

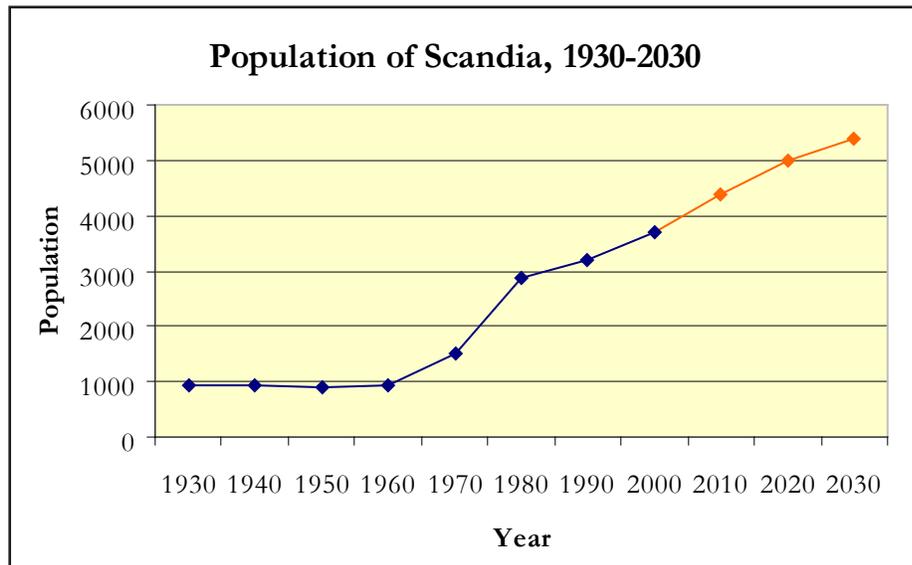
Demographics

Historic and Future Population Trends

According to the U.S. Census, the population of Scandia in 2000 was 3,692. This represented a 15% increase from the 1990 population of 3,197. In 2007, the Metropolitan Council estimated that Scandia had a population of 4,210, an increase of 14% over the 2000 population. According to population projections from the Metropolitan Council, Scandia's population is projected to grow to 5,400 by 2030, a 46% increase over the 2000 population, and a gain of just over 1.5% per year. This steady growth rate offers opportunities for the City of Scandia without overwhelming the community.

Figure 1 - *Population of Scandia*, shows the growth in actual population from 1930 to 2000 and the projected population growth from 2000 to 2030. Through the 1990s, Scandia grew at approximately the same rate as it had in the 1980s (12% in the 1980s, 15% in the 1990s). This growth rate represented a deceleration of the growth seen in Scandia between 1960 and 1980. From 1960 to 1980, the township's population almost tripled, increasing from 950 to 2,858. Many factors contributed to Scandia's growth between 1960 and 1980, including the completion of Interstate 35, improvement of county and state highways, inexpensive land, conversion of seasonal cabins to year-round homes, and an influx of urbanites in search of a rural lifestyle. Previous to this period of growth, Scandia's population had been relatively stable, declining from 941 in 1930 to 899 in 1950 as farm residents moved to more urban areas.

Figure 1 - Population of Scandia



Sources: U.S. Census; Metropolitan Council System Statement, 2005

Tenure

Compared to the rest of Washington County, householders in Scandia have lived in their homes longer. This was true in 1990 and in 2000 (See Tables 9 & 10 - *Householders in Washington County* and *Householders in Scandia*). In Scandia in 1990, the largest group of householders (47.1%) had lived in their homes between 1 and 10 years. The second largest group of householders (38.1%) had lived in their homes between 11 and 20 years. This large group of 11-20 year householders were the people that moved into Scandia in the 1970s, causing the growth in population seen in Figure 1 - *Population of Scandia*, during that decade.

In 2000, approximately the same percent of homeowners (49.6) had lived in their homes between 1 and 10 years as had in 1990. However, the percentage of people living in their homes between 11 and 20 years was smaller than in 1990 (22.0% in 2000; 38.1% in 1990). This reflects the slowdown in growth in the 1980s as compared to the 1970s as seen in Figure 1 - *Population of Scandia*. In 2000, the percentage of people living in Scandia between 21 and 30 years was greater than that in 1990 (23.3% in 2000; 8.0% in 1990). These 21-30 year homeowners were the same group who moved into Scandia in the 1970s.

