

## **INTRODUCTION**

The Population Element provides the foundation of the Comprehensive Plan. In order to plan for the future, Shelby County must have a general idea of approximately how many people for whom it is planning. The analysis of the past, current and future population trends serve as a fundamental basis for many planning decisions. The size of the population, its composition, and spatial distribution can significantly impact future social, economic, and physical land use needs. An examination of the current and future population size as well as composition also serves as a reference point to predict future demand for additional facilities and services.

Although predicting population may be complex and complicated at times, resources such as the Kentucky State Data Center (KSDC) and the Kentucky Population Research (KPR) allow population projecting to be facile. An economic boom or decline can have a significant impact on the results, as could natural or man-made calamities. The Population Element of this plan will be based on the figures and estimates of the KSDC, KPR, and the U.S. Census Bureau.

## **POPULATION TRENDS**

### **STATE POPULATION**

It is necessary to examine past population trends for an area in order to understand future projections. In order to put these trends into context it is important to understand population shifts as they have affected the state as a whole. As documented in the Atlas of Kentucky, the mean center of population in the United States has shifted westward since the first national census in 1790. In fact, the mean population center for the United States was located in extreme Northern Kentucky in 1880. Since the first census, the population of Kentucky has never declined but has experienced periods of slow growth as shown in Table 3.1 and Figure 3.1.

The period of the slowest growth in Kentucky occurred between 1980 and 1990 when the state's population only increased by less than one percent (0.67%). This increase is low compared to the national average increase of 10% during this same time period. The primary cause that contributed to Kentucky's slow growth rate in the 1980's was the lack of economic opportunities in the state relative to other states. Many people sought employment in other states, mostly in the Sun Belt region.

In 2015, the state's estimated population totaled 4,425,092, which was a 2% increase from the year 2010. KSDC estimates that Kentucky will continue to grow between 2.4% and 4.3% through the year 2040. According to KSDC Kentucky County Population Projections, released October 2016, it is estimated that Kentucky will have a total population of 4,886,381 by 2040.

**Table 3.1**  
**Kentucky Population Trends**

Year	Population	% Change
1900	2,147,174	--
1910	2,289,905	6.65%
1920	2,416,630	5.53%
1930	2,614,589	8.19%
1940	2,845,627	8.84%
1950	2,944,806	3.49%
1960	3,038,156	3.17%
1970	3,218,706	5.94%
1980	3,660,777	13.73%
1990	3,685,296	0.67%
2000	4,041,769	9.67%
2010	4,339,367	7.36%
2015	4,425,092	2.0%
2020	4,672,754	2.4%
2030	4,951,178	4.3%
2040	4,886,381	3.4%

Source: U.S. Census and University of Louisville, Urban Research Institute, Kentucky Data Center

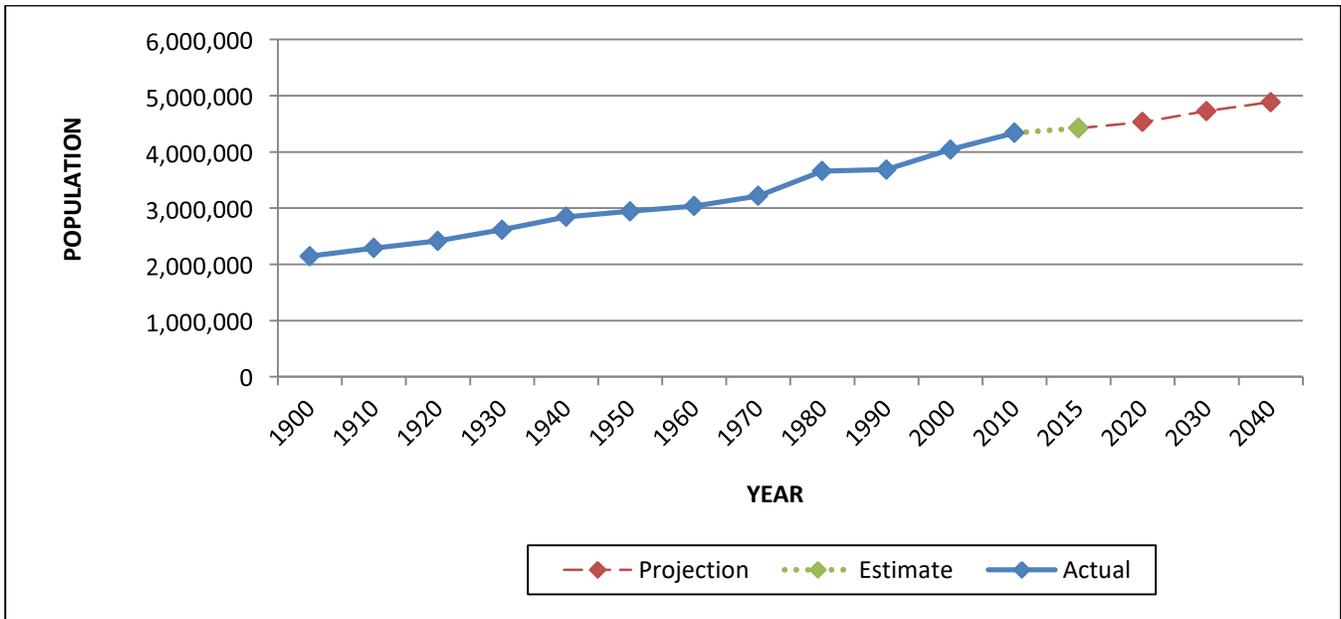


Figure 3.1 Kentucky Population Trends

Source: U.S. Census, University of Louisville, Urban Research Institute, Kentucky Data Center

## COUNTY POPULATION

According to the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Shelby County, as a whole, from 1910 to 2010 grew a total of 24,033 people. That results into a 133% increase in population over a 100-year span. Shelby County has had an increase in every decade except for two. Between 1900 and 1910 the County experienced a slight decrease in population (-1.6%), going from 18,340 people to 18,041 people and again

during 1920 to 1930 the County decreased another 853 people (-4.6%). During the fifty year period from 1960 to 2010, the County experienced a 127.5% population increase or 23,581 people. The decade of greatest population growth occurred from 2000 to 2010, the population increased 8,737 people, or 26.2%. The percent increase (26.2%) was the 5<sup>th</sup> highest of the 120 counties in Kentucky. In 2010, Shelby County ranked 25<sup>th</sup> out of 120 counties in terms of total population and 23<sup>rd</sup> based on the 2015 estimates. The U.S. Census Bureau has estimated Shelby County’s 2015 population to be 45,632 or an increase of 8.5% since 2010.

