be attributed to the Laurel Woods, Chestnut Road, and Cedar Woods developments.
- Although the township saw a lot of growth during the 1970s, the population has since somewhat leveled off.
- Conewago Township has maintained a lower population than its surrounding municipalities in each decade since 1960; however, the rate of growth in Conewago Township between 1960 and 2005 was greater than that in Derry or Londonderry Townships.
- Derry and South Londonderry Townships have and continue to experience growth as a direct result of the economic and tourism successes of the Hershey attractions and Hershey Medical Center. More recently, South Londonderry Township has been viewed as a less costly alternative to living in Derry Township.
- Mount Joy Township experienced significant growth from 1960 through 2005 and saw the greatest percentage increases in population of the municipalities in the region. The Conewago Creek acts as a significant boundary and natural barrier to any growth that is occurring in Lancaster County.
- Derry and South Londonderry Townships exert greater pressures for residential growth on Conewago Township than Mount Joy or Londonderry Townships, but the SR 283 interchanges that are located in these two municipalities may encourage growth in the township in the future.
- According to the U. S. Census Bureau population estimates, the township contained 2,926 people in 2005, which represents an increase of 79 residents, or 2.77% from 2000.

- The Hills of Waterford Subdivision consists of 73 lots in the township. Applying the 2000 U.S. Census average household size of 2.79 persons per household, the township can expect to see approximately 204 residents migrate into the township as residences in the Hills of Waterford are occupied. All but a few of the lots in this development have been built upon and occupied since 2000.
- Considering these figures alone, when the Hills of Waterford is completely built out, the township will have increased its population by 204 residents as families move into the newly constructed homes in this subdivision. This estimated increase of 204 residents since 2000 represents a 7.2% increase in the population of the township (since the 2000 census). Recognizing that this estimate only pertains to one subdivided piece of land in the township, an increase of 7.2% may actually be an underestimation of recent population increases for the entire township. This indicates that Conewago Township is currently the second fastest growing population in the region, behind South Londonderry Township. (In this case, the region is considered to be Conewago Township and its contiguous municipalities).

## ***POPULATION PROJECTIONS***

The Tri-County Regional Planning Commission developed population projections for the Dauphin County Comprehensive Plan using the Pennsylvania State Data Center total county population projections for the following reasons:

- The methodology used considers the three critical components of population projection: birth rates; death rates; and migration trends.
- As the official projection of the Commonwealth, there will be consistency with commonwealth agencies that will likely utilize the projections on state related policies.
- Tri-County Regional Planning Commission is an affiliate of the State Data Center.

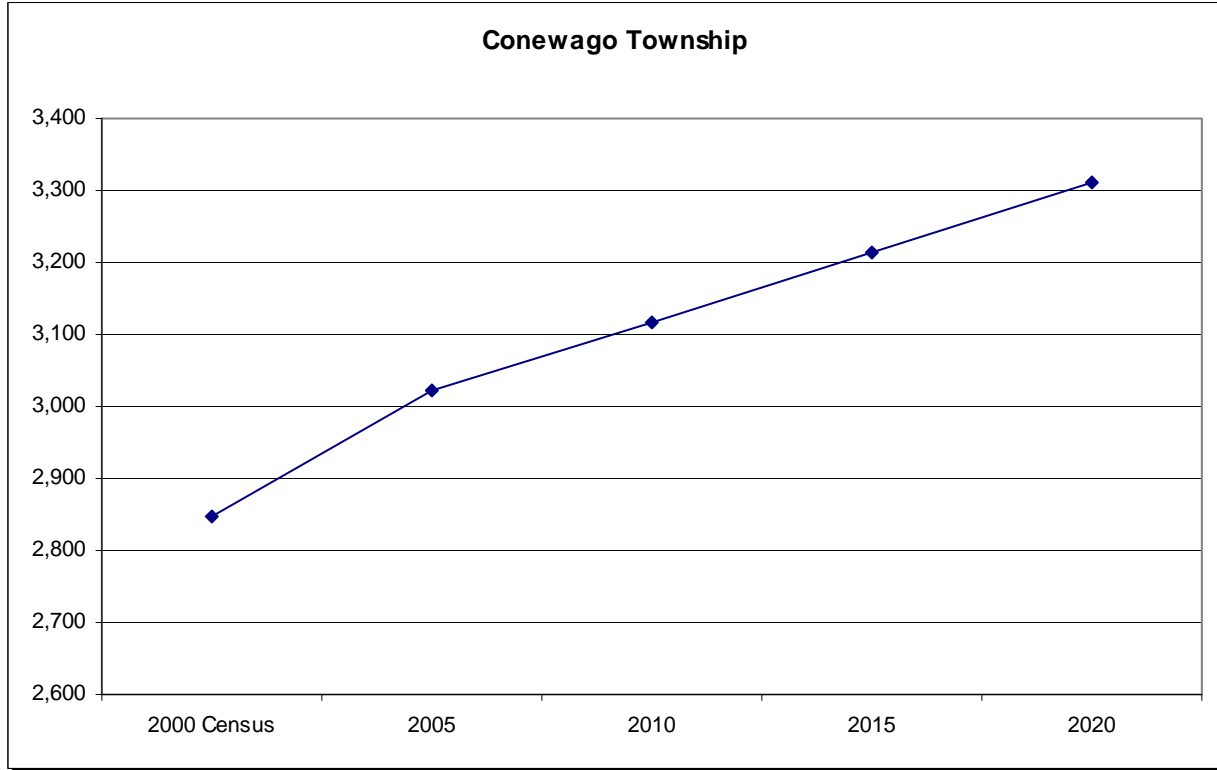
Although the total county projection is from the State Data Center, municipal allocations were prepared by Tri-County Regional Planning Commission. In order to maintain consistency with the Dauphin County Comprehensive Plan, these projections are being used to estimate the future population of Conewago Township.

**Table 2-3: Population Projections, 2000-2020**

	2000 Census	2005*	2000-2005 Change		2010	2005-2010 Change		2015	2010-2015 Change		2020	2015-2020 Change		2000-2020 Change	
			#	%		#	%		#	%		#	%	#	%
Dauphin County	251,798	259,932	8,134	3.23	264,379	4,447	1.71	268,908	4,529	1.71	273,485	4,577	1.70	21,687	8.61
Conewago Township	2,847	3,021	174	6.11	3,116	95	3.14	3,213	97	3.11	3,311	98	3.05	464	16.30

