

Age of Existing Housing Stock

An analysis of the age of Lexington's housing stock reveals a number of things about the population and economic conditions of the past. It can tell the history of a city and the pride of its residents for its culture and traditions. The age of the existing housing stock can show how much rehabilitation efforts are necessary while determining the need for new construction. Examining the housing stock is important in order to understand the overall quality of housing and the quality of life in Lexington.



The most recent information shows that 604 existing houses or 17.8% of the housing stock were built before 1939. The houses built in 1959 or earlier represent 41.9% of Lexington's existing housing stock. These properties may need to be reevaluated for safety purposes and remodeling needs. Through other agencies there may also be a possibility of energy efficiency programs.

The largest decade represented in Figure 11 shows that there are currently 757 buildings were built in the 1970s. Combined with the 1980 to 1989 housing stock, it represents 34.5% of the Lexington housing. This portion of the housing stock should continue to provide safe housing in the near future. After 1990, the building of new construction within Lexington's housing stock declined even while experiencing its most recent growth period. This time period will be examined in the following section of housing trends.

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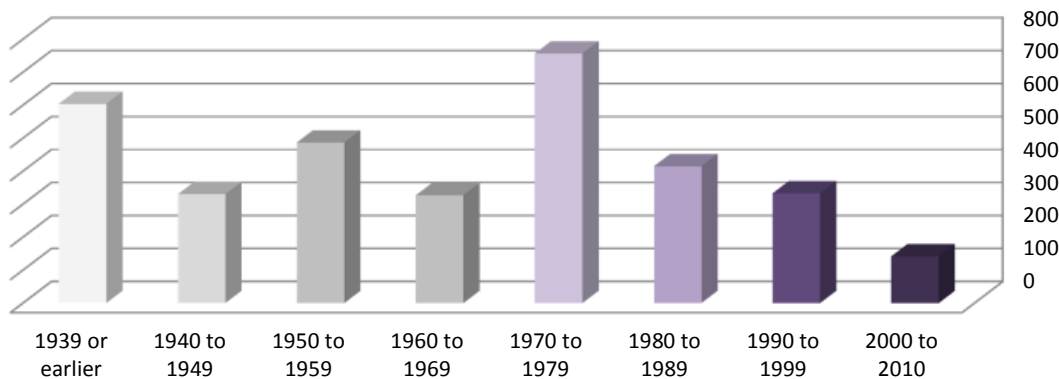


Figure 11: Age of Housing Stock, Lexington, 2010