

**-South Dakota-**  
**Projecting the Population**  
**Our Largest Project in 2012**

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## Projection isn't Prediction

Projection is based on the data and trends that exist at a specific point in time – in this case, the trends and population that existed on April 1, 2010.

The projections are without error – the problem is, the assumptions are not.

# Let's look at a couple of past assumptions

- Drifting Goose Reservation – April 1, 1880

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# A year and two weeks later

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# ON April 1, 1880 Steamboats Were South Dakota's Transportation System



## 1880-81 – The River Freezes

- An unusually hard winter destroys most of the riverboats, moored in Yankton. While riverboat traffic continues into the 1930's, South Dakota transportation shifts to the railroads.
- Sioux Falls begins 1880 with 2,164 people and in 1890 has 10,167.
- It was time to railroad instead of steamboat

# Or a Base Closure?

- April 1, 1890, Fort Randall is the population center and economic engine for the area that is now Gregory County
- In 1892, Fort Randall is closed
- On April 1, 2010 Ellsworth Air Force Base is operating about 10 miles from Rapid City, with a population around 8,000.
- Our projections assume Ellsworth will continue at this rate



# 1910 – 1920 Years of Plenty

- Fertile Soil
- Wet Years
- Good Yields
- High Prices

# 1935 The Dustbowl

- In December, 1935, 40% of South Dakotans were on relief
- Population about 700,000
- 83,303 Farms and Ranches
  
- On April 1, 1940, South Dakota had 642,961 residents
  
- World War II started on December 7, 1941 for the USA
  
- On April 1, 1950, South Dakota had 652,740 residents
  
- In 1990, South Dakota's population matched 1935

# Three things drive demography

- Birth
- Death
- Migration

# South Dakota's Mortality and Health

- South Dakota's 2002 infant mortality rate was 6.5. In 2007, it was 7.3 which increased to 8.28 in 2008. (per thousand live births)
- South Dakota's current life expectancy is about 79.9
  - a little higher than the United States life expectancy of 78.6.

# Making Projections

- Birth and Death are easy – we just get the numbers from Vital Statistics, calculate the trend lines, and build the birth and death models.
- The model includes increasing longevity
- The model maintains birth rates at the same rate as occurred between 2000 and 2010
- For purposes of calculating the extremes – one of our ways of checking data – we also calculate from the extremes – the years with the highest and lowest death rates. This is background data, useful for checking the math, but not for planning.

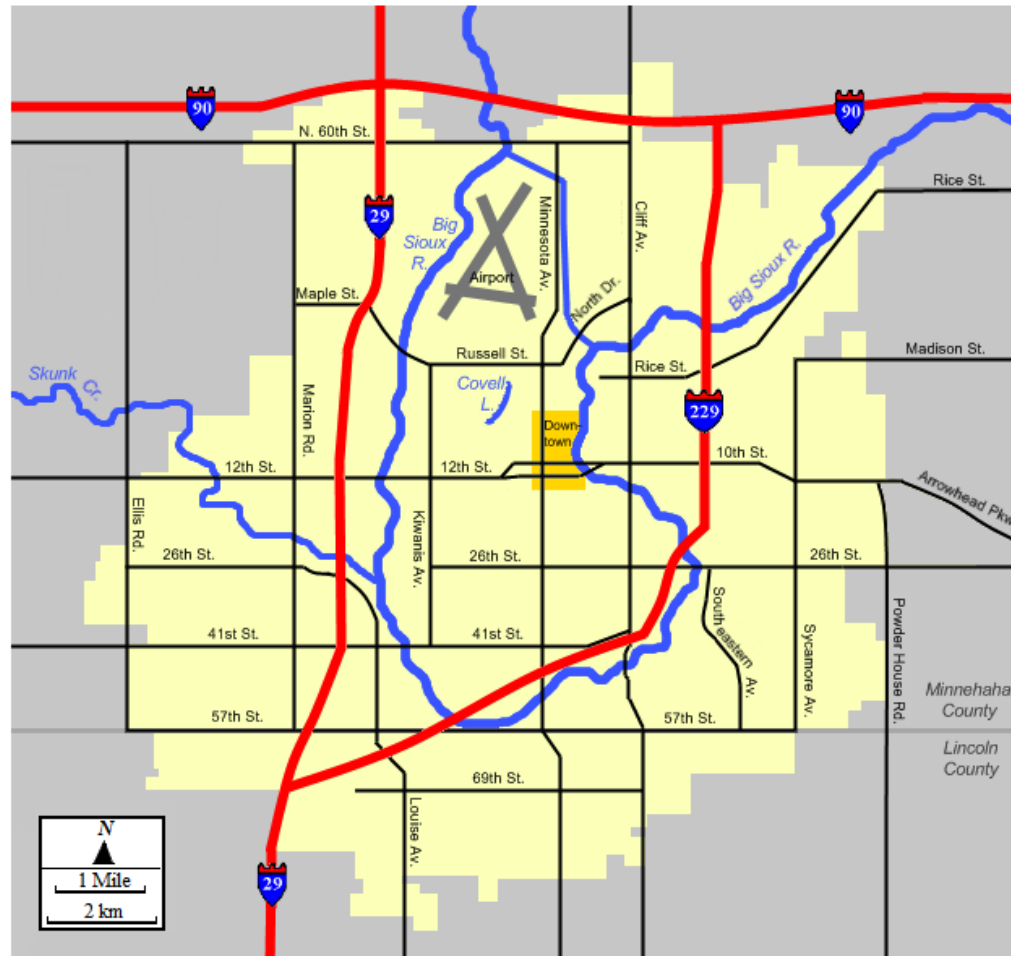
# Migration Isn't Easy

- With the Census “long form” replaced by the American Community Survey, the potential error of measurement for our small communities becomes greater than the migration number.
- We can get more accurate data from IRS filings – but those carry their own inaccuracies. For example, an 18-year-old going to college probably hasn't filed taxes when she moves to Brookings – but she leaves as a taxpayer.