**Table 3.2**  
**Shelby County Population Trends**

Year	Population	% Change
1900	18,340	--
1910	18,041	-1.6%
1920	18,532	2.7%
1930	17,679	-4.6%
1940	17,759	0.5%
1950	17,912	0.9%
1960	18,493	3.2%
1970	18,999	2.74%
1980	23,328	22.8%
1990	24,824	6.4%
2000	33,337	34.3%
2010	42,074	26.2%
2015	45,632	8.5%
2020	49,988	9.5%
2030	59,415	18.9%
2040	69,239	16.5%

Source: U.S. Census, University of Louisville, Urban Research Institute, Kentucky Data Center

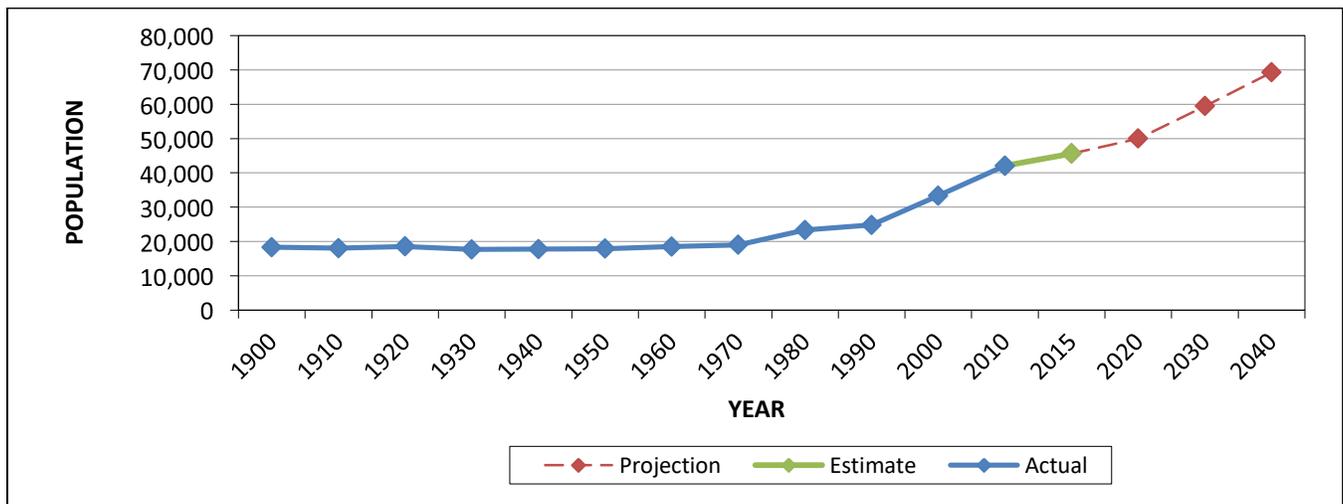


Figure 3.2 Shelby County Population Trends

Source: U.S. Census, University of Louisville, Urban Research Institute, Kentucky Data Center

## CITY POPULATION

### Shelbyville, KY

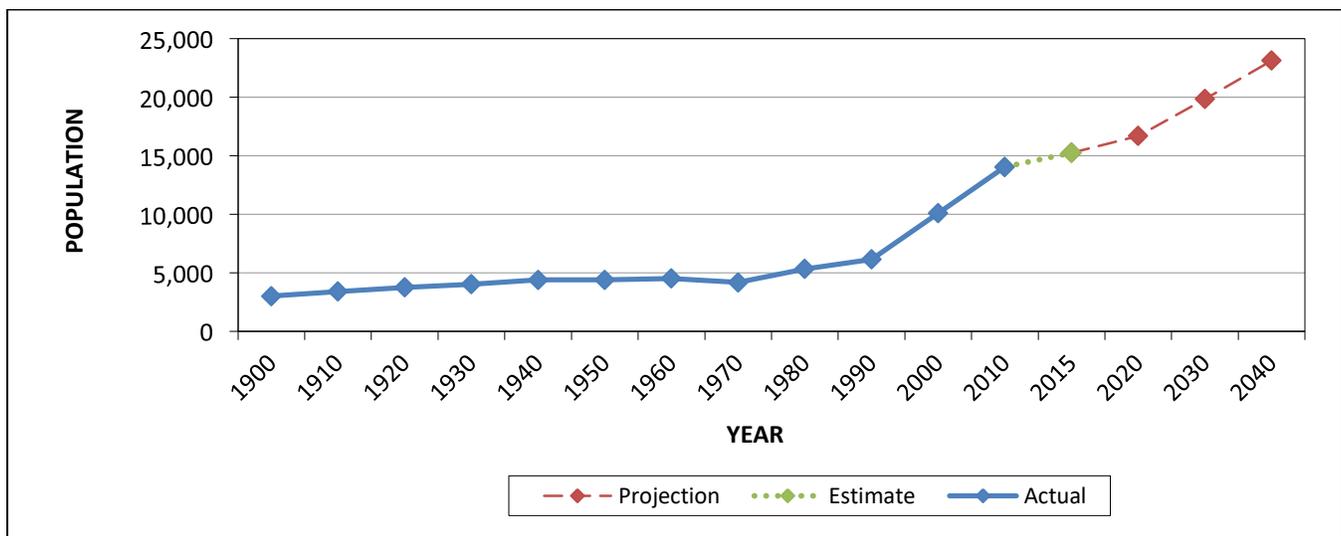
Table 3.3 and Figure 3.3 details the population of the City of Shelbyville from 1900 to 2015 and growth projections for the city through 2040. The population of Shelbyville has grown over the past one hundred and

ten years with only one decade, 1960 to 1970, experiencing a loss of 343 people (-7.6%). However, the period of most rapid growth occurred from 1990 to 2000 when the city experienced a 63.9% increase in population or 3,930 people. As of the 2010 Census, the population of the city was 14,045 and ranked 28<sup>th</sup> out of 422 cities in Kentucky in population size. Shelbyville ranked 10<sup>th</sup> in the total number change (3,960) and 22<sup>nd</sup> in percent change (39.3%) out of the 422 cities in 2010. The 2015 estimates rank Shelbyville the 28<sup>th</sup> largest city in Kentucky with an 8.6% change since 2010. That ranks 40<sup>th</sup> out of the 422 cities.

