

Chapter 4 - Demographics

INTRODUCTION

Population analysis and projections are fundamental to planning decisions. Past, current, and projected population information is important for understanding the changes that are taking place and providing the ability to act on those changes. Identifying demographic trends is necessary for determining the future demand on public facilities, community services, housing, employment, and land. Policy decisions are based on this information.

The source of the population data varies. Much of the data in this chapter comes from the U.S. Census Bureau. Additional data sources for this chapter include the Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service and the Virginia Department of Health. To better understand the population characteristics of Staunton, comparative data is offered for Augusta County, the City of Waynesboro, and Virginia. Additional comparative data is occasionally provided for additional cities in the Commonwealth.

RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER PLAN ELEMENTS

Comprehensive plans are prepared using a framework of population, household, and economic data. Understanding the dynamics of the City of Staunton's population is essential to plan effectively and efficiently for the needs of the City during the next ten to twenty years. Knowing these trends will assist the City's leaders in making better decisions for its residents. Economic data is provided in Chapter 6, Economy, and additional household information may be found in Chapter 9, Housing. The Comprehensive Plan will need to be periodically updated to reflect actual population changes and their accompanying implications. This review and update will keep the Comprehensive Plan relevant.

POPULATION TRENDS

Total Population

The population of the City of Staunton remained fairly constant between 1960 and 2010. The City increased from its population of 22,232 people in 1960 to its population of 23,746 people in 2010. The highest population peak of 24,581 people occurred between 1980 and 1990, after the 1987 annexation of land from Augusta County to the City. The population of the City decreased by 0.4 percent between 2000 and 2010. During this same time period, the Staunton Correctional Center closed in 2003 and the population from the Augusta County Jail was relocated in 2006 to the Middle River Regional Jail.

As a comparison, the City of Waynesboro increased its population from 15,694 people in 1960 to 21,006 people in 2010 and Augusta County increased its population from 37,363 people in 1960 to 73,750 people in 2010. Between 2000 and 2010, the population of the City of Waynesboro increased by 7.6 percent and the population of Augusta County increased by 12.4 percent.

Figure 4-1 and Table 4-1 provide a comparison of the population trends and population change over time in the region for the City of Staunton, City of Waynesboro and Augusta County. Table 4-1 also includes information for the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Figure 4-1 - Staunton – Waynesboro- Augusta County Population Trends

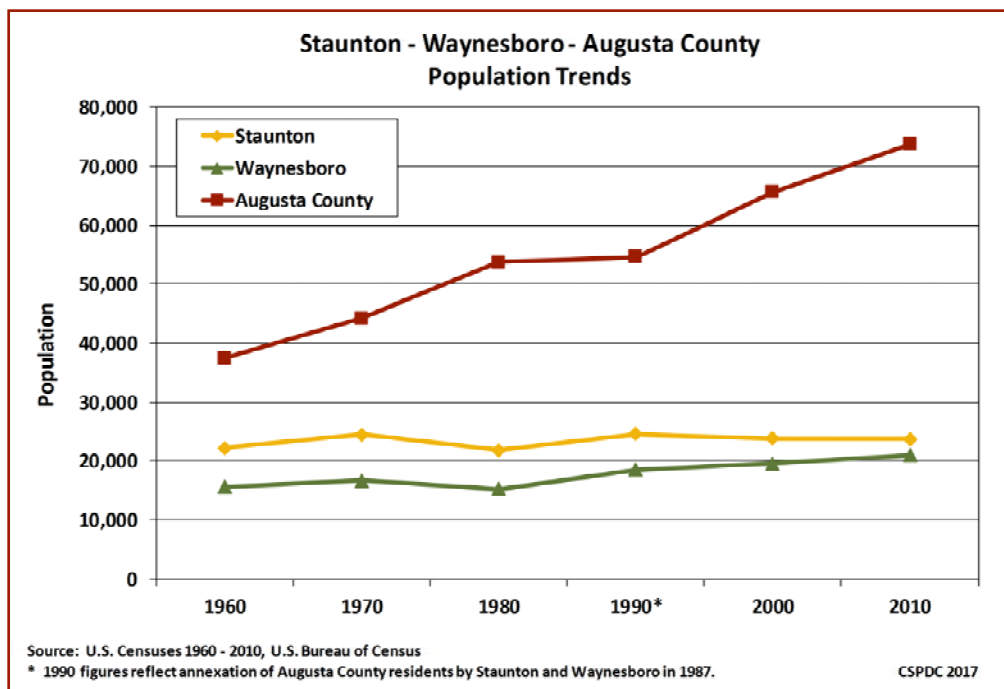


Table 4-1- Total Population - Sub-Regional and State Comparisons

Total Population - 2010		
	Staunton	23,746
	Augusta County	73,750
	Waynesboro	21,006
	Virginia	8,001,024
Population Change	1990 to 2000	Staunton = Down 2.5%
		Augusta = Up 20.0%
		Waynesboro = Up 5.2%
		Virginia = Up 14.4%
	2000 to 2010	Staunton = Down 0.4%
		Augusta = Up 12.4%
		Waynesboro = Up 7.6%
		Virginia = Up 13.0%
	1990 to 2010	Staunton = Down 2.9%
		Augusta = Up 34.9%
		Waynesboro = Up 13.2%
		Virginia = Up 29.3%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Decennial Census, 1990-2010

The City of Staunton represents 20 percent of the total population of the Staunton - Augusta - Waynesboro area. As the City's population has remained constant and population in Augusta County and the City of Waynesboro have increased, this percentage has decreased. In 1990, the City of Staunton represented 25 percent of the total area population.

It is important to consider various factors that may impact population numbers, such as migration, natural increase, and fluctuations in group quarters, including institutionalized and non-institutionalized populations. Although the overall City population has decreased slightly, it is evident that people are migrating to Staunton based on the population changes related to natural increase and group quarter populations.

As seen in Table 4-2, the census data reflects that the City's population decreased 0.4 percent, or 107 people, between 2000 and 2010. During this time period, there were 2,977 births and 3,325 deaths. Change due to natural increase (the number of births - the number of deaths) was -348 people. The number of individuals in group quarters in the City also dropped significantly during this time period. The group quarters population decreased by 1,452 people from 2,637 people in 2000 to 1,185 people in 2010. Group quarters include

noninstitutionalized populations such as college student housing and military quarters, and institutionalized populations such as correctional facilities, juvenile facilities, nursing facilities/skilled-nursing facilities and other institutional facilities.