# Now, we look at trends

- Some Counties are losing population – outmigration/death
- Some Counties are gaining population
- South Dakota Counties are generally getting older
- Birth rates remain low
- Life expectancies are increasing
- Medical progress continues
- The in-migration driver of the state is Sioux Falls
- The Baby-Boom cohort is moving into retirement age

# Most of SD's Population Growth Occurs in Sioux Falls

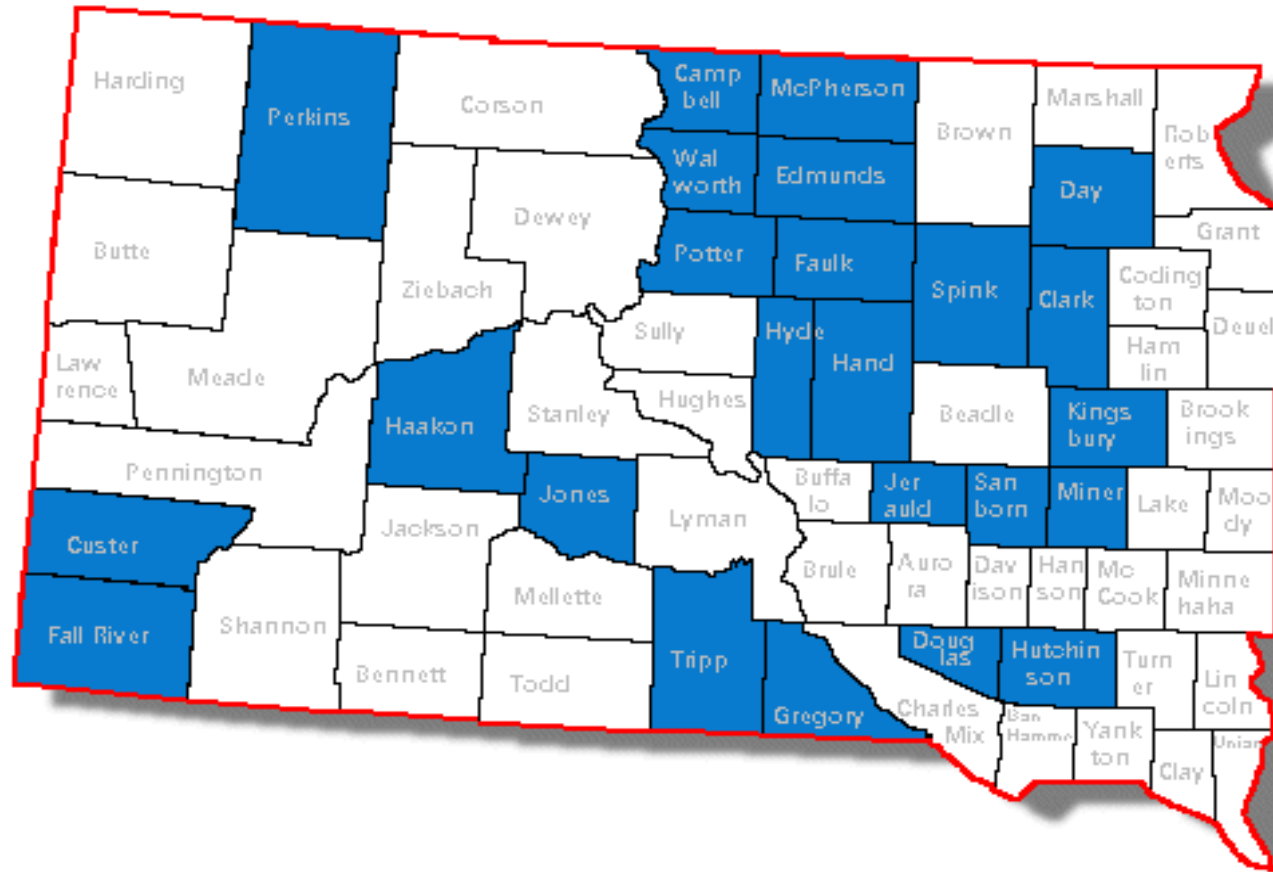




# Our Aging Rural Counties (2010)

## Older Population Counties

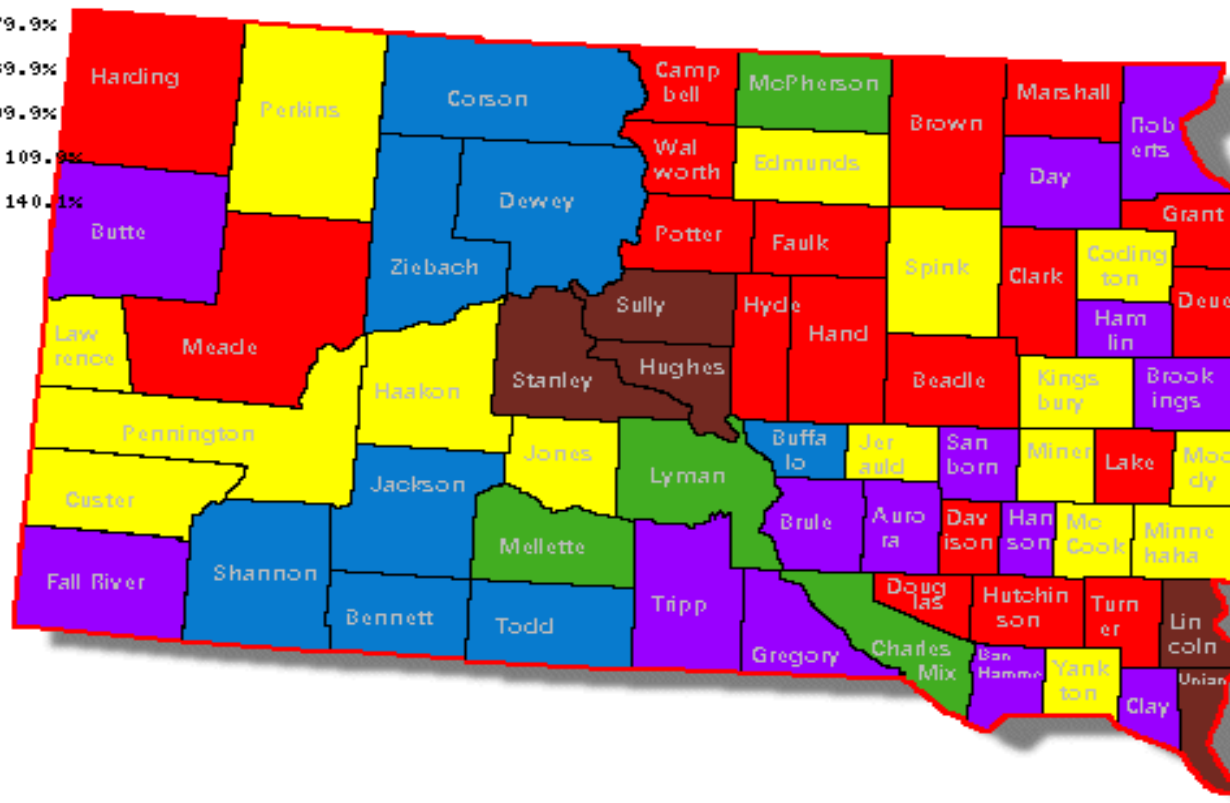
● - > 20% 65+ population



# Per Capita Income (2010)

## Per Capita Income – Percentage of state median (2010)

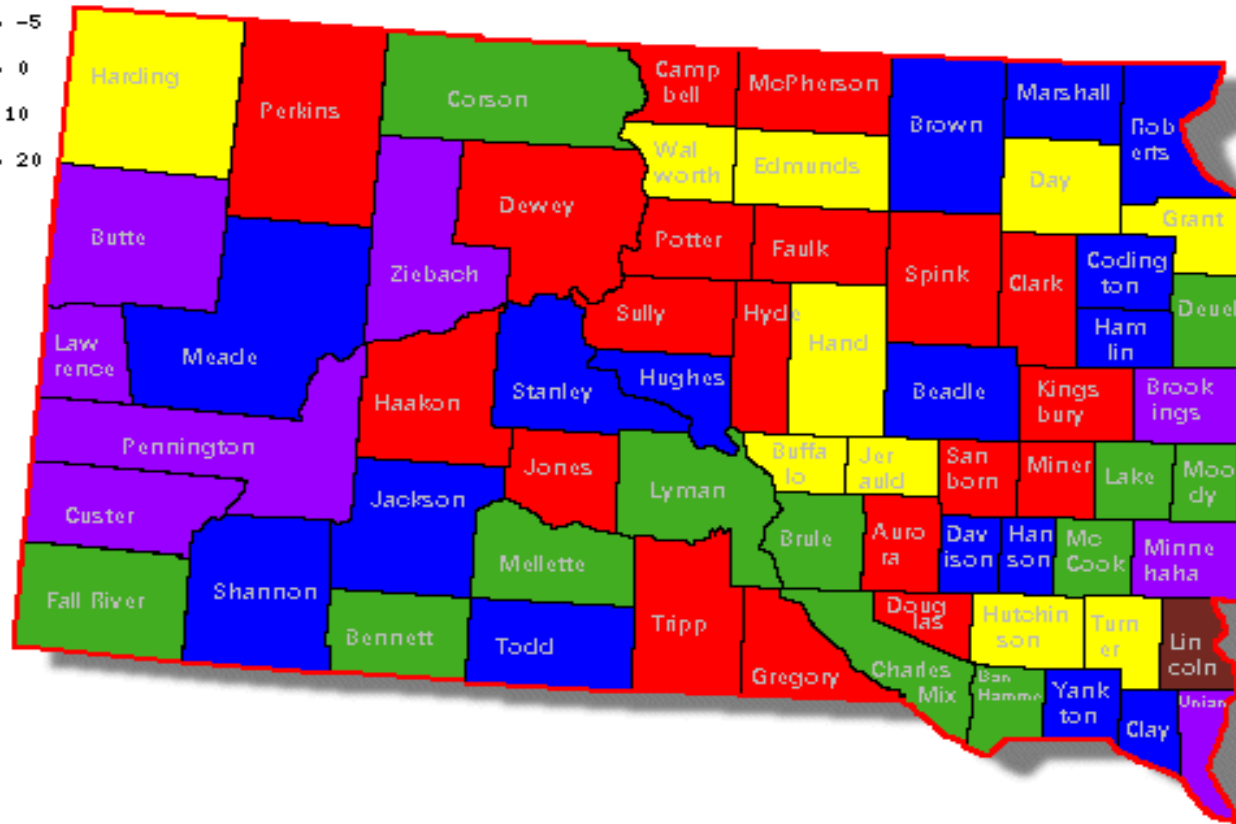
- - 30 to 69.9%
- - 70 to 79.9%
- - 80 to 89.9%
- - 90 to 99.9%
- - 100 to 109.9%
- - 110 to 140.1%



