

POPULATION

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PERMANENT POPULATION AND PERCENT CHANGE:

In the last one hundred years the permanent population in the City of St. Petersburg has increased dramatically. The population increased from 1,575 persons in 1900 to 248,232 in the year 2000.

During the decade 1940 to 1950, even with World War II's effect upon the City's migration and tourism, the City's population increased 59.1 percent. Between the years 1950 and 1960 the permanent population increased 87 percent to 181,298 persons. Until 1960, St. Petersburg's rate of population increase had exceeded Florida's growth rate, which in 1960 was the highest in the Nation. The population growth rate started to slow between the years 1960 -1970, with only 19.3 percent growth, although it still exceeded the National rate. The growth rate slowed to 10.4 percent between 1970 to 1980, and a 0.7 percent increase from 1980 to 1990 due to the increasing scarcity of vacant land for new development. Between 1990 and 2000 the growth rate increased to 3.3 percent, which is primarily attributable to a strong regional economy, and the City's neighborhood improvement program and redevelopment initiatives. Table 1 below shows the rate and percentage of growth from 1900 to 2000.

Table 1
Permanent Population and Percent Change
City of St. Petersburg
1900 - 2000

Year	St. Petersburg	Percent Change	Pinellas County	Percent Change	MSA*	Percent Change	Florida	Percent Change	United States	Percent Change
1900	1,575						528,542		75,994,575	
		162.0						42.4		21
1910	4,127						752,619		91,972,266	
		245.0						28.7		14.9
1920	14,237		28,265				968,470		105,710,620	
		183.9		119.9				51.6		16.1
1930	40,425		62,149				1,468,211		122,775,046	
		50.4		49.8				29.2		7.2
1940	60,812		91,852		285,981		1,897,414		131,669,275	
		59.1		73.4		50.2		46.1		14.5
1950	96,738		159,249		429,672		2,771,305		150,697,361	
		87.4		135.3		88.3		78.7		18.4
1960	181,298		374,665		809,238		4,951,560		178,464,236	
		19.2		39.4		34.5		37.2		13.6
1970	216,159		522,329		1,088,549		6,791,418		203,302,031	
		10.4		39.5		44.1		43.5		11.4
1980	238,647		728,531		1,569,134		9,746,421		226,545,805	
		0.7		16.9		31.8		32.7		9.8
1990	240,318		851,659		2,067,959		12,937,926		248,709,873	
		3.3		8.2		15.9		23.5		13.1
2000	248,232		921,482		2,395,997		15,982,378		281,421,906	

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, The Florida Statistical Abstract, The U.S. Statistical Abstract.