The noninstitutionalized population of the City, which is home to Mary Baldwin University, decreased by 60 people between 2000 and 2010. College students living with their parents are counted in the census at the location of their parental home. College students that live away from their parents during college, either on-campus or off-campus, are counted in the census at the location of their on-campus or off-campus residence where they spend the majority of their time living and sleeping. As a result, students may be counted in the census under a different category than noninstitutionalized population.

The institutionalized population of the City decreased by 1,395 people during this time period, from 1,853 people in 2000 to 458 people in 2010. The decrease in institutionalized numbers may be related to the closing of Staunton Correctional Center in 2003, the relocation of the Augusta County Jail population to Middle River Regional Jail in Augusta County in 2006, and fluctuations in the patient population at Western State Hospital. Psychiatric hospitals were included as a separate category of group quarters in the 2000 Census, but not in the 2010 Census.

Table 4-2- Total Population - City of Staunton

Population	2010 = 23,746 (20.0% of SAW Area Population) 2000 = 23,853 (21.9% of SAW Area Population) 1990 = 24,461 (25.0% of SAW Area Population)
Population Increase	1990 to 2000 = Down 608 Persons or -2.5% 2000 to 2010 = Down 107 Persons or -0.4% 1990 to 2010 = Down 715 Persons or -2.9%
Live Births - 2000 to 2010	2,977
Total Deaths	3,325
Net Increase - Staunton	Down 348 Persons
Sub-Regional Comparison:	
Augusta County	Up 1,580 Persons
Waynesboro	Up 683 Persons

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Decennial Census, 1990-2010; Virginia Department of Health, Virginia Vital Statistics Annual Reports, 2000-2010

Population Estimates and Projections

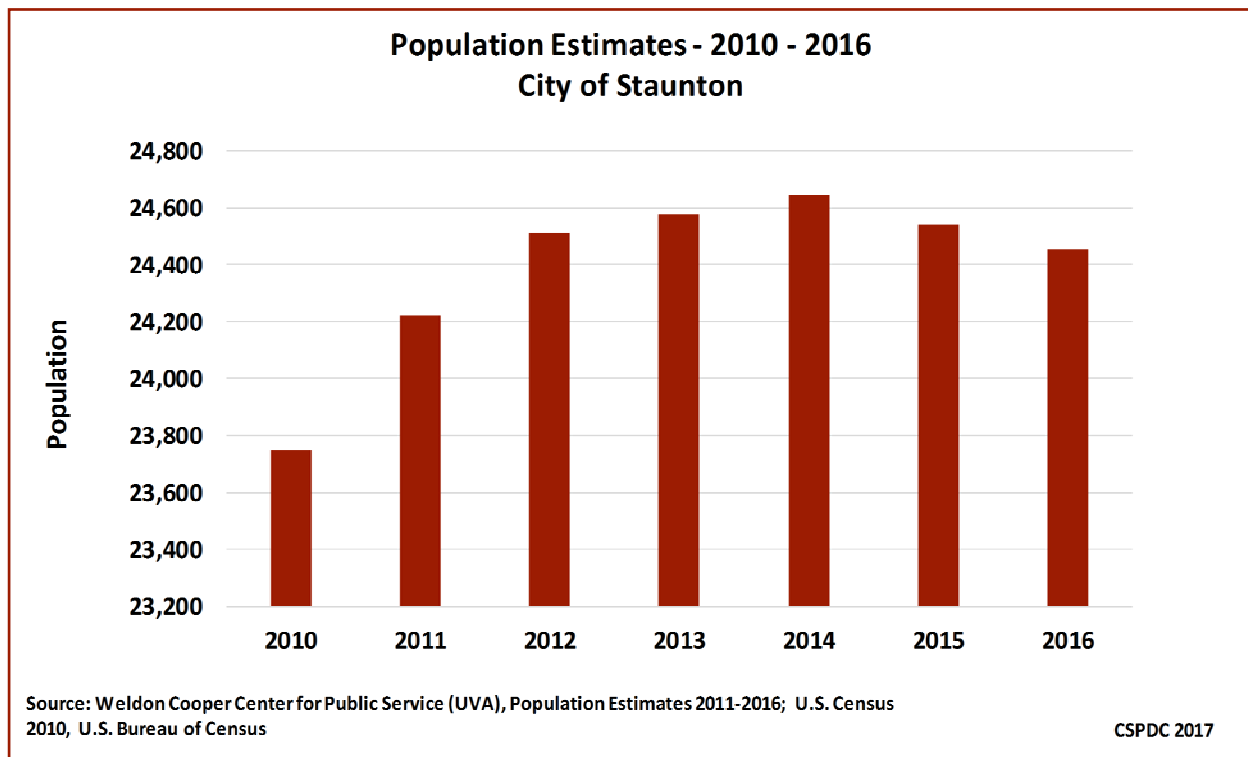
Based on data from the Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service at the University of Virginia, the 2016 population of the City of Staunton is estimated to be 24,453 people. Since the 2010 Census, the population of the City has increased in population size but has experienced annual fluctuations as seen in Table 4-3 and Figure 4-2.

Table 4-3- Population Estimates – City of Staunton

Current Population Estimates	2010 = 23,746 (US Census) 2011 = 24,222 2012 = 24,512 2013 = 24,577 2014 = 24,647 2015 = 24,542 2016 = 24,453
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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Decennial Census, 2010; Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service (UVA, Population Estimates 2011-2016)

Figure 4-2 - Population Estimates - City of Staunton



Over the next 20 years, the population of the City of Staunton is expected to increase modestly. As seen in Table 4-4, the population growth is estimated to be 6.28 percent between 2010 and 2020, 1.11 percent between 2020 and 2030, and -0.30 percent between 2030 and 2040. It is estimated that the population will grow 1,696 people between 2010 and 2040, to a new total population of 25,442 people.

Table 4-4 - Population, 2010 and Population Projections, 2020-2040, City of Staunton

Years	Total Population	Total Growth	Percent Change
2010	23,746	-	-
2020	25,238	1,492	6.28%
2030	25,519	281	1.11%
2040	25,442	-77	-0.30%
Total Change		1,696	7.14%

Source: Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service (UVA), Population Projections, 2020-2040

Population Density

Population density is the average number of persons per square mile of land area. The number is derived by dividing the total number of residents by the number of square miles of land area in the specified geographic area.

