

# Demographic Trends for Thurston County

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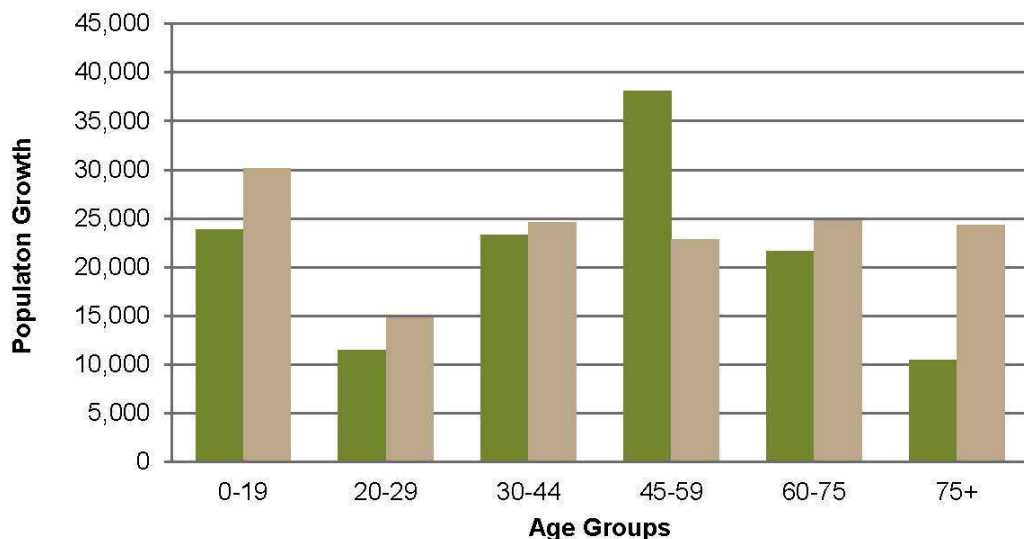
*Changes in demographics are expected to change the housing demand in the next 30 years.*

### Demographic Trends

Thurston Regional Planning Council's (TRPC's) latest population forecast shows that an additional 140,000 people are expected to move to Thurston County by 2040. Population growth occurs both due to natural increase (births minus deaths) and net migration (or the difference between people moving to the county minus those moving out). In general, migration into Thurston County is higher than that of Washington State – perhaps reflecting the high quality of life and stable economy.

A comparison of growth by age group gives an indication of how planning needs are changing. Between 1980 and 2010 we saw strong growth in the 45-59 age group – an age group that typically sought out single-family homes in the suburbs. In the next 30 years, this particular age group will be a smaller portion of the market – with the younger age group (Millennium/Baby Boom Echo Generation) and older age groups (Baby Boom) driving the housing market. These age groups tend to seek out smaller, more accessible housing in neighborhoods with greater activity and accessibility.

### Demographic Differences between the Past and Future 30-year Planning Periods Thurston County, Washington



Sources: Thurston Regional Planning Council, 2012.