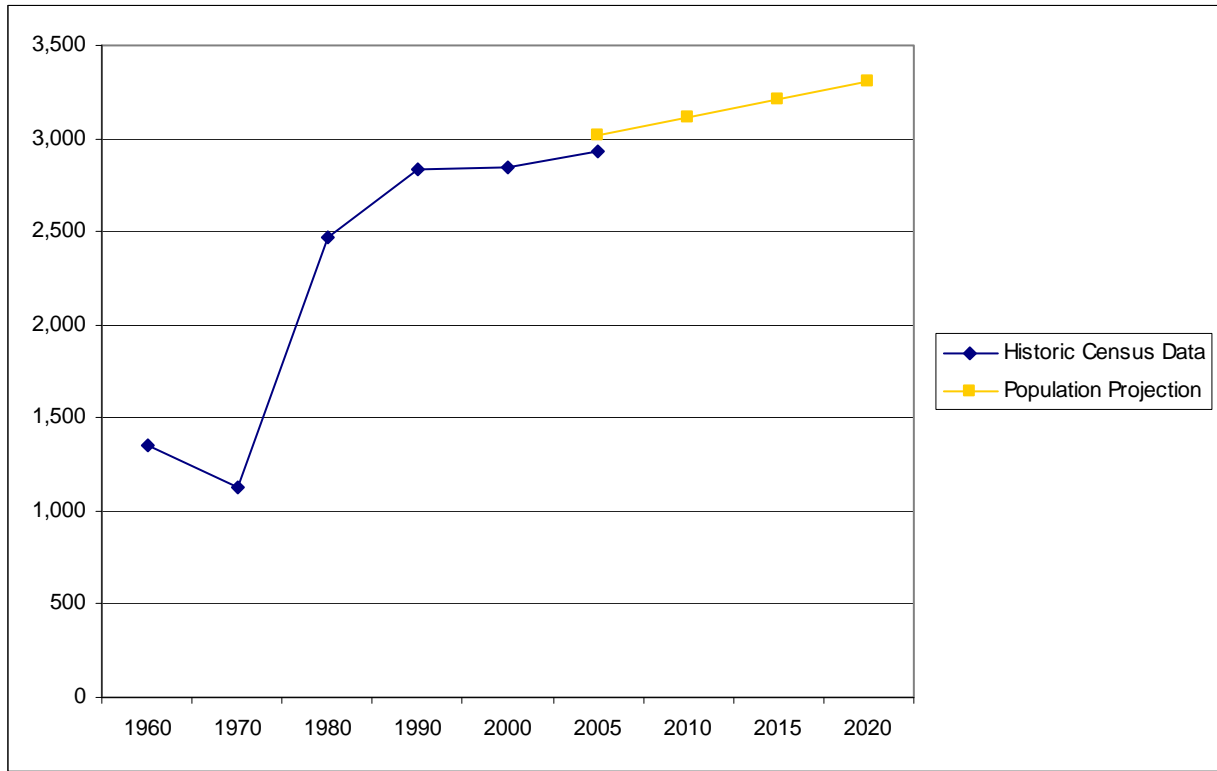
\*The population projections were generated before the U.S. Census released 2005 population estimates. As a result, the 2005 figure shown in this table represents a projection and is different than the U.S. Census population estimate for 2005.  
Source: Pennsylvania State Data Center; Tri-County Regional Planning Commission

**Figure 2-3: Projected Population of Conewago Township, 2000-2020**



Source: Pennsylvania State Data Center; Tri-County Regional Planning Commission

**Figure 2-4: Historic Population and Projected Population of Conewago Township, 1960-2020**



\* The 2005 Historic Census Data represents the 2005 U.S. Census estimated population. The 2005 Population Projection represents the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission population projection based on allocation of the PA State Data Center Dauphin County Population Projection using 1990 U.S. Census data.  
 Source: U.S. Census; Pennsylvania State Data Center; Tri-County Regional Planning Commission

**Trends**

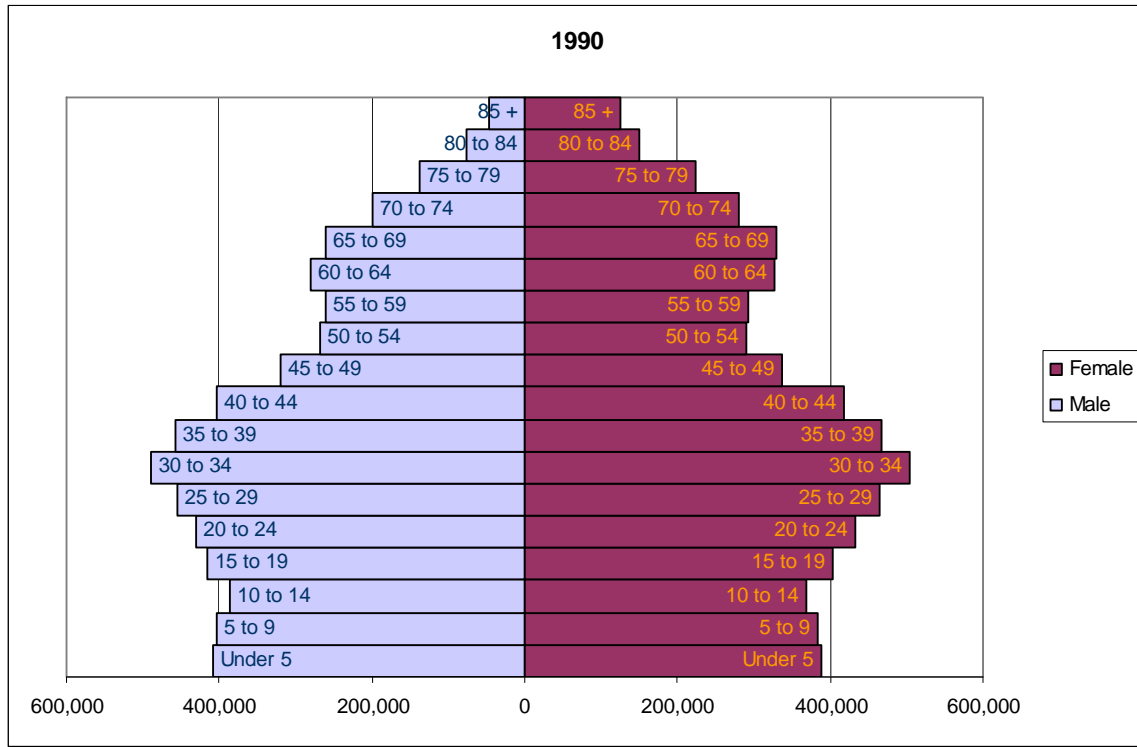
- Conewago Township is projected to increase its population by over 16% between 2000 and 2020. This is nearly twice the relative projected increase that is expected in Dauphin County as a whole.
- The population projection for Conewago Township was developed prior to the U.S. Census 2005 population estimates. Looking at the estimated population of the township in 2005, it can be seen that this number is slightly lower than the population figure that was projected for 2005.

## ***AGE DISTRIBUTION OF THE POPULATION***

Classifying the population of a community by age indicates what particular facilities, services, or housing types may be needed. An area in which a high percentage of the population is comprised of senior citizens will express different needs than an area which contains a lot of families with small children or an area in which there are a lot of single working adults. Examining the distribution of the population across the different age cohorts will give an indication as to which types of facilities and services will be needed by the community now and in the future. Examining the change in the composition of the population over a period of time will provide an indication of how the population is changing and will help to define socioeconomic trends.

