

# Demographic Changes in the Portland-Vancouver Metro Area 1990 to 2000 and Dynamics of Future Change

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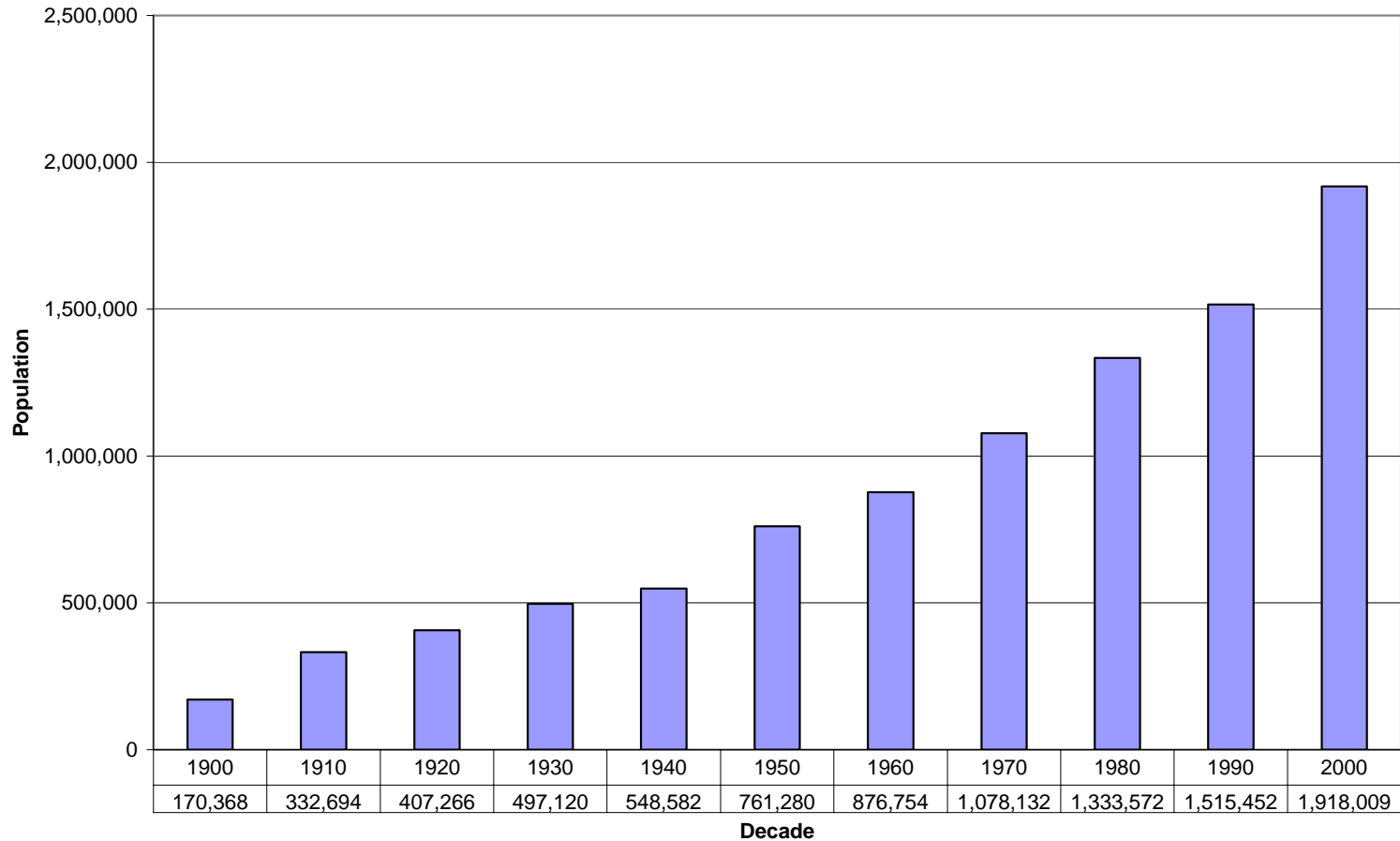
# Population Change

- The Metro Area grew in Absolute and Relative Ways reflecting economic conditions from 1900-2000
- Clark and Washington counties led the way in Absolute and Relative Change adding over 100,000 persons each and growing by over 40 percent from 1990-2000
- Multnomah County, with the largest number of people, had Absolute Growth of 76,000 persons, but lower Relative Growth of only 13 percent over the decade



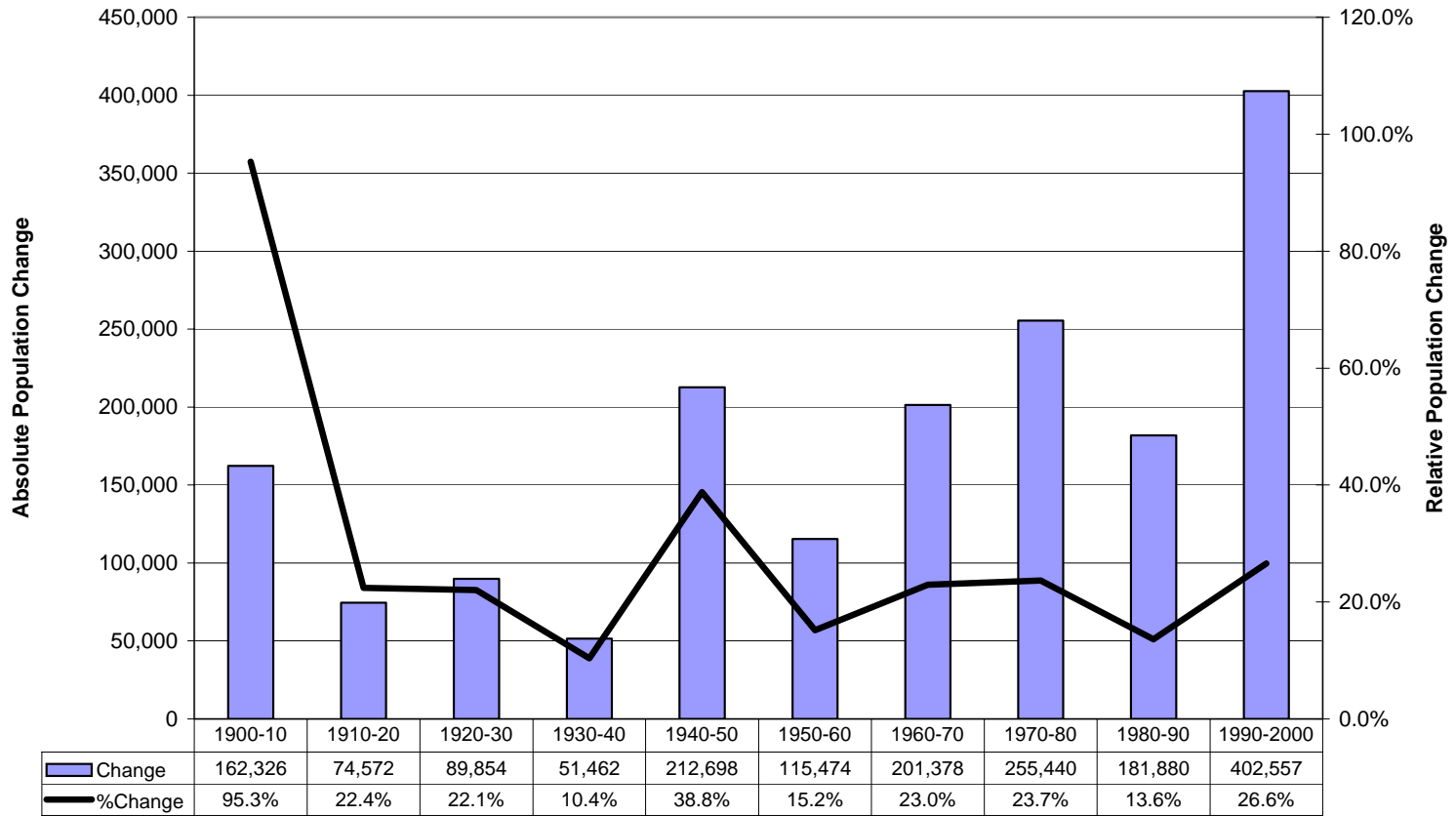
# The Metro Population Grew Consistently During the Century

**Population of Portland-Vancouver Metropolitan Area, 1900 to 2000  
1993 PMSA Definition**



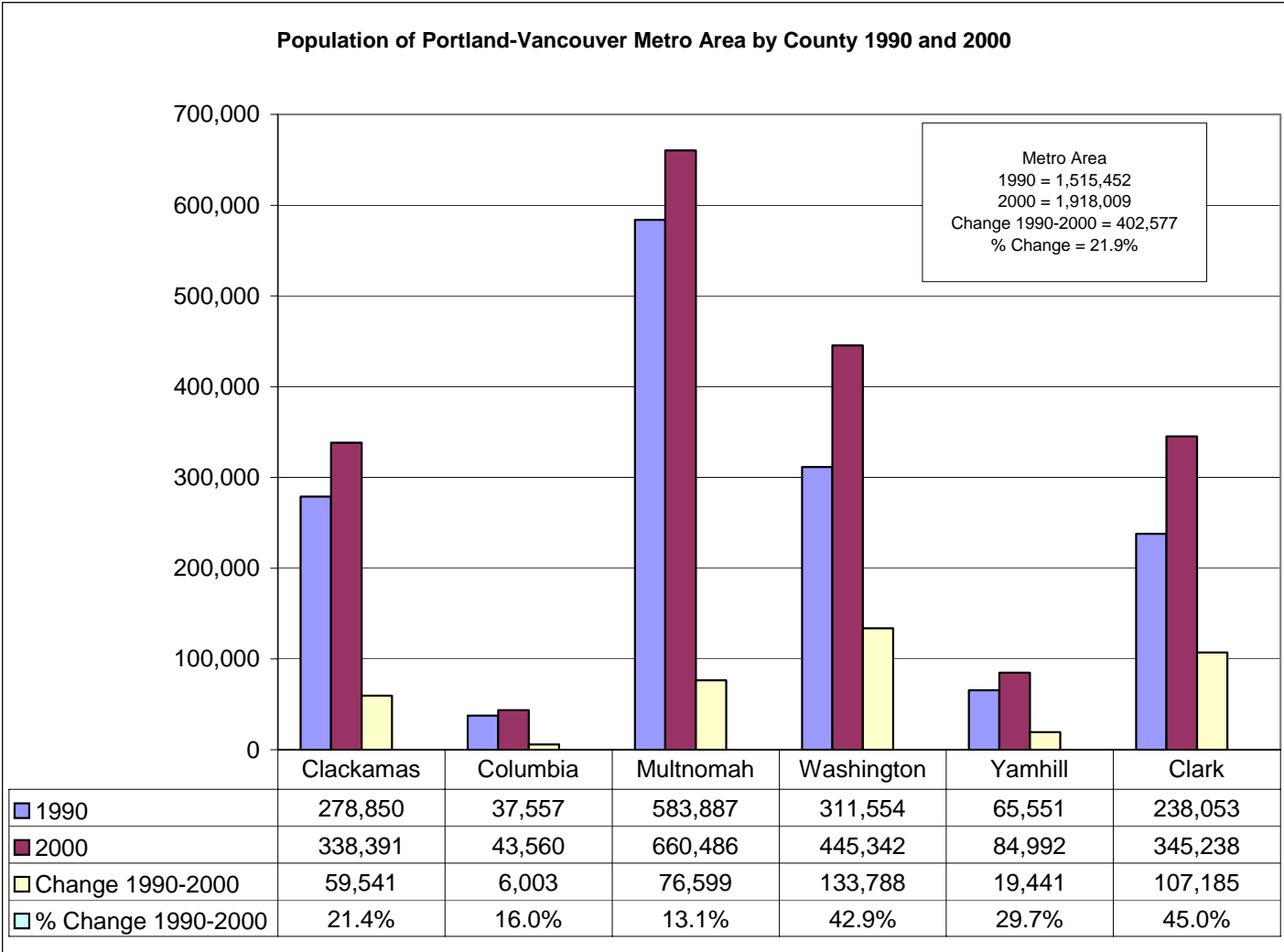
# Population Changes 1900 to 2000 Reflect Decade Economic Conditions