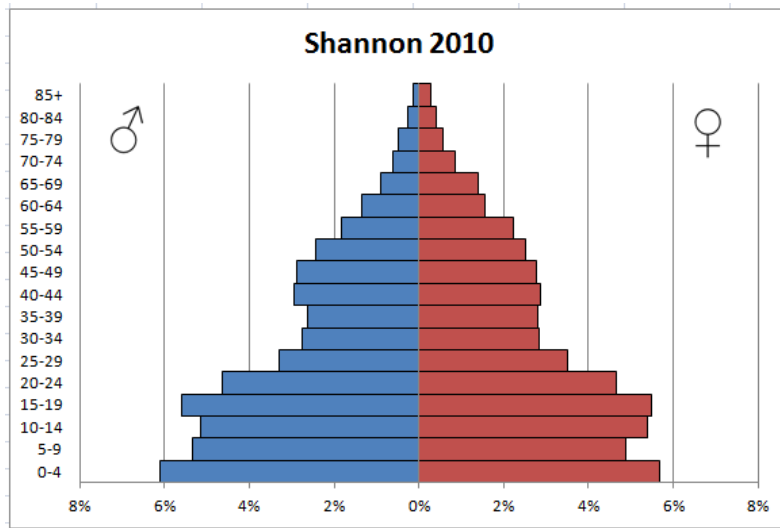
# Demography – Close and Personal (Population change in percentage)

## Population Change (2000–2010)

- - -20 to -10
- - -9.9 to -5
- - -4.9 to 0
- - 0.1 to 10
- - 10.1 to 20
- - > 20.1

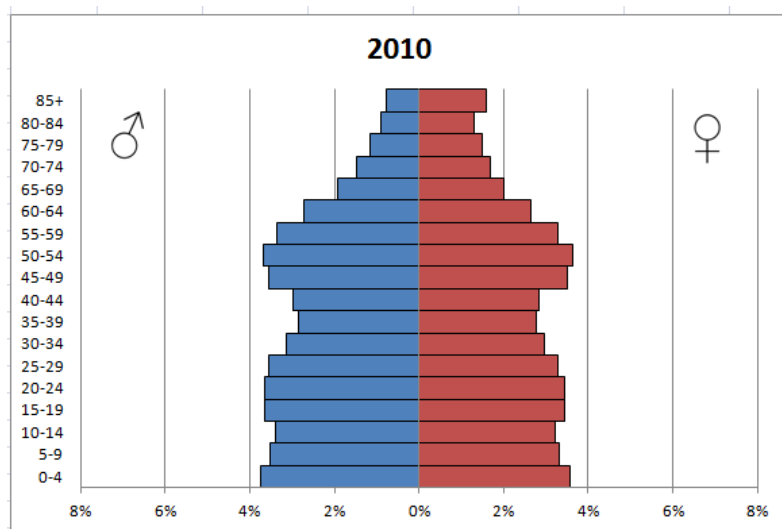


# So lets look at the pyramids



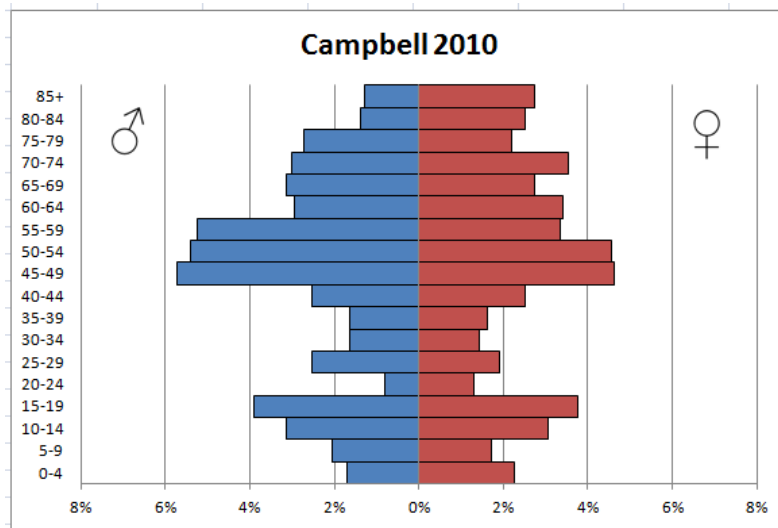
- Traditionally, populations are displayed in 5-year age cohorts – and when the practice began, they were pretty much isosceles triangles – like the example from Shannon County (Pine Ridge)

# South Dakota's is less triangular



- The traditional triangle ends with the folks who were born around 1960 – at the end of the baby-boom the resemblance to a pyramid lessened considerably.