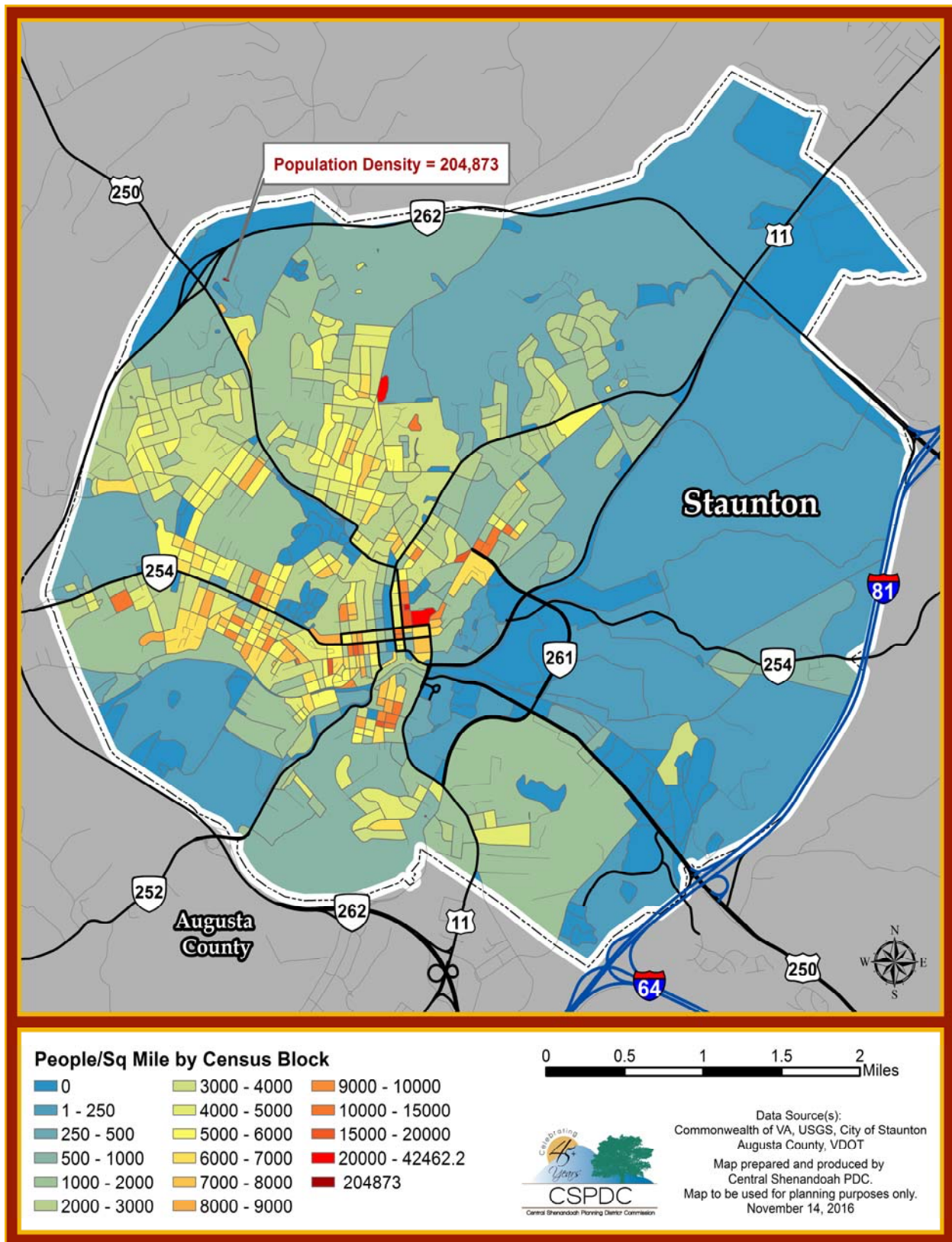
The population density for the City of Staunton is 1,188.8 persons per square mile. As seen in Table 4-5, the City has a lower population density than other comparative cities, including Waynesboro, Harrisonburg, Lexington and Richmond, although the size of the land area in the City of Staunton is larger than Waynesboro, Harrisonburg and Lexington.

The City of Staunton is 19.98 square miles in size. 3.99 square miles of the City, or 2,554.97 acres, is held in Agricultural-Forestal Districts. Development in an Agricultural-Forestal District is restrictive and limited to certain conditions. Approximately 19.98 percent of the City's landmass is held in one of four Agricultural-Forestal Districts, the Bell's Lane Agricultural District, the Merrifield Agricultural District, the M.O. Carr Agricultural District and the Middlebrook Agricultural and Forestal District. For a depiction of the population density in the City by census block, refer to Map 4-1.

Table 4-5- Population Density		
Staunton	1,188.8 Persons Per Square Mile	(19.98 square miles)
Waynesboro	1,396.8 Persons Per Square Mile	(15.04 square miles)
Harrisonburg	2,808.2 Persons Per Square Mile	(17.42 square miles)
Lexington	2,820.2 Persons Per Square Mile	(2.50 square miles)
Richmond	3,414.7 Persons Per Square Mile	(59.81 square miles)