**Population Change in Portland-Vancouver Metropolitan Area by Decade 1900 to 2000  
1993 PMSA Definition**



**Decade**

# Washington and Clark Counties Led Population Growth in the 1990s



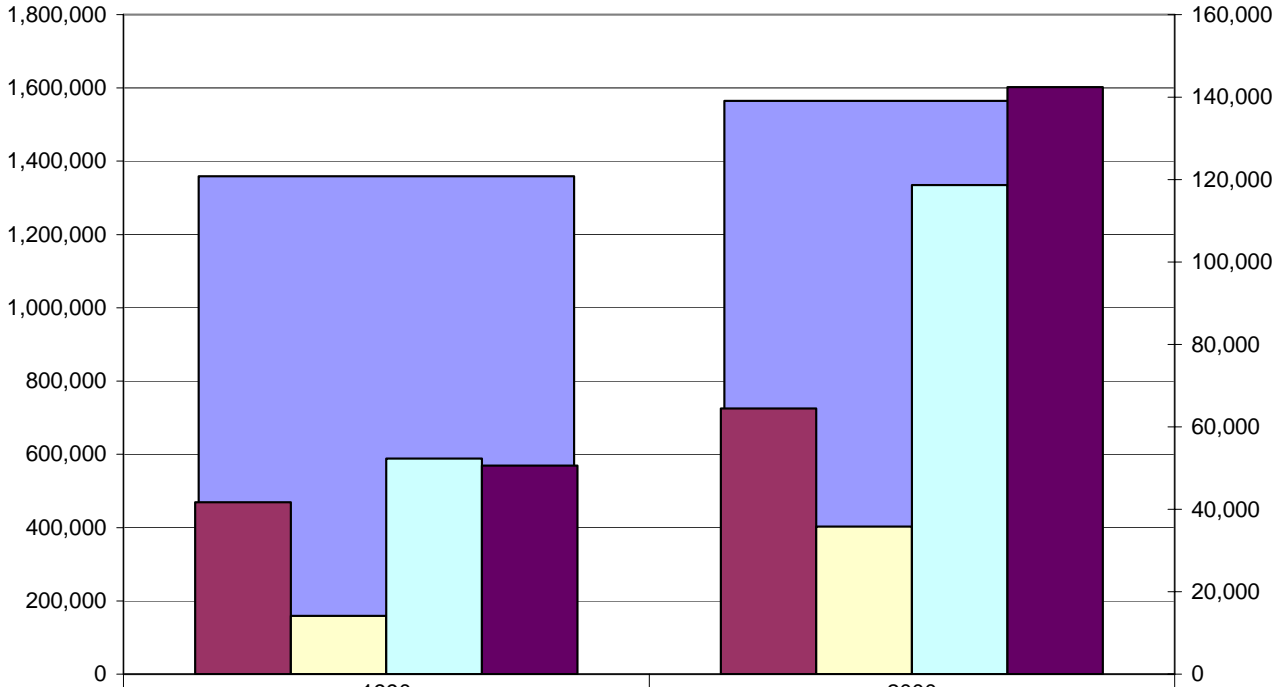
# Racial/Ethnic Diversity in the Portland-Vancouver Metro Area 1990 and 2000

- Portland-Vancouver Area is Adding Diversity
- Portland-Vancouver Area is Still One of the Least Diverse Metro Areas
- Distribution of Racial/Ethnic Groups is Becoming Less Concentrated



# Portland-Vancouver is Increasing in Racial/Ethnic Diversity

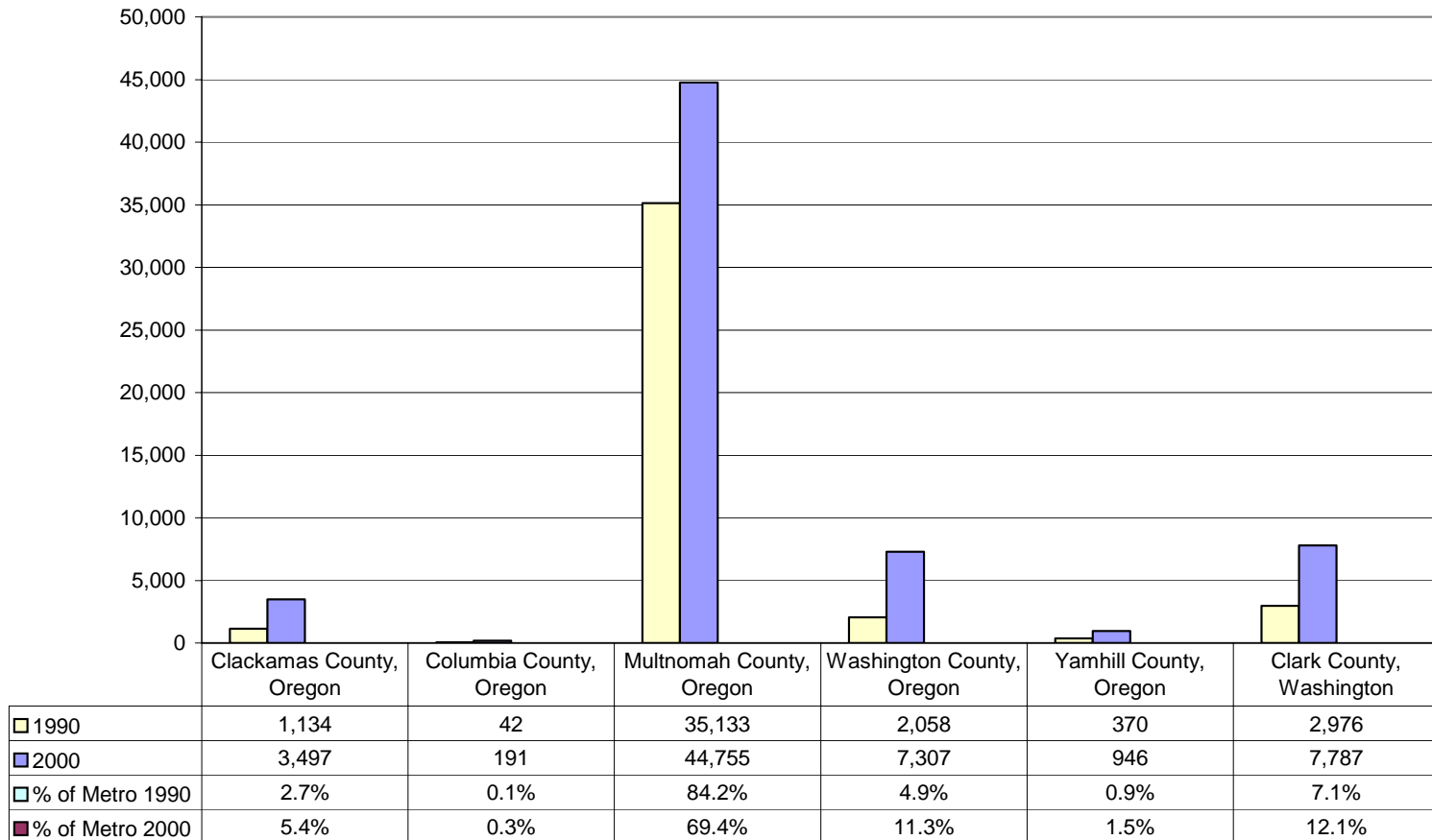
**Population by Race/Ethnicity 1990 and 2000 Portland Metropolitan Area**  
**Note: Race Categories Are Not Strictly Comparable**



	1990	2000
White-Non-Latino	1,359,061	1,564,685
Black/African-American	41,713	64,483
American Indian/Alaska Native	14,114	35,789
Asian & Pacific Islander	52,314	118,662
Latino	50,605	142,444

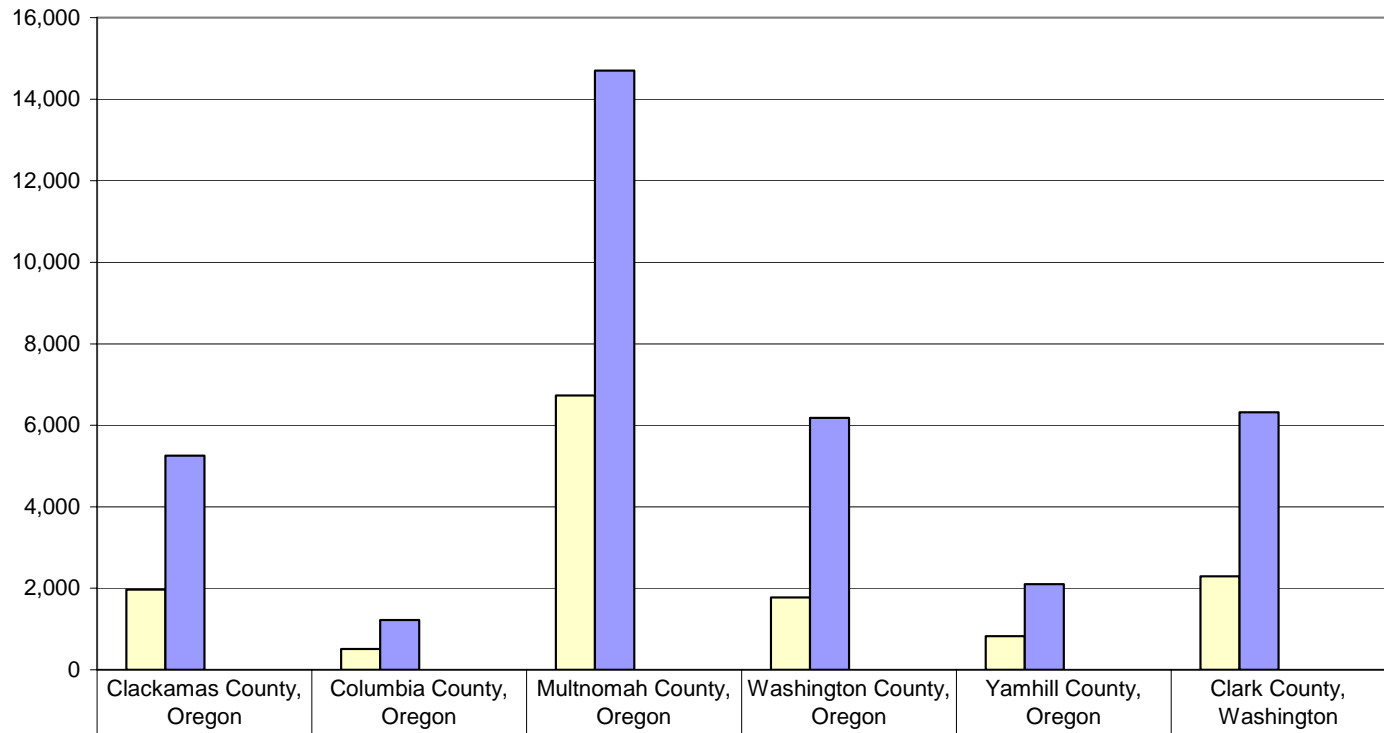
# Black/African-American Population is Growing and Geographically Spreading