**Population Forecast by Age-Gender Cohorts  
Thurston County, 1980-2040**

Age	1980			1985			1990			1995		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
<b>0-4</b>	4,918	4,762	9,680	5,592	5,268	10,860	6,085	5,605	11,690	6,845	6,432	13,277
<b>5-9</b>	4,945	4,683	9,628	5,458	5,196	10,654	6,586	6,296	12,882	7,339	7,024	14,363
<b>10-14</b>	5,410	5,050	10,460	5,440	5,063	10,503	6,393	5,864	12,257	7,861	7,220	15,081
<b>15-19</b>	5,685	5,424	11,109	5,502	5,275	10,777	5,786	5,572	11,358	6,994	6,567	13,561
<b>20-24</b>	5,323	5,436	10,759	5,252	5,419	10,671	5,176	5,293	10,469	5,853	5,946	11,799
<b>25-29</b>	5,507	5,966	11,473	5,884	6,115	11,999	5,868	6,134	12,002	6,460	6,426	12,886
<b>30-34</b>	5,395	5,633	11,028	6,041	6,499	12,540	6,631	7,189	13,820	7,366	7,644	15,010
<b>35-39</b>	4,395	4,339	8,734	5,862	6,226	12,088	6,947	7,729	14,676	8,003	8,711	16,714
<b>40-44</b>	3,341	3,241	6,582	4,671	4,648	9,319	6,645	6,947	13,592	7,886	8,509	16,395
<b>45-49</b>	2,926	2,927	5,853	3,552	3,522	7,074	5,092	5,019	10,111	7,101	7,430	14,531
<b>50-54</b>	2,855	3,005	5,860	3,039	3,044	6,083	3,663	3,595	7,258	5,439	5,390	10,829
<b>55-59</b>	2,757	3,005	5,762	2,842	3,112	5,954	3,025	3,265	6,290	3,903	4,005	7,908
<b>60-64</b>	2,471	2,635	5,106	2,799	3,183	5,982	2,861	3,265	6,126	3,185	3,421	6,606
<b>65-69</b>	1,924	2,273	4,197	2,355	2,702	5,057	2,771	3,293	6,064	2,916	3,384	6,300
<b>70-74</b>	1,379	1,830	3,209	1,831	2,311	4,142	2,230	2,659	4,889	2,642	3,298	5,940
<b>75-79</b>	867	1,382	2,249	1,131	1,704	2,835	1,495	2,158	3,653	1,806	2,555	4,361
<b>80-84</b>	508	946	1,454	632	1,169	1,801	812	1,501	2,313	1,124	1,903	3,027
<b>85+</b>	346	775	1,121	403	994	1,397	510	1,278	1,788	697	1,660	2,357
<b>Total</b>	<b>60,952</b>	<b>63,312</b>	<b>124,264</b>	<b>68,286</b>	<b>71,450</b>	<b>139,736</b>	<b>78,576</b>	<b>82,662</b>	<b>161,238</b>	<b>93,420</b>	<b>97,525</b>	<b>190,945</b>

Sources: 1980, 1990 and 2000 Census, 1985, 2005 OFM Estimates, and TRPC - Population and Employment Forecast Work Program, 2012.  
**Explanation:** Figures are as of April 1; darkest shading represents baby boom echo; lighter shading represents baby boom.

**Population Forecast by Age-Gender Cohorts  
Thurston County, 1980-2040**

Age	2000			2005			2010			2015		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
<b>0-4</b>	6,597	6,293	12,890	6,867	6,571	13,438	7,922	7,459	15,381	7,909	7,517	15,425
<b>5-9</b>	7,330	7,049	14,379	7,244	6,989	14,233	8,037	7,592	15,629	8,553	8,292	16,845
<b>10-14</b>	7,957	7,390	15,348	8,183	7,597	15,779	8,587	7,972	16,559	8,998	8,236	17,234
<b>15-19</b>	8,224	7,622	15,845	8,813	8,234	17,046	8,881	8,335	17,216	9,102	8,682	17,785
<b>20-24</b>	6,690	6,701	13,391	7,794	7,801	15,595	8,101	8,224	16,325	8,248	8,218	16,466
<b>25-29</b>	6,538	6,428	12,967	6,905	6,757	13,662	8,602	8,804	17,406	8,286	8,413	16,699
<b>30-34</b>	7,070	7,068	14,138	6,885	6,854	13,739	8,202	8,407	16,609	8,684	8,809	17,494
<b>35-39</b>	7,929	8,370	16,298	7,670	7,920	15,590	7,986	8,290	16,276	8,737	9,047	17,784
<b>40-44</b>	8,304	9,101	17,405	8,425	9,195	17,620	8,315	8,416	16,731	8,434	8,728	17,162
<b>45-49</b>	8,295	9,007	17,302	9,235	9,915	19,150	8,785	9,323	18,108	8,963	9,136	18,098
<b>50-54</b>	7,514	7,777	15,291	8,813	9,223	18,036	8,946	9,989	18,935	9,190	9,710	18,900
<b>55-59</b>	5,385	5,445	10,830	7,407	7,616	15,023	8,572	9,913	18,485	8,900	9,964	18,864
<b>60-64</b>	3,757	3,852	7,609	5,009	5,128	10,136	7,534	8,306	15,840	8,147	9,371	17,519
<b>65-69</b>	2,972	3,298	6,269	3,488	3,781	7,270	5,213	5,799	11,012	6,913	7,726	14,639
<b>70-74</b>	2,578	3,187	5,766	2,692	3,165	5,857	3,405	3,867	7,272	4,537	5,346	9,883
<b>75-79</b>	2,046	2,980	5,026	2,069	2,897	4,966	2,562	2,995	5,557	2,805	3,509	6,313
<b>80-84</b>	1,396	2,191	3,587	1,585	2,496	4,081	1,786	2,590	4,376	1,935	2,490	4,425
<b>85+</b>	937	2,020	2,957	1,223	2,516	3,739	1,516	3,031	4,547	1,644	3,224	4,867
<b>Total</b>	<b>101,519</b>	<b>105,779</b>	<b>207,298</b>	<b>110,306</b>	<b>114,655</b>	<b>224,961</b>	<b>122,952</b>	<b>129,312</b>	<b>252,264</b>	<b>129,984</b>	<b>136,418</b>	<b>266,402</b>