**Table 3.3**  
**Shelbyville Population Trends**

Year	Population	% Change	% of County Population
1900	3,016	--	16.5%
1910	3,412	13.1%	18.9%
1920	3,760	10.2%	20.3%
1930	4,033	7.3%	22.8%
1940	4,392	8.9%	24.7%
1950	4,403	0.3%	24.6%
1960	4,525	2.8%	24.5%
1970	4,182	-7.6%	22.0%
1980	5,329	27.4%	22.8%
1990	6,155	15.5%	24.8%
2000	10,085	63.9%	30.3%
2010	14,045	39.3%	33.4%
2015	15,253	8.6%	33.4%
2020	16,696	9.5%	33.4%
2030	19,845	18.9%	33.4%
2040	23,126	16.5%	33.4%

Source: U.S. Census, University of Louisville, Urban Research Institute, Kentucky Data Center, Triple S Planning Commission



**Figure 3.3 Shelbyville Population Trends**

Source: U.S. Census and University of Louisville, Urban Research Institute, Kentucky Data Center, Triple S Planning Commission

**Simpsonville, KY**

Table 3.4 and Figure 3.4 details the population of the City of Simpsonville from 1900 to 2015 and growth

projections for the city through 2040. The population of Simpsonville has experienced spurts of growth and loss over the past one hundred and fifteen years. The periods of loss occurred from 1900 to 1910 (-8.9%), 1920 to 1930 (-4.2%) and from 1950 to 1960 (-10.9%). The period of most rapid growth occurred from 1960 to 1970 when the city experienced a 185.5% increase in population. However, the next decade, 1970 to 1980, the city’s growth rate decreased 183.2% to 2.2%. From 1980 to 2000 the city experienced a steady growth rate of just over 41% for each decade, but from 2000 to 2010 the rate jumped to 93.9%. The estimated 2015 Simpsonville population was 2,702 or an 8.8% increase since 2010. The estimated 2015 Simpsonville population was 2,702 or an 8.8% increase since 2010.

**Table 3.4**  
**Simpsonville Population Trends**

Year	Population	% Change	% of County Population
1900	203	--	1.1%
1910	185	-8.9%	1.0%
1920	189	2.2%	1.0%
1930	181	-4.2%	1.0%
1940	220	21.6%	1.2%
1950	247	12.3%	1.4%
1960	220	-10.9%	1.2%
1970	628	185.5%	3.3%
1980	642	2.2%	2.8%
1990	907	41.3%	3.7%
2000	1,281	41.2%	3.8%
2010	2,484	93.9%	5.9%
2015	2,702	8.8%	5.9%
2020	2,949	9.1%	5.9%
2030	3,505	18.9%	5.9%
2040	4,085	16.5%	5.9%

Source: U.S. Census, University of Louisville, Urban Research Institute, Kentucky Data Center, Triple S Planning Commission

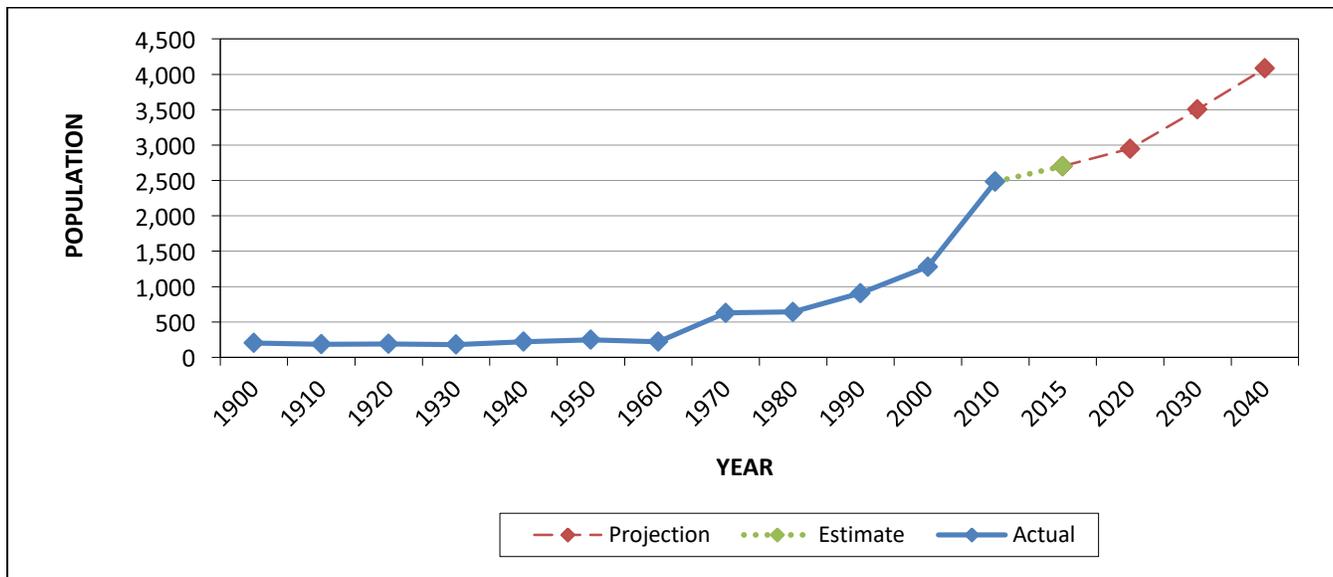


Figure 3.4 Simpsonville Population Trends

Source: U.S. Census, University of Louisville, Urban Research Institute, Kentucky Data Center, Triple S Planning Commission

**Pleasureville, KY**

Majority of the city limits of Pleasureville is located in Henry County, KY with the remaining lying within Shelby County. The City of Pleasureville was formed from South Pleasureville and North Pleasureville sometime prior to the 1970 Census (1970 Census of Population, Bureau of the Census). Table 3.5 and Figure 3.5 details the total population of South Pleasureville from 1900 to 1960 and the City of Pleasureville from 1970 to 2000 and growth projections for the city through 2040. South Pleasureville from 1900 to 1960 experienced an increase in population slightly over 44% and with the consolidation of North and South Pleasureville the population for 1970 reflects a 47.5% increase for that ten year period. However, from 1980 and 1990 the city experienced a population decrease of a little over 9%, but from 1990 to 2000 the city experienced an increase of population of 14.2% or 108 people. Once again, from 2000 to 2010, the city experienced a population decrease of -4.2% or 35 people. The 2010 population of the city is 834 and ranks 231<sup>st</sup> out of 422 cities in Kentucky in total population. Pleasureville ranked 264<sup>th</sup> in the total number change (35) and 240<sup>th</sup> in percent change (-4.2%) out of the 422 cities. The 2015 population estimates estimate Pleasureville’s population grew by ten (10) people or 1.2%.