Table 9 - Householders in Washington County

Washington County		
Years Householder has Lived in Unit		
	1990	2000
1-10 years	67.2	64.7
11-20 years	17.8	21.1
21-30 years	9.1	8.1
31 or more years	6.0	6.2

Source: U.S. Census 1990 and 2000

Table 10 - Householders in Scandia

Scandia		
Years Householder has Lived in Unit		
	1990	2000
1-10 years	47.1	49.6
11-20 years	38.1	22.0
21-30 years	8.0	23.3
31 or more years	6.8	5.1

Source: U.S. Census 1990 and 2000

Growth of Surrounding Communities

Compared to surrounding communities, Scandia was the fifth largest in terms of population in 2000. Stillwater, Forest Lake, Hugo, and Wyoming Township had larger populations. However, ten surrounding communities had faster growth rates than New Scandia during the 1990s: Wyoming Township, Hugo, Wyoming City, Taylors Falls, Chisago City, Center City, Stillwater Township, Lindstrom, Forest Lake, and May Township (See Table 11 - *Population growth in Scandia and surrounding communities*).

Table 11 - Population growth in Scandia and surrounding communities

Year	1970	1980	1990	2000	2006	% Change 2000-2006
Scandia	1,513	2,858	3,197	3,692	4,189	13
Center City	324	458	451	582	618	6
Chisago City	1,068	1,634	2,009	2,622	4,307	64
Forest Lake City	3,207	4,596	5,833	6,798	17,424	156
Forest Lake Township*	2,990	5,331	6,690	7,642		
Franconia Township	650	1,007	1,151	1,128	1,387	23
Hugo City	2,732	3,771	4,417	6,363	10,361	63
Lindstrom City	1,260	1,972	2,461	3,015	3,966	32
Marine On St. Croix	513	543	602	602	695	15
May Township	1,298	2,076	2,535	2,928	3,251	11
Osceola Township				2,085	2,450	18
Osceola Village	1,152	1,581	2,075	2,421	2,619	8
St. Croix Falls City	1,425	1,497	1,640	2,033	2,135	5
St. Croix Falls Township				1,119	1,193	7
Stillwater City	10,191	12,290	13,882	15,143	17,929	18
Stillwater Township	1,014	1,599	2,066	2,553	2,612	2
Taylors Falls City	587	623	694	951	1,054	11
Wyoming City	695	1,559	2,142	3,048	3,760	23
Wyoming Township*	1,262	2,312	2,967	4,379	3,562	-19

* Tracking population changes between 1990 and 2006 was complicated by changing municipal boundaries. Portions of Forest Lake Township have been annexed by other communities. The entirety of Forest Lake Township was annexed by the City of Forest Lake.

Sources: U.S. Census data from the Minnesota State Demographer’s Office; Metropolitan Council; Wisconsin Department of Administration

Population Age Trends

Following national trends of aging baby boomers, Table 12 - *Scandia population age*, shows that in the 1990s the township’s fastest growing age cohorts were the 55-59 cohort, the 60-64 cohort, and the 75-84 cohort. Figure 2 - *Age distribution percent change*, shows that the number of persons in some of the younger cohorts in Scandia actually declined between 1990 and 2000, including the 0-5 cohort, the 5-9 cohort, the 20-24 cohort and the 25-34 cohort. Neither Washington nor Chisago County showed any decline in the number of people in any age cohort (Figure 2 - *Age distribution percent change*). As compared to Washington and Chisago County, Scandia showed a greater decline in the number of young people. Scandia’s increase in the number of older people was greater than Chisago County and fairly equivalent to Washington County (see Figure 2 - *Age distribution percent change*).

Table 13 - *Median age*, also confirms the presence of an aging trend in Scandia and surrounding communities. Between 1990 and 2000, Scandia’s median age changed from 35.6 to 40.3. The median age in Chisago County and Washington County also grew during the 1990s, but Scandia maintained the oldest median age.