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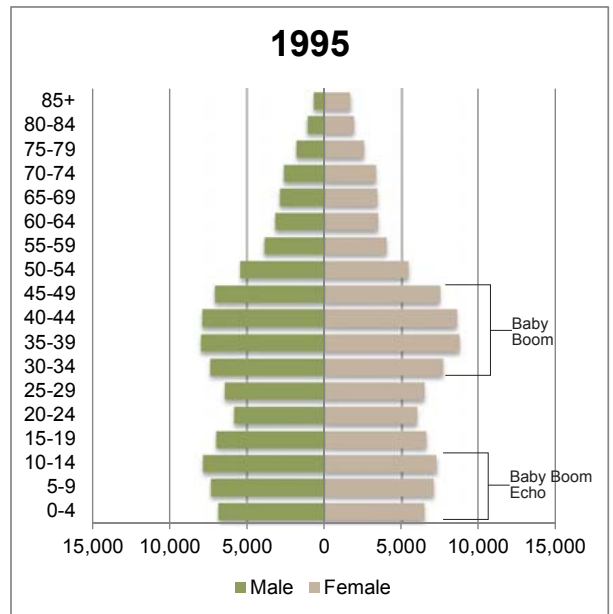
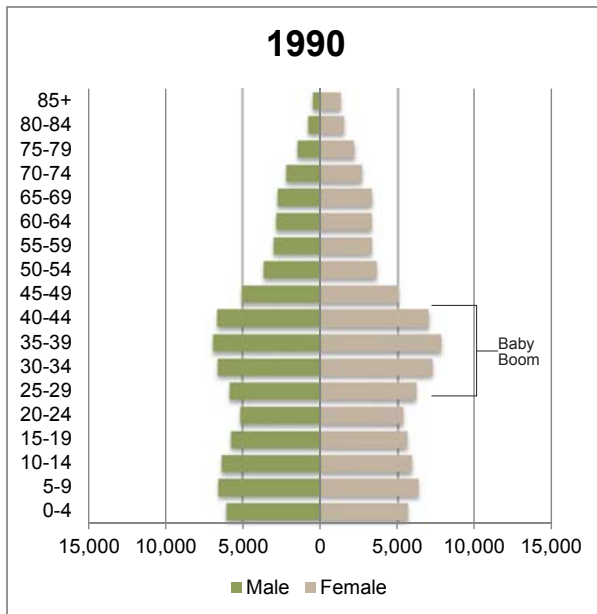
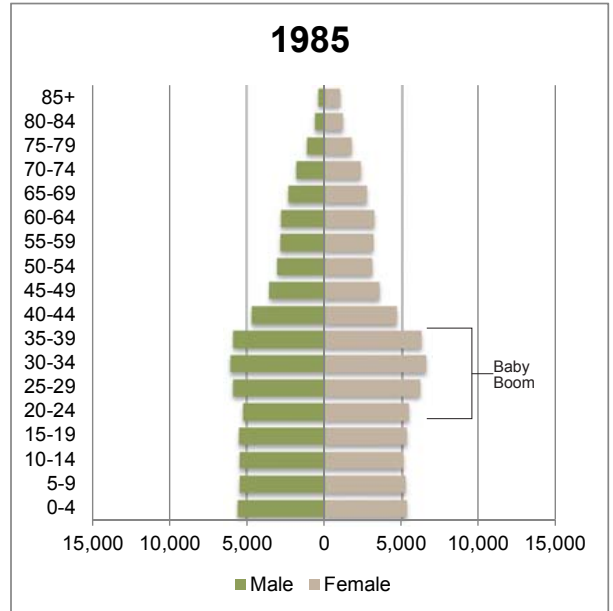
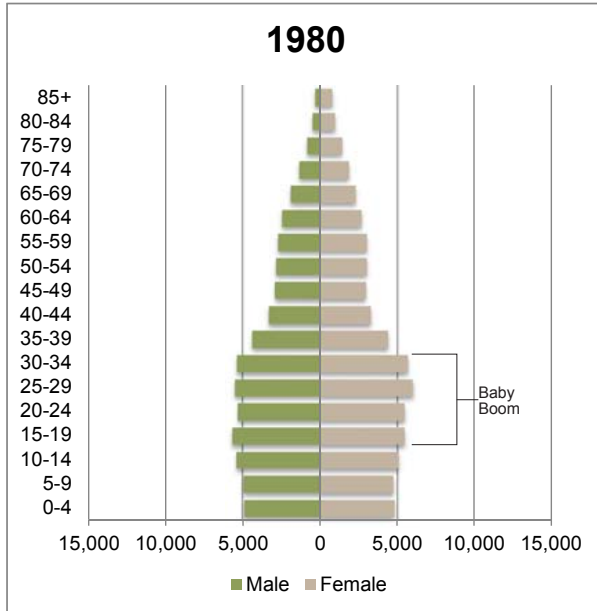
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	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
0-4	8,511	8,097	16,608	9,061	8,619	17,680	9,575	9,109	18,684	10,116	9,623	19,739	10,689	10,168	20,857
5-9	9,340	9,112	18,452	9,891	9,660	19,551	10,507	10,261	20,768	11,036	10,781	21,817	11,642	11,373	23,015
10-14	10,085	9,420	19,504	10,869	10,196	21,065	11,533	10,829	22,362	12,180	11,437	23,617	12,778	12,001	24,779
15-19	10,153	9,551	19,704	11,174	10,643	21,817	12,045	11,513	23,558	12,745	12,188	24,933	13,431	12,845	26,277
20-24	8,986	9,108	18,094	9,797	9,838	19,635	10,686	10,801	21,487	11,444	11,587	23,031	12,094	12,250	24,344
25-29	9,294	9,287	18,581	9,596	9,730	19,326	10,442	10,545	20,987	11,218	11,382	22,600	11,982	12,174	24,157
30-34	9,364	9,439	18,803	10,107	10,099	20,207	10,334	10,443	20,777	11,155	11,257	22,412	11,923	12,072	23,996
35-39	9,988	10,218	20,206	10,641	10,855	21,496	11,405	11,572	22,977	11,544	11,831	23,375	12,432	12,742	25,174
