

POPULATION & GROWTH

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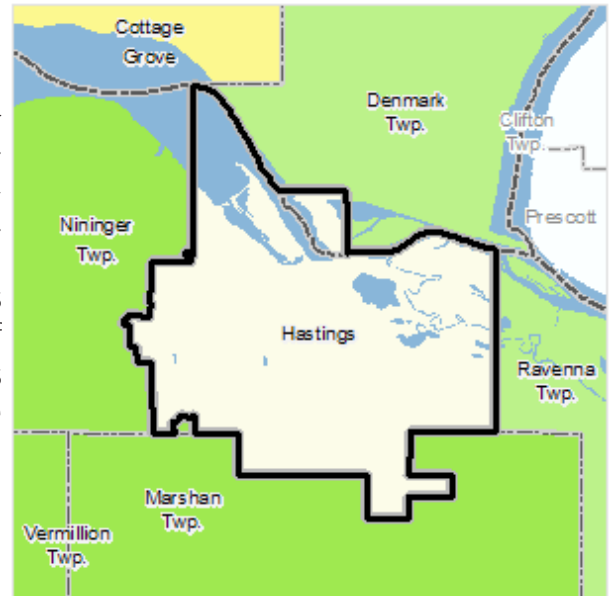


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Planning Area & Community Designation

The study area for this plan includes all lands within the current municipal limits and the extraterritorial area around the City where future growth is anticipated. The City of Hastings and corresponding planning area is approximately 8,200 acres or 13 square miles in size. The City of Hastings acknowledges that the Metropolitan Council’s community designation for the City of Hastings is “Emerging Suburban Edge” with a plan for an average of 3-5 units/acre. The map to the right simply shows Hastings city limits/planning area, community designation and the community designations of the surrounding jurisdictions.



Population Growth Projection

This section analyzes population and demographic trends for the City of Hastings. Examination of these trends provides a foundation for the planning process and implementation of the plan. The numbers and figures in this chapter will help Hastings to ensure that it has enough housing, commercial, and jobs to accommodate the increase in number and diversity of population. This also helps to plan for other key community assets like schools, libraries, and fire stations.

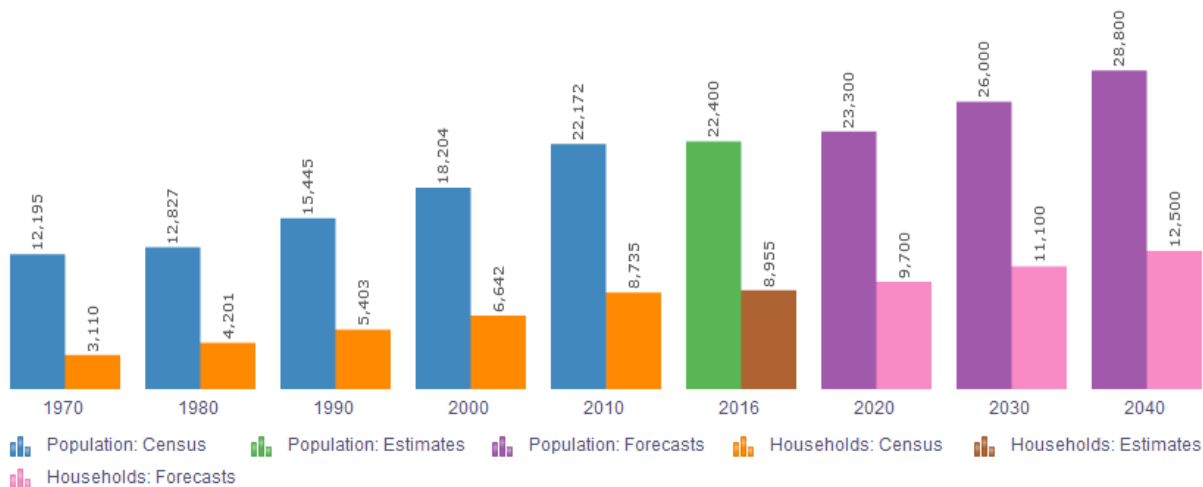
According to Metropolitan Council, the City of Hastings has nearly doubled population since 1970. The city has gained approximately 19% of its population between 2000 and 2010. The Metropolitan Council’s projected population for the City of Hastings in 2040 is 28,300; and increase of 6,128 people from the 2010 population of 22,172.

Metropolitan Council Revised Population, Housing and Employment Forecasts			
Forecast Year	Population	Households	Employment
2010	22,172	8,735	8,532
2020	22,800	9,200	8,100
2030	25,500	10,600	9,100
2040	28,300	12,000	9,600

Source: Metropolitan Council July 2020

For the same time period as discussed on the previous page, the number of households in Hastings has also risen. The projected high for number of households in 2016 was 8,955. The Metropolitan Council projects the City will gain 245 households by 2020 for a total of 9,700. Household numbers are projected to continue growing to 12,000 households in 2040.