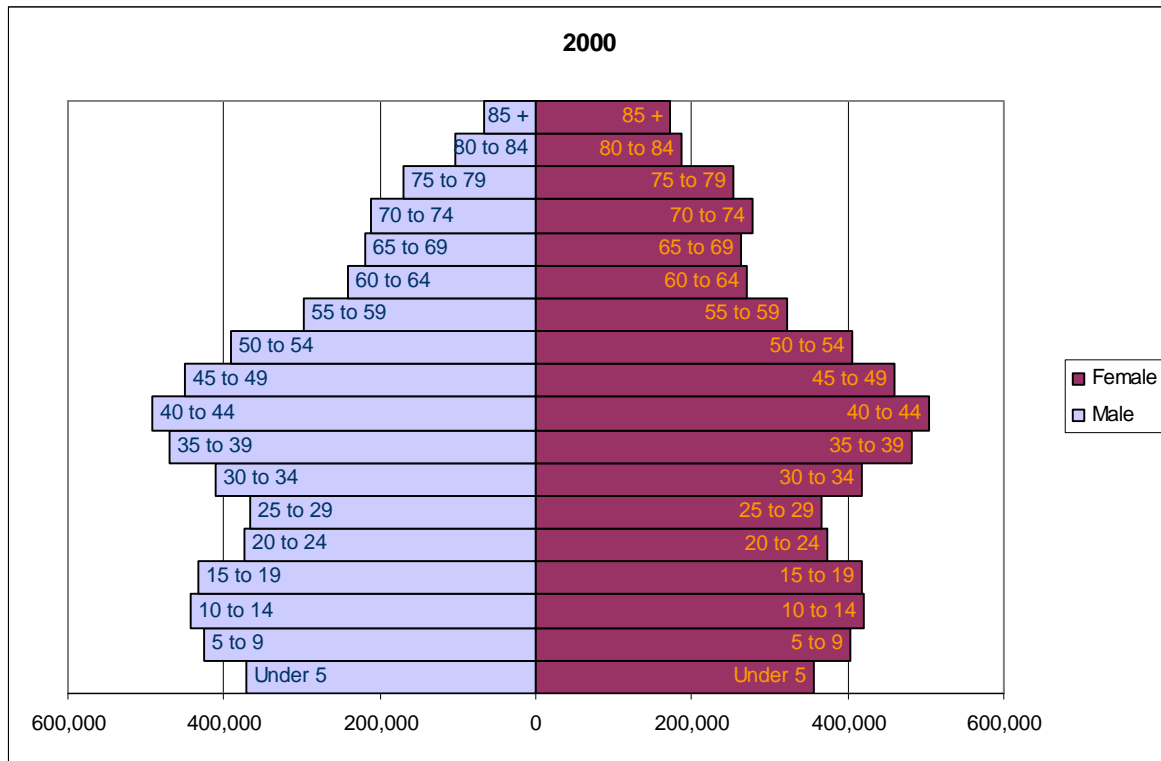
The overall composition of the population is best viewed using population pyramids. The pyramid graphically depicts the distribution of the population in the various age groupings, and by sex. By comparing the population pyramids at two different times, in this case the 1990 and 2000 censuses, one can see how the composition of the population has changed. By comparing the population pyramids of two or more geographic locations, one can see spatial differences in the composition of the population and determine how the composition of the local population compares to the composition of the population on a county or statewide scale.

**Figure 2-5: Distribution of the Population of Pennsylvania by Age and Sex, 1990**



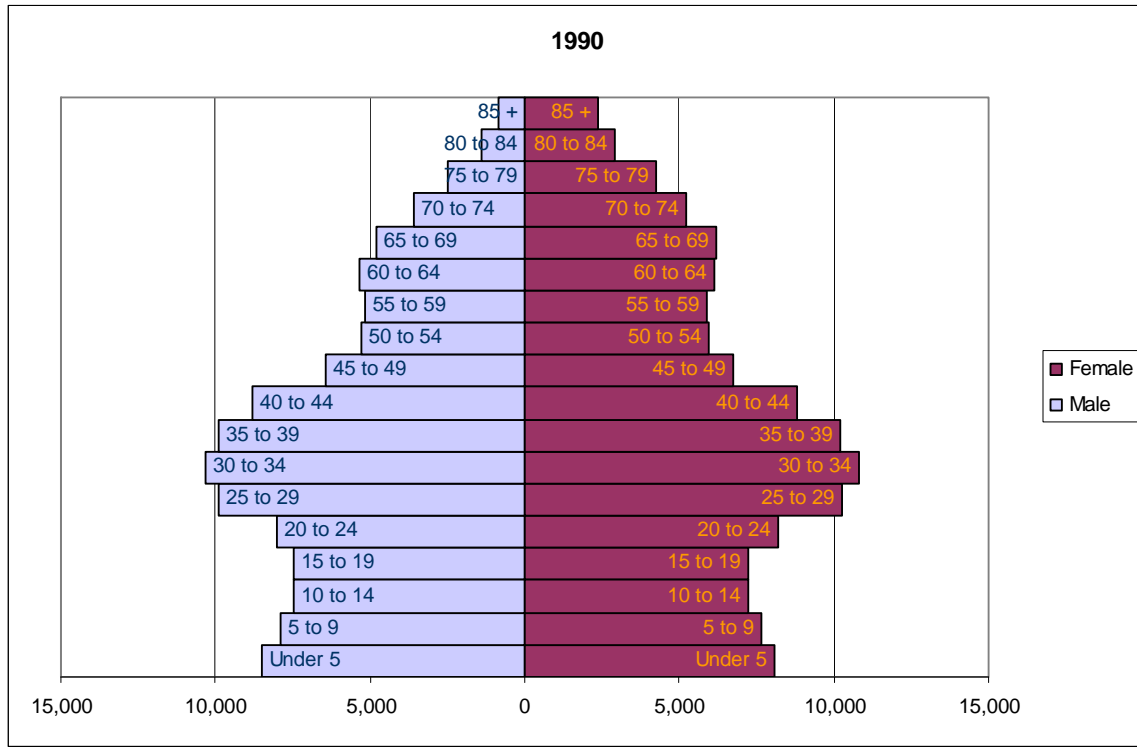
Source: U.S. Census Bureau

**Figure 2-6: Distribution of the Population of Pennsylvania by Age and Sex, 2000**



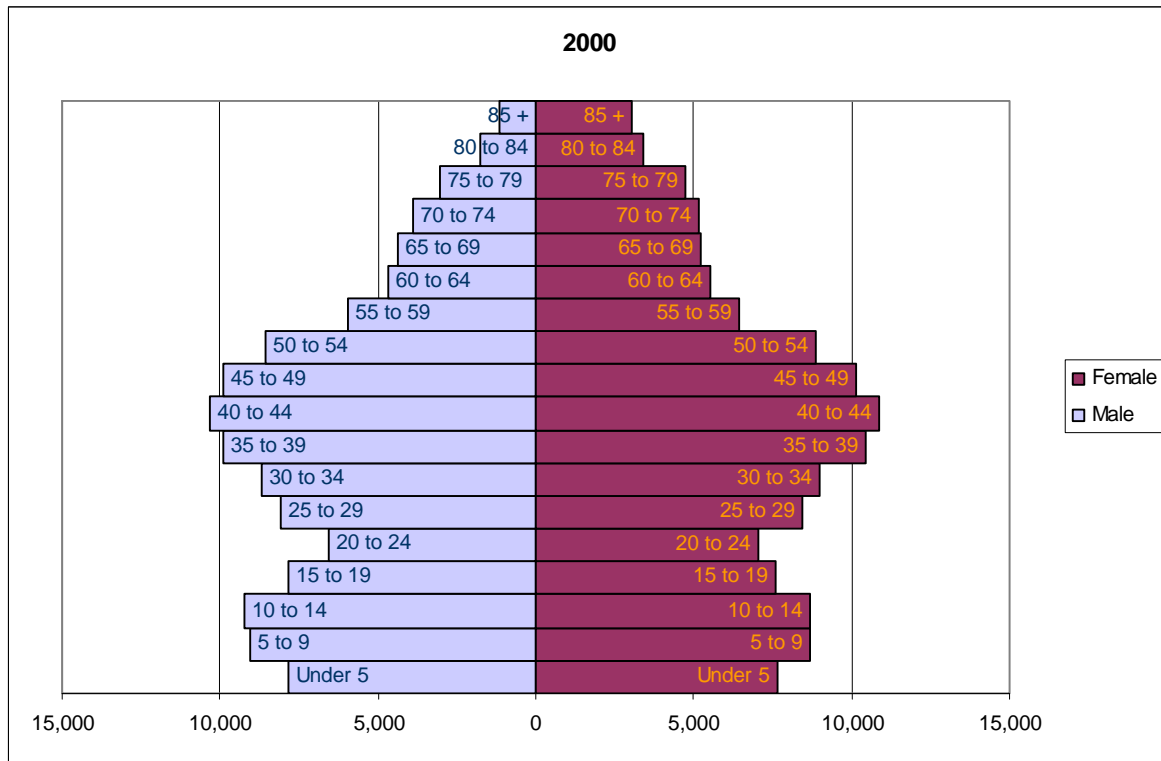
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**Figure 2-7: Distribution of the Population of Dauphin County by Age and Sex, 1990**