**Portland Metro Area Black/African-American by County 1990 and 2000**  
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# Native American Population is Small, but Growing

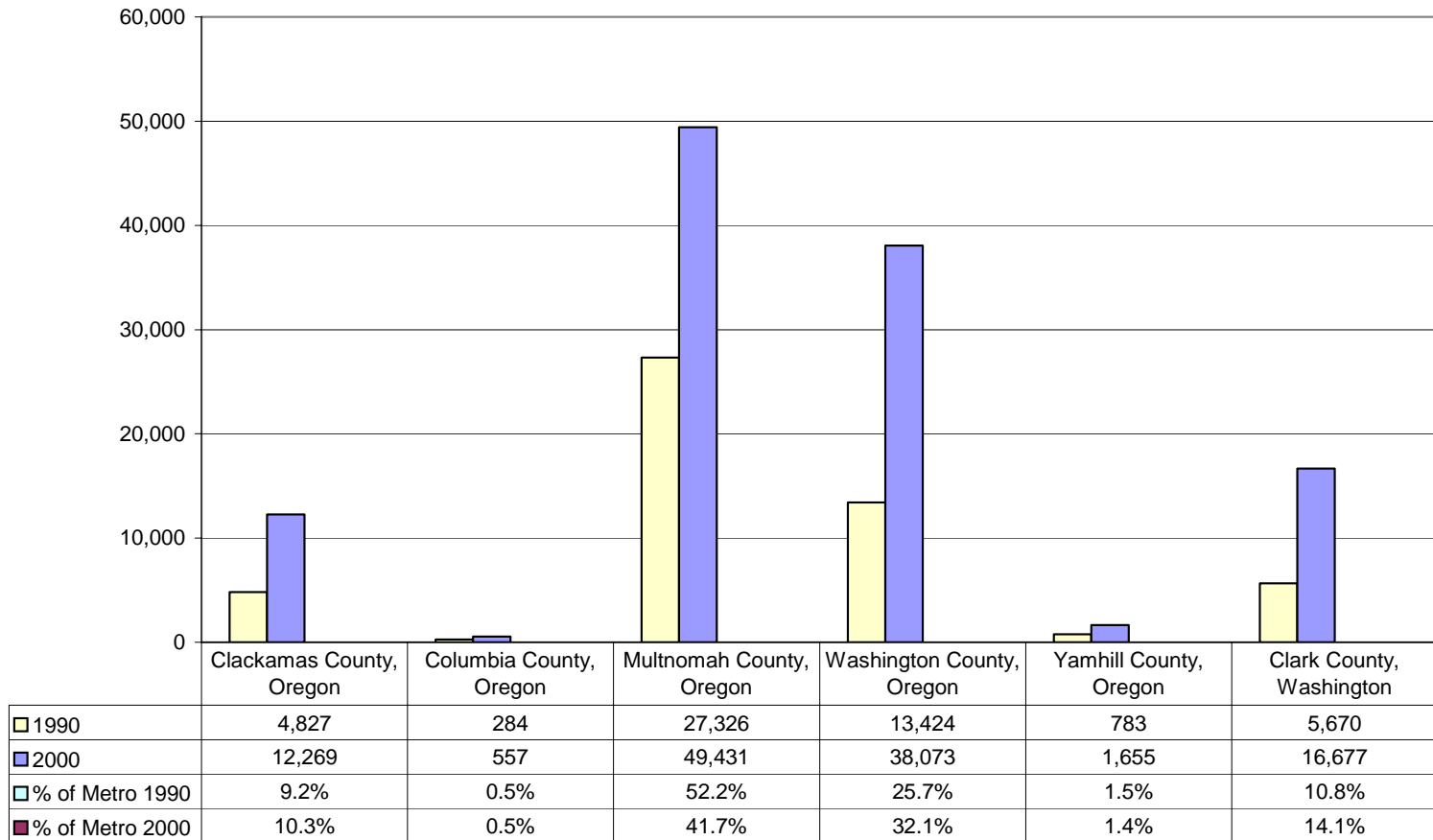
**Portland Metro Area American Indian/Alaska Native by County 1990 and 2000**  
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1990	1,971	511	6,734	1,779	823	2,296
2000	5,256	1,224	14,701	6,183	2,105	6,320
% of Metro 1990	14.0%	3.6%	47.7%	12.6%	5.8%	16.3%
% of Metro 2000	14.7%	3.4%	41.1%	17.3%	5.9%	17.7%

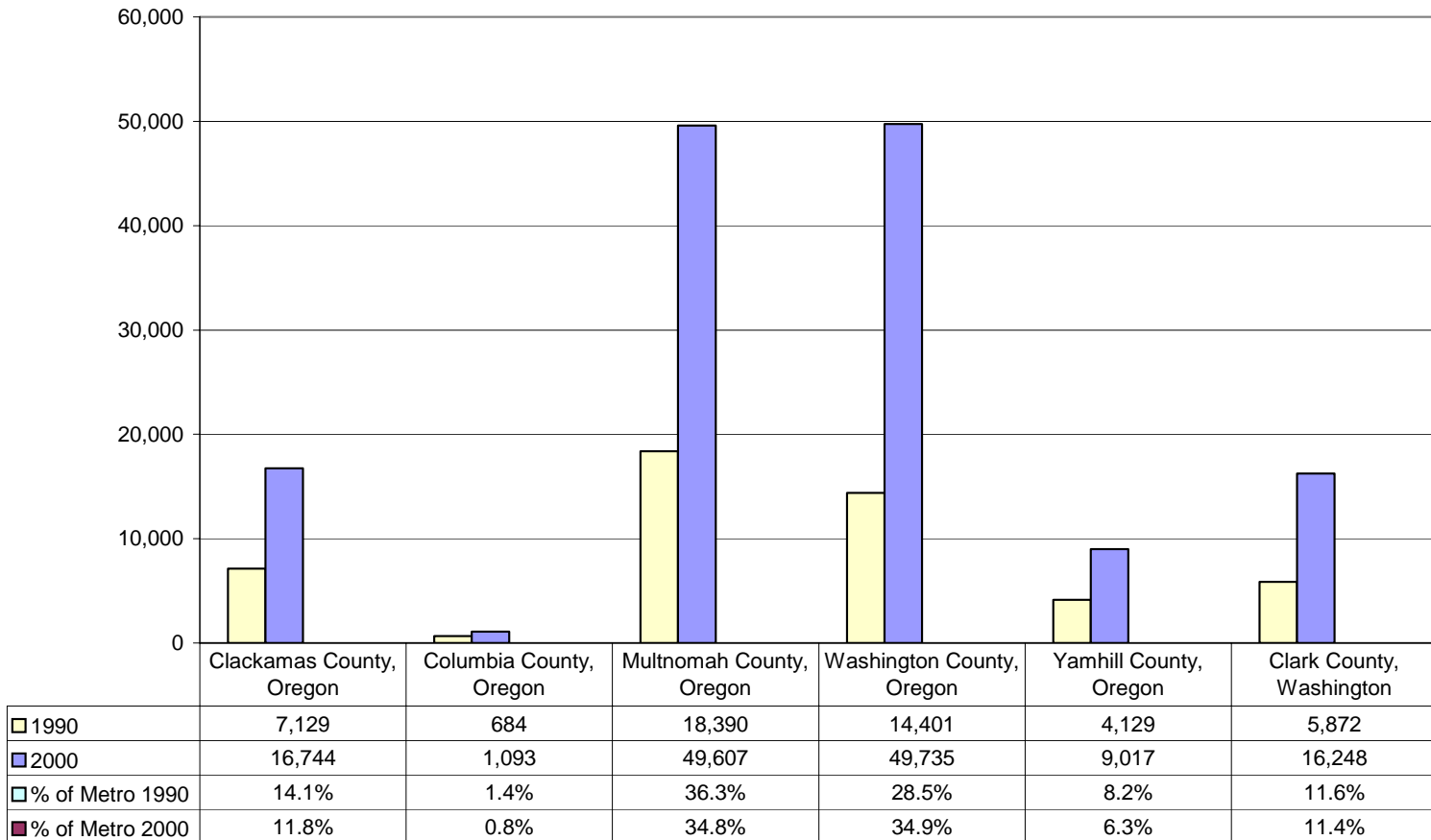
# Asian & Pacific Islander Population is Growing Rapidly Largely Through In-Migration

**Portland Metro Area Asian and Pacific Islander by County 1990 and 2000**  
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# Hispanic/Latino Population is Growing as a Consequence of In-Migration and High Fertility