# So let's look at some pyramids



- Campbell County is both an aging county and a population-loss county. While the pyramid gives a view of the population structure, the population indices show the social strain

# And the population indices

## Campbell County 2010

General Dependency Ratio	<b>64.35</b>
Youth Dependency Ratio	<b>22.87</b>
Aged Dependency Ratio	<b>41.48</b>
Index of Aging	<b>181.37</b>
Sex Ratio	<b>103.05</b>
Fertility Ratio	<b>315.22</b>
Young Adult Ratio	<b>10.64</b>

## Population by Cohort

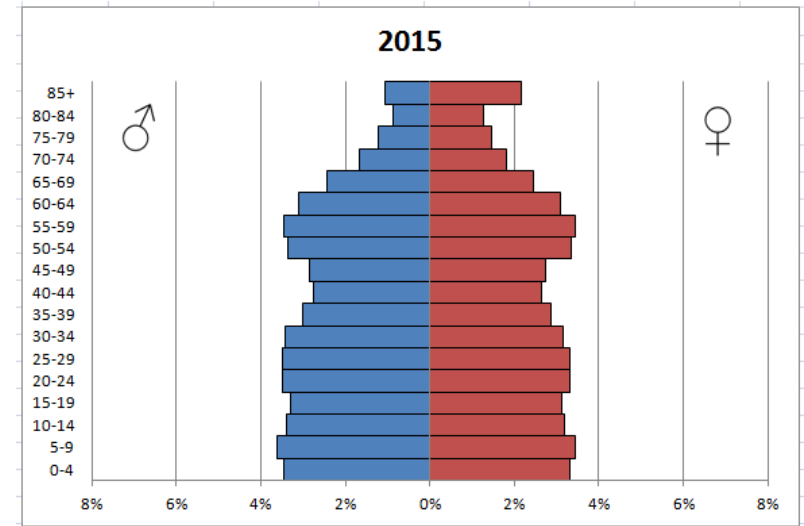
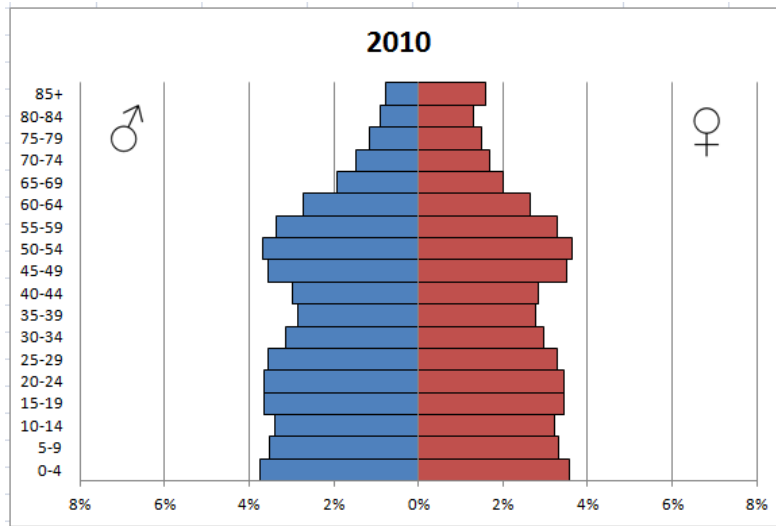
Age	2010	2015	2020	2025	2030	2035
0-4	58	63	83	84	59	48
5-9	55	53	58	77	75	49
10-14	91	47	48	52	70	65
15-19	112	81	39	44	47	64
20-24	31	99	71	31	40	41
25-29	65	31	86	61	23	37
30-34	45	61	31	70	52	16
35-39	48	41	56	31	53	45
40-44	74	41	36	52	30	37
45-49	152	60	35	32	48	30
50-54	146	137	46	30	28	43
55-59	126	132	121	32	25	24
60-64	93	113	117	105	18	22
65-69	86	81	99	100	87	17
70-74	96	71	68	84	82	69
75-79	72	78	55	54	67	63
80-84	57	53	59	38	40	48
85+	59	81	91	101	90	84
<b>Total</b>	<b>1466</b>	<b>1323</b>	<b>1198</b>	<b>1077</b>	<b>936</b>	<b>802</b>

