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Existing Demographic Conditions

Demographic and economic data are important in determining an area's growth potential. Trends can be identified that may be able to indicate a community's future planning needs. For example, if population data indicate a large conglomeration of residents of a community in the upper age categories (50+ / also indicated by an increasing median age), it would likely be prudent to begin planning for the future needs of the aging population, such as health care or senior housing. On the other hand, if there are an above average number of persons age six and under, it would be wise for school districts to develop plans for the construction of a new school or the addition of more teachers. The following section describes the demographics of the Village of Shorewood and the surrounding areas with a brief analysis of these statistics.

Population Growth Pattern

The population of the Village of Shorewood has grown steadily since 1970 when it stood at 1,749 (Table 1). Between 1970 and 1990, the Village grew by 4,515 people to 6,264, an increase of 258%. Between 1990 and 2000, the Village increased by an estimated 1,422 persons to a total of 7,686 persons. The observed cumulative increase in population between 1970 and 2000 was estimated at 340% or 5,937 people. In more recent years, these figures have continued to climb at a relatively high rate, with the current population for the Village being estimated at 14,000.

The Village's exceptional growth is primarily a result of the emergence of Will County as one of the strongest development markets in the region. The continued growth of employment centers along I-55, I-355 and I-88 as well as the ease of commuting convenience to Chicago makes the Village and the northern Will County area an ideal place of residence for those who work in any of these employment centers.

The availability of land in Shorewood and the rapid pattern of development in the area will play important factors in the Village's population growth. The Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission (NIPC) has estimated that the population of Shorewood (in Will County only) could exceed 47,000 people by 2030 (Table 1).

As the Chicago metropolitan region continues to grow, the Village will be a beneficiary. Though there will likely be ups and downs in the local, regional and national economies, which will mean periods of rapid growth or recession, the Village of Shorewood is well positioned to continue its current experience of moderate and controlled growth for many years to come.

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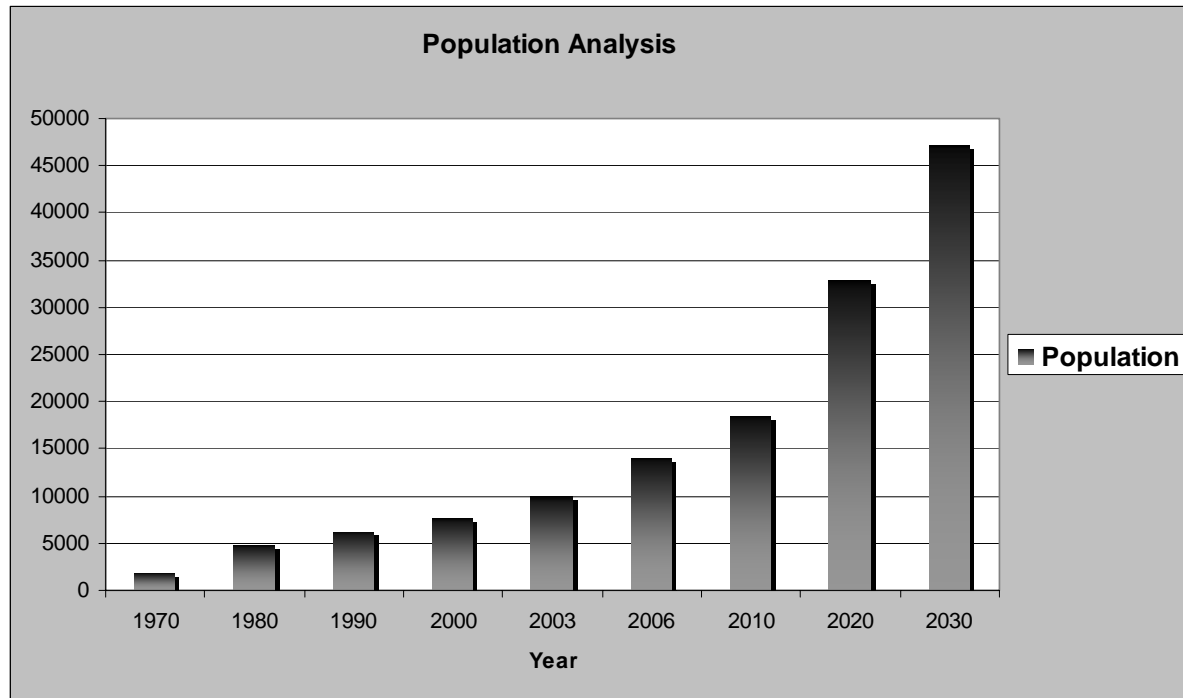
Table 3: Historical Population Growth/Projections

Year	Population	% Change from Previous
1970	1,749	-----
1980	4,714	170%
1990	6,264	32%
2000	7,686	23%
2003	10,003	30%
2006	14,000	39%
2010	18,506	32%
2020	32,825	77%
2030	47,145	43%

Sources:

- Bureau of the Census (2000, 2003, 2006)
- Village of Shorewood (for future projections): as taken from Lake Michigan Water Study