Portland Metro Area Hispanic/Latino by County 1990 and 2000



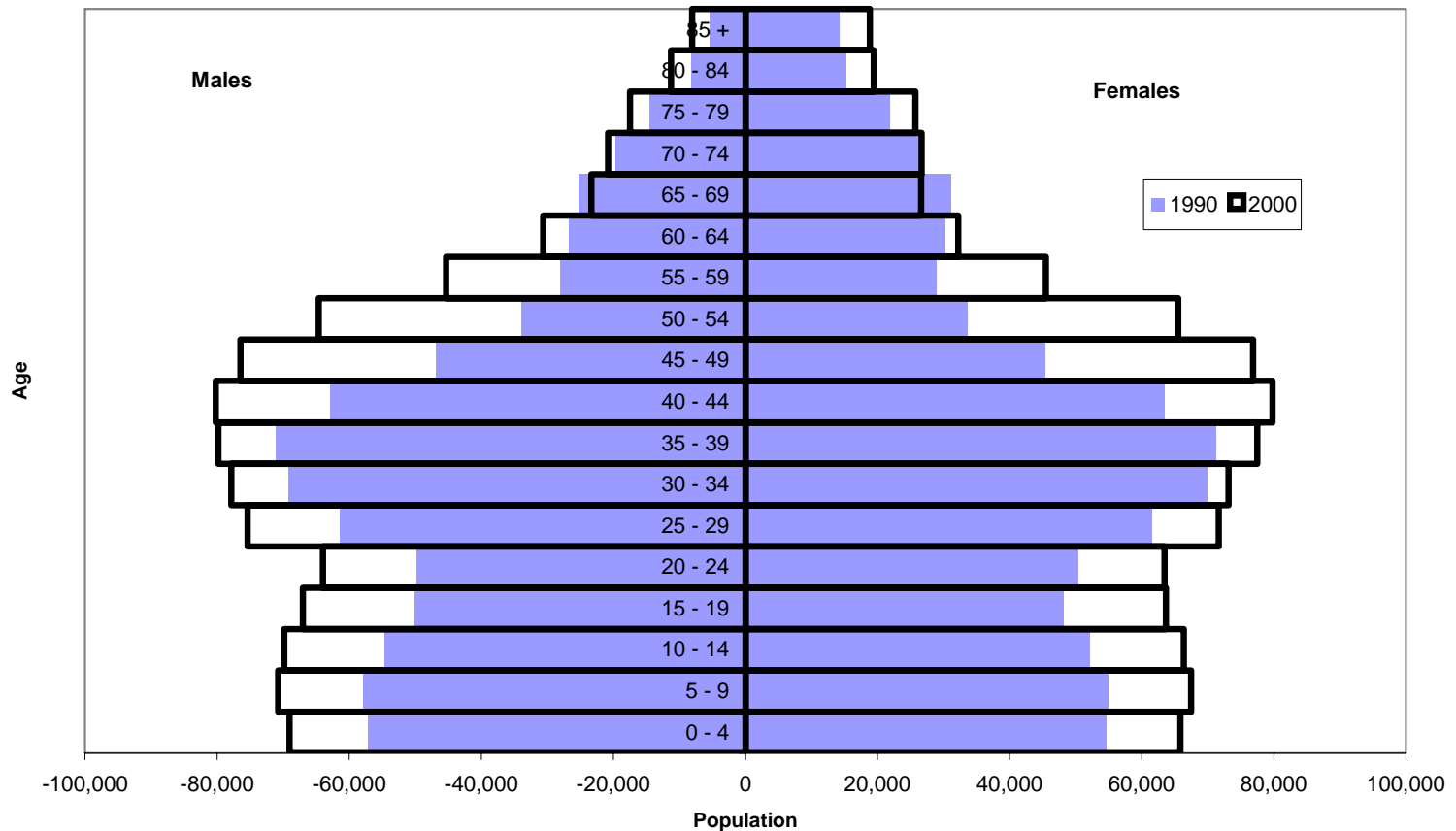
# Age Dynamics for the Region

- Clark and Washington Counties grew across all age groups
- Multnomah County appealed to Young Adults
- Clackamas and Columbia County appealed to those later in the lifecycle
- Yamhill County also attracted households later in the life cycle and is influenced by Group Quarters Populations



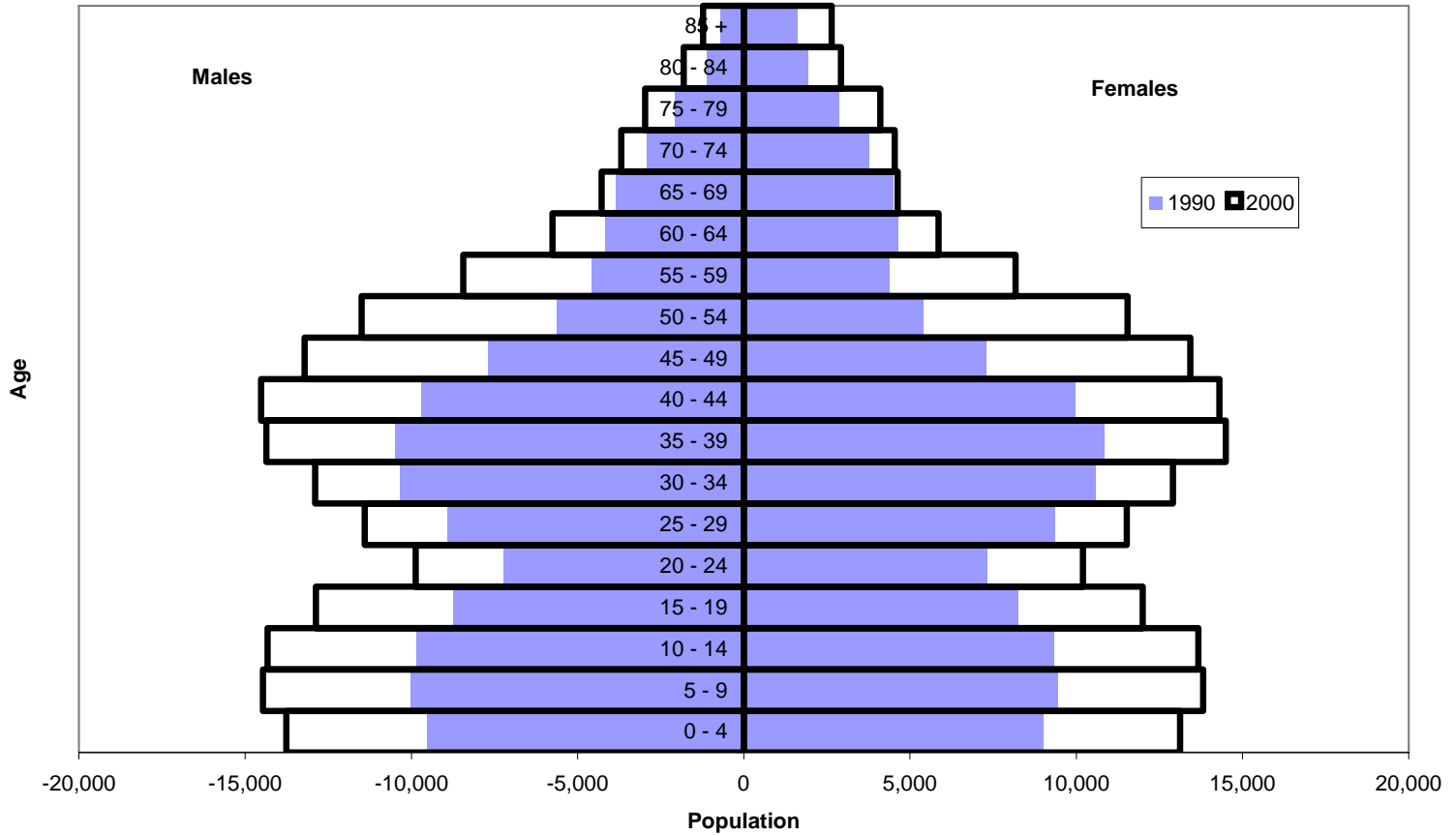
# The Population of the Portland-Vancouver Metro Area Saw Gains in All Ages Except Some of the Elderly Groups

Total Population Age Distribution  
Metro Area 1990 and 2000



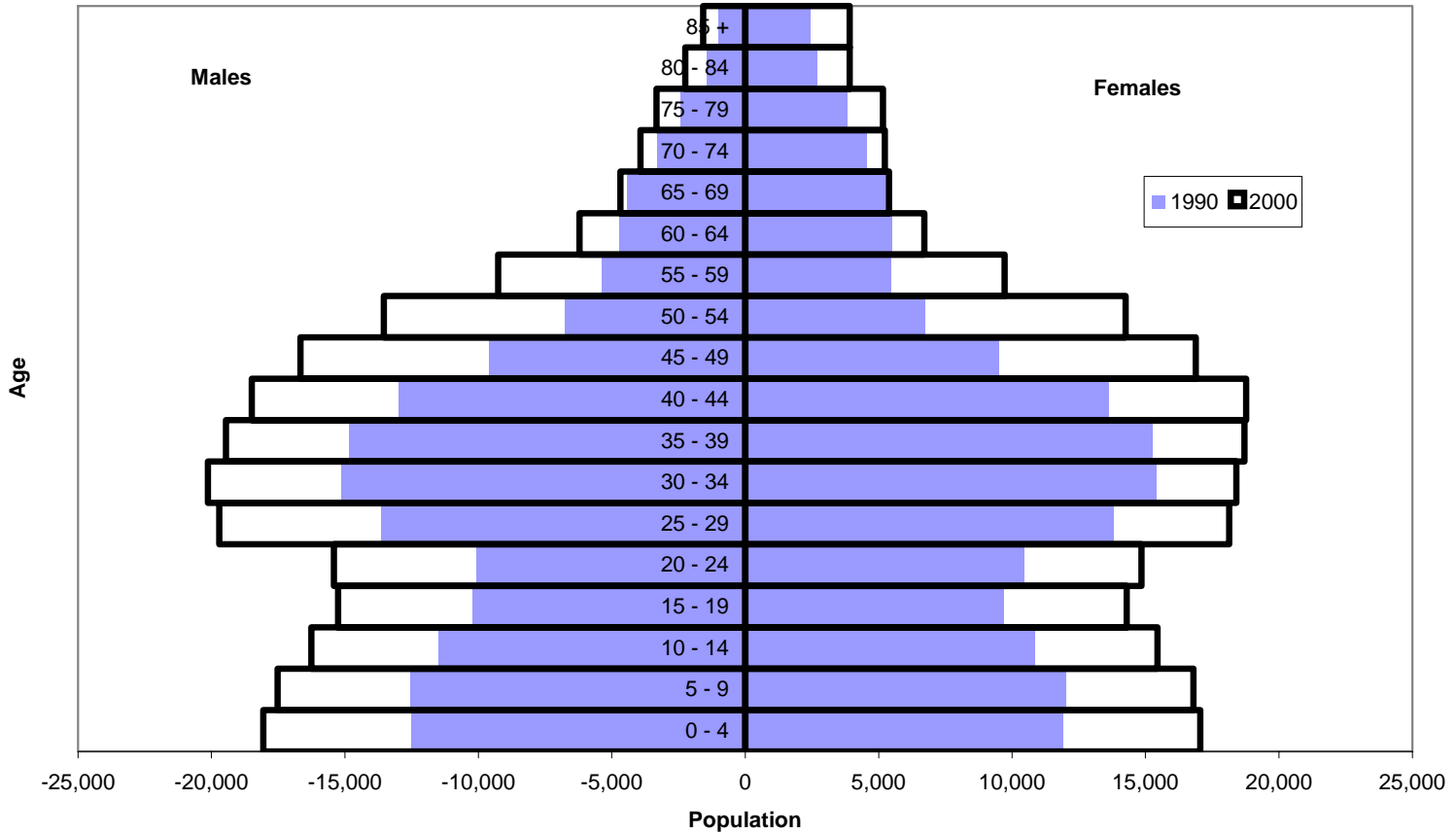
# Large In-Migration led to Increases at All Ages in Clark County