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Decennial Census, 2010

Map 4-1 - Population Density by Census Block



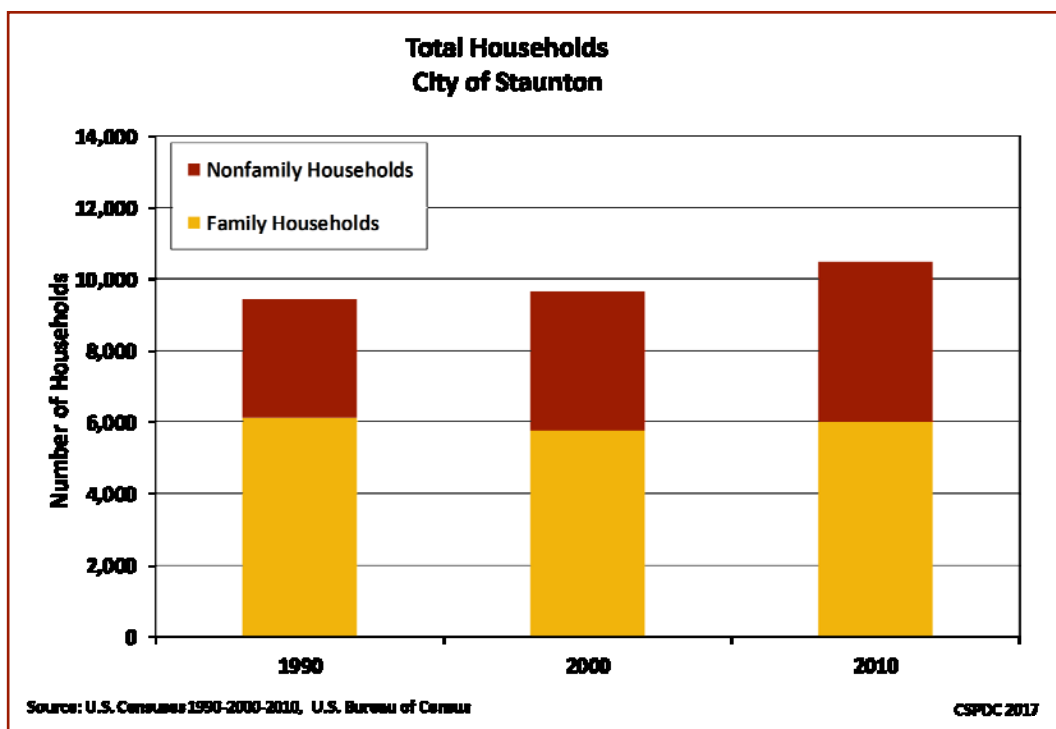
HOUSEHOLDS

A household includes all the people who occupy a housing unit as their usual place of residence. A household may be a single family, one person living alone, two or more families living together, or any other group of related or unrelated persons who share living arrangements.

The number of households in Staunton increased 8.3 percent between 2000 and 2010, while the total population decreased by 0.4 percent. In 2000, the City had 9,676 households. By 2010, the total number of households had increased to 10,480 as depicted in Figure 4-3 and Table 4-6. During this same time period, the average number of persons per household decreased slightly from 2.19 persons per household to 2.15 persons per household. Persons per household is calculated by dividing the total number of persons in households by the number of households.

The U.S. Census Bureau distinguishes two main categories for households, a family household and a nonfamily household. A family household is a householder living with one or more people related to him or her by birth, marriage or adoption. Examples of family households may include married-couple households or female householder families. A nonfamily household is a householder living alone or with nonrelatives only.

The total number of family households increased between 2000 and 2010 by 3.7 percent. Married couple households decreased by 2.4 percent and female householder families increased by 20.7 percent. Between 2000 and 2010, the number of nonfamily households increased from 3,910 to 4,498 households, a change of 15 percent.

Figure 4-3 - Total Households – City of Staunton**Table 4-6- Households - City of Staunton**

Total # of Households - 2010	10,480 Increase of 8.3% from 2000 Increase of 11.1% from 1990
Family Households - 2010	5,982 Increase of 3.7% from 2000 Decrease of 2.4% from 1990
Married Couple Households - 2010	4,194 Decrease of 2.4% from 2000 Decrease of 12.9% from 1990
Female Householder Families - 2010	1,369 Increase of 20.7% from 2000 Increase of 28.2% from 1990
Nonfamily Households - 2010	4,498 Increase of 15.0% from 2000 Increase of 36.3% from 1990
Average # of Persons Per Household - 2010	2.15 Persons Decrease from 2.19 in 2000 Decrease from 2.30 in 1990

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Decennial Census, 1990-2010

AGE STRUCTURE

It is important to look at the age structure of the City of Staunton. As people progress from one age group to another, their needs change and their role in the community changes.

Median age is an initial indicator of changes in a community's age groups. Median age in the City has increased from 36.8 years in 1990, to 39.8 years in 2000, to 42.2 years in 2010. As seen in Table 4-7, the median age in the City has increased 5.4 years since 1990. In 2010, the City had a slightly lower median age than Augusta County (42.9 years) and a slightly higher median age than the City of Waynesboro (38.8 years). Median age has also increased in other localities since 2000.

The two age groups in Staunton with the highest percentage in population are the working age groups, those ages 21 to 44 and ages 45 to 64. The age group from 21 to 44 years of age has the highest population percentage in the City, at 29.2 percent or 6,932 people. Although it has the highest percentage, the age group for 21 to 44 years has actually decreased by 12.4 percent since 2000. The age group for those from ages 45 to 64 years has the second highest population percentage in the City at 27 percent, or 6,421 people. It is also the age group that has the highest number in population increase, with an additional 673 people between 2000 and 2010.

Children under the age of 18 account for 19.4 percent of the population. The percentage for the age group under the age of 18 has decreased from 20.6 percent in 1990 to 19.8 percent in 2000, to the 19.4 percent in 2010, for a total decline in the population of 413 children.

Adults 65 years and older account for 19.8 percent of the population. This age group increased by 13.1 percent in the City between 1990 and 2010. The age group for those 85 years and older has experienced the greatest percentage increase within individual age groups between 2000 and 2010, increasing 21.7 percent.

For additional information about age structure for the City of Staunton, see Table 4-7. For additional information about comparisons with localities in the area and the Commonwealth of Virginia, see Table 4-8.

Table 4-7- Age and Age Groups - City of Staunton

Median Age - 2010	42.2 Years Up from 39.8 Years in 2000 Up from 36.8 Years in 1990
% of Population Under 18 Years - 2010	19.4% Down from 19.8% in 2000 Down from 20.6% in 1990
% of Population Over 65 Years - 2010	19.8% Up from 18.0% in 2000 Up from 17.0% in 1990
Increase in Population Under 18 Years	1990 to 2000 = Down 299 Persons 2000 to 2010 = Down 114 Persons 1990 to 2010 = Down 413 Persons
Increase in Population Over 65 Years	1990 to 2000 = Up 153 Persons 2000 to 2010 = Up 390 Persons 1990 to 2010 = Up 543 Persons
Age Group with Highest % in Category - 2010	21 to 44 Years = 29.2% or 6,932 Persons Down from 33.2% or 7,911 Persons in 2000 Down from 36.5% or 8,923 Persons in 1990
Age Group with 2nd Highest % in Category - 2010	45 to 64 Years = 27.0% or 6,421 Persons Up from 24.1% or 5,748 Persons in 2000 Up from 21.1% or 5,158 Persons in 1990
Age Group with Lowest % in Category - 2010	85+ Years = 3.0% or 713 Persons Up from 2.5% or 586 Persons in 2000 Up from 1.7% or 423 Persons in 1990
Age Group with the Greatest % Increase	
1990 to 2000	85+ Years = Up 38.5%
2000 to 2010	85+ Years = Up 21.7%
1990 to 2010	85+ Years = Up 68.6%
Age Group with Greatest # Increase	
1990 to 2000	45 to 64 Years = Up 590 Persons
2000 to 2010	45 to 64 Years = Up 673 Persons
1990 to 2010	45 to 64 Years = Up 1,263 Persons
Age Group with Smallest % Increase	
1990 to 2000	21 to 44 Years = Down 11.3%
2000 to 2010	21 to 44 Years = Down 12.4%
1990 to 2010	21 to 44 Years = Down 22.3%
Age Group with Smallest # Increase	
1990 to 2000	21 to 44 Years = Down 1,012 Persons
2000 to 2010	21 to 44 Years = Down 979 Persons
1990 to 2010	21 to 44 Years = Down 1,991 Persons

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Decennial Census, 1990-2010.