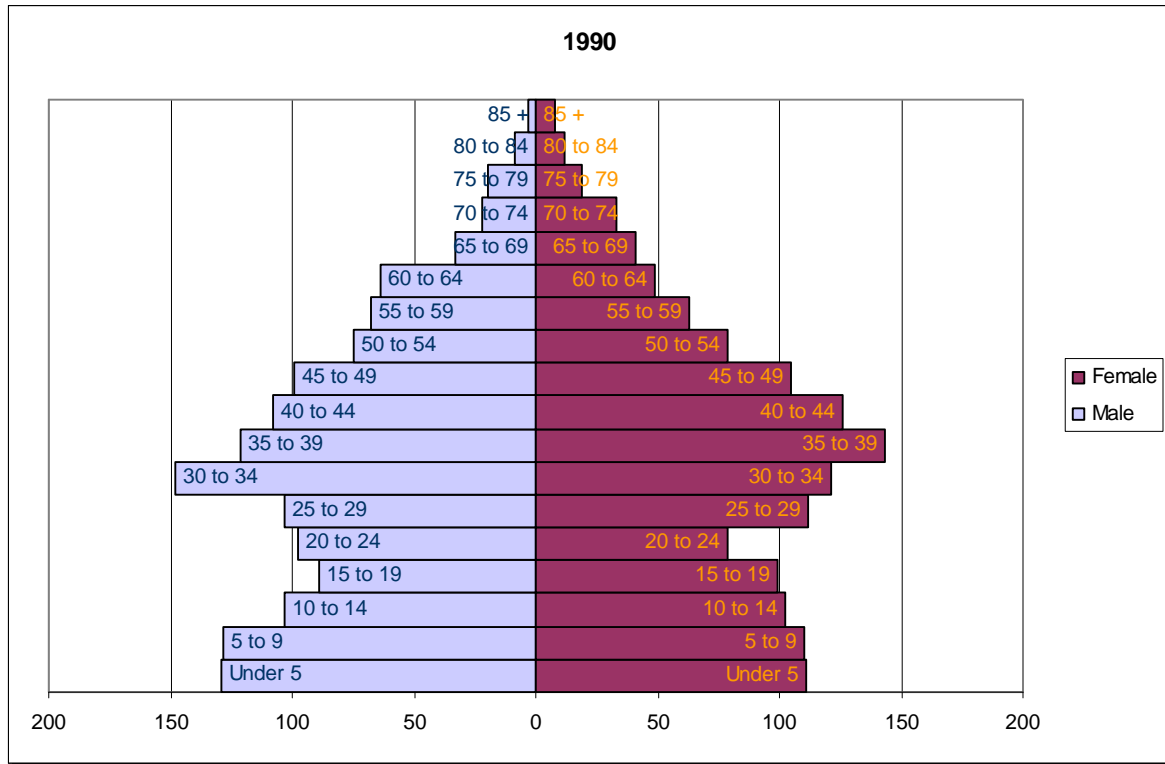
Source: U.S. Census Bureau

**Figure 2-8: Distribution of the Population of Dauphin County by Age and Sex, 2000**



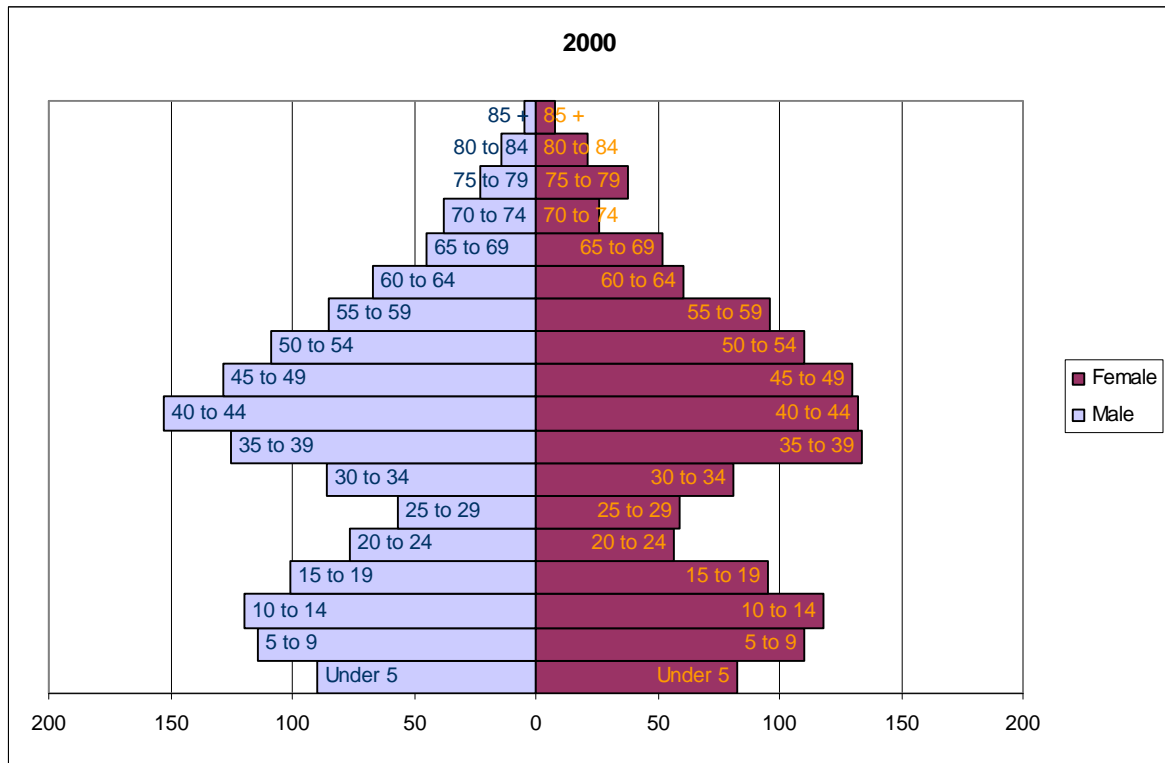
Source: U.S. Census Bureau

**Figure 2-9: Distribution of the Population of Conewago Township by Age and Sex, 1990**



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

**Figure 2-10: Distribution of the Population of Conewago Township by Age and Sex, 2000**



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

**Table 2-4: Median Age of the Population, 2000**

	Both Sexes	Male	Female
Pennsylvania	38	36.5	39.4
Dauphin County	37.9	36.6	39
Conewago Township	38.6	38.2	38.9
Derry Township	40.2	38.8	41.5
Londonderry Township	38.3	38.3	38.3
Mount Joy Township, Lancaster County	35.5	35.1	35.9
South Londonderry Township, Lebanon County	38.6	37.8	39.2

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

**■ State and County Statistics and Trends**

- Comparisons of the 1990 and 2000 population pyramids for Pennsylvania show little change. The number of older adults in Pennsylvania increased between 1990 and 2000, while the percentage of young adults, mainly those in their twenties, declined. There were also fewer youth under age 5 in 2000 than there were in 1990.
- The median age found in Dauphin County is very similar to the median age in Pennsylvania.
- The shape of the population pyramid in Dauphin County is also similar to that of the state indicating that the percentage of people in the various age groupings is similar.