Population and Households in Hastings



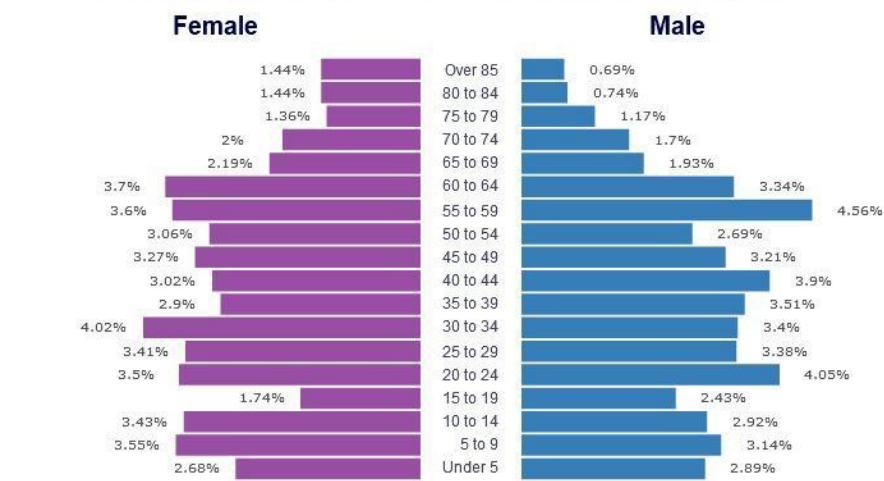
Source: Metropolitan Council

Estimated Age Distribution

A majority of the people living in the City of Hastings appear to be young adults or adults age 55-64. There is a steep drop-off in the percentage of retirement age adults which may indicate a lack of housing options for retirees. A lack of senior housing was mentioned many times throughout the public engagement process. There is also a very small amount of the population aged 15-19, but this is likely on account for people leaving the community right after high school. However, a lack of affordable entry-level housing (rental and owner) for young families was also mentioned as a weakness throughout public engagement efforts.

Population by Age and Gender in Hastings

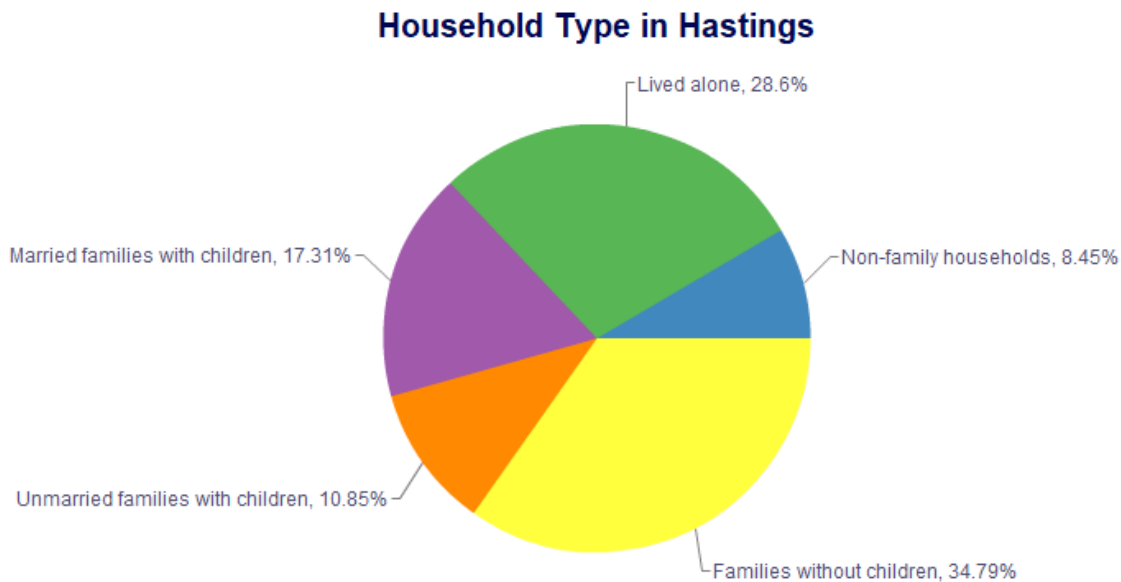
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Source: Metropolitan Council

Household Types

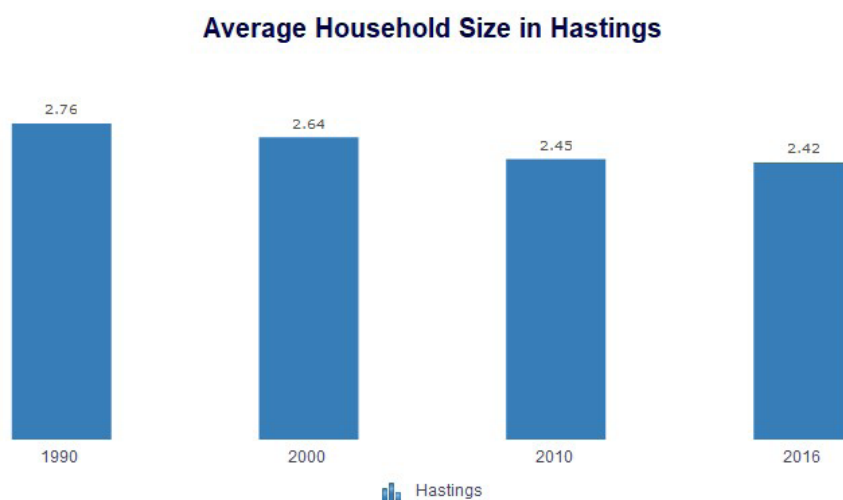
Families without children and people who live alone make up about 64% of the households in Hastings according to the Metropolitan Council and 2010 Census. National trends indicate that the number of single person households will increase as the baby boomers age and millennials continue to pursue living in single-person households for longer than previous generations.