Table 4-8- Age and Age Groups – Sub-Regional and State Comparisons

Median Age - 2010	Staunton = 42.2 Years Augusta = 42.9 Years Waynesboro = 38.8 Years Virginia = 37.5 Years
Increase in Median Age - 1990 to 2010	Staunton = Up 5.4 Years Augusta = Up 8.0 Years Waynesboro = Up 2.4 Years Virginia = Up 4.9 Years
% of Population Under 18 Years - 2010	Staunton = 19.4% Augusta = 21.4% Waynesboro = 23.3% Virginia = 23.2%
Increase in Population Under 18 Years - 1990 to 2010	Staunton = Down 8.2% or 413 Persons Augusta = Up 17.0% or 2,290 Persons Waynesboro = Up 14.2% or 609 Persons Virginia = Up 23.2% or 348,939 Persons
% of Population Over 65 Years - 2010	Staunton = 19.8% Augusta = 16.1% Waynesboro = 17.0% Virginia = 12.2%
Increase in Population Over 65 Years - 1990 to 2010	Staunton = Up 13.1% or 543 Persons Augusta = Up 91.5% or 5,657 Persons Waynesboro = Up 14.4% or 448 Persons Virginia = Up 47.0% or 312,467 Persons

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Decennial Census, 1990-2010

Table 4-8 continued- Age and Age Groups – Sub-Regional and State Comparisons

Comparison of Various Age Groups - 2010	
Ages 0 to 20	Staunton = 24.0% or 5,703 Persons Augusta = 24.9% or 18,376 Persons Waynesboro = 26.9% or 5,655 Persons Virginia = 27.5% or 2,201,130 Persons
Ages 21 to 44	Staunton = 29.2% or 6,932 Persons Augusta = 28.0% or 20,682 Persons Waynesboro = 30.5% or 6,397 Persons Virginia = 33.2% or 2,653,993 Persons
Ages 45 to 64	Staunton = 27.0% or 6,421 Persons Augusta = 31.0% or 22,853 Persons Waynesboro = 25.6% or 5,387 Persons Virginia = 27.1% or 2,168,964 Persons
Ages 65 to 74	Staunton = 9.8% or 2,320 Persons Augusta = 9.3% or 6,892 Persons Waynesboro = 8.6% or 1,809 Persons Virginia = 6.9% or 549,804 Persons
Ages 75 to 84	Staunton = 7.0% or 1,657 Persons Augusta = 5.0% or 3,691 Persons Waynesboro = 5.9% or 1,229 Persons Virginia = 3.8% or 304,730 Persons
Ages 85+	Staunton = 3.0% or 713 Persons Augusta = 1.7% or 1,256 Persons Waynesboro = 2.5% or 529 Persons Virginia = 1.5% or 122,403 Persons

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Decennial Census, 1990-2010

Table 4-8 continued- Age and Age Groups – Sub-Regional and State Comparisons

Age Group with Greatest % Increase	
1990 to 2000	
Staunton	85+ Years = Up 38.5%
Augusta	85+ Years = Up 121.2%
Waynesboro	85+ Years = Up 63.5%
Virginia	85+ Years = Up 46.2%
2000 to 2010	
Staunton	85+ Years = Up 21.7%
Augusta	85+ Years = Up 46.7%
Waynesboro	85+ Years = Up 30.0%
Virginia	85+ Years = Up 40.3%
1990 to 2010	
Staunton	85+ Years = Up 68.6%
Augusta	85+ Years = Up 224.5%
Waynesboro	85+ Years = Up 112.4%
Virginia	85+ Years = Up 105.0%
Age Group with Smallest % Increase	
1990 to 2000	
Staunton	21 to 44 Years = Down 11.3%
Augusta	21 to 44 Years = Up 4.5%
Waynesboro	65 to 74 Years = Down 7.6%
Virginia	21 to 44 Years = Up 2.9%
2000 to 2010	
Staunton	21 to 44 Years = Down 12.4%
Augusta	21 to 44 Years = Down 5.8%
Waynesboro	75 to 84 Years = Down 5.2%
Virginia	21 to 44 Years = Up 1.4%
1990 to 2010	
Staunton	21 to 44 Years = Down 22.3%
Augusta	21 to 44 Years = Down 1.7%
Waynesboro	65 to 74 Years = Down 3.8%
Virginia	21 to 44 Years = Up 4.3%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Decennial Census, 1990-2010

Table 4-8 continued- Age and Age Groups – Sub-Regional and State Comparisons

Age Group with Greatest # Increase	
1990 to 2000	
Staunton	45 to 64 Years = Up 590 Persons
Augusta	45 to 64 Years = Up 5,648 Persons
Waynesboro	45 to 64 Years = Up 494 Persons
Virginia	45 to 64 Years = Up 464,892 Persons
2000 to 2010	
Staunton	45 to 64 Years = Up 673 Persons
Augusta	45 to 64 Years = Up 5,299 Persons
Waynesboro	45 to 64 Years = Up 858 Persons
Virginia	45 to 64 Years = Up 538,097 Persons
1990 to 2010	
Staunton	45 to 64 Years = Up 1,263 Persons
Augusta	45 to 64 Years = Up 10,947 Persons
Waynesboro	45 to 64 Years = Up 1,352 Persons
Virginia	45 to 64 Years = Up 1,002,989 Persons
Age Group with Smallest # Increase	
1990 to 2000	
Staunton	21 to 44 Years = Down 1,012 Persons
Augusta	85+ Years = Up 469 Persons
Waynesboro	65 to 74 Years = Down 143 Persons
Virginia	85+ Years = Up 27,557 Persons
2000 to 2010	
Staunton	21 to 44 Years = Down 979 Persons
Augusta	21 to 44 Years = Down 1,285 Persons
Waynesboro	75 to 84 Years = Down 68 Persons
Virginia	75 to 84 Years = Up 32,119 Persons
1990 to 2010	
Staunton	21 to 44 Years = Down 1,991 Persons
Augusta	21 to 44 Years = Down 347 Persons
Waynesboro	65 to 74 Years = Down 71 Persons
Virginia	85+ Years = Up 62,694 Persons

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Decennial Census, 1990-2010

SEX

The 2010 Census indicated that 54.7 percent of the City of Staunton's population is female and 45.3 percent of the City's population is male. In comparison to other localities in the area and Virginia, the percentage of females in the City is higher. The population in the City of Waynesboro is 52.4 percent female and 47.6 percent male. The population in Augusta County is 49.3 percent female and 50.7 percent male. The population in Virginia is 50.9 percent female and 49.1 percent male.

