

Future Demographics

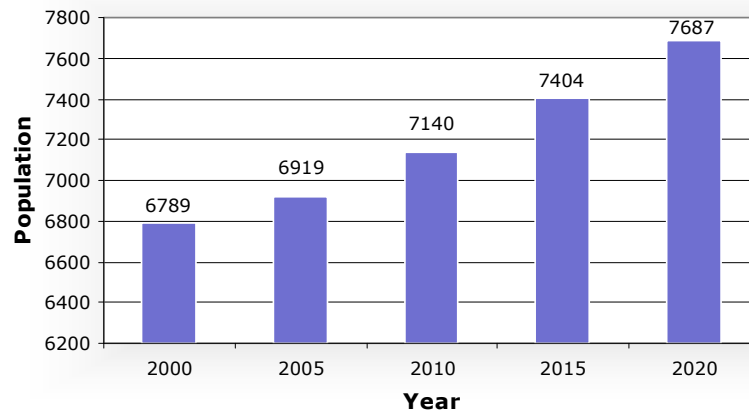


SECTION 16 – FUTURE DEMOGRAPHICS

Population

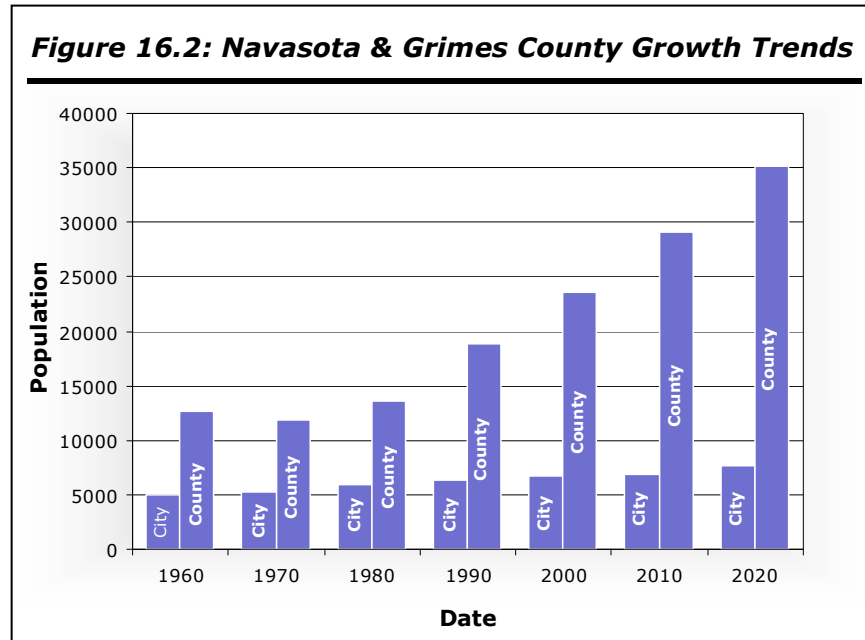
The population of Navasota has been growing at a slow, but steady pace over the past 50 years. This trend is expected to continue through the foreseeable future. Population projections for the City of Navasota are shown in Figure 16.1. The population growth trend was projected through the year 2020 using national averages for birth and death rates and the current Navasota population profile. This projection assumes an immigration rate of zero. The calculated population profile closely follows historic trends.

Figure 16.1: Projected Population Through 2020



Regional Characteristics

Grimes County has undergone heavy growth over the past 30 years, in contrast to Navasota's steady but relatively slow population expansion. The Grimes County population projection was calculated by the Texas State Data Center. The population projection shown in Figure 16.2 assumes that Grimes County will continue on with its aggressive growth rate experienced during the 1990's. Between the years of 2000 and 2010, it is expected that Grimes County will expand its population by 5,624, an increase of 24%. During this time, Navasota is expected to add 351 people to its population, an increase of 5%. The population gap is expected to further increase from 2000 to 2020, with Grimes County experiencing 49% growth over this period from 23,522 people to 35,137 while

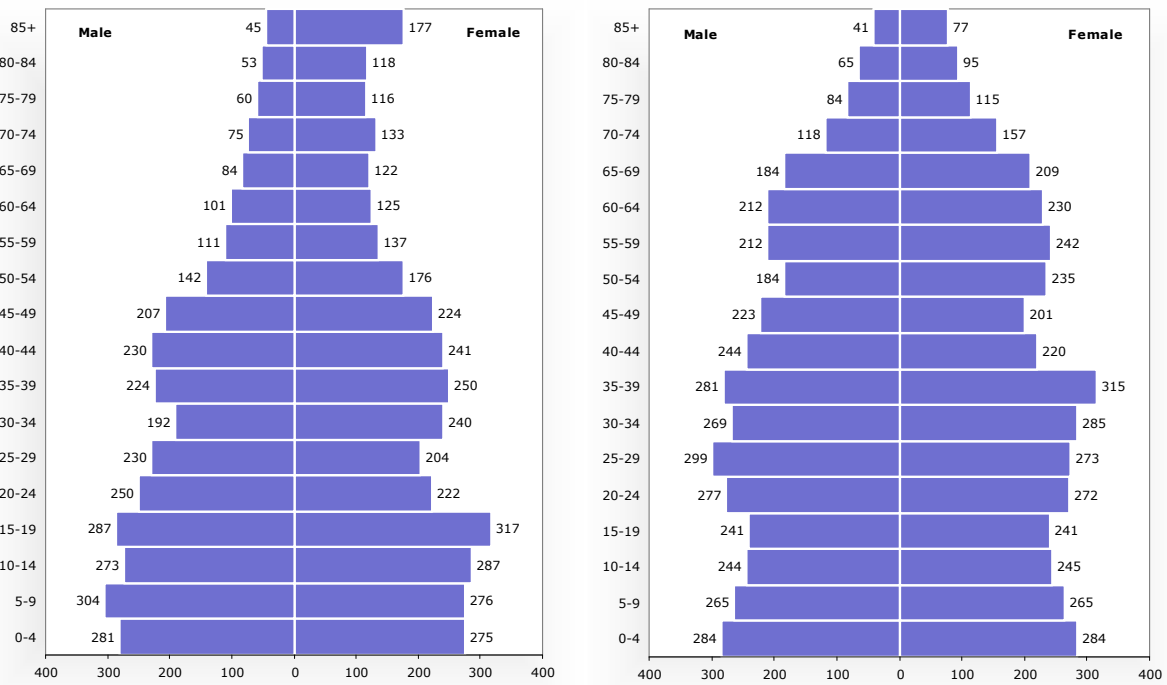


Navasota is expected to continue its modest growth at 13% from 6,789 to 7,687. Over this period of time, it is anticipated that Navasota's population will drop as a proportion of Grimes County's total population.

Population Profile

The current population of the City of Navasota according to 2000 census data is dominated by females, and this trend is predicted to continue on through the year 2020 (Figure 16.3). However, there should be a slight shift in the age structure of the community. The 20 to 64 year age group, which makes up 51.6% of the 2000 community profile, is predicted to grow to 58.2% of the population. This change is predicted to coincide with a decline in the 20 and under age groups from 33.8% of the population in 2000 to 26% of the population in 2020. The 64 and older cohort is expected to slightly increase during this same period.

Figure 16.3: Navasota’s Population Profile Comparison for 2000 & 2020



Notes:

The 2000 U.S. Census and the Texas State Data Center were the data sources used for these analyses, and it is likely that changes have occurred since this data was compiled. This data represents the most complete picture that can be obtained at this level of detail.