**Table 3.5**  
**Pleasureville Population Trends**

Year	Population	% Change
1900	272	--
1910	226	-16.9%
1920	308	36.3%
1930	341	10.7%
1940	438	28.4%
1950	355	-18.9%
1960	392	10.4%
1970	747	90.6%
1980	837	12.0%
1990	761	-9.1%
2000	869	14.2%
2010	834	-4.0%
2015	844	1.2%

Source: U.S. Census, University of Louisville, Urban Research Institute, Kentucky Data Center

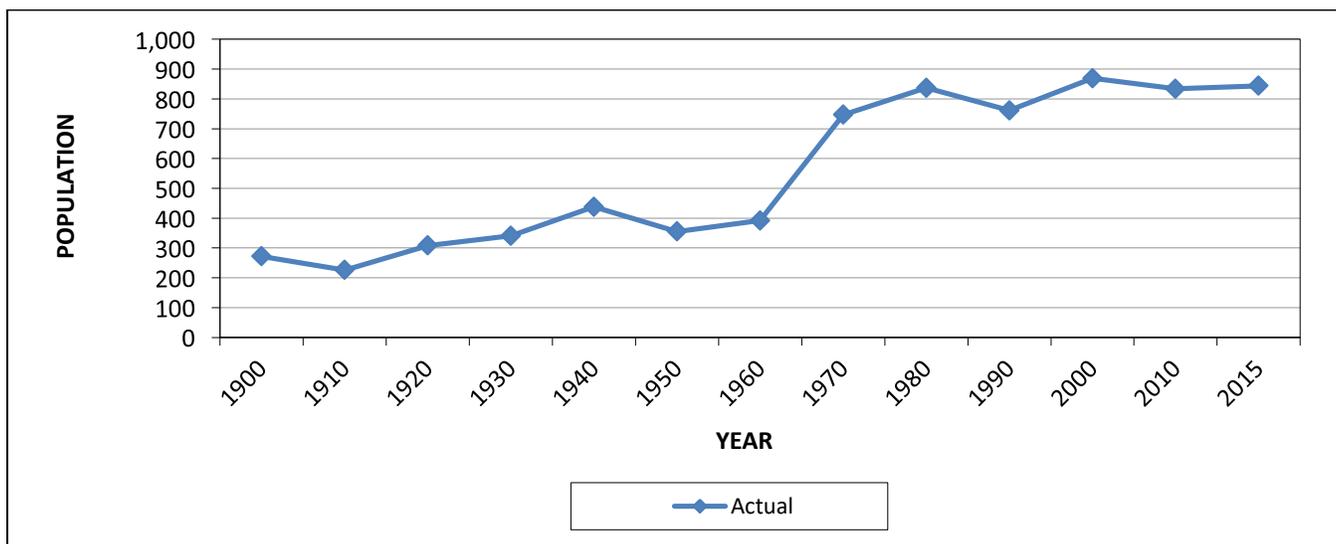


Figure 3.5 Pleasureville Population Trends

Source: U.S. Census

Table 3.6 and Figure 3.6 details the population of that portion of Pleasureville lying within Shelby County from 1940 to 2000. The population of Pleasureville within Shelby County has been up and down over the past seventy years. The period of most rapid growth occurred from 1990 to 2000 when that area of the city within Shelby County experienced a 228.1% increase in population. That increase in population was a net increase of 73 people. Three different periods, 1950, 1970, and 1990, over the past seventy years reported a decrease in population. The 2010 population for Pleasureville in Shelby County was 74 people or 0.175% of Shelby County’s population. The 2015 estimated population for Pleasureville within Shelby County was 78 people.

**Table 3.6**  
**Pleasureville Population Trends within Shelby County**

Year	Population	% Change	% of City Population
1940	121	--	27.6%
1950	54	-55.4%	15.2%
1960	74	37%	18.9%
1970	62	-16.2%	8.3%
1980	79	27.4%	9.4%
1990	32	-59.5%	4.2%
2000	105	228.1%	12.1%
2010	74	-29.5%	0.175%
2015	78	5.4%	0.17%

Source: U.S. Census

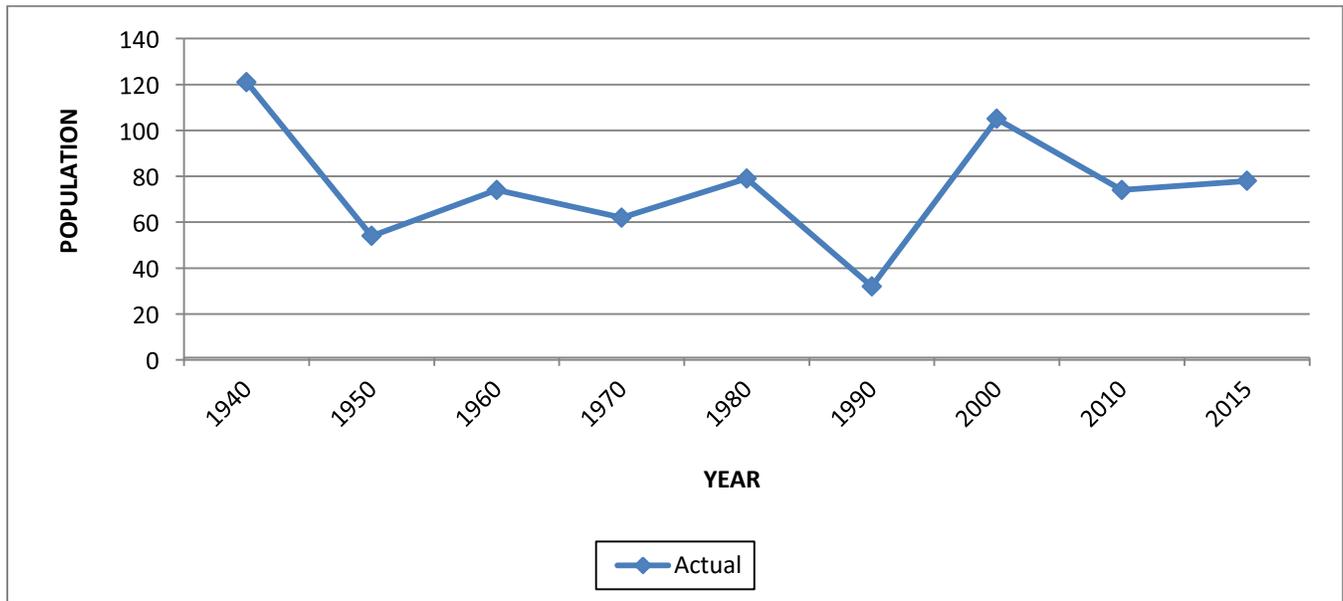


Figure 3.6 Pleasureville Population Trends within Shelby County

Source: U.S. Census

## **POPULATION PROJECTION**

Population projections are derived from statistical analysis that considers both recent and historic population trends. Population forecasts for counties are typically accurate while those for cities are generally considered less accurate due to the possibility of annexations and potential for larger scale development due to the availability of infrastructure. Such possibilities could significantly alter the population of an area in a short

period of time and are not easily predicted.