Clark County Age Distribution  
1990 and 2000



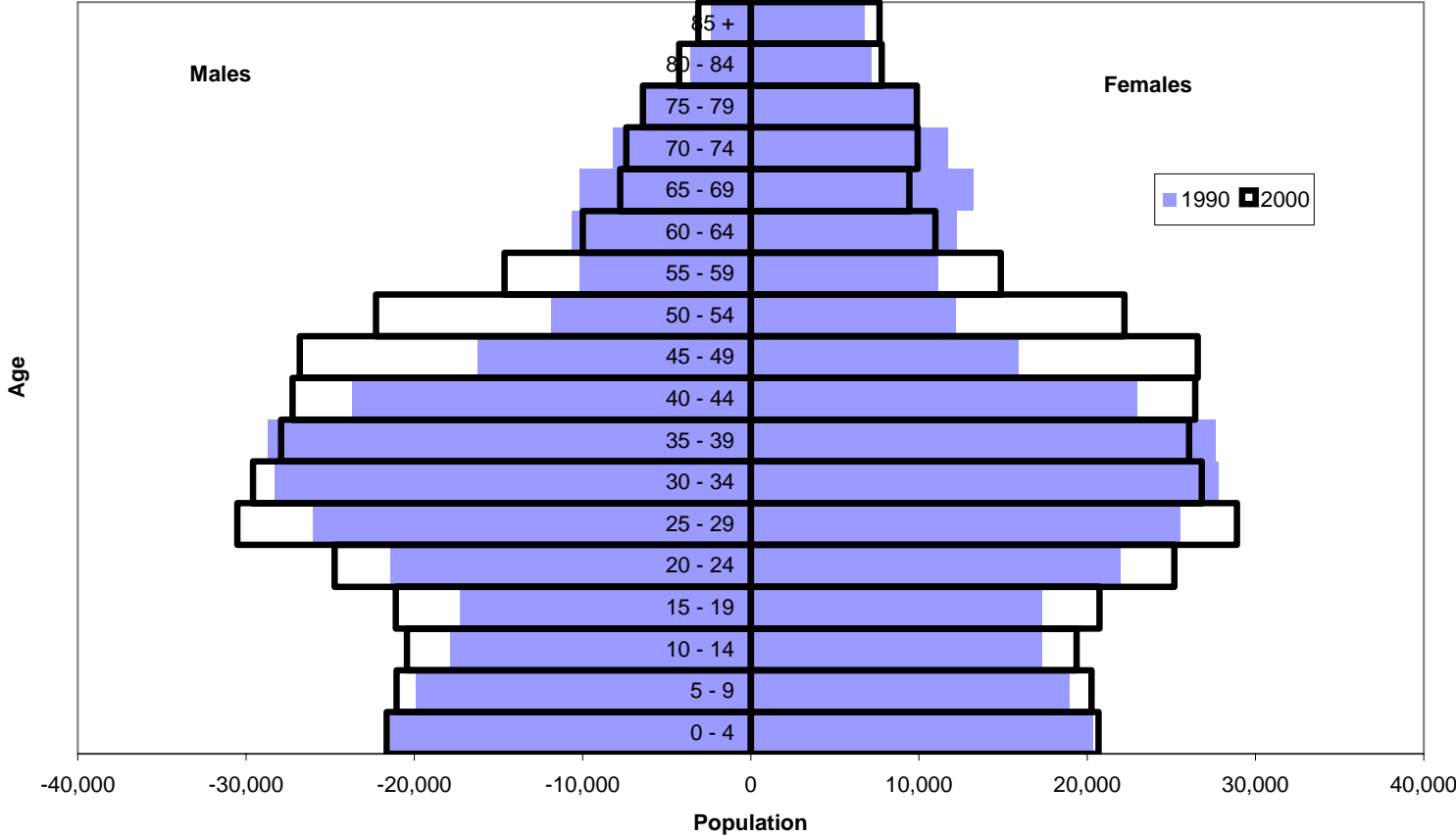
# Washington County also Grew Across All Age Groups

Washington County Age Distribution  
1990 and 2000



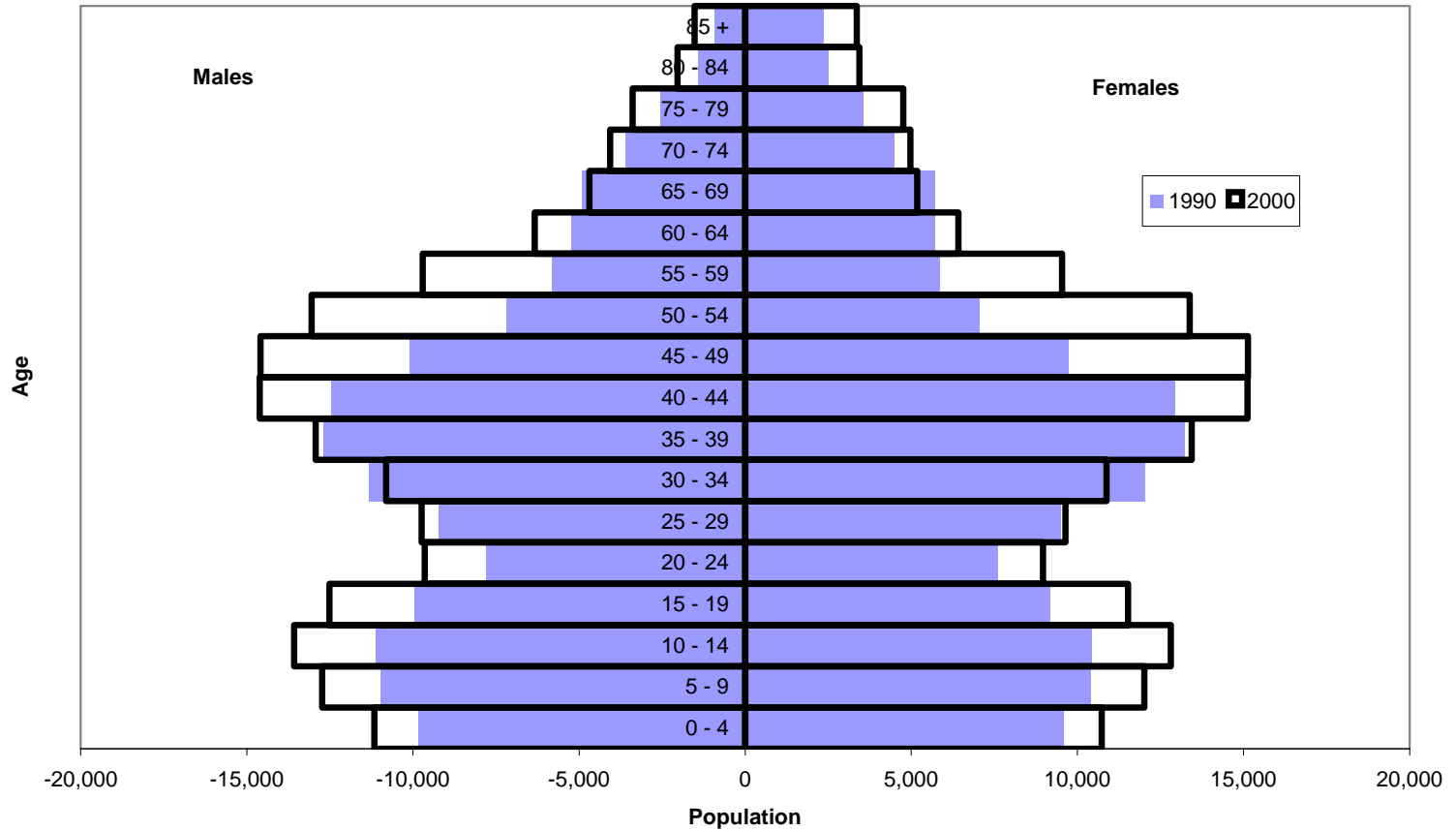
# Multnomah County Attracts Many Young Adults

Multnomah County Age Distribution  
1990 and 2000



# Clackamas Grew But Does Not Attract Young Adults

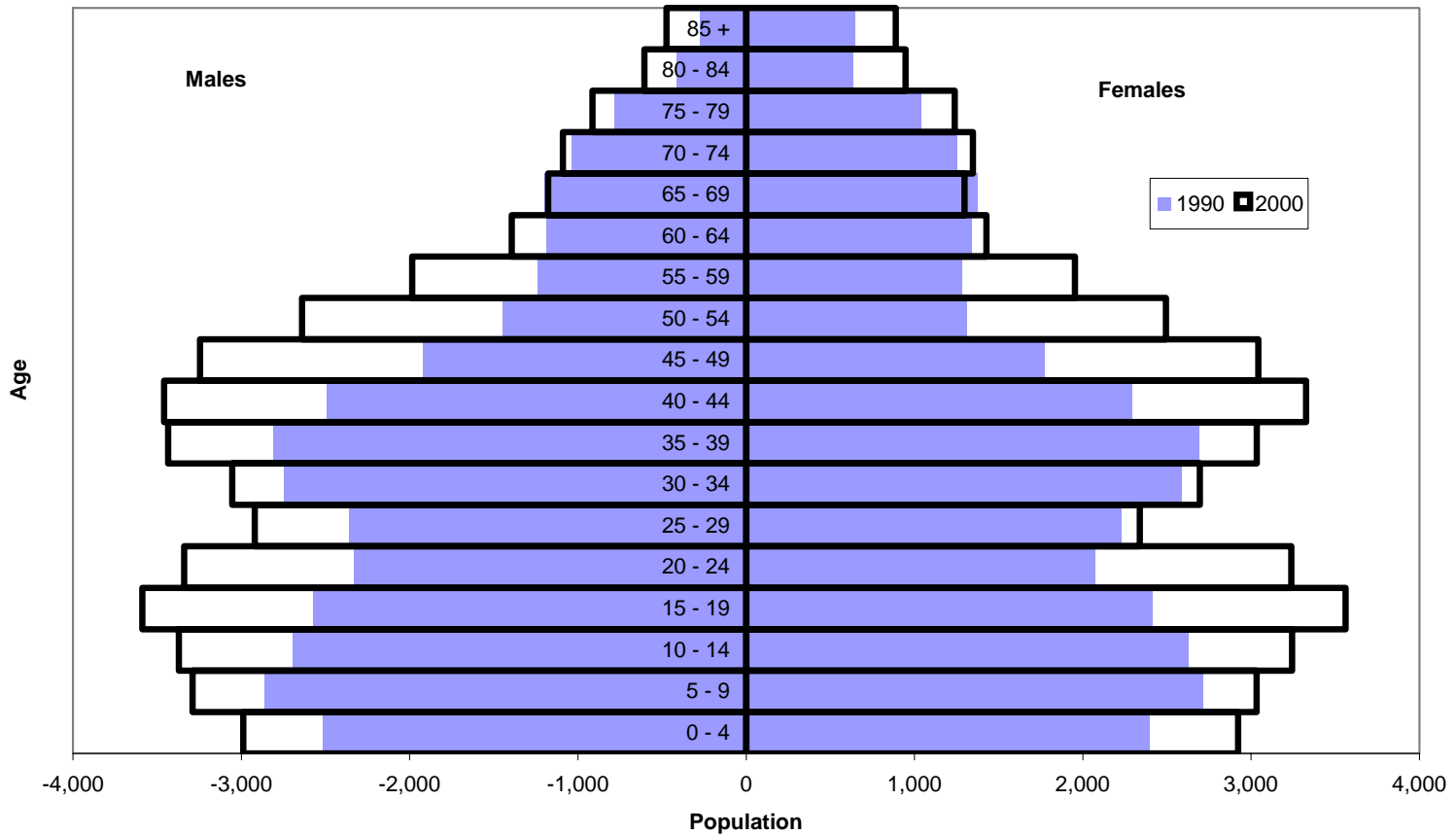
Clackamas County Age Distribution  
1990 and 2000