Table 12 - Scandia population age

Scandia Population Age		
	1990	2000
Under 5	216	201
5 - 9	283	232
10 - 14	260	313
15 - 19	279	320
20 - 24	145	141
25 - 34	382	274
35 - 44	638	698
45 - 54	481	731
55 - 59	137	257
60 - 64	113	182
65 - 74	169	198
75 - 84	78	125
85 and over	16	20

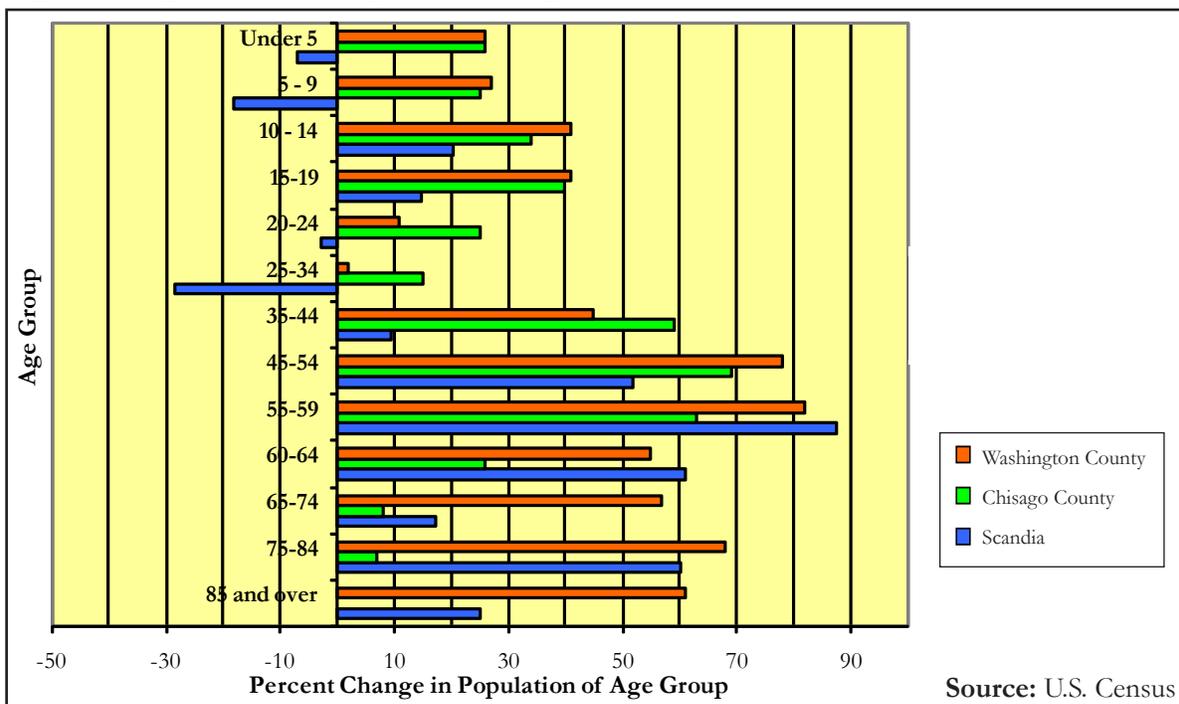
Source: U.S. Census 1990 and 2000

Table 13 - Median age

Median Age			
	Chisago County	Washington County	Scandia
1990	32.2	31.5	35.6
2000	34.7	35.9	40.3

Source: U.S. Census 1990 and 2000

Figure 2 - Age distribution percent change, 1990 - 2000



Households

In 2007, the Metropolitan Council estimated that Scandia had 1,490 households with 2,810 persons per household. The number of households in Scandia is projected by the Metropolitan Council to grow to 2,100 in 2030, 62% more than the 1,294 households in 2000, as shown in Table 14 - *Scandia Household size and number*. The number of households is growing at a faster rate than population growth. This indicates that the number of persons per household will be fewer in 2030. The number of persons per household was 2.84 in 2000 and is projected to be only 2.57 in 2030. This continues a downward trend in household size that began in the 1970s. Household size and the number of new households will influence housing needs in Scandia.