40-44	9,573	9,873	19,445	10,784	11,017	21,801	11,522	11,751	23,274	12,256	12,455	24,711	12,366	12,681	25,046
45-49	9,442	9,763	19,205	10,487	10,808	21,295	11,792	12,052	23,844	12,579	12,844	25,423	13,335	13,578	26,913
50-54	9,605	9,745	19,350	9,980	10,249	20,229	11,009	11,267	22,276	12,331	12,524	24,855	13,157	13,355	26,512
55-59	9,406	10,005	19,411	9,699	9,937	19,636	10,048	10,394	20,442	11,019	11,352	22,372	12,328	12,606	24,934
60-64	8,820	9,818	18,638	9,285	9,878	19,163	9,515	9,781	19,296	9,815	10,168	19,983	10,722	11,058	21,781
65-69	7,845	9,073	16,918	8,552	9,594	18,147	9,033	9,731	18,764	9,194	9,592	18,786	9,466	9,928	19,394
70-74	6,218	7,389	13,607	7,084	8,658	15,743	7,801	9,281	17,082	8,259	9,463	17,722	8,398	9,316	17,714
75-79	3,839	4,953	8,792	5,262	6,806	12,068	6,063	8,014	14,077	6,752	8,688	15,440	7,187	8,922	16,109
80-84	2,230	2,998	5,228	3,032	4,155	7,186	4,197	5,731	9,928	4,898	6,785	11,683	5,544	7,473	13,017
85+	1,886	3,429	5,315	2,200	3,923	6,124	2,896	5,074	7,971	3,087	5,002	8,089	3,679	5,972	9,651
<b>Total</b>	<b>144,583</b>	<b>151,278</b>	<b>295,861</b>	<b>157,502</b>	<b>164,665</b>	<b>322,167</b>	<b>170,404</b>	<b>178,150</b>	<b>348,554</b>	<b>181,627</b>	<b>188,961</b>	<b>370,589</b>	<b>193,152</b>	<b>200,515</b>	<b>393,667</b>