# Yamhill County Grew at All Ages

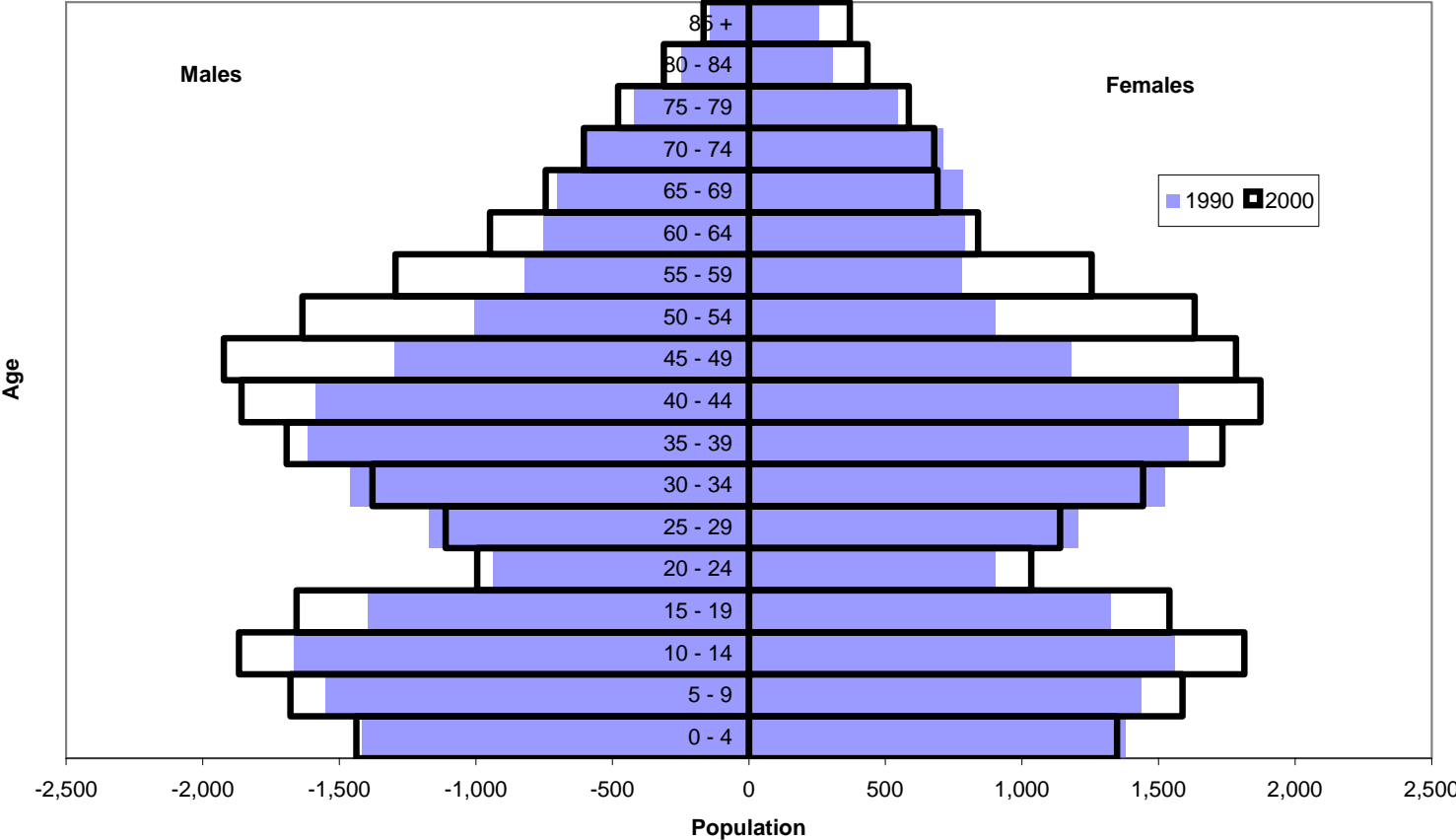
## Noticeable Groups Quarters Populations (College and Prison)

**Yamhill County Age Distribution  
1990 and 2000**



# Columbia County Population Aged in Place and Drew In-Migrants Later in the Life Cycle

Columbia County Age Distribution  
1990 and 2000



# Age Dynamics by Race/Ethnicity

- The majority White Non-Hispanic population is aging and gaining young adults
- The Black population continues to increase, gaining both young people and those in the 30 to 50 year ages
- The Native American population continues to grow, with less growth among the youngest.
- The Asian and Pacific Islander population is heavily influenced by immigration



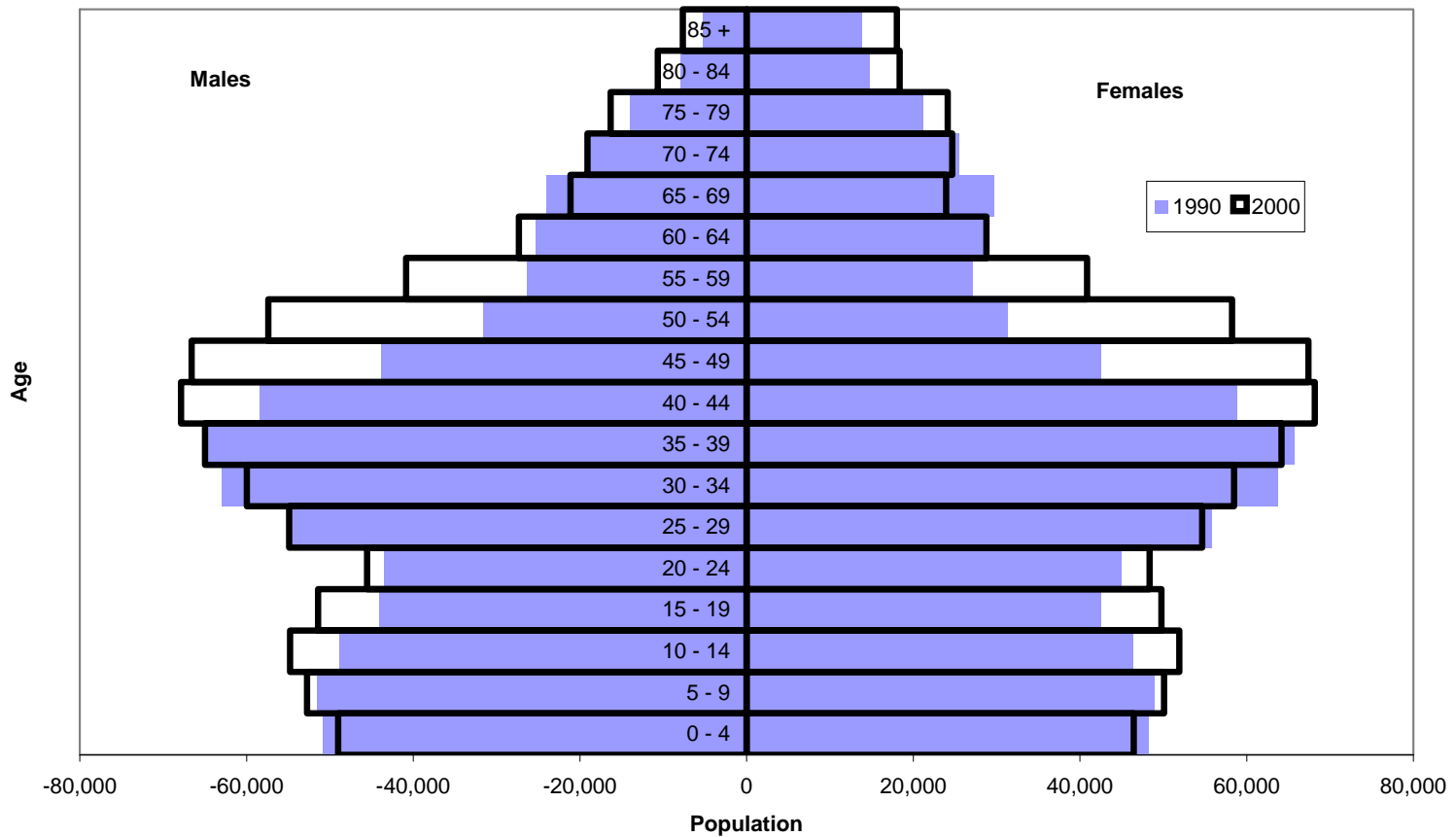
# Age Dynamics by Race/Ethnicity

- The Hispanic/Latino population is growing, based on immigration and fertility
- The population of individuals of Two or More Races is age dependent
- In summary, the minority representation is growing in the Metro Area, especially among the younger ages



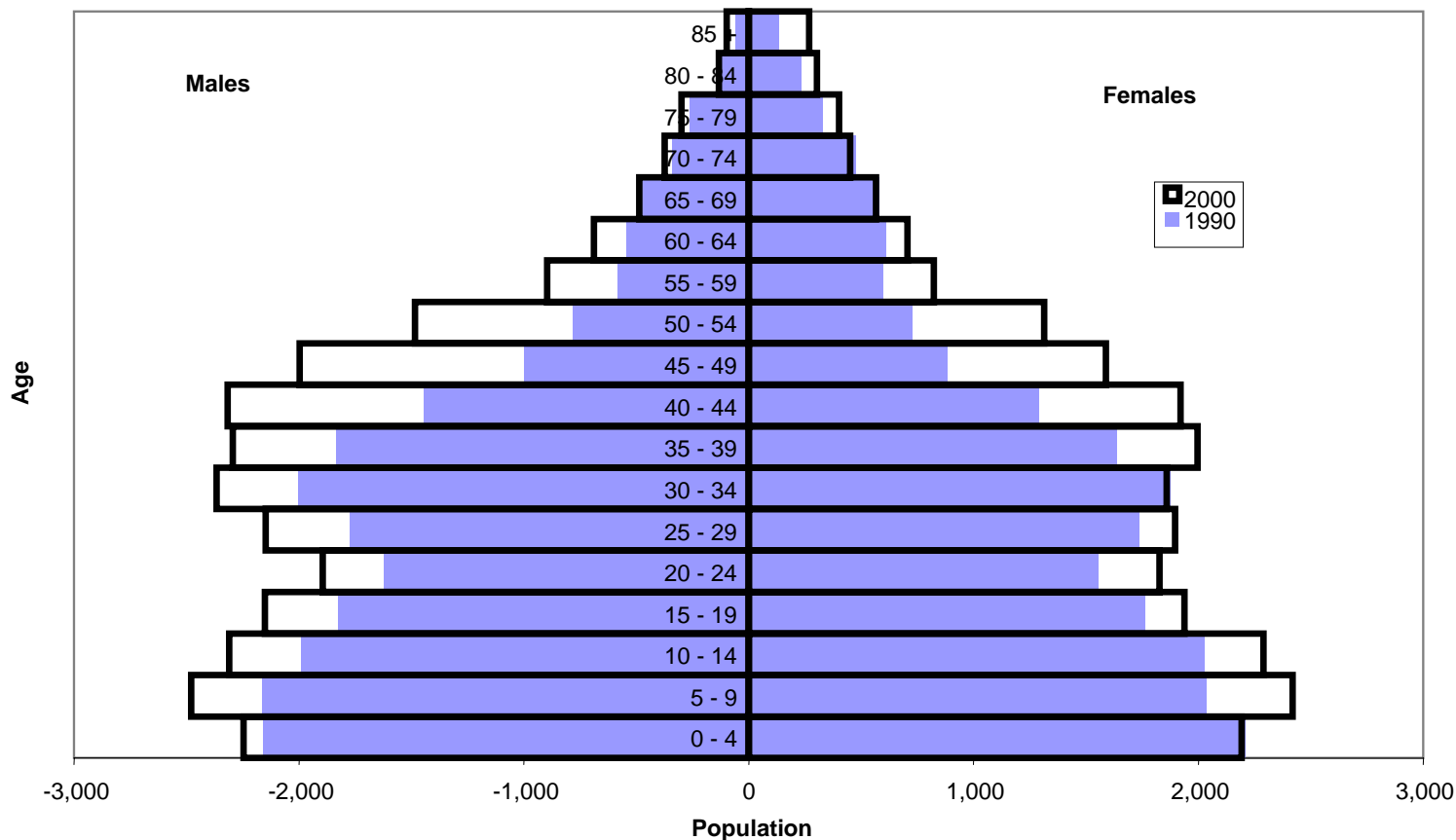
# White Non-Latino Population Aged and Gained Young Adults