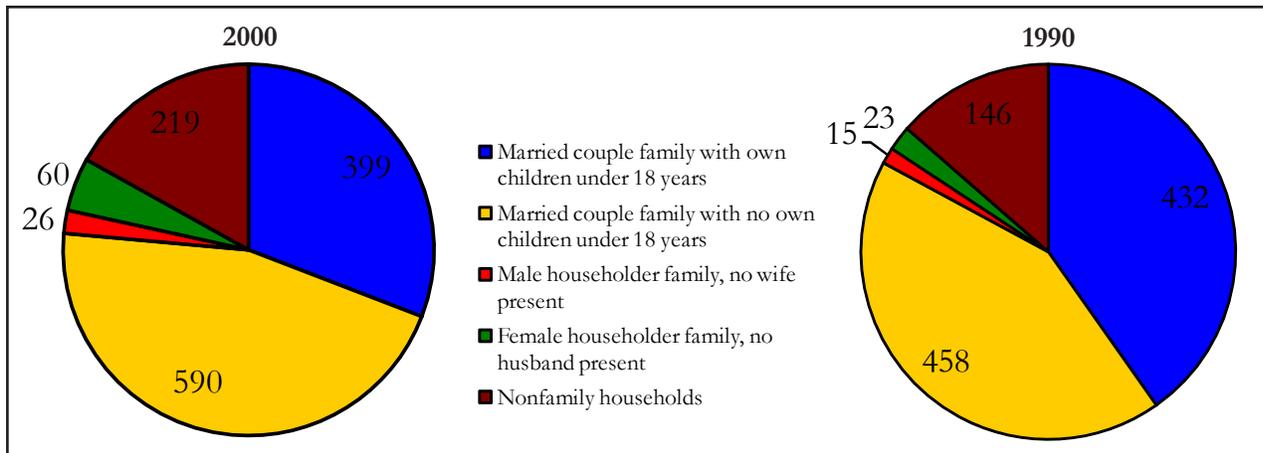
Scandia’s household type composition changed slightly in 2000 as compared to 1990. Figure 3 - *Scandia household type*, compares household type in Scandia in 1990 and 2000. A greater proportion of households consisted of married couples without children under age 18 in 2000 than in 1990. There was also a greater proportion of non-family households in 2000. Non-family households are households comprised of unmarried individuals without children. These two trends may be explained by the growing number of older persons in Scandia.

Table 14 - Scandia household size and number

Scandia Household Size and Number							
Year	Actual counts				Projections		
	1970	1980	1990	2000	2010	2020	2030
Number of Households	408	851	1,060	1,294	1590	1890	2100
Persons per Household	3.87	3.36	3.02	2.84	2.75	2.65	2.57

Source: U.S. Census; Metropolitan Council, New Scandia System Statement 2005.

Figure 3 - Scandia household type



Source: U.S. Census 1990 and 2000

Growth Projections by TAZ

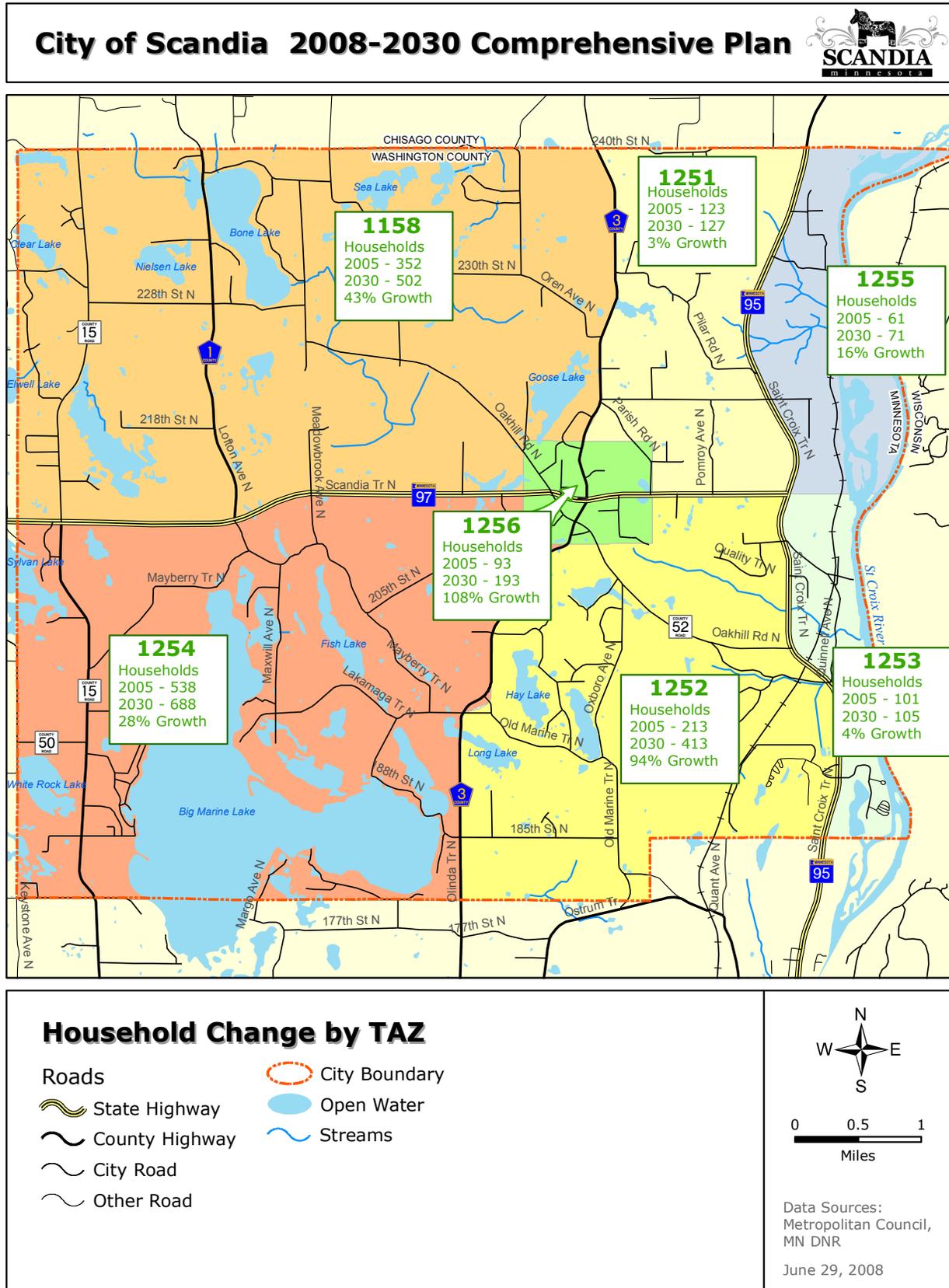
Map 12 - Household Change by TAZ, shows Washington County’s Projections for household growth in Scandia’s seven Traffic Analysis Zones (TAZ). Washington County predicts that Scandia will grow by 618 households between 2005 and 2030. The southeast corner of Scandia is projected to grow the most, gaining 200 additional households. The northwest quadrant and the southwest quadrant of Scandia will each grow by 150 households. The village of Scandia will grow by 100 households. The area directly adjacent to the St. Croix is expected to grow only very slowly, with only 10 households projected for the northern section along the river and four households for the southern section. The northeast quadrant of Scandia will also grow slowly, gaining only four new households. The TAZ growth projections should be taken only as approximations. The precision implied is not possible with such small areas and numbers.