See Table 4-9, Table 4-10 and Figure 4-4 for additional information about sex distribution for the City of Staunton and comparisons with localities in the area and the Commonwealth of Virginia.

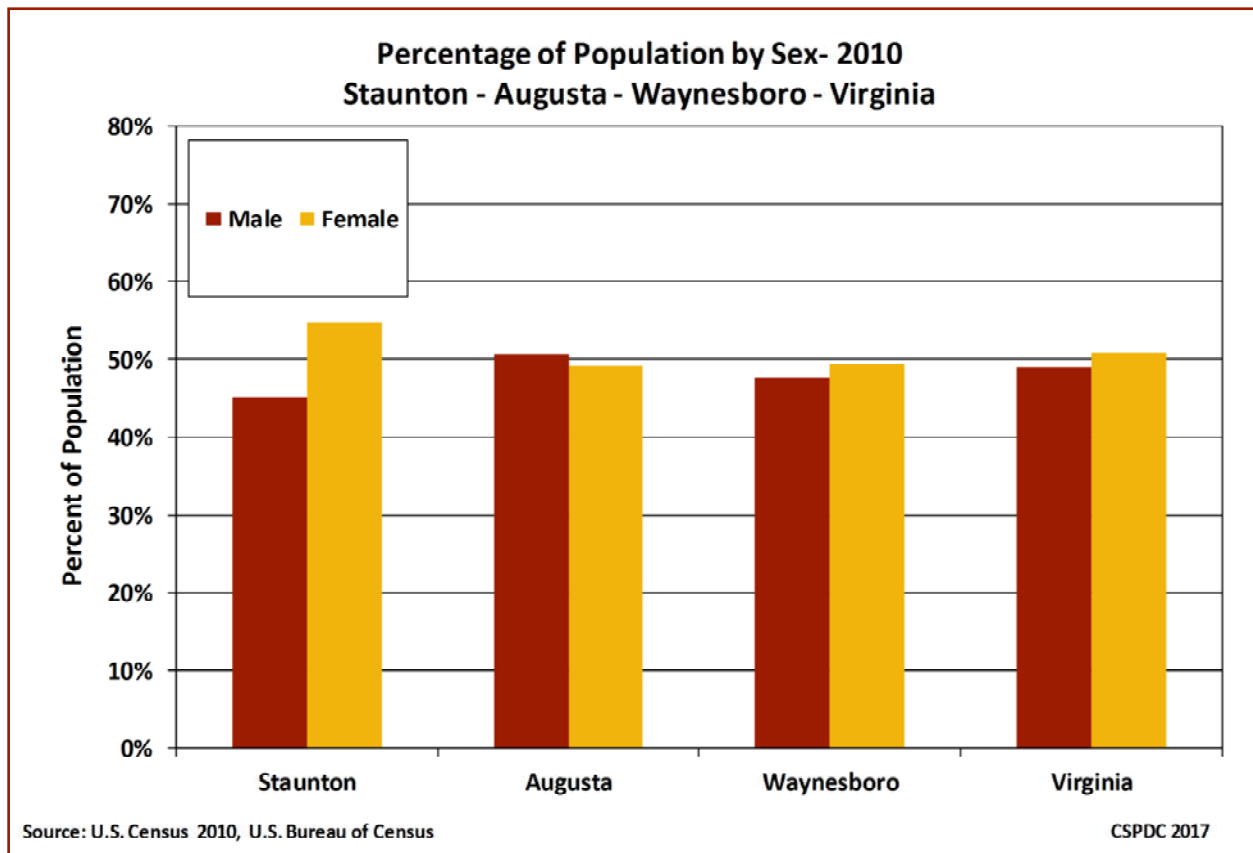
Table 4-9- Sex - City of Staunton	
Female - 2010	54.7% Up from 52.9% 2000 Up from 52.9% in 1990
Male - 2010	45.3% Down from 47.1% 2000 Down from 47.1% in 1990

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Decennial Census, 2010

Table 4-10- Sub-Regional and State Comparisons - Sex	
% Population Female - 2010	Staunton = 54.7% Augusta = 49.3% Waynesboro = 52.4% Virginia = 50.9%
% Population Male - 2010	Staunton = 45.3% Augusta = 50.7% Waynesboro = 47.6% Virginia = 49.1%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Decennial Census, 2010