# The Boomers' Last Entry

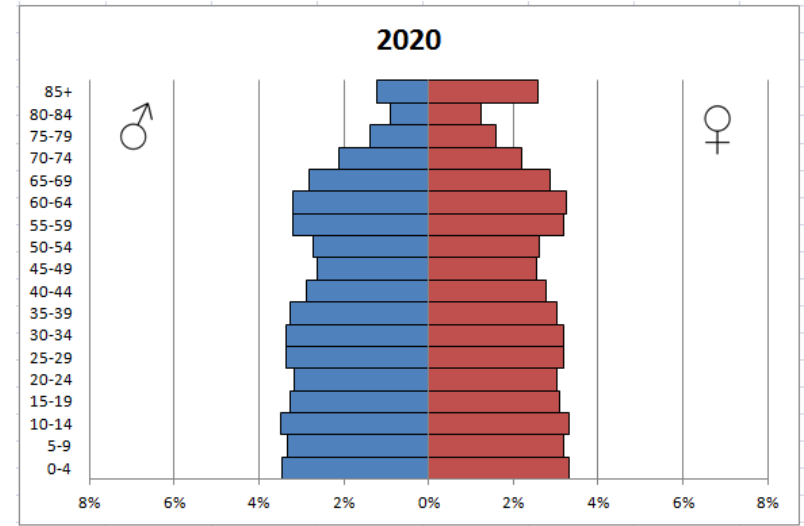
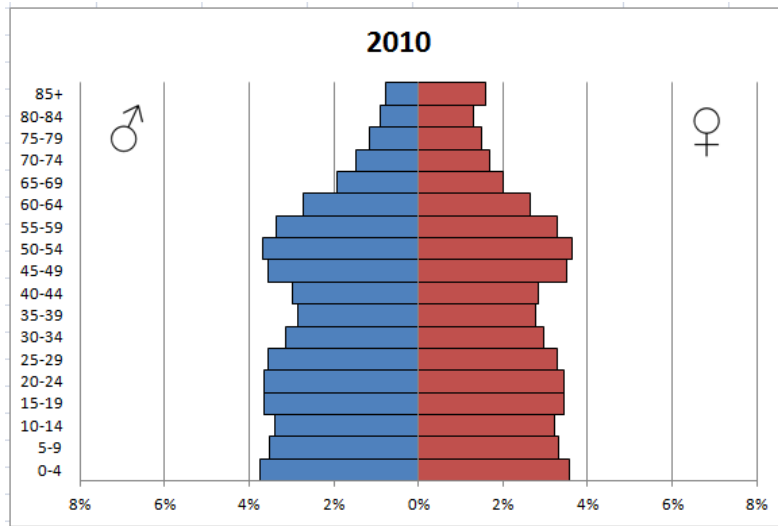
- In 1946, the nation encountered a reproductive anomaly – the low birth rates that occurred during the great depression and World War II came back to a balance. The Fertility rate didn't really increase – but the timing left a glut of births.
- The Baby-Boomers were born between 1946 and 1963 – they began entering the 65+ cohort in 2011, and the last will enter in 2028.
- The first Boomer enters the 85+ Cohort in 2031