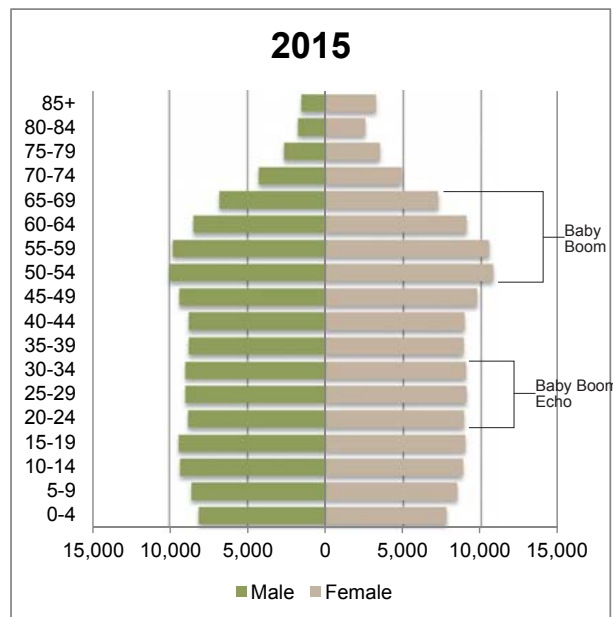
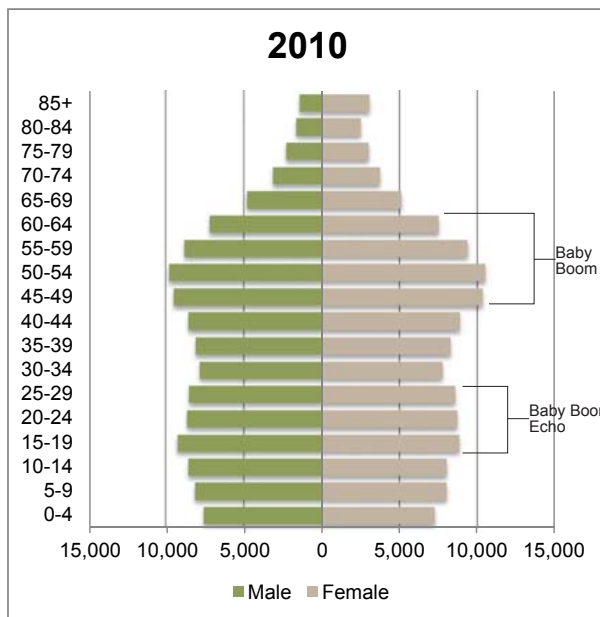
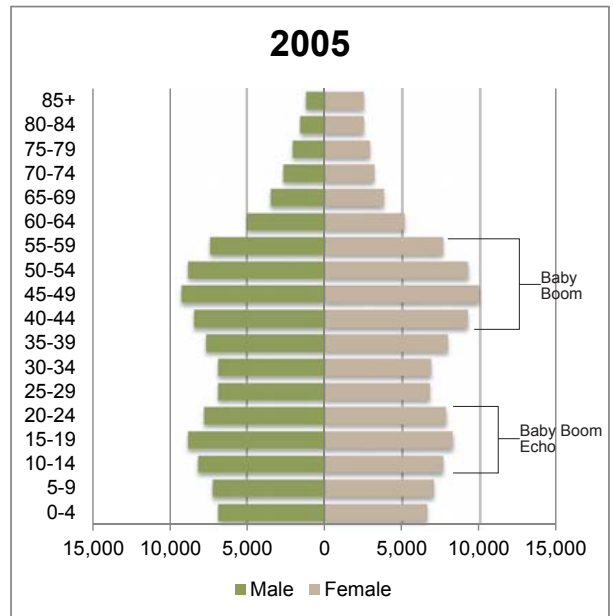
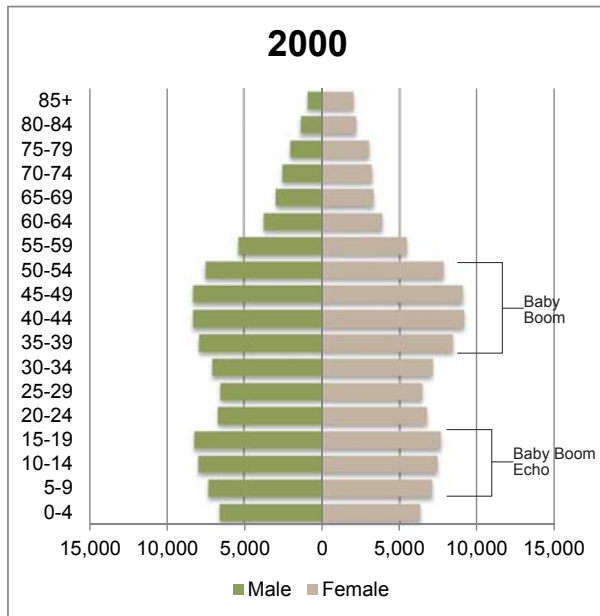