Population projections for Shelby County are shown in Table 3.2. These projections were obtained from the Kentucky State Data Center at the University of Louisville which produces and regularly updates projections of Kentucky state and county resident populations by age and sex. The size and demographic composition of county populations are projected individually and summed to provide projections for the state and fifteen Area Development Districts (ADDs). In general, the forecast assumptions are based on recent history and trends for county-level components of change, births, deaths, and migration. Kentucky county populations are then projected for five year intervals from 2010 to 2040 using the demographic cohort-component method. Projections were made for the total population with the delineation of males and females for each of the five year age groups through 85 years and above. Components of change (live births, deaths, and net migration) are also projected for each interval. The projections used for the development of the Shelby County Comprehensive Plan were released by the Kentucky State Data Center, Urban Studies Institute, University of Louisville in October 2016.

### **COUNTY POPULATION PROJECTIONS**

Table 3.2 shows the population projections for Shelby County through the year 2040. These projections show that the population of the county will continue to grow at a faster rate than the state overall for the next twenty years. By the year 2040, the Kentucky State Data Center projects that the population of Shelby County will reach 69,239. Shelby County's increased population can be attributed to the growth occurring in Jefferson County and the county's prime location within the "Golden Triangle" of Interstate 75, Interstate 64 and Interstate 71. In addition, the migration of people from urban to suburban areas has influenced the county's population growth. Migration is the most important variable affecting the population growth of an area because of its correlation with economic vitality of the area. Migration is often directly related to the quality of life, employment opportunities, road accessibility and the availability of community facilities. New employment opportunities in the county or neighboring counties will be reflected in a corresponding in-migration to the area. In Shelby County, lower land costs, rural character, small town charm of Shelbyville and Simpsonville, job opportunities, and the proximity to Interstate 64 have contributed to the in-migration of new residents.

### **CITY POPULATION PROJECTIONS**

The Kentucky Data Center (KSDC) does not issue population projections for cities. However, estimates of a city's population can be derived using the KSDC population projections for the county and making assumptions regarding the proportion of the city's population to that of the county. As shown in Table 3.3, Shelbyville's population has ranged from 16.5% to 33.4% of the county's total population since 1900. Since 1980 the city's percentage of the county's population has been on a steady increase, and will continue to increase by 9.5% over the next five years and 18.9% and 16.5% over each of the next two decades and account for 33.4% of Shelby County's population by 2040. Using this method, estimates suggest that the population of Shelbyville will steadily increase at the same rate as the county over the next twenty years. This means that Shelbyville's population will reach 16,696 by the year 2020, 19,845 by 2030, and 23,126 by 2040.

Table 3.4 shows population trends for the City of Simpsonville. Simpsonville's population accounted for less than 1½% of the county's population between 1900 and 1960, but since 1970 the city's percentage of county population has increased and varied between 2.8% and 5.9%, or an average of 3.9% of the county's population. However, it is projected that the city's percentage of the county population will remain at the 2010 percentage of 5.9% through 2040. Simpsonville's projected population will reach 2,949 by the year 2020, 3,505 by 2030, and 4,085 by 2040.

Pleasureville's population, as shown in Table 3.5, is for the whole city limits including the area within Shelby

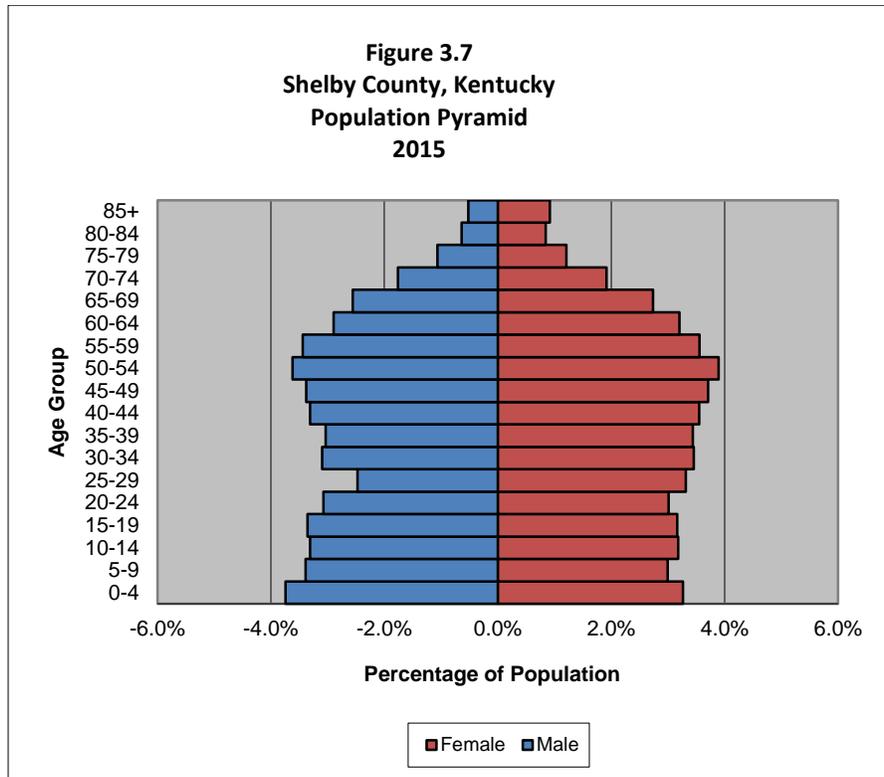
County. Projections were unable to be made since the city lies within both Henry County and Shelby County.

### **AGE & SEX CHARACTERISTICS**

Population pyramids are visual representations that help to understand the age and gender of a certain population. When several pyramids are used for the past, present and future decades, it is easier to understand what age cohorts and genders are increasing or decreasing. This knowledge will assist planners to prepare for the future needs of the community. A population pyramid shows the proportion of a population by sex and age group. Age groups are broken into five year increments up to the age of eighty-five. Those 85 and older are typically shown as one group. This information is important in understanding the population change currently taking place in order to plan for all elements of the community. A population pyramid for a growing population is in the shape of a true pyramid, wide on the bottom and tapering smaller at the top. A large base of young and working aged persons support a smaller number of elderly persons. An inverted pyramid, with fewer younger persons than older persons, indicates that a population is declining.