White, Not Hispanic/Latino Age Distribution Metro Area 1990 and 2000  
(Note: Race Categories are not strictly comparable)



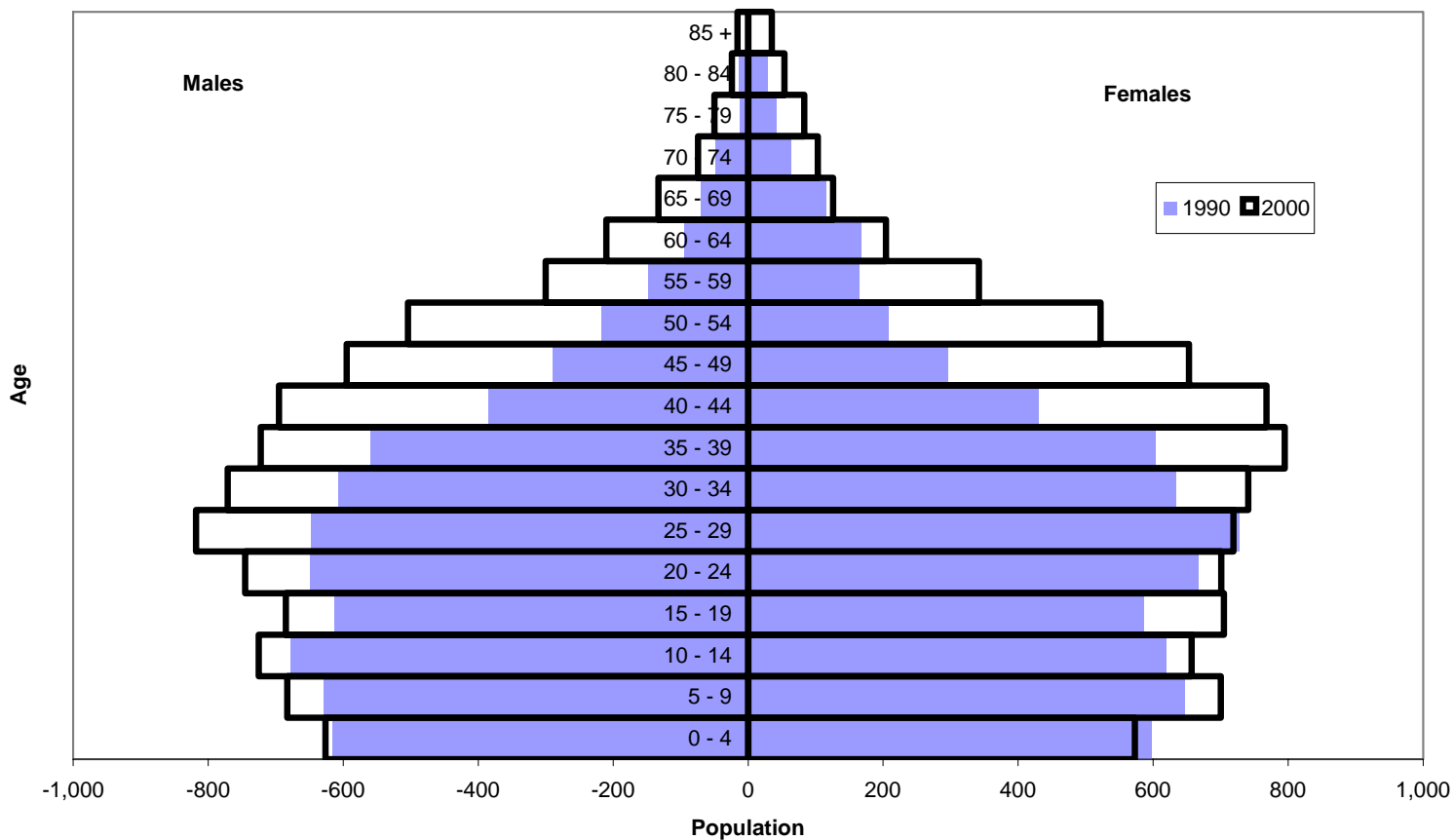
# Black African American Population Has Also Aged While Gaining Young Adults

African American Age Distribution Metro Area 1990 and 2000  
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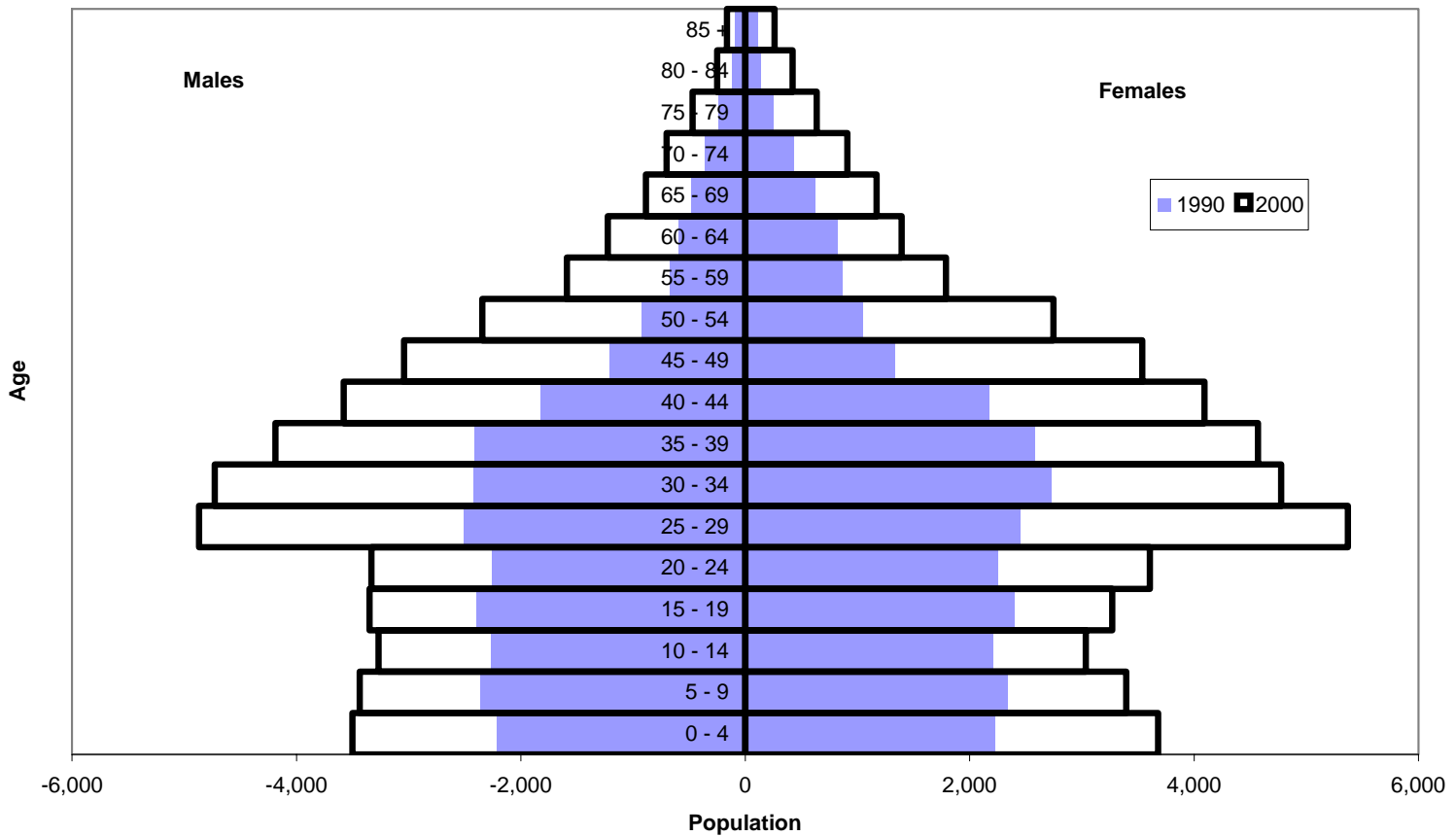
# American Indian and Alaska Native Population