**■ Conewago Township and Regional Trends**

- The median age of the population of Conewago Township is slightly older than the median age found in Dauphin County and the median age of the state.
- The composition of the population of the township changed significantly between 1990 and 2000. Similar to the state and the county, the township saw a decrease in the number of young adults. This decrease was more apparent in the township.
- As the number of young adults decreased, the number of adults in their late thirties, forties and early fifties increased. The percentage of children under five decreased.
- The median age in Conewago Township is similar to the surrounding townships, especially Londonderry and South Londonderry. The median age in Mount Joy Township is slightly younger and the median age in Derry Township is slightly older.
- Trends show that the number of children under age 10 in the township is decreasing. This trend may reverse itself if new homes are constructed that attract families, such as those in the Hills of Waterford.

***POPULATION DENSITY*****Table 2-5: Population Density, 2000**

	Total Population 2000	Area (sq. mi.)	Persons per square mile
Conewago Township	2,847	16.73	170.1
Derry Township	21,273	27.31	784
Londonderry Township	5,224	26.86	229.4
Mount Joy Township, Lancaster County	7,944	27.96	284.1
South Londonderry Township, Lebanon County	5,458	24.08	226.8

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

**■ Trends**

- Conewago Township has the lowest population density of its contiguous municipalities. The township also has the smallest land area, encompassing 16.73 square miles.
- Derry Township has the highest population density at 784 persons per square mile.
- Londonderry, Mount Joy, and South Londonderry Townships have similar population densities, and these three municipalities and Derry Township are all similar in land area.

## ***AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD SIZE***

Analyzing trends in the average size of a household, or the average number of people per household show that household size is decreasing across the state. This trend can be attributed to two main factors: families are having less children and the number of older people living alone is increasing. Household sizes tend to be the largest in more rural areas and in farming communities where additional hands are needed to help with farming duties. Larger household sizes are also characteristic of impoverished urban areas.

**Table 2-6: Average Household Size, 1990-2000**

	1990	2000	% Change
Pennsylvania	2.64	2.48	-6.16
Dauphin County	2.50	2.39	-4.26
Conewago Township	2.91	2.79	-4.14
Derry Township	2.39	2.32	-2.92
Londonderry Township	2.74	2.6	-5.15
Mount Joy Township, Lancaster County	2.87	2.74	-4.56
South Londonderry Township, Lebanon County	2.77	2.61	-5.79

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

### **■ State and County Statistics and Trends**

- The average household size in Pennsylvania decreased by 6.16% between 1990 and 2000. In 2000, the average household size in Pennsylvania was 2.48 persons per household.
- Dauphin County has a slightly lower average household size than Pennsylvania. Decreases in household size in the county between 1990 and 2000 were less than in the state.

### **■ Conewago Township and Regional Trends**

- Conewago Township had the largest household size of the municipalities in the area in both 1990 and 2000.
- The decrease in household size in the township between 1990 and 2000 was less than the county and state decreases, and was less than all of the municipalities surrounding it, with the exception of Derry Township. Derry Township had the smallest average household size in both decades and saw the smallest decrease in household size.

## ***EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT***

Data relating to educational attainment are presented according to the highest level of attainment. Therefore, someone who received an Associates Degree before going on and completing a Bachelors Degree would only be counted as having attained a Bachelors Degree, as opposed to being represented as having attained all other levels prior to attaining a

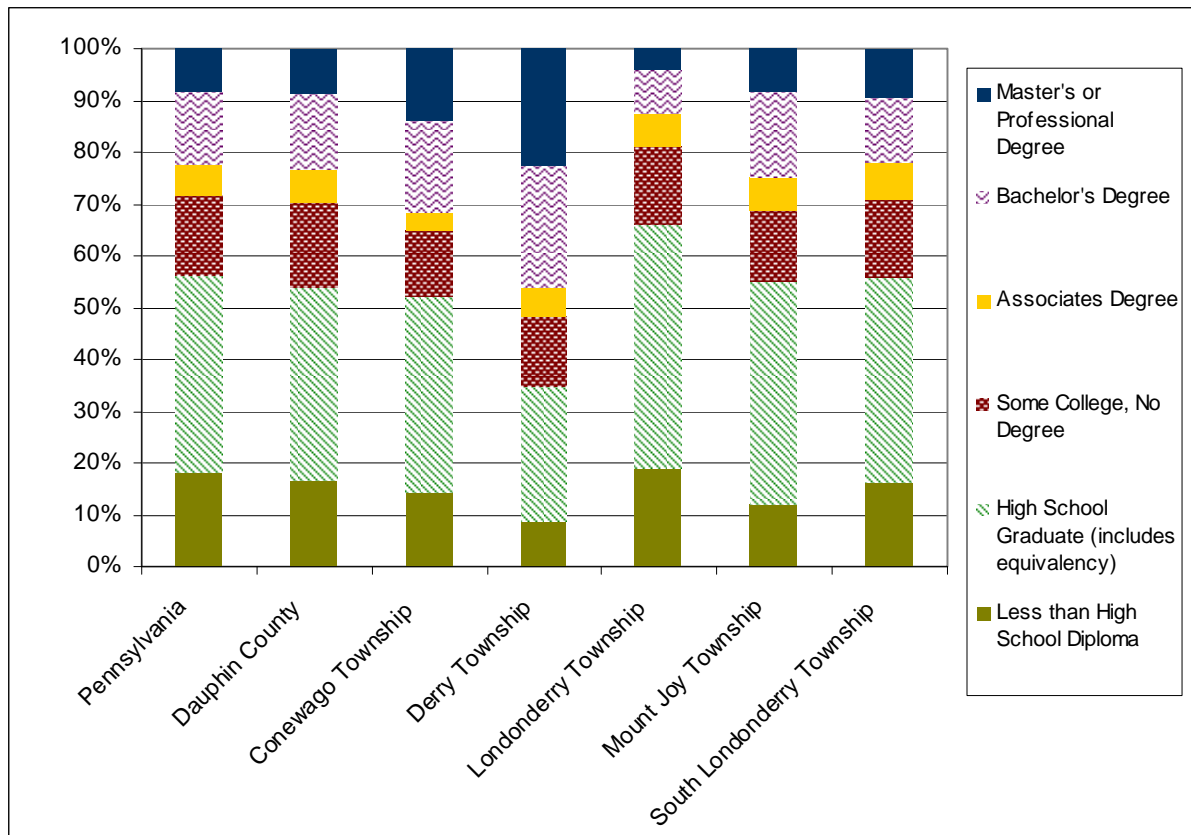
Bachelors Degree. Data on educational attainment can provide an indication of how the township compares to the rest of the county or the state. It can also be linked to employment and other socioeconomic statistics.