Source: Metropolitan Council

Household Size

In 2016, the average household size was 2.42. Since 1990, this number has gone down from 2.76. Although the change is not large, this could indicate that there are more young professionals living in Hastings, there are smaller families, or a combination of many factors.

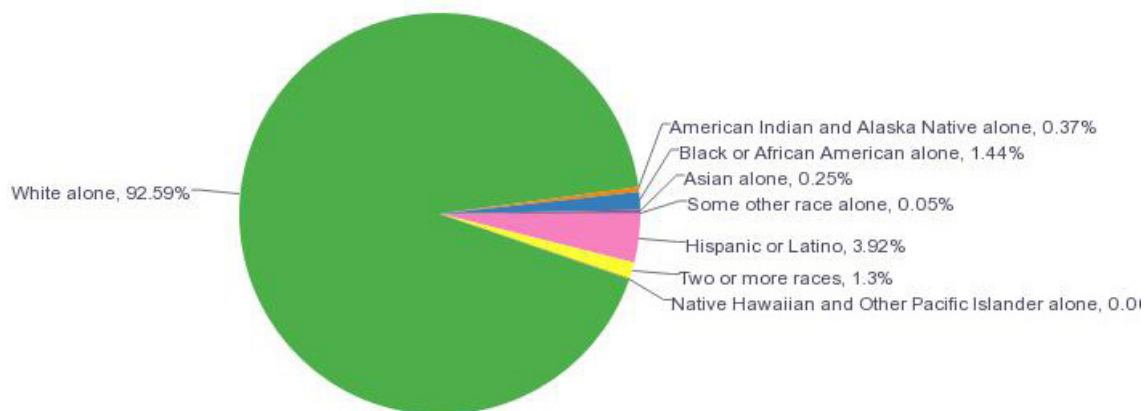


Source: Metropolitan Council

Race & Ethnicity

A majority of the people in the City of Hastings identify as white and the second largest identification is Hispanic or Latino. The community has become more diverse since 2000 and will likely continue to see a more diverse mix as the region continues to grow more diverse as a whole. The increased diversity of the community, region, state and nation as a whole will provide many growth opportunities between now and 2040.

Population by Race and Ethnicity in Hastings

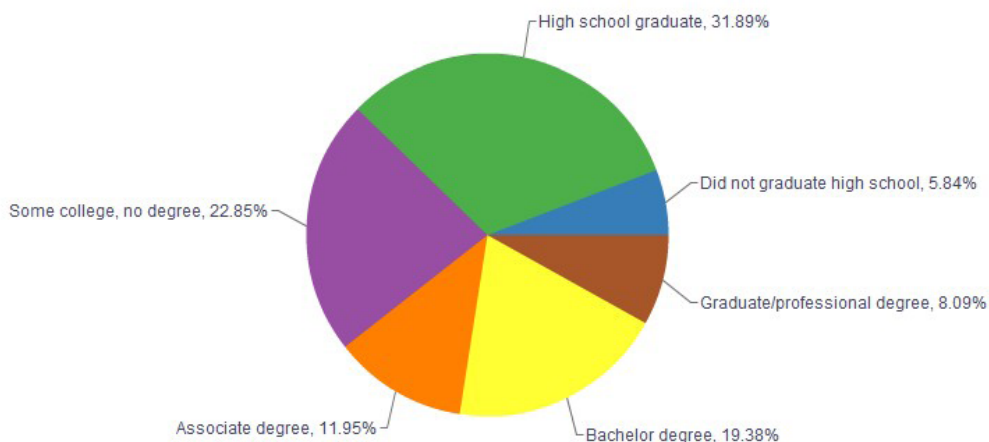


Source: Metropolitan Council

Education Attainment

Education attainment data can provide insight into the quality of the existing labor force, including the availability of skilled and professional workers and the need for training opportunities. Data from the Metropolitan Council and the American Community Survey (2011-2015) show that the percentage of Hastings' residents 25 years or older that have at least a high school diploma is estimated to be 94%. Bachelor's and graduate degree holders make up 27% of the City's population over 25. People with a high school to associate's degree account for approximately 67% of the City population over the age of 25.

Highest Level of Education Attained by Hastings Residents



Source: Metropolitan Council