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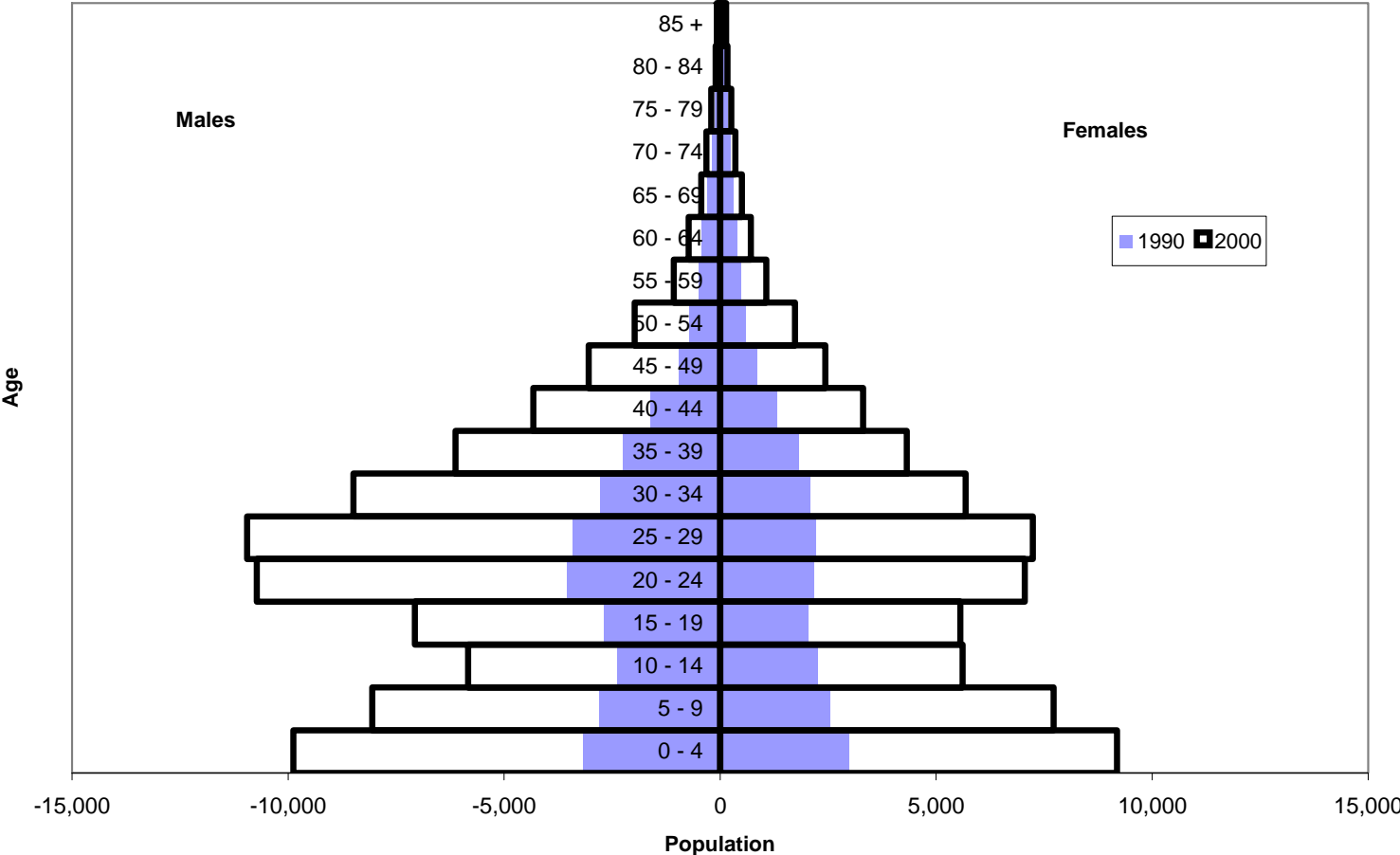
# Asian & Pacific Islander Population is Influenced by Age Migration

Asian and Pacific Islander Age Distribution Metro Area 1990 and 2000  
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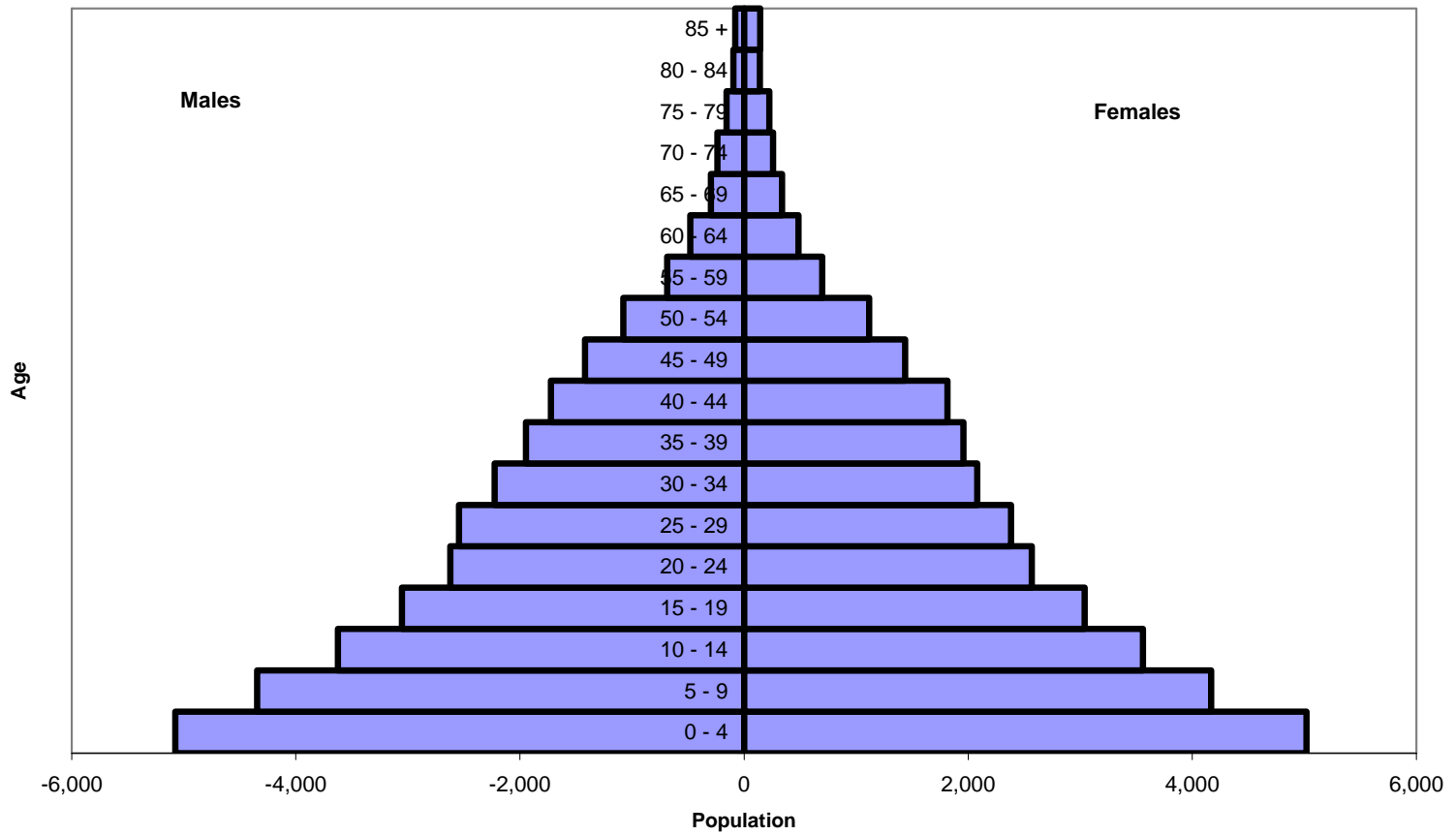
# Hispanic/Latino Population is Shaped by Both In-Migration and Fertility

Hispanic/Latino Age Distribution Metro Area 1990 and 2000



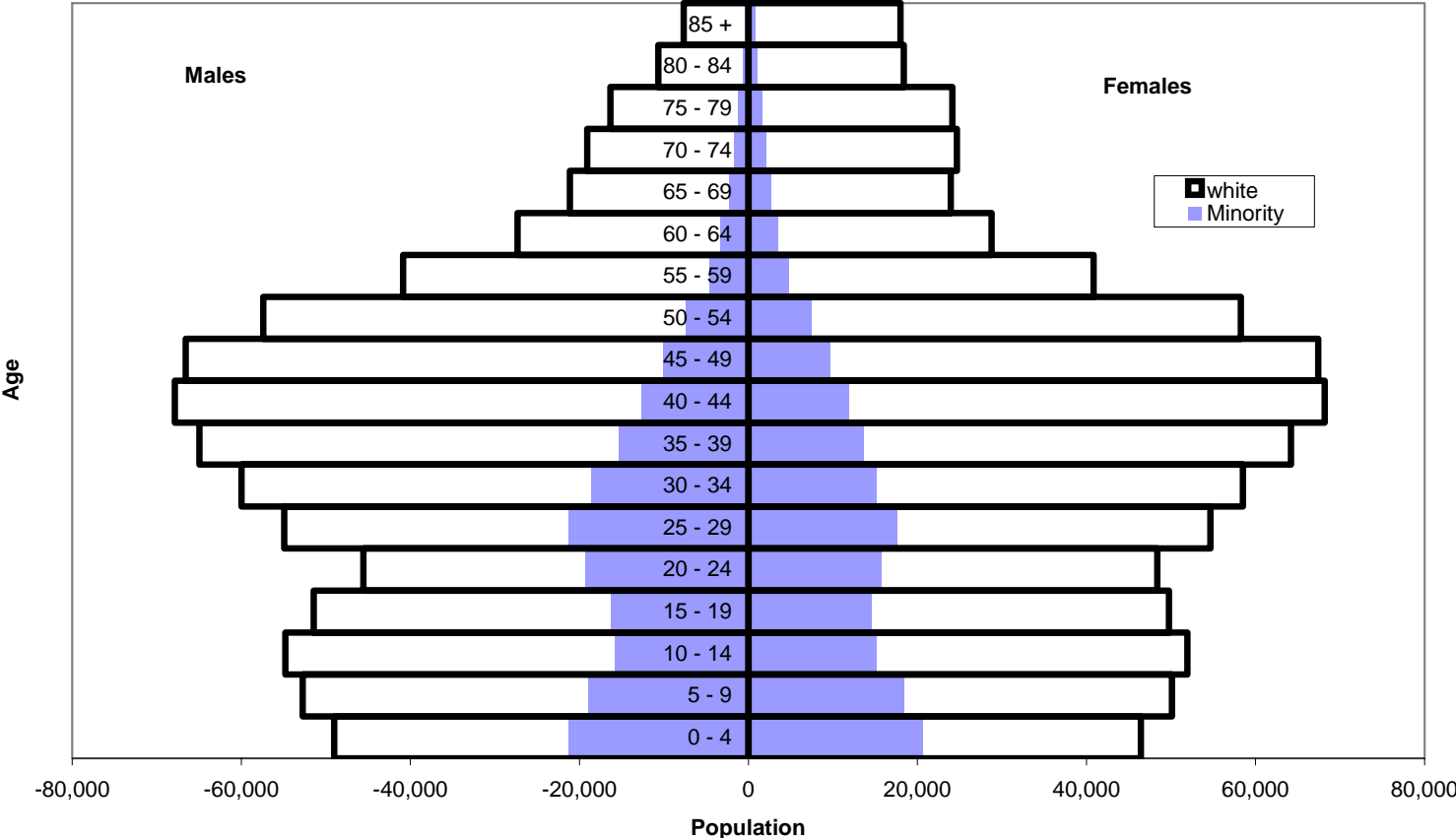
# Two or More Races Population is Age-Dependent

Two or More Races Age Distribution Metro Area 2000



# Minority Representation is Growing, Especially at the Earlier Ages

White Alone, Not Hispanic/Latino and Minority  
Metro Area 2000



# And Now For Something Completely Different...California!!!!

California Age Distribution April 1, 2000  
White Alone, Not Hispanic/Latino and Minority

