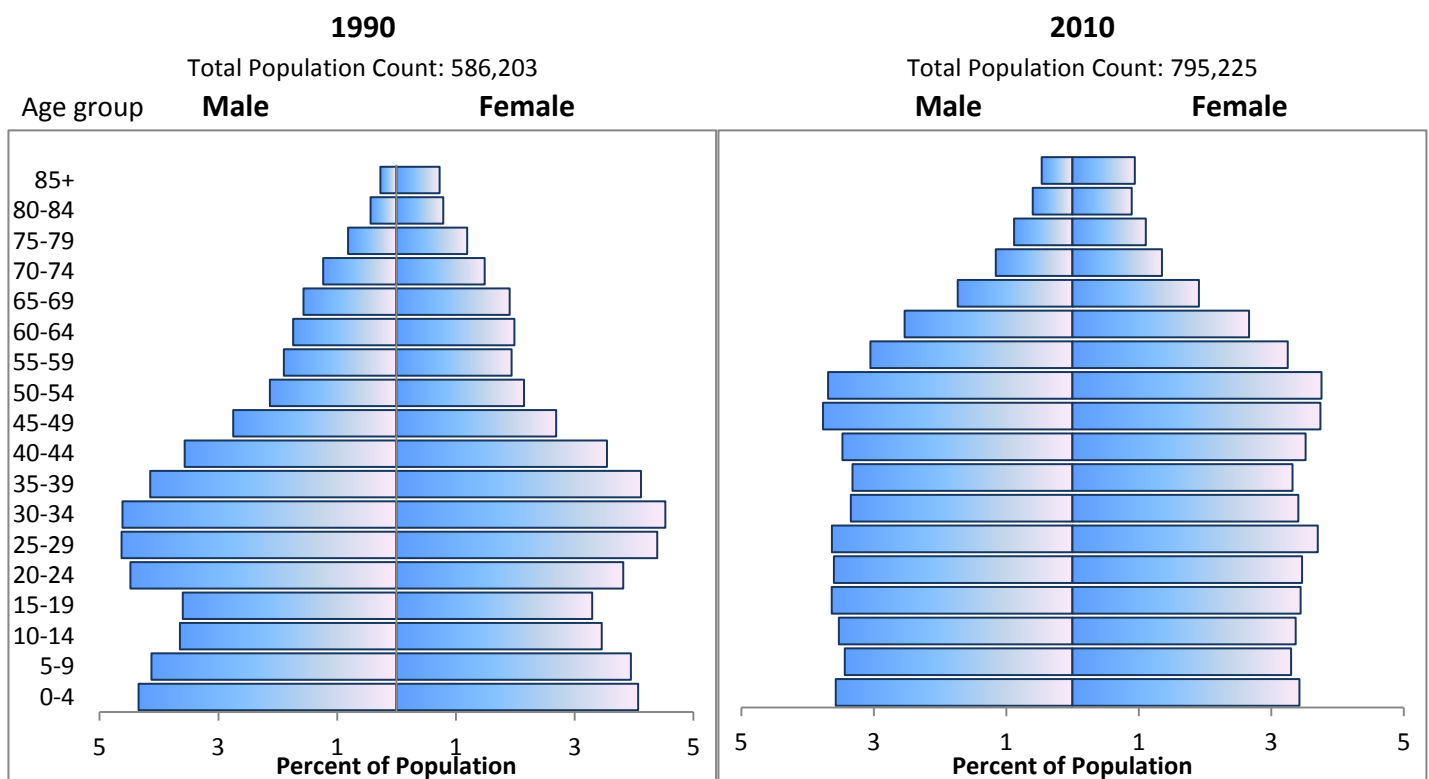


Pierce County Population Profile

Data Notes

- ❖ The Census measures the U.S. population every 10 years. During the years between the 10 year Census, the population is estimated using a sample from the population.
- ❖ The description of the population can be used to understand current health problems and to predict future population health needs.
- ❖ Population figures provide a number from which other measures of population health can be calculated, such as death rates.

Pierce County population structure by age and gender – 1990 and 2010



Data Summary

- ❖ Pierce County has been growing by about 10,500 people per year since 1990.
- ❖ The age structure of Pierce County has changed dramatically since 1990. In 1990 about 14% of the population was aged 45-59; in 2010 this has grown to about 21%. At the same time, the percent of the population aged 25-34 shrunk from about 18% to about 14%. In the future, community resources may be stressed to meet the health needs of our aging population.

Data Notes

- ❖ Race and Ethnicity are socially, not biologically, defined categories, and are measured by self-report on questionnaires. The specific questionnaire items asking about race were changed in 2000, but methods have been used to make pre-2000 and post-2000 data comparable.

Pierce County population count and percent by race and ethnicity, 1990, 2000 and 2010					
	White non-Hispanic	Black non-Hispanic	American Indian non-Hispanic	Asian/Pacific Islander non-Hispanic	Hispanic (of any race)
1990¹	488,396 (83.3%)	41,105 (7.0%)	7,725 (1.3%)	27,769 (4.7%)	20,562 (3.5%)
2000²	532,934 (76.0%)	47,399 (6.8%)	9,018 (1.3%)	40,799 (5.8%)	38,621 (5.5%)
2010³	559,160 (70.3%)	51,436 (6.5%)	9,143 (1.1%)	56,725 (7.1%)	72,849 (9.2%)

Data Source: ¹U.S. Census Bureau, 1990 Census Summary File 1

²U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 1

³U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Census Summary File 1

Selected socioeconomic indicators, Pierce County and Washington State - 2012		
Characteristic	Washington State	Pierce County
Median Household Income	\$57,573	\$57,629
Living below Federal Poverty Line	13.5%	12.6%
Without Health Insurance (age 18-64)*	17.7%	17.4%
High school graduate or higher (age 25+)	90.4%	91.1%
Bachelor's degree or higher (age 25+)	31.7%	23.9%

Data Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2012 American Community Survey

*2010 State Population Survey, OFM, v1, PWGT00

Data Notes

- ❖ Pierce County has become more racially and ethnically different since 1990. This is primarily due to rapid growth in our Asian and Pacific Islander and Hispanic communities.
- ❖ More than one in eight people in the county lived below the [Federal Poverty Level](#).
- ❖ Pierce County was similar to Washington State in some respects, but had a smaller proportion of persons with a bachelor's degree or higher.