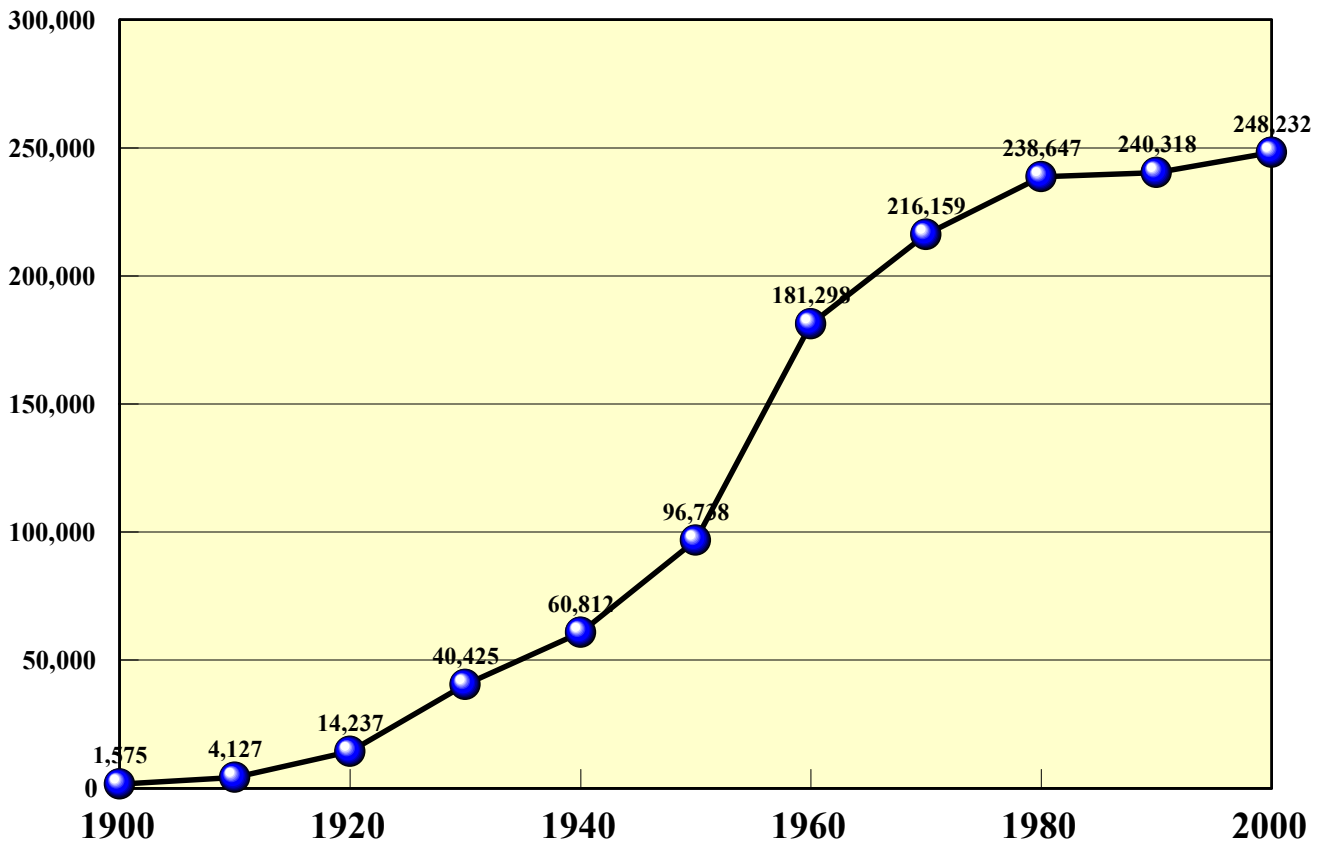
Note: *MSA includes Pinellas, Hillsborough, Pasco, and Hernando Counties.

PERMANENT POPULATION:

Figure 1 below shows the progression of St. Petersburg’s growth from 1900 to 2000. The graph clearly shows that the high growth period in the City was between the years 1920 to 1980 with a growth of approximately 224,000 persons. Between these years, the City of St. Petersburg grew not only by population, but its geographic boundaries changed as well due to annexation.

The growth between the years 1900 to 1920 and 1980 to 2000 was only 23,000 persons. The decline in growth could be due in part to the fact that the city currently has only 5% of vacant land.

Figure 1
Permanent Population
City of St. Petersburg
1900 - 2000



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 1980, 1990, 2000, The Florida Statistical Abstract, The U.S. Statistical Abstract.

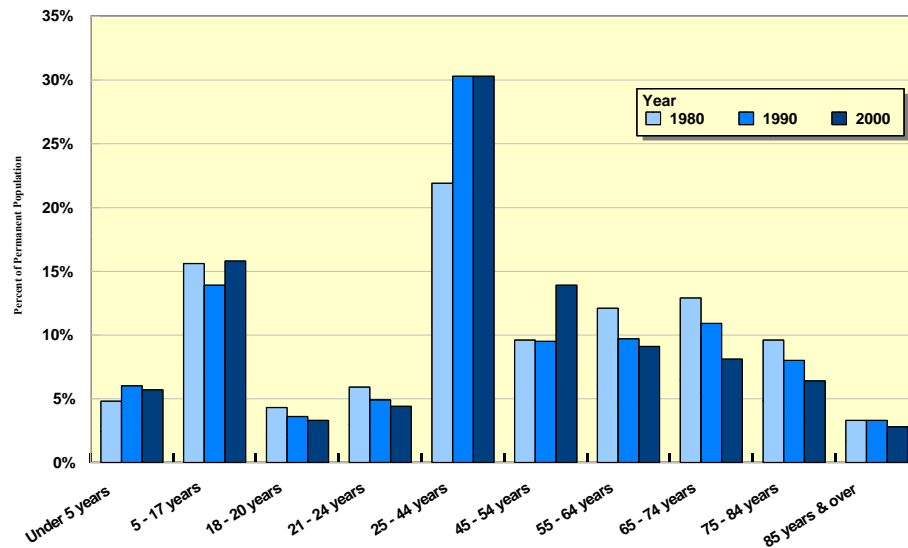
POPULATION BY AGE GROUP:

Table 2 and Figure 2 demonstrate the dramatic changes in the age composition of the City’s permanent population that have occurred since 1980. The 2000 Census shows that the age group of retirees 65 and over has started to decline while the 45 to 54 age group has increased. The age group 5 to 17 has also increased due to the fact that these are the baby boomers children; also know as “echo boomers” or “Generation Y”. The 25 to 44 year olds continue to account for the largest percentage of the population (30%). That percentage did not change between the years 1990 and 2000.

Table 2
Population by Age Group
St. Petersburg
1980 - 2000

Age Group	1980		1990		2000	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Under 5 years	11,483	4.8%	14,281	6.0%	14,123	5.7%
5 - 17 years	37,298	15.6%	33,060	13.9%	39,313	15.8%
18 - 20 years	10,278	4.3%	8,527	3.6%	8,210	3.3%
21 - 24 years	14,037	5.9%	11,704	4.9%	11,000	4.4%
25 - 44 years	52,173	21.9%	72,305	30.3%	75,039	30.3%
45 - 54 years	22,935	9.6%	22,754	9.5%	34,617	13.9%
55 - 64 years	28,955	12.1%	23,053	9.7%	22,757	9.1%
65 - 74 years	30,792	12.9%	25,916	10.9%	20,202	8.1%
75 - 84 years	22,899	9.6%	19,054	8.0%	15,958	6.4%
85 years and over	7,797	3.3%	7,975	3.3%	7,013	2.8%
Total Population	238,647	100.0%	238,629	100.0%	248,232	100.0%

Figure 2
Population by Age Group, St. Petersburg
1980 - 2000



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000

FLORIDA CITIES RANKED BY POPULATION AND MEDIAN AGE:

Table 3 and Table 4 reveal that the City of St. Petersburg ranks fourth in the state by population, and the second youngest municipality in Pinellas County.

**Table 3
Florida Cities Ranked by Population and Median Age
2000**

Rank	City	Population	Median Age
1	Jacksonville	735,617	33.8
2	Miami	362,470	37.7
3	Tampa	303,447	34.7
4	St. Petersburg	248,232	39.3
5	Hialeah	226,419	37.7
6	Orlando	185,951	32.9

**Table 4
Median Age for Cities
Pinellas County
2000**

Pinellas County Municipalities	Median Age
Oldsmar	35.5
St. Petersburg	39.3
Pinellas Park	40.2
Clearwater	41.8
Safety Harbor	42.2
Tarpon Springs	45.4
Kenneth City	45.7
Gulfport	47.3
Largo	47.5
Indian Rocks Beach	48
Dunedin	48.2
Madeira Beach	48.4
Redington Beach	49.9
Belleair Beach	52.4
Treasure Island	52.4
Belleair	52.7
St. Pete Beach	53.7
Redington Shores	55.3
Indian Shores	56.5
North Redington Beach	57.8
Seminole	59.1
Belleair Bluffs	59.6
South Pasadena	70.6
Belleair Shore	n/a

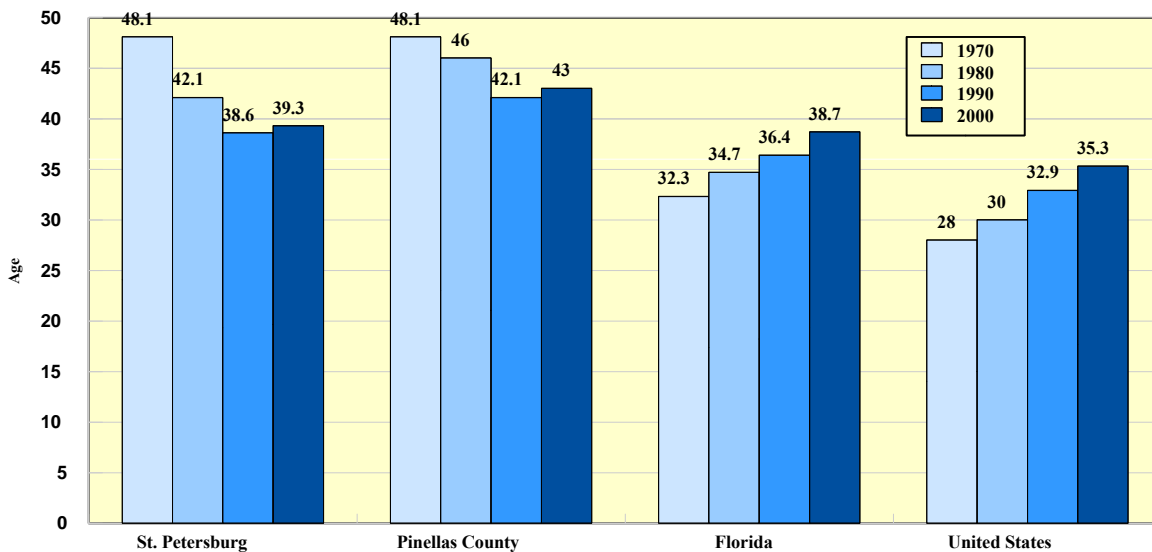
MEDIAN AGE:

Table 5 and Figure 3 reveal that the median age for St. Petersburg and Pinellas County has decreased while the State of Florida and the U.S. has consistently increased. In the past, St. Petersburg has been known as a city with an older population, however, the 2000 Census shows that the age is getting younger. The median age for St. Petersburg is lower than the County, but higher than the State and the Nation.

Table 5
Median Age
St. Petersburg
1970 - 2000

	1970	1980	1990	2000
St. Petersburg	48.1	42.1	38.6	39.3
Pinellas County	48.1	46	42.1	43
Florida	32.3	34.7	36.4	38.7
United States	28	30	32.9	35.3

Figure 3
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St. Petersburg
1970 - 2000



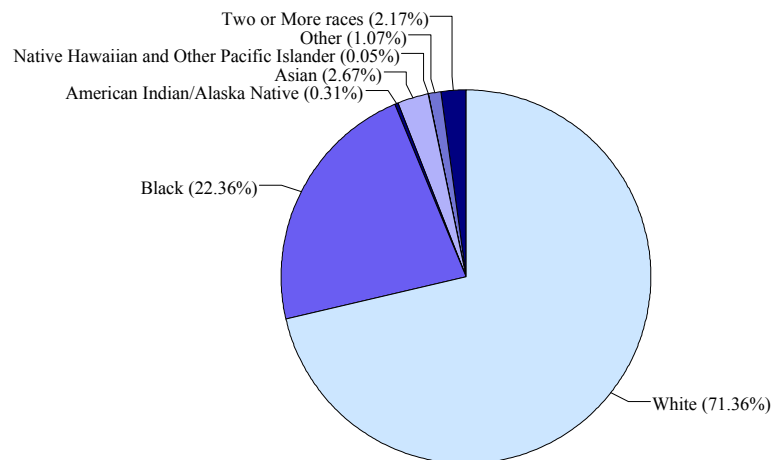
POPULATION BY RACE:

Table 6 and Figure 4 illustrate the racial diversity of St. Petersburg compared to Pinellas County, the State of Florida, and the U.S.

**Table 6
Population By Race
St. Petersburg, Pinellas County, Florida, and the U.S.
2000**

	White		Black		Asian		Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Isld.	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
St. Petersburg	177,133	71.4	55,502	22.4	6,640	2.7	130	0.1
Pinellas County	791,111	85.9	82,556	9	18,984	2.1	484	0.1
Florida	12,465,029	78	2,335,505	14.6	266,256	1.7	8,625	0.1
U.S.	211,460,626	75.1	34,658,190	12.3	10,242,998	3.6	398,835	0.1
	Am. Indian/Alaska Native		Other		*Two or More		Hispanic or Latino	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
St. Petersburg	769	0.3	2,661	1.1	5,397	2.2	10,502	4.2
Pinellas County	2,719	0.3	10,482	1.1	15,146	1.6	42,760	4.6
Florida	53,541	0.3	477,107	3	376,315	2.4	2,682,715	16.8
U.S.	2,475,956	0.9	15,359,073	5.5	6,826,228	2.4	35,305,818	12.5

**Figure 4
Population By Race
St. Petersburg
2000**



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000

Note: * The option "Two or More Races" was added to the 2000 Census, therefore, 1990 race data can not be compared to 2000 race data.