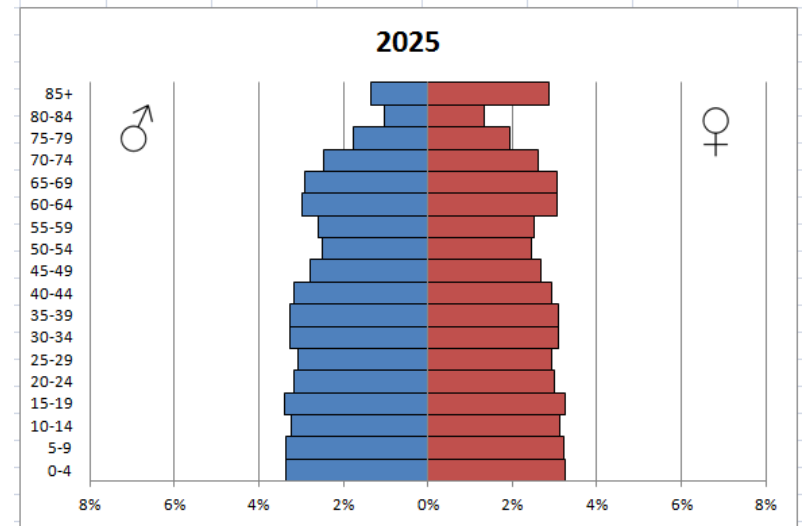
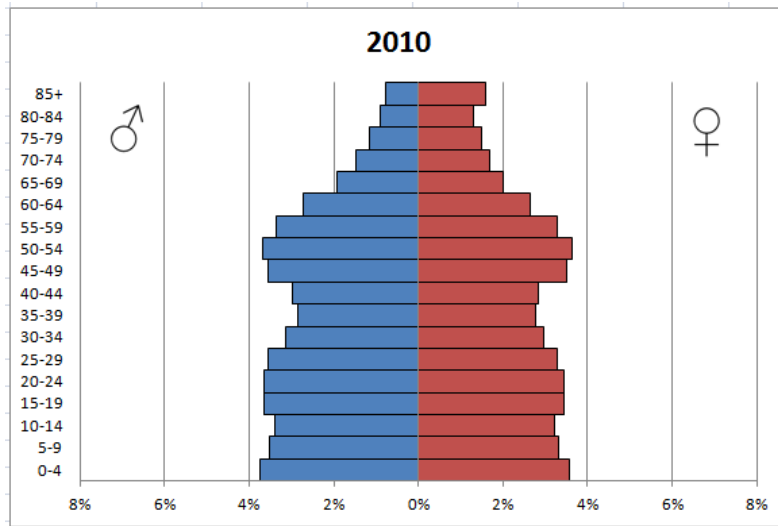
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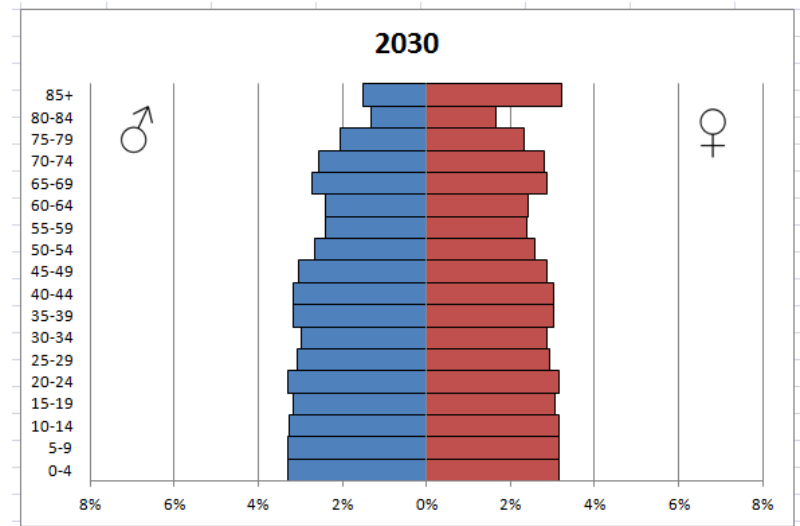
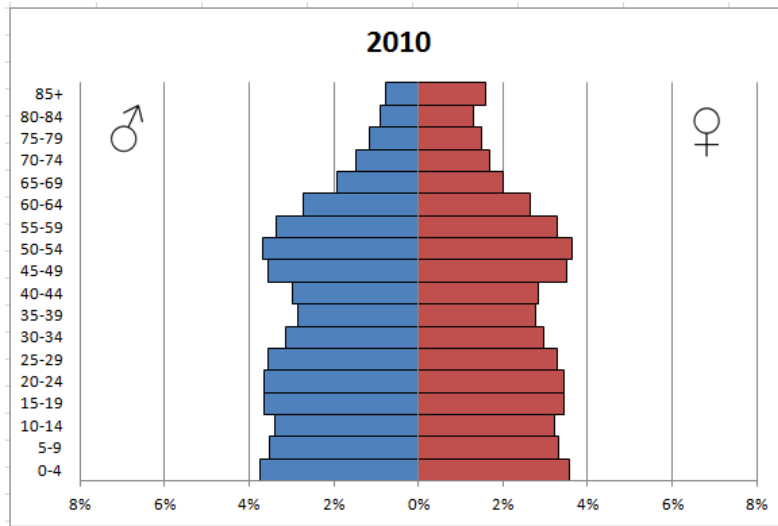
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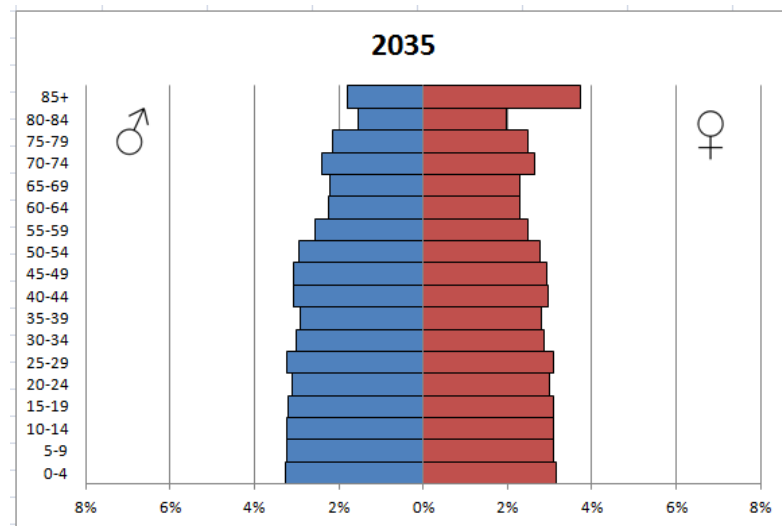
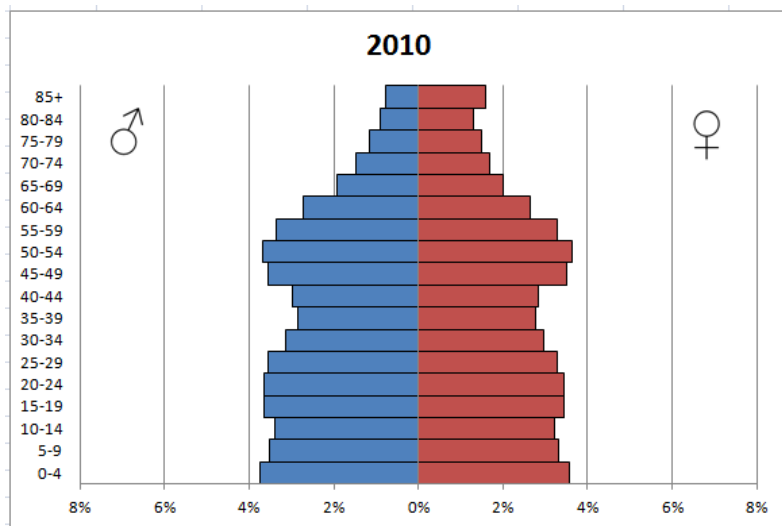
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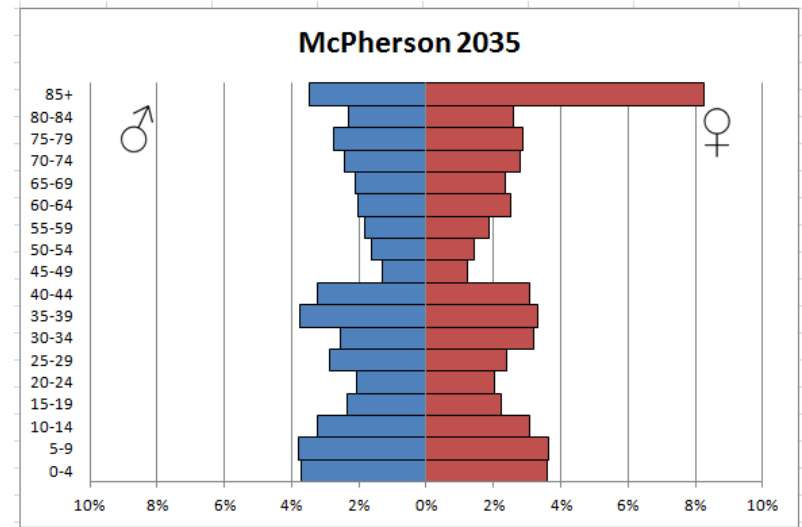
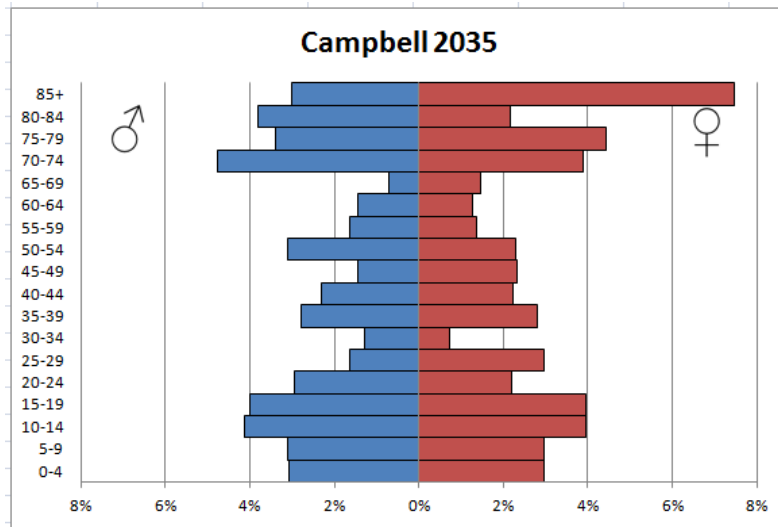
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# Let's look at some more aging counties