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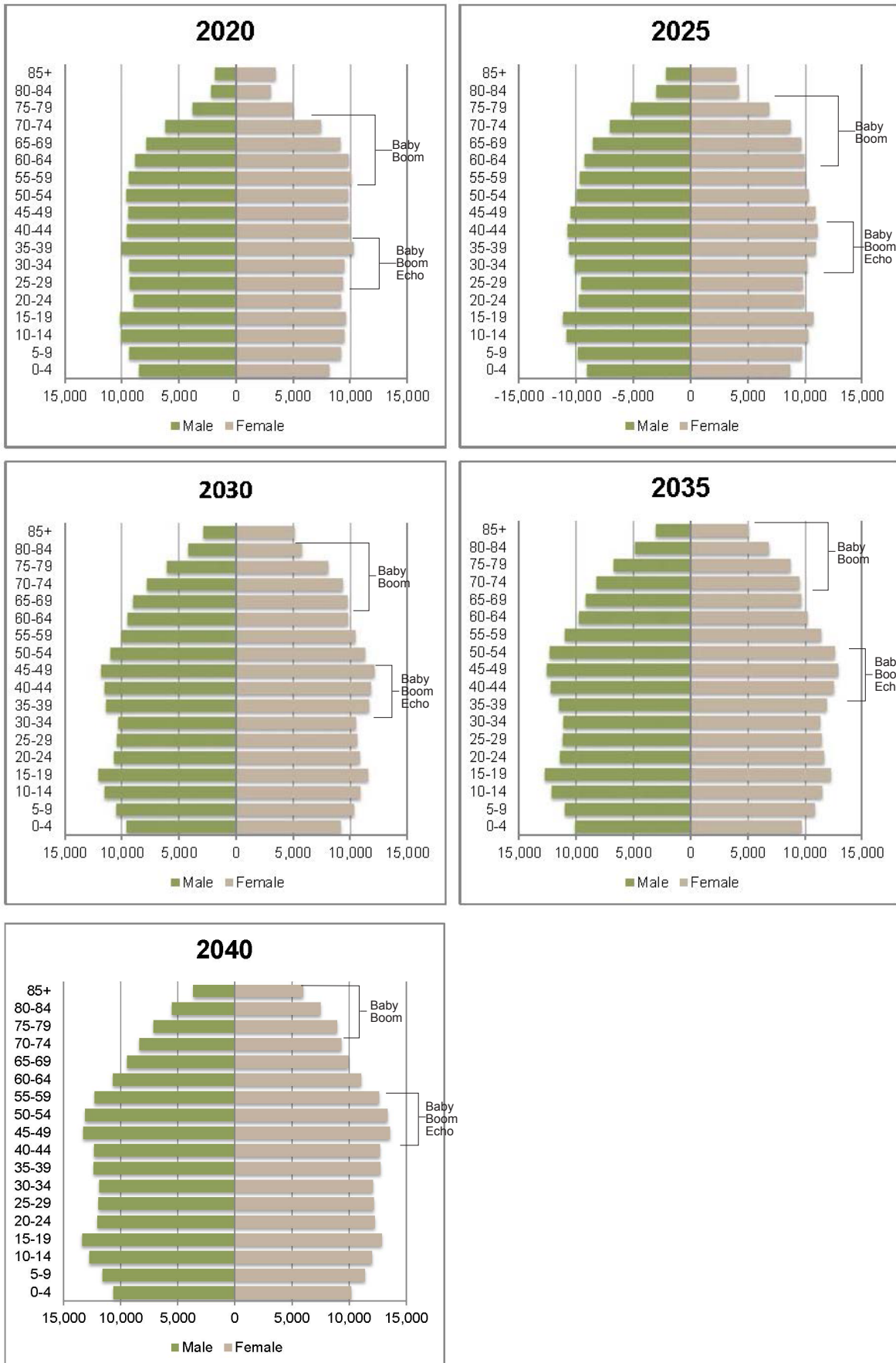
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