

DEMOGRAPHICS

Population is the driving force behind housing, local employment, economic, and the fiscal stability of the community. It is important for the community to understand where it has been, where it is, and where it appears to be going. Population statistics aid decision-makers by painting a picture of the community. Historic population conditions assist in developing demographic projections, which in turn assist in determining future housing, retail, medical, employment and educational needs within the community. Projections provide an estimate for the community, from which to base future land-use and development decisions. However, population projections are only an educated calculation for the future, and unforeseen factors can significantly affect those projections.

Population Trends and Analysis

Table 1 and Figure 1 show the historical population trend of Lexington from 1930 to the present. Lexington's largest growth periods took place in the decades of 1940, 1970, and 1990. Lexington has sustained this growth to remain the largest community in Dawson County.

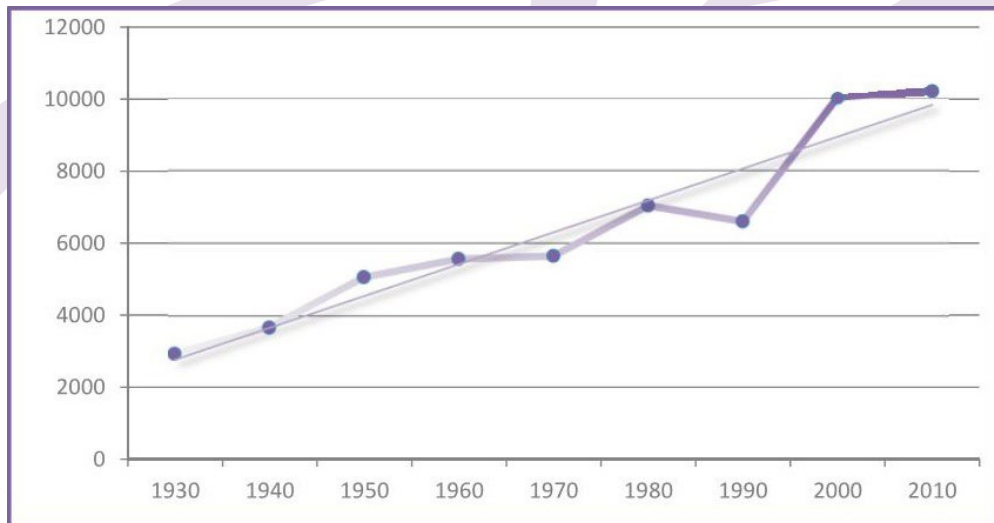


Figure 1: Historical Population Trends, Lexington

Year	Population	Change	Percentage
1930	2,962	na	na
1940	3,688	726	20%
1950	5,068	1,380	27%
1960	5,572	504	9%
1970	5,654	82	1%
1980	7,040	1,386	20%
1990	6,601	(439)	-7%
2000	10,011	3,410	34%
2010	10,230	219	2%

Source: US Census

Table 1: Population Trends, Lexington