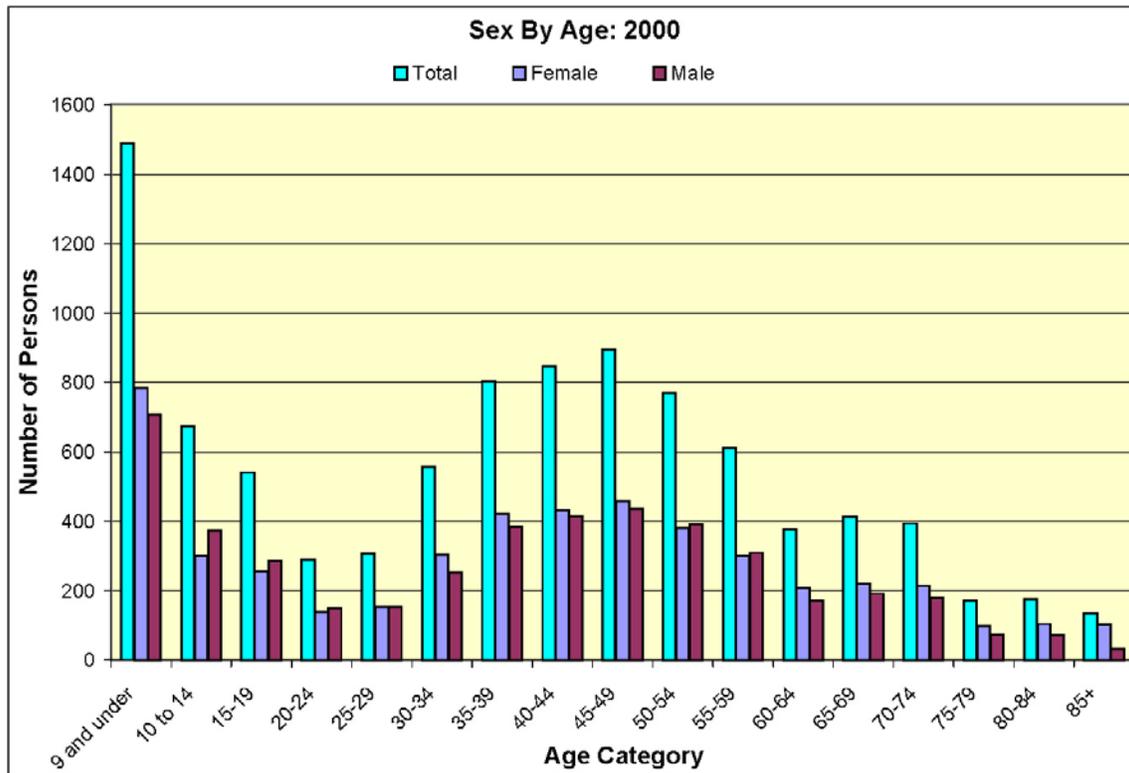


Chart 1



Source: US. Census

In year 2000, the largest age group in the Township was 9 years and under with a total of 1490 people. However, the age group with the highest increase between 1990 through 2000 was 35-39 with a 30% increase over this 10-year period. It is natural to assume a proportional increase in the age groups of 35 to 39 and 40 to 44 to be the corresponding parents. The increase in age group 35 to 39 supports this assumption, while the 40 to 44 age group decreased which may imply that families are leaving upon reaching their children's adolescent years. Another factor that may explain the increase of the under 9 year old age group may be the new trend of career-focused individuals or families who are giving birth at later stages in their lives. If this factor were indeed true, then it would also explain the decline of age groups 20 to 34 in the Township. These declining age groups may be the upwardly mobile professionals who are looking for ideal opportunities in areas or environments outside the Township and who cannot yet afford to live in River Vale.

Although the age groups 20 through 34 and 60 through 64 declined, there has been an overall increase in the age groups of 45 through 59 and 65 through 85 and over. The increase also shows the female population outnumbering the male from 60 years of age onwards, which is not unusual as the nationwide sex ratio of people of 65 years and over is 0.71 male per female. These trends in population age are also reflected in a slight decline in household size from 3.0 to 2.8 between 1990 through 2000.

Thus, from the data gathered, the largest group is children under the age of 9, followed by the age group of people 60 and over, with some decline in young adults reflecting children being born later in life. This could indicate a need to:

- a. expand school capacity (recently completed in River Vale);
- b. expand senior housing and senior oriented services and activities, including recreation;