**Table 2-7: Educational Attainment for the Population Age 25 Years and Older, 2000**

	Less than High School Diploma		High School Graduate (includes equivalency)		Some College, No Degree		Associates Degree		Bachelor's Degree		Master's or Professional Degree	
	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%
Pennsylvania	1,496,105	18.10	3,150,013	38.11	1,284,731	15.54	487,804	5.90	1,153,383	13.95	694,248	8.40
Dauphin County	28,547	16.62	64,174	37.36	27,902	16.24	10,780	6.28	25,279	14.72	15,101	8.79
Conewago Township	271	14.36	713	37.78	238	12.61	65	3.44	340	18.02	260	13.78
Derry Township	1,311	8.72	3,880	25.81	2,054	13.66	892	5.93	3,492	23.23	3,403	22.64
Londonderry Township	680	18.74	1,713	47.20	557	15.35	225	6.20	307	8.46	147	4.05
Mount Joy Township, Lancaster County	636	12.26	2,214	42.67	717	13.82	320	6.17	875	16.86	427	8.23
South Londonderry Township, Lebanon County	613	16.28	1,484	39.42	577	15.33	271	7.20	462	12.27	358	9.51

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

**Figure 2-11: Educational Attainment of the Population Age 25 Years and Older, 2000**



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

**State and County Statistics and Trends**

- The educational attainment of residents of Dauphin County is roughly in line with the educational attainment of the entire state.

#### ■ **Conewago Township and Regional Trends**

- In general, residents of Conewago Township have attained higher educational levels than residents of the county and the state.
- With the exception of Derry Township, Conewago Township has a higher percentage of individuals who have attained either a Bachelor's Degree or have completed education beyond a Bachelor's Degree, than its surrounding municipalities.
- The township has lower percentages of residents who have completed some college but attained no degree, and of residents with an Associate's Degree. These figures are lower than the county and state percentages, and are lower than any of the surrounding municipalities, indicating that residents who pursue educational opportunities beyond high school are looking to attain at least a Bachelor's Degree.
- The percentage of township residents who have not received a high school diploma is less than county and state percentages. Compared to the surrounding municipalities, there are a higher percentage of people without a high school diploma in Conewago Township than there are in Derry and Mount Joy Townships, but Londonderry and South Londonderry Townships have greater percentages of people who have not attained a high school diploma than in Conewago Township.

## ***EMPLOYMENT BY OCCUPATION***

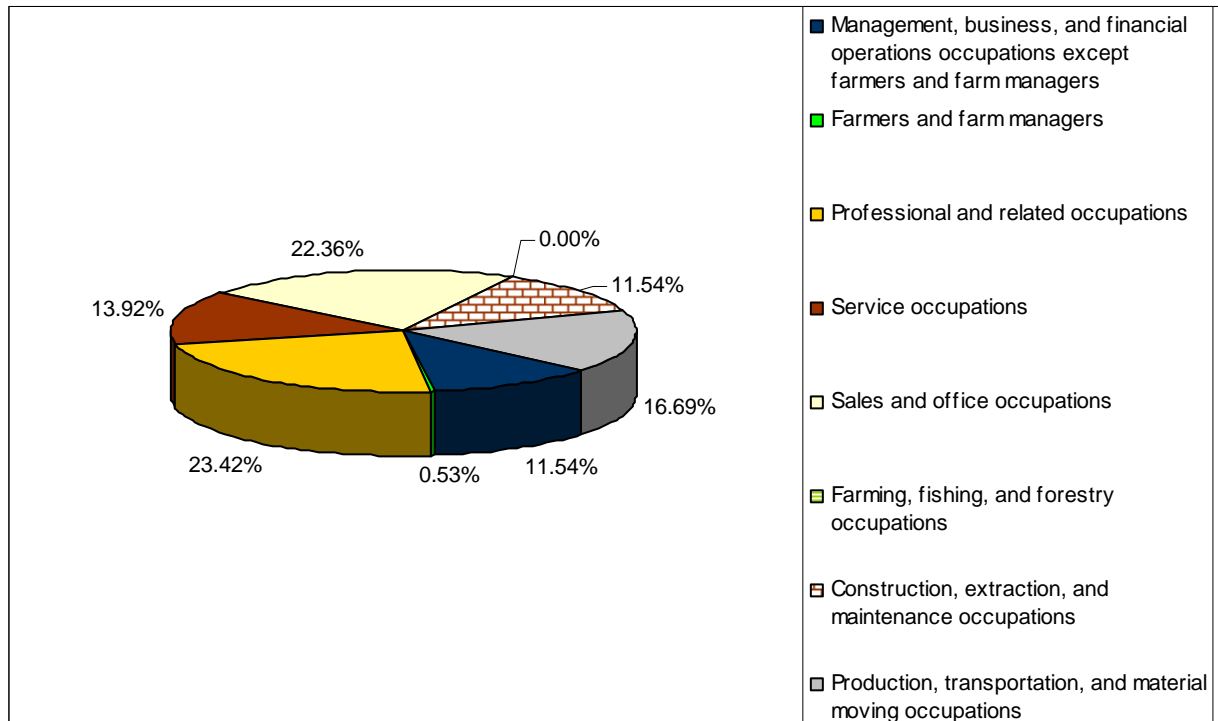
Data on employment by occupation is collected on the long form of the census which is distributed to a sample of the population. The data collected reflects the occupational category with which the resident responder most closely identifies himself or herself. Because of the variety of occupational categories and the potential to be identified with more than one category (e.g. the category "farmers and farm managers" compared to the category "farming, fishing, and forestry occupations"), examining other employment characteristics in addition to employment by occupation, such as employment by industry, are helpful in analyzing the workforce composition of the township.

**Table 2-8: Employment by Occupation for the Employed Civilian Population, Age 16 and Older, 2000**

	Total Employed Civilian Population Age 16 and Over	Management, business, and financial operations occupations except farmers and farm managers	Farmers and farm managers	Professional and related	Service	Sales and office	Farming, fishing, and forestry	Construction, extraction, and maintenance	Production, transportation, and material moving
Pennsylvania	5,653,500	11.87	0.45	20.25	14.83	26.98	0.47	8.86	16.30
Dauphin County	122,805	14.09	0.21	20.58	14.05	28.78	0.36	7.68	14.24
Conewago Township	1,516	11.54	0.53	23.42	13.92	22.36	0.00	11.54	16.69
Derry Township	10,098	19.83	0.00	35.08	11.67	20.11	0.07	4.70	8.55
Londonderry Township	2,550	10.75	1.06	15.10	8.67	25.49	1.61	16.82	20.51
Mount Joy Township, Lancaster County	4,322	12.08	2.06	18.88	15.57	19.99	1.71	12.10	17.61
South Londonderry Township, Lebanon County	2,882	9.13	0.80	23.91	13.74	25.09	0.17	9.44	17.73

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

**Figure 2-12: Employment by Occupation for the Employed Civilian Population, Age 16 and Over, Conewago Township, 2000**



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

## ■ Trends

- The occupations of workers in Conewago Township are very similar to the state and county, which is common among municipalities in the Lower Dauphin region. That is to say that in Conewago Township and other municipalities in the Lower Dauphin School District, the percentages of workers in each of the occupational categories are similar to trends in the county and the state.

## ***EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY***

The U.S. Census Bureau states that, “information on industry relates to the kind of business conducted by a person’s employing organization.” Examining employment characteristics by type of industry will provide an indicator of what kinds of businesses are needed to support workers in the region. Coupling data of employment with the location of employment and top employers in the region will help to determine where deficiencies may exist in the types of employment opportunities available in the area.