Ethnicity

Scandia is a relatively homogenous community. As shown in Table 15 - Race, in the 2000 U.S. Census, 97.9 percent of the people of Scandia listed themselves as white. The next largest group in 2000 reported that they belong to two or more races. This group consisted of only 30 people or 0.8% of the total population in Scandia. (The 2000 Census was the first Census where respondents could choose the option of “two or more races.”) Twenty-eight people claimed Hispanic heritage (any race) in 2000, up from 18 people in 1990.

The most common self-reported ethnicity in Scandia in 2000 was German (36.6%) as shown in Table 16 - Ethnicity. The next most common was Swedish, followed by Norwegian and Irish. Only 12.8% of the population claimed an ethnicity other than these four. Individuals were allowed to claim more than one ethnicity.

Map 12 - Household Change by TAZ



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Table 15 - Race

Scandia - Race by Percentage		
	1990	2000
White	99.2	97.9
Black	.1	0.2
Native American	.1	0.2
Asian	.4	0.6
Other race	.1	0.3
Two or more races	N/A	0.8

Source: U.S. Census 1990 and 2000

Current Conditions

Table 16 - Ethnicity

Ethnicity in 2000		
	People Claiming Ethnicity	% of Total Population
German	1,353	36.6
Irish	625	16.9
Norwegian	447	12.1
Swedish	799	21.6
Other	468	12.8

Source: U.S. Census 1990 and 2000

Educational Attainment

Between 1990 and 2000 Scandia's adult population became more educated. The percentage of people with college education rose while the percent of people with high school or lower levels of education fell. A similar trend was seen in Washington County. Table 17 - *Education*, shows educational attainment for the population over 25 in Washington County and Scandia in 1990 and 2000.

Table 17 - Education

Educational Attainment for Population Over 25 by Percentage				
	Washington County		Scandia	
	1990	2000	1990	2000
Less than 9th grade	3.4	1.5	3.7	1.8
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	6.5	4.4	9.8	5.4
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	33.3	26.0	39.9	32.4
Some college, no degree	21.1	25.8	21.8	24.3
Associate degree	9.4	8.3	6.7	8.2
Bachelor's degree	18.8	23.4	18.0	20.1
Graduate or professional degree	7.5	10.5		7.9

Source: U.S. Census 1990 and 2000