Figures 3.7 and 3.8 show the population pyramids for Shelby County for the years 2015 and 2040 as projected by the University of Louisville Urban Studies Institute (released October 2016). During this time period, the number of school aged children and younger persons in the workforce steadily increase while middle aged workers age toward retirement. By the year 2040 the pyramid is becoming the shape of a true pyramid with a wide base and gradually tapering to a smaller top meaning Shelby County has a growing population. According to the 2015 Census, the median age of Shelby County residents was 38.3 years of age and it is anticipated that will gradually increase to around 40.1 years of age over the next twenty plus years. The pyramids also show that females account for the majority of elderly persons in the population. These assumptions may indicate a greater need for housing for empty-nesters, retirement housing, and more assisted living facilities.

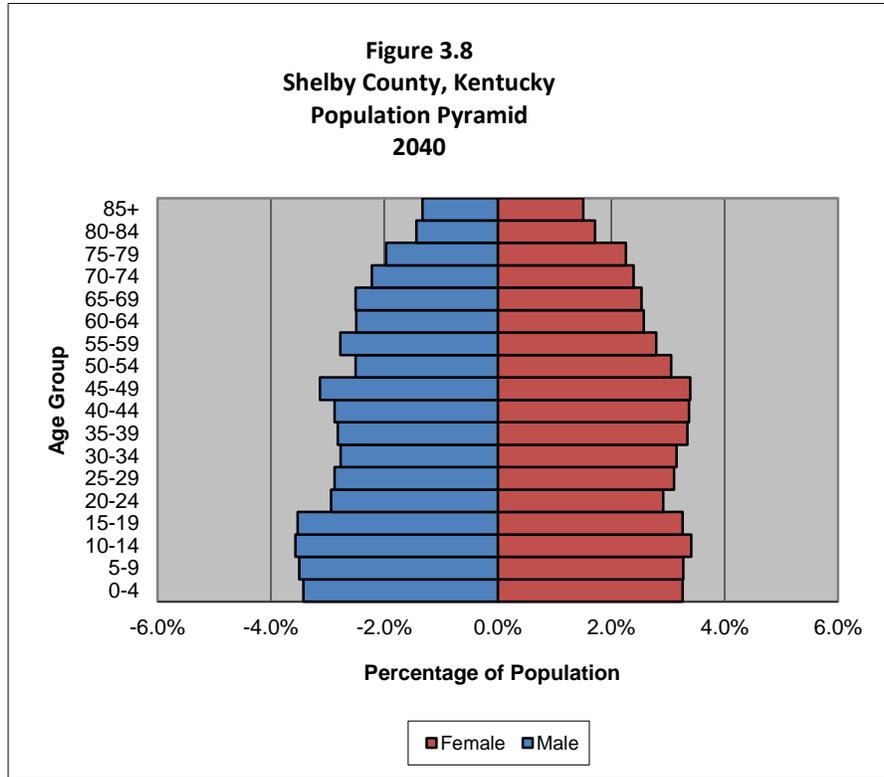
The population pyramids also show that there are slightly more females than males in the population overall. In 2015 Shelby County's population distribution was 51.4% female and 48.6% male and based on the projections and pyramids the distribution in 2040 will be 51.3% female and 48.7% male. This breakdown shows the population distribution of males and females will remain the same through 2040.



**Table 3.7**  
**Population by Age and Sex: 2015**

Age Group	Male	Female	Total	% Male	% Female
0-4	1,707	1,490	3,197	-3.7%	3.3%
5-9	1,545	1,367	2,912	-3.4%	3.0%
10-14	1,509	1,451	2,960	-3.3%	3.2%
15-19	1,530	1,444	2,974	-3.4%	3.2%
20-24	1,402	1,374	2,776	-3.1%	3.0%
25-29	1,129	1,513	2,642	-2.5%	3.3%
30-34	1,414	1,577	2,991	-3.1%	3.5%
35-39	1,384	1,568	2,952	-3.0%	3.4%
40-44	1,509	1,620	3,129	-3.3%	3.6%
45-49	1,541	1,692	3,233	-3.4%	3.7%
50-54	1,652	1,777	3,429	-3.6%	3.9%
55-59	1,568	1,624	3,192	-3.4%	3.6%
60-64	1,320	1,462	2,782	-2.9%	3.2%
65-69	1,167	1,248	2,415	-2.6%	2.7%
70-74	802	876	1,678	-1.8%	1.9%
75-79	485	553	1,038	-1.1%	1.2%
80-84	290	386	676	-0.6%	0.8%
85+	237	419	656	-0.5%	0.9%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>22,191</b>	<b>23,441</b>	<b>45,632</b>	<b>-48.6%</b>	<b>51.4%</b>

Source: Kentucky State Data Center, Urban Studies Institute, University of Louisville



**Table 3.8**  
**Population by Age and Sex: 2040**

AGE GROUP	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE
0-4	2,374	2,255	4,629	-3.4%	3.3%
5-9	2,424	2,265	4,689	-3.5%	3.3%
10-14	2,471	2,360	4,831	-3.6%	3.4%
15-19	2,444	2,257	4,701	-3.5%	3.3%
20-24	2,036	2,020	4,056	-2.9%	2.9%
25-29	1,991	2,151	4,142	-2.9%	3.1%
30-34	1,920	2,182	4,102	-2.8%	3.2%
35-39	1,953	2,314	4,267	-2.8%	3.3%
40-44	1,994	2,333	4,327	-2.9%	3.4%
45-49	2,171	2,348	4,519	-3.1%	3.4%
50-54	1,737	2,115	3,852	-2.5%	3.1%
55-59	1,924	1,935	3,859	-2.8%	2.8%
60-64	1,728	1,781	3,509	-2.5%	2.6%
65-69	1,734	1,756	3,490	-2.5%	2.5%
70-74	1,537	1,657	3,194	-2.2%	2.4%
75-79	1,363	1,565	2,928	-2.0%	2.3%
80-84	995	1,188	2,183	-1.4%	1.7%
85+	919	1,042	1,961	-1.3%	1.5%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>33,715</b>	<b>35,524</b>	<b>69,239</b>	<b>-48.7%</b>	<b>51.3%</b>

Source: Kentucky State Data Center, Urban Studies Institute, University of Louisville

Table 3.9 and table 3.9 shows that the number of school aged persons and those in the workforce will steadily increase as a proportion of the county’s population into the year 2040. Those aged 65 and older account for an increasing portion of the population during this same period.