Figure 4-4 - Percentage of Population by Sex



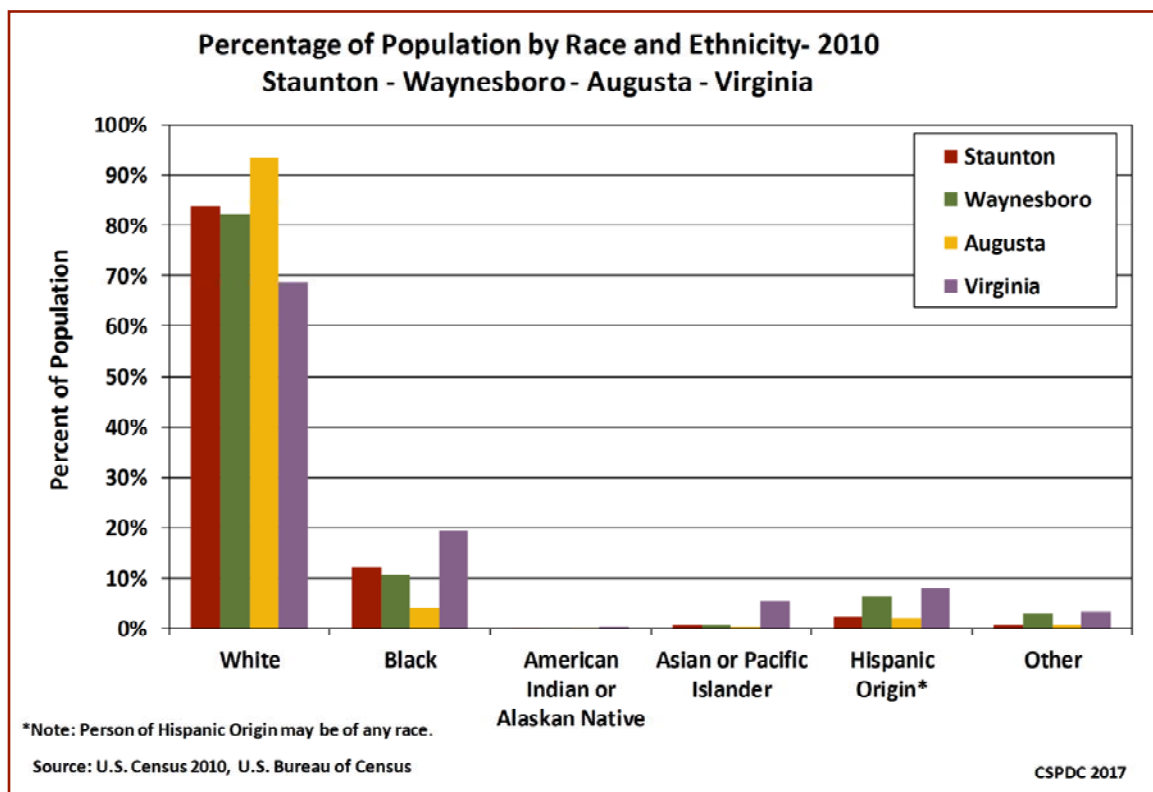
RACE AND ETHNICITY

The distribution of the City of Staunton's population by race and ethnicity is shown in Table 4-11. In 2010, 83.7 percent of the City's population was White, 12.1 percent was Black, 2.2 percent was of Hispanic Origin, 0.2 percent was American Indian or Alaskan Native, 0.8 percent was Asian or Pacific Islander, and 0.8 percent identified as some other race.

Figure 4-5 and Table 4-12 depict the race and ethnicity of the City's population in comparison to the City of Waynesboro, Augusta County and the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Table 4-11- Race and Ethnicity Distribution - City of Staunton	
White - 2010	83.7% Up from 83.3% in 2000; Down from 86.6% in 1990
Black - 2010	12.1% Down from 14.0% in 2000; Down from 12.6% in 1990
American Indian or Alaskan Native - 2010	0.2% Same as 2000; Same as 1990
Asian or Pacific Islander - 2010	0.8% Up from 0.5% in 2000; Up from 0.4% 1990
Hispanic Origin* - 2010	2.2% Up from 1.1% in 2000; Up from 0.7% in 1990
* Note - Hispanic Origin may be of any race	
Other Races - 2010	0.8% Up from 0.5% in 2000; Up from 0.2% in 1990

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Decennial Census, 2010

Figure 4-5 - Percentage of Population by Race and Ethnicity**Table 4-12 - Sub-Regional and State Comparisons - Race and Ethnicity Distribution**

White - 2010	Staunton = 83.7% Waynesboro = 82.2%	Augusta = 93.4% Virginia = 68.6%
Black - 2010	Staunton = 12.1% Waynesboro = 10.6%	Augusta = 4.0% Virginia = 19.4%
American Indian / Alaskan Native - 2010	Staunton = 0.2% Waynesboro = 0.3%	Augusta = 0.2% Virginia = 0.4%
Asian or Pacific Islander - 2010	Staunton = 0.8% Waynesboro = 0.8%	Augusta = 0.5% Virginia = 5.6%
Hispanic Origin* - 2010	Staunton = 2.2% Waynesboro = 6.4%	Augusta = 2.1% Virginia = 7.9%
* Note - Hispanic Origin may be of any race		
Other Races - 2010	Staunton = 0.8% Waynesboro = 2.9%	Augusta = 0.7% Virginia = 3.2%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Decennial Census, 2010

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Educational attainment levels in the City of Staunton increased from 2000 to 2010. During this time period, those with a high school diploma, equivalency or higher education increased 7.1 percent, from 75.6 percent in 2000 to 82.7 percent in 2010. Those with a bachelor's degree or higher education increased 8.1 percent, from 20.4 percent in 2000 to 28.5 percent in 2010.

Table 4-13, Figure 4-6 and Figure 4-7 provide a comparison of the educational attainment levels for the City of Staunton with the City of Waynesboro, Augusta County and the Commonwealth of Virginia. The City has a higher percentage of the population that has obtained bachelor's degrees or higher education compared to Augusta County and the City of Waynesboro.

Table 4-13- Educational Attainment - City of Staunton

Educational Attainment - 2010	
Percent of Staunton Population High School Graduates or Higher	82.7% = Up from 75.6% in 2000
Sub-Regional and State Comparisons	83.7% Augusta County = Up from 78.2% in 2000 81.2% Waynesboro = Up from 77.9% in 2000 86.1% Virginia = Up from 81.5% in 2000
Percent of Staunton Population Bachelor's Degree or Higher	28.5% = Up from 20.4% in 2000
Sub-Regional and State Comparisons	19.1% Augusta County = Up from 15.4% in 2000 21.8% Waynesboro = Up from 20.6% in 2000 33.8% Virginia = Up from 29.5% in 2000