**Table 2-9: Employment by Industry for the Employed Civilian Population, Age 16 and Over, 2000 (1 of 3)**

	Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining		Construction		Manufacturing		Wholesale Trade	
	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%
Pennsylvania	73,459	1.30	339,363	6.00	906,398	16.03	201,084	3.56
Dauphin County	906	0.74	6,249	5.09	13,604	11.08	4,536	3.69
Conewago Township	12	0.79	145	9.56	237	15.63	46	3.03
Derry Township	13	0.13	323	3.20	1,432	14.18	266	2.63
Londonderry Township	107	4.20	200	7.84	409	16.04	111	4.35
Mount Joy Township, Lancaster County	210	4.86	344	7.96	857	19.83	157	3.63
South Londonderry Township, Lebanon County	28	0.97	191	6.63	663	23.00	73	2.53

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

**Table 2-9: Employment by Industry for the Employed Civilian Population, Age 16 and Over, 2000 (2 of 3)**

	Retail Trade		Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities		Information		Finance, Insurance, Real Estate, and Rental and Leasing	
	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%
Pennsylvania	684,179	12.10	304,335	5.38	148,841	2.63	372,148	6.58
Dauphin County	12,942	10.54	8,322	6.78	3,480	2.83	10,245	8.34
Conewago Township	143	9.43	93	6.13	37	2.44	97	6.40
Derry Township	837	8.29	383	3.79	139	1.38	652	6.46
Londonderry Township	329	12.90	215	8.43	61	2.39	171	6.71
Mount Joy Township, Lancaster County	315	7.29	237	5.48	162	3.75	159	3.68
South Londonderry Township, Lebanon County	256	8.88	176	6.11	32	1.11	125	4.34

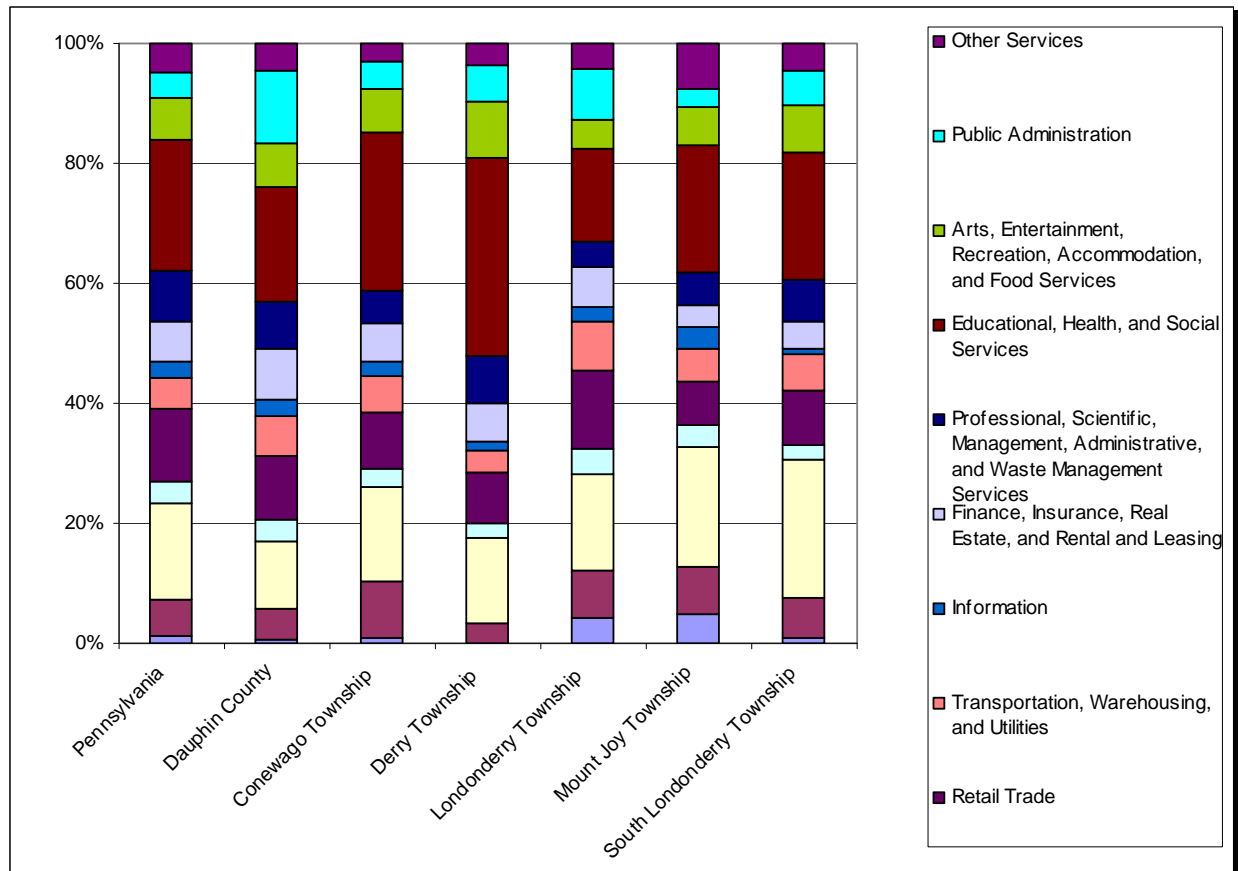
Source: U.S. Census Bureau

**Table 2-9: Employment by Industry for the Employed Civilian Population, Age 16 and Over, 2000 (3 of 3)**

	Professional, Scientific, Management, Administrative, and Waste Management Services		Educational, Health, and Social Services		Arts, Entertainment, Recreation, Accommodation, and Food Services		Public Administration		Other Services	
	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%
Pennsylvania	478,937	8.47	1,237,090	21.88	397,871	7.04	235,767	4.17	274,028	4.85
Dauphin County	9,802	7.98	23,314	18.98	8,973	7.31	14,779	12.03	5,653	4.60
Conewago Township	80	5.28	399	26.32	113	7.45	68	4.49	46	3.03
Derry Township	779	7.71	3,345	33.13	962	9.53	587	5.81	380	3.76
Londonderry Township	105	4.12	391	15.33	127	4.98	214	8.39	110	4.31
Mount Joy Township, Lancaster County	227	5.25	920	21.29	276	6.39	136	3.15	322	7.45
South Londonderry Township, Lebanon County	206	7.15	611	21.20	223	7.74	170	5.90	128	4.44

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

**Figure 2-13: Employment by Industry for the Employed Civilian Population, Age 16 and Older, 2000**



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

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- The most drastic difference between the state and Dauphin County when examining the distribution of the employed population by industry is that there are almost three times the relative amount of people employed in Public Administration in the county than there are in the state. This is a direct result of Harrisburg's position as the state capital and its location in Dauphin County.

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- The percentages of people employed in the different industries in the township are very similar to the state. There are a slightly higher percentage of people employed in the Educational, Health, and Social Services Industries in the township, which is not surprising, considering the township's proximity to the Penn State Hershey Medical Center.

## ***HOUSEHOLD INCOME***

The U.S. Census Bureau defines a household as all of the people who occupy a housing unit as their usual place of residence. This section will analyze the median household income and its change over time, considering both the absolute change, and the change that results when the numbers are adjusted for inflation. The median represents the middle value (if the total number of values is an odd number) or the average of two middle values (if the total number of values is an even number) in an ordered list of data values. The median divides the total frequency distribution (total list of values) into two equal parts: one-half of the cases fall below the median and one-half of the cases exceed the median.