**Table 3.9**  
**Cohort Population and Projections: 1990 – 2040**

AGE GROUP	YEAR						
	1990	2000	2010	2015	2020	2030	2040
0-19	7,035	9,301	11,453	12,043	13,305	16,429	18,850
20-44	9,395	12,455	13,767	14,490	15,432	17,744	20,894
45-64	5,145	7,991	11,794	12,636	13,387	14,008	15,739
65+	3,249	3,590	5,060	6,463	7,864	11,234	13,756
<b>Total</b>	<b>24,824</b>	<b>33,337</b>	<b>42,074</b>	<b>45,632</b>	<b>49,988</b>	<b>59,415</b>	<b>69,239</b>

Source: Kentucky State Data Center, Urban Studies Institute, University of Louisville

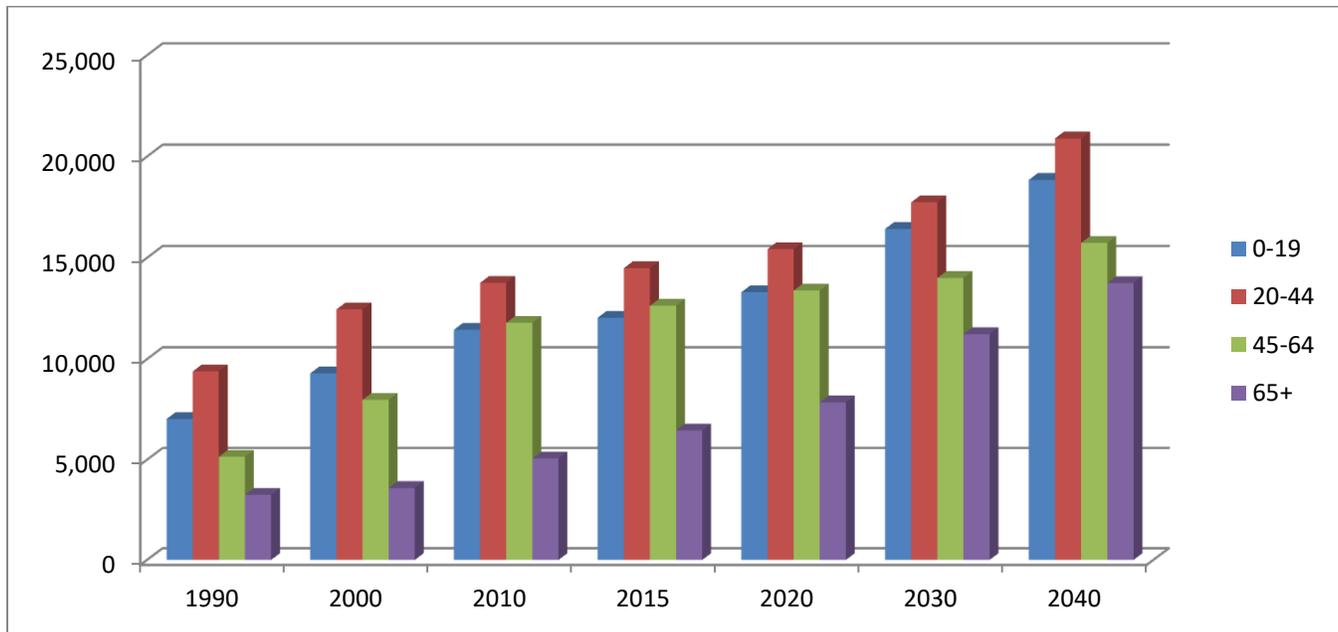


Figure 3.9 Shelby County Population by Age Group: 1990 - 2040

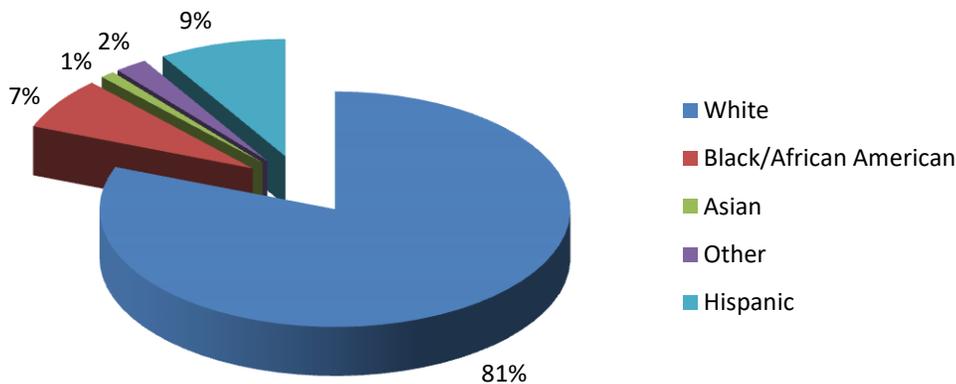
### **RACIAL CHARACTERISTICS**

According to Table 3.10 and Figure 3.10, Shelby County’s population is primarily White with 36,884 persons, or 81% of the total population. The 2015 Non-White population is comprised of 8,748 persons, or 19% of the total population. This was a 10% increase from the 2010 Non-White population of 7,930. In 2015, Shelby County had a total population of 45,632 with 44,606 persons or 97.8% considering themselves as one race and 1,026 persons (2%) as two or more races. Of the persons considering themselves to be one race, 36,884 (81%) were White. Black or African American persons accounted for 3,274 or 7% of the population. A small percentage (1.0%) of the population was categorized Asian, and 2% as “Other”. According to the 2015 estimates, the population of Hispanic origin in Shelby County is growing, but less than 9% of the total population. 3,993 persons or 9% of the county’s population were from Hispanic origin. This is an increase of 5% from 2010 when 3,812 persons were from Hispanic origin.

**Table 3.10**  
**Shelby County Racial Characteristics: 2015**

RACE	PERSONS	PERCENT
White	36,884	81%
Black/African American	3,274	7%
Asian	455	1%
Other	1,026	2%
Hispanic	3,993	9%
<b>Total Persons</b>	<b>45,632</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Source: Kentucky State Data Center, Urban Studies Institute, University of Louisville



**Figure 3.10 Shelby County Racial Characteristics: 2015**

Source: U.S. Census

The 2015 Census estimates do not provide data for cities so this Plan will look at the 2010 numbers for both Shelbyville and Simpsonville.