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates 2006-2010

Figure 4-6 - Educational Attainment – Percent High School Graduate or Higher

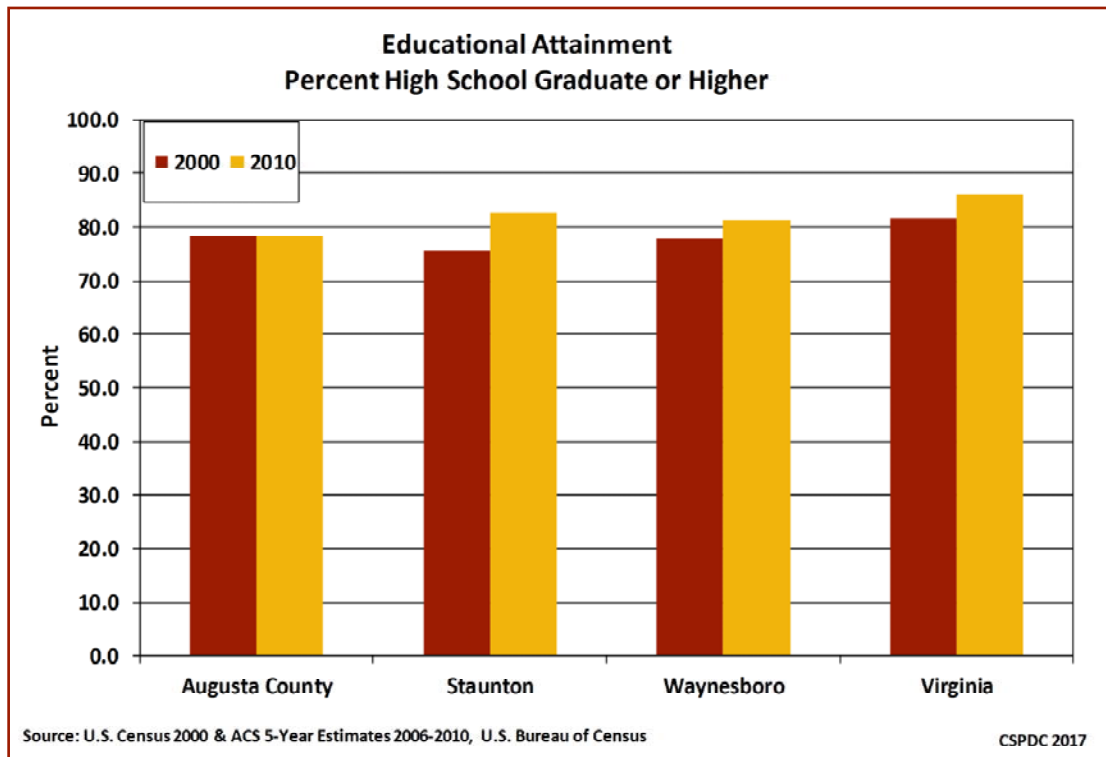
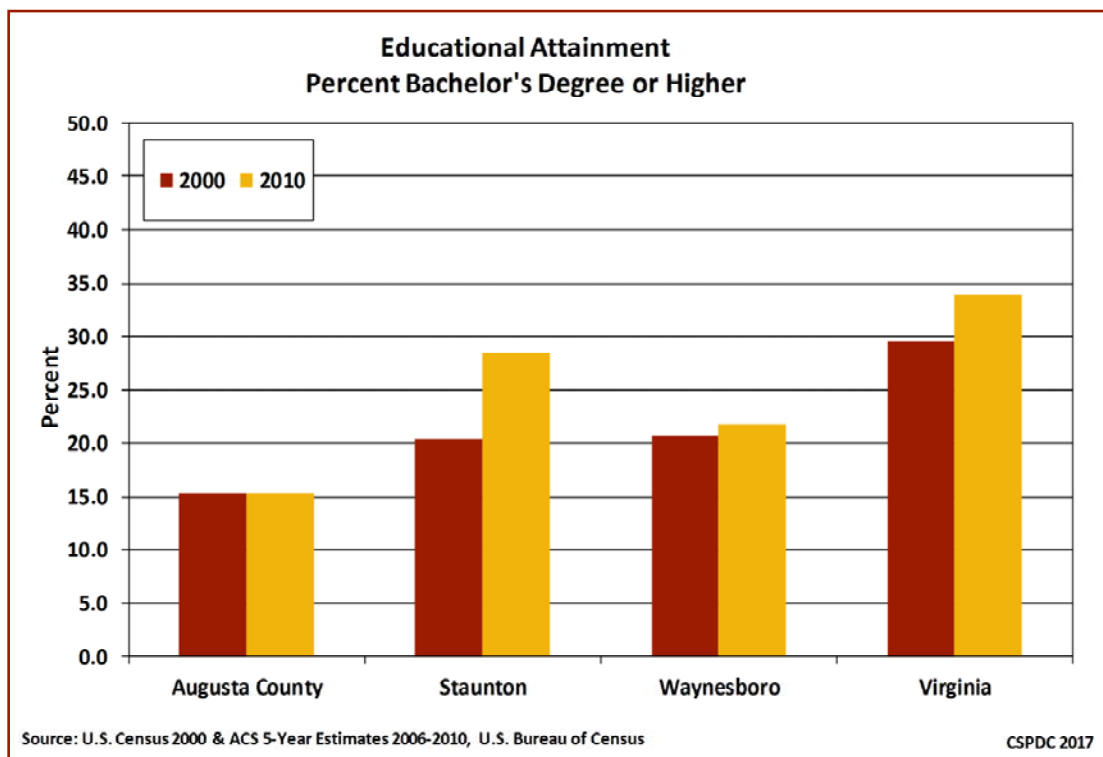


Figure 4-7 - Educational Attainment – Percent Bachelor's Degree or Higher



SUMMARY OF TRENDS

This population analysis has identified the following trends:

- The City of Staunton's population has remained fairly constant since 1960, but has experienced population declines since 1990.
- Although the overall City population has decreased slightly, it is evident that people are migrating to the City based on the population changes related to natural increase and the significant decrease in group quarter populations for institutionalized and noninstitutionalized populations. The decrease in institutionalized numbers may be related to the closing of Staunton Correctional Center in 2003, the relocation of the Augusta County Jail population to Middle River Regional Jail in Augusta County in 2006, and fluctuations in the patient population at Western State Hospital.
- Between 2010 and 2040, the City's population is expected to grow by 7.14 percent. The majority of that growth will occur between 2010 and 2020, with less population growth projected to occur between 2020 and 2040. A population growth of -0.30 is projected between 2030 and 2040.
- The City has a lower population density, with less people per square mile than other comparative areas.
- The number of households in the City has increased and the average number of people per household has decreased. The largest percentage increases in households are female householder families and nonfamily households. Nonfamily households are those where the primary householder lives alone or with nonrelatives.
- The median age in the City of 42.2 years in 2010 has increased by 5.4 years since 1990.
- The two age groups in the City with the highest percentage in population are the working age groups, those ages 21 to 44 and ages 45 to 64. Children under the age of 18 account for 19.4 percent of the population, and adults 65 years and older account for 19.8 percent of the population.
- The City has a higher percentage of the population that is female compared to the City of Waynesboro, Augusta County and the Commonwealth of Virginia.
- Based on population distribution by race and ethnicity, the City is comparable to the City of Waynesboro, more diverse than Augusta County and less diverse than the Commonwealth of Virginia.

- Educational attainment levels in the City have increased. The City has a higher percentage of the population that has obtained a bachelor's degree or higher education compared to Augusta County and the City of Waynesboro.