

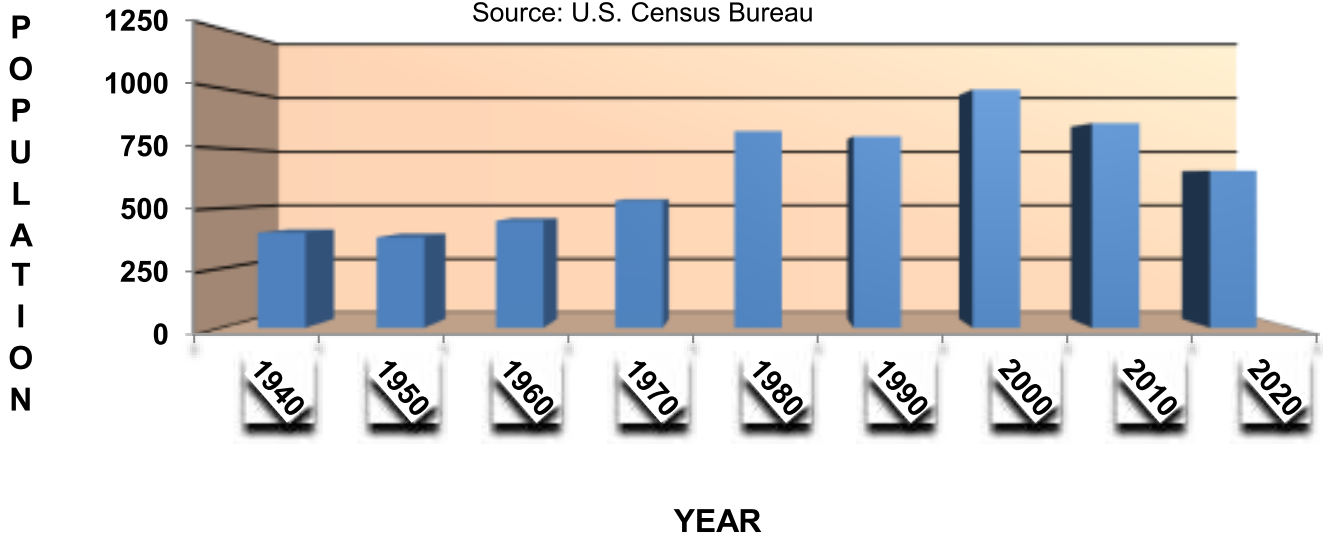
Appendix C DEMOGRAPHIC FEATURES

Appendix C presents demographic data about Lake Township. The decennial census (10-year census) is taken on April 1, a time of the year when the township's population and dwelling occupancy are comparatively low. Seasonal residents who do not reside in the township in April may provide incorrect Census information regarding residency status. Thus, the 2020 Census may not reflect true conditions in Lake Township to the extent in non-seasonal communities.

Population Growth Trends

The 2020 Census recorded a Lake Township population of 657 persons, a decrease of 23.2% from its 2010 population of 855 persons and a 34.0% decrease from its 2000 population of 996 persons. The township's population steadily grew between 1950 and 2000 when it reached its highest population of 996 persons.

FIGURE C-1
Lake Township Growth
Source: U.S. Census Bureau



The township's 34.0% population decline between 2000 and 2020 was more than twice that of Huron County as a whole (-13.9%) during the same period, while the state's population grew 1.4% during the same 20-year period. These population declines are a reflection of the economic and housing market decline across the nation between 2007 and 2009 and which was particularly evident in Michigan. Lake Township's population peaked at 996 in 2000 before witnessing its recent population decline. Huron County's population peaked in 1980 at 36,459 persons and two of the three following decades witnessed population declines and a resulting 2020 population of 31,407.