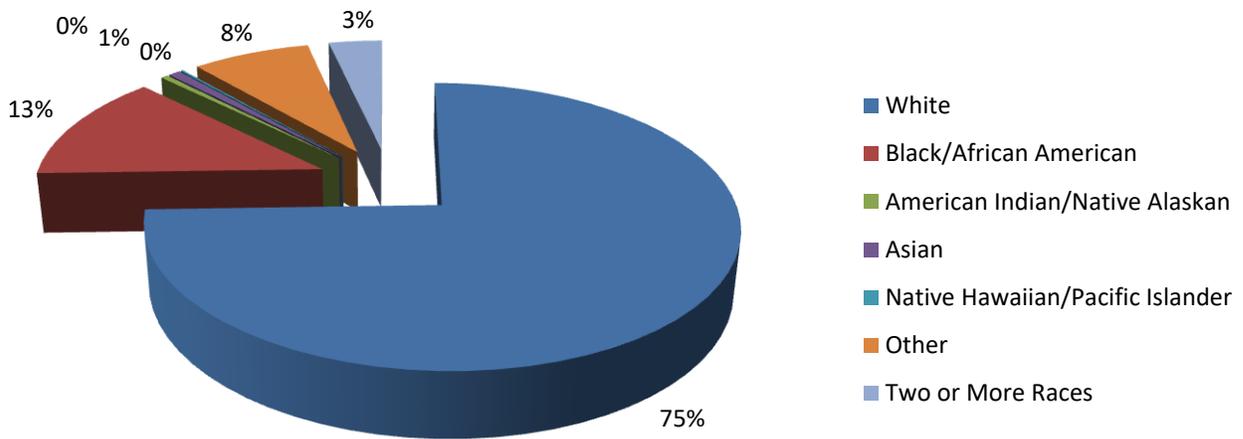
A little over 58.4% (3,580 persons) of the minorities in Shelby County in 2010 resided in the City of Shelbyville. According to Table 3.11 and Figure 3.11, the city had a total population of 14,045 with 13,352 persons or 96.5% considering themselves as one race and 493 (3.5%) as two or more races. Of the persons considering themselves to be one race, 10,465 were White. Black or African American persons accounted for 1,797 (12.8%) of the population. A very small percentage (0.5%) of the population was categorized as American Indian or Native Alaskan, 0.8% were Asian, 0.2% Native Hawaiian, and 7.8% as “Other”. According to the 2010 Census, the population of Hispanic origin in Shelbyville consisted of 2,494 persons or 17.8% of the population. This is an increase of 160.1% from 2000 when 959 (9.5%) persons were from Hispanic origin.

The number of minorities residing in the City of Simpsonville in 2010 was 301 or 24.2% of the city population and 0.7% of the county population. According to Table 3.12 and Figure 3.12, the city had a total population of 2,848 with 2,431 persons or 97.9% considering themselves as one race and 53 (2.1%) as two or more races. Of the persons considering themselves to be one race, 2,183 were White. Black or African American persons accounted for 139 (5.6%) of the population. A very small percentage (0.1%) of the population was categorized as American Indian or Native Alaskan, 1.8% Asian, .1% Native Hawaiian, and 2.4% as “Other”. According to the 2010 Census, the population of Hispanic origin in Simpsonville consisted of 223 persons or 9% of the population. This is an increase of 132.3% from 2000 when 96 (7.5%) persons were from Hispanic origin.

**Table 3.11**  
**Shelbyville Racial Characteristics: 2010**

RACE	PERSONS	PERCENT
White	10,465	75%
Black/African American	1,797	13%
American Indian/Native Alaskan	66	0%
Asian	109	1%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	24	0%
Other	1,091	8%
Two or More Races	493	3%
<b>Total Persons</b>	<b>14,045</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Source: U.S. Census



**Figure 3.11 Shelbyville Racial Characteristics: 2010**

Source: U.S. Census

**Table 3.12**  
**Simpsonville Racial Characteristics: 2010**

RACE	PERSONS	PERCENT
White	2,183	88%
Black/African American	139	6%
American Indian/Native Alaskan	3	0%
Asian	44	2%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	2	0%
Other	60	2%
Two or More Races	53	2%
<b>Total Persons</b>	<b>2,484</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Source: U.S. Census

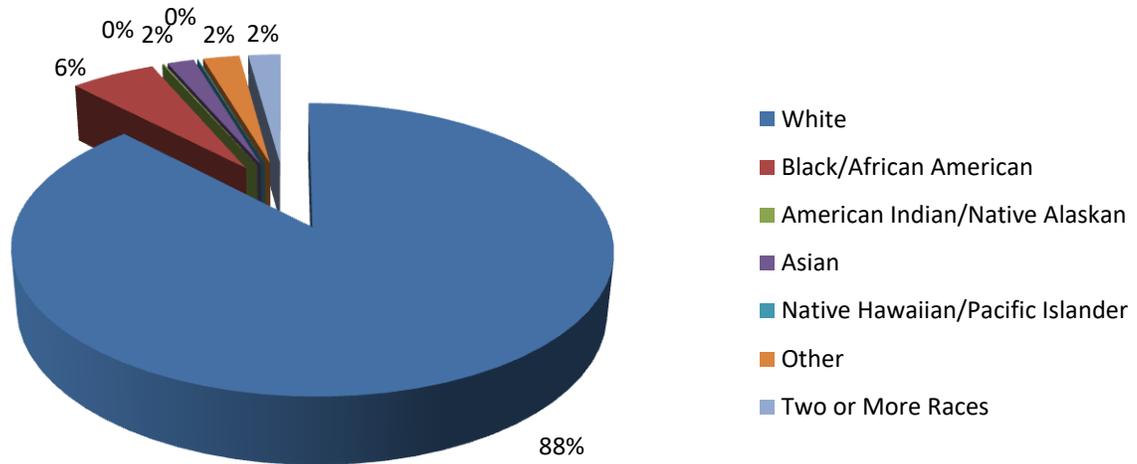


Figure 3.12 Simpsonville Racial Characteristics: 2010

Source: U.S. Census

## **CONCLUSION**

The following statements summarize the findings of the population chapter:

1. The growth of Shelby County is anticipated to continue through the year 2040 when it is estimated that the county will have a total of 69,239 residents.
2. The City of Shelbyville will experience moderate growth and account for approximately 33% of the county's population. By the year 2040 it is estimated that the population will be 23,126.
3. The City of Simpsonville will continue to grow at the same rate as previous decades. Simpsonville will account for approximately 5.9% of the county's population in 2040. By the year 2040 it is estimated that the population will be 4,085.
4. Shelby County's population is aging and the median age will increase from 38.3 years of age to 40.1 years of age by 2040. 51.3% of Shelby County's population is projected to be females in 2040 and this is 1/10<sup>th</sup> of a percent less than it estimated in 2015.
5. An aging population and retiring workforce will increase the need for homes for empty-nesters, retirement communities, and assisted living facilities.
6. Shelby County's population is primarily White with 36,884 persons, or 81% of the total population. According to the 2010 U.S. Census, over 50% of the minority population in Shelby County resided in the City of Shelbyville and it is expected to continue this trend due to older and more affordable housing types, and the convenience of services the City has to offer.
7. The population of Hispanic origin has increased more than 150% from the 2000 Census. Of the 3,812 in Shelby County, 2,590 or 67.9% live within the cities of Shelbyville and Simpsonville in 2010.

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