Household income data can be analyzed in conjunction with data on the value of housing and other factors to gain an understanding of the economic stability of an area to determine if adequate, affordable housing opportunities exist.

**Table 2-10: Median Household Income, 1990-2000**

	Median household income in 1989	Median household income in 1989 Adjusted	Median household income in 1999	% Change	% Change, Adjusted
Pennsylvania	29,069	38,952	40,106	37.97	2.96
Dauphin County	30,985	41,520	41,507	33.96	-0.03
Conewago Township	38,457	51,532	58,922	53.22	14.34
Derry Township	36,514	48,929	52,290	43.21	6.87
Londonderry Township	33,397	44,752	42,804	28.17	-4.35
Mount Joy Township, Lancaster County	38,231	51,230	52,410	37.09	2.30
South Londonderry Township, Lebanon County	37,408	50,127	51,699	38.20	3.14

\*1989 values have been adjusted using the Consumer Price Index to account for inflation  
Source: U.S. Census Bureau

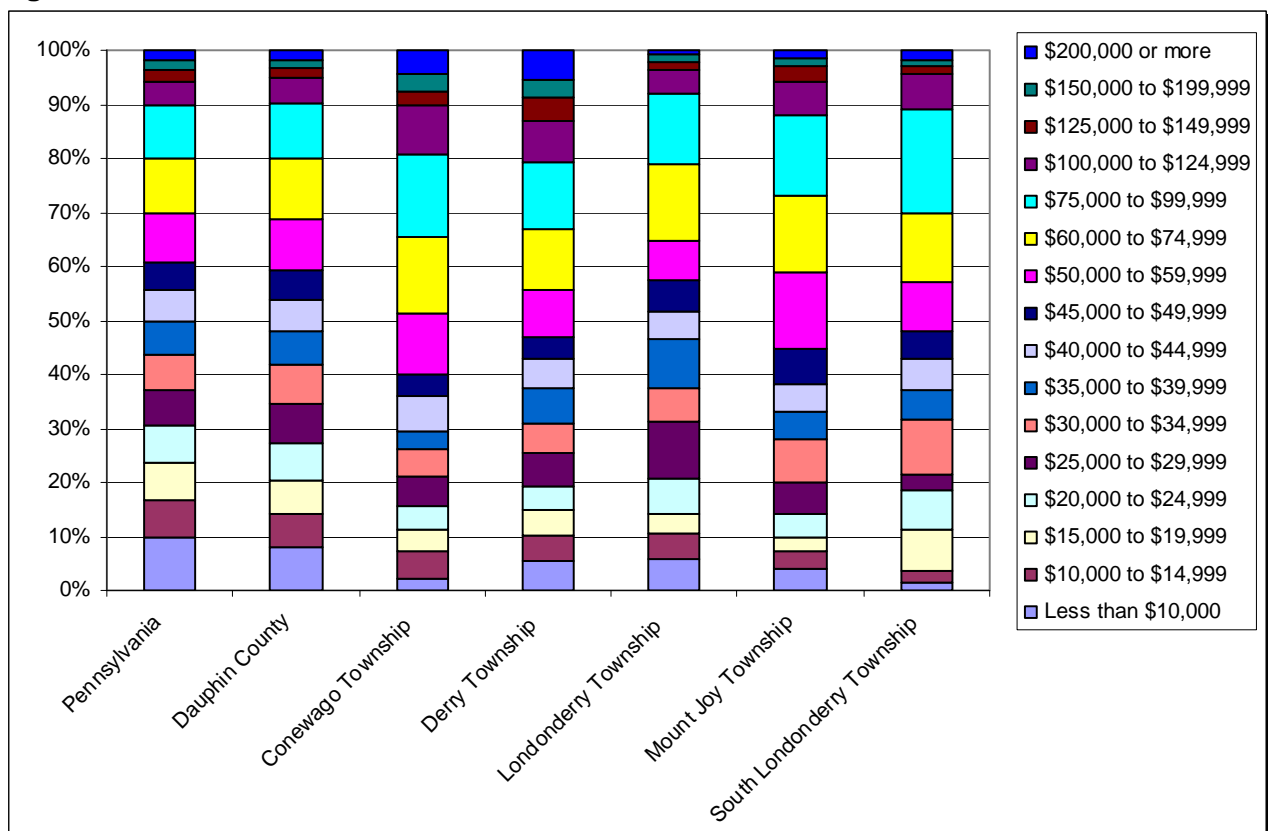
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- When considering adjustments made for inflation, the median household income in Pennsylvania rose nearly 3% between 1989 and 1999.
- The median household income in Dauphin County actually decreased during this time, when considering adjustments for inflation.
- In 1989 and 1999, the median household income in Dauphin County was slightly higher than the state median household income.

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- In Conewago Township, the median household income increased by nearly 15% between 1989 and 1999 when considering adjustments to the data to account for inflation. When considering the raw numbers, the increase in median household income in the township was over 50%.
- Conewago Township's increase in median household income far exceeded the increases in the state and surrounding municipalities. The median household income in Dauphin County and Londonderry Township, when adjusted for inflation, declined between 1989 and 1999.
- Conewago Township had a higher median household income than the state, county, and every surrounding municipality in 1989 and 1999.

**Figure 2-14: Household Income, 1999**



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

**■ Trends**

- The distribution of household income in Dauphin County is similar to the distribution of household income in Pennsylvania.
- In general, Conewago Township has a higher percentage of households with a higher income than the county, state, or surrounding municipalities.
- The distribution of household income in Conewago Township is very similar to the distribution of household income in Derry Township. The main difference between these two municipalities in terms of household income is that Derry Township has a greater percentage of households with very high or very low household income and Conewago Township has a greater percentage of households whose income falls in the middle ranges.

## ***PER CAPITA INCOME***

Per capita income represents an average obtained by dividing aggregate income by the total population of an area. Analyzing per capita income can provide an indication of the financial well-being of the population.

**Table 2-11: Per Capita Income, 1989-1999**

	1989	1989 Adjusted*	1999	% Change	% Change, Adjusted
Pennsylvania	14,068	18,851	20,880	48.42	10.76
Dauphin County	14,890	19,953	22,134	48.65	10.93
Conewago Township	17,050	22,847	26,898	57.76	17.73
Derry Township	19,594	26,256	31,365	60.07	19.46
Londonderry Township	13,013	17,437	20,055	54.12	15.01
Mount Joy Township, Lancaster County	14,628	19,602	22,380	52.99	14.17
South Londonderry Township, Lebanon County	14,305	19,169	24,296	69.84	26.75

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

### **■ State and County Statistics and Trends**

- The absolute and adjusted changes in per capita income in the county and the state between 1989 and 1999 were similar. Per capita income in Dauphin County increased by 10.93% when adjusted for inflation, and per capita income in the state increased by 10.76% when adjusted for inflation.
- Per capita income was higher in Dauphin County than it was in the state in both 1989 and 1999.

### **■ Conewago Township and Regional Trends**

- The change in per capita income in Conewago Township between 1989 and 1999 was 17.73% when adjusted for inflation, exceeding both the county and the state.
- When compared to surrounding municipalities, the increase in per capita income in Conewago Township between 1989 and 1999 was higher than the increases in Mount Joy or Londonderry Townships, but lower than the increase in Derry and South Londonderry Townships.
- In 1989 and 1999, per capita income in Conewago Township was higher than the per capita income in Dauphin County and the state. It was also higher than all of the surrounding municipalities, with the exception of Derry Township in both years.