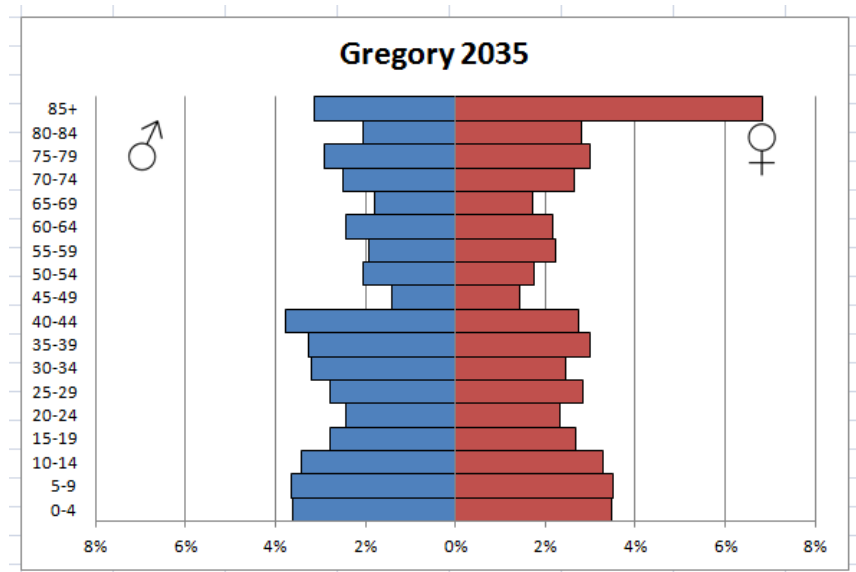
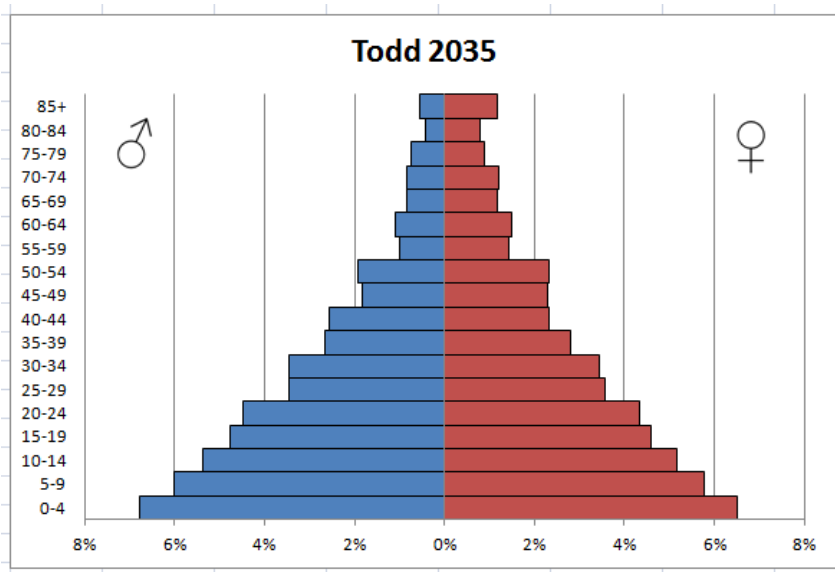


# The Projections include

- The final population adjustment for the baby-boom
  - The Boomers needed more schools when they were young
  - Their bulge fueled continued productivity
  - As they age, they'll create a new paradigm about taking care of the elderly
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- We'd better not count on the Cavalry riding in to solve the problem – the future belongs to the young

# Planning for 2035?

## Who's the Vanishing American?





# It's time for questions

- I'll switch from the powerpoint to a spreadsheet that will allow me to display the projections for the specific counties that concern each of you.
- The projections are published on the Census Data Center Web Site, and can be downloaded.
- <http://www.sdstate.edu/soc/rlcdc/general-demographic-data/age-and-sex-structure.cfm>