Progression of Population Totals



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Age Distribution

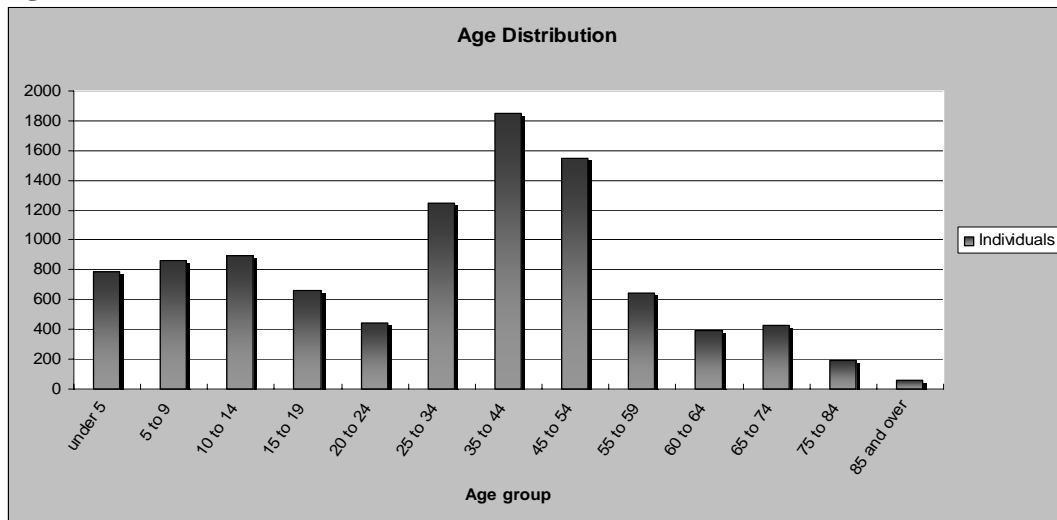
The median age of a resident of the Village of Shorewood in 2003 was 35.5 (Table 4). During the same time period, the average age in Will County was 31.1. These figures indicate that the Village of Shorewood has a relatively young population, with a majority falling between the ages of 25 and 44. Nearly one-third of the Village’s population is under the age of 18.

Table 4: Age Distribution

Age group	Individuals	Percentage
under 5	790	7.9%
5 to 9	864	8.6%
10 to 14	897	9.0%
15 to 19	657	6.6%
20 to 24	440	4.4%
25 to 34	1,245	12.5%
35 to 44	1,851	18.5%
45 to 54	1,544	15.4%
55 to 59	644	6.4%
60 to 64	395	3.9%
65 to 74	425	4.3%
75 to 84	193	1.9%
85 and over	58	0.6%
Total	10,003	100.0%

Source: Bureau of the Census (2003)

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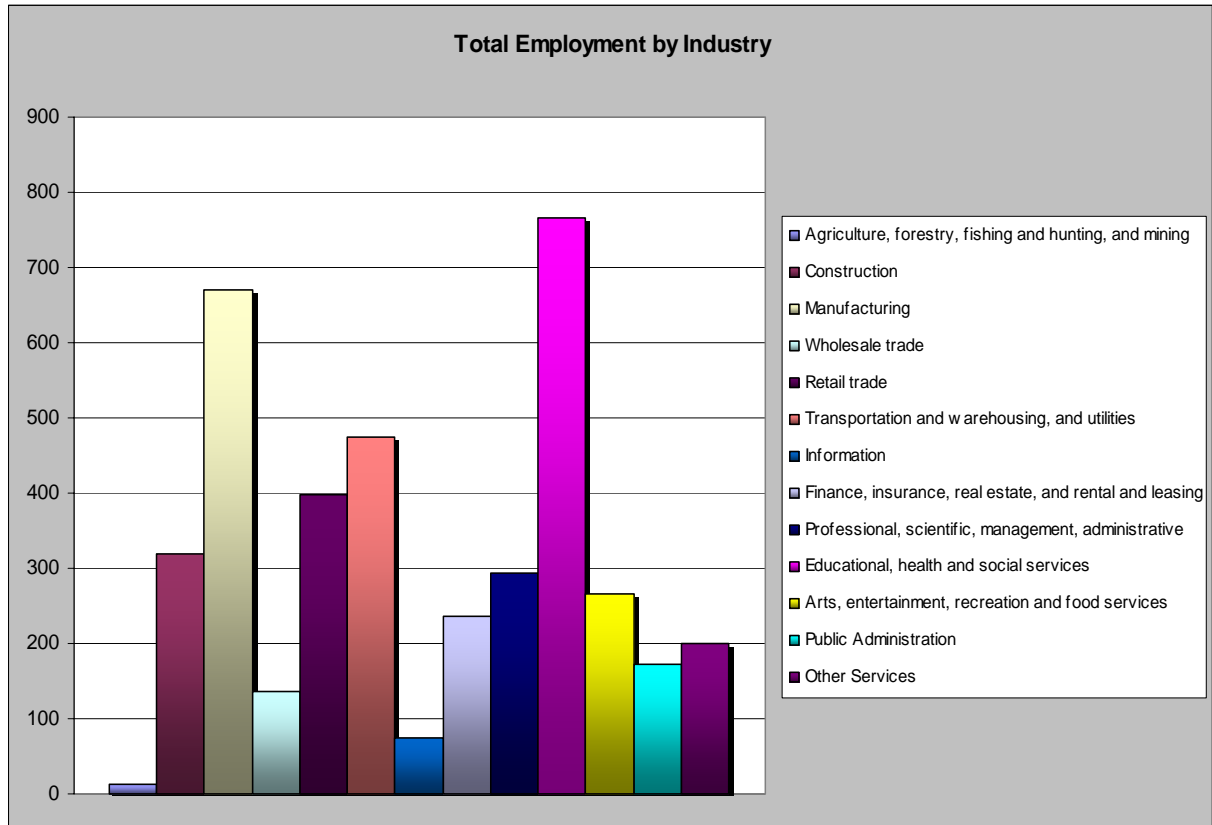
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Employment

According to the 2000 Census, the Village of Shorewood had a labor force of 5,574 (persons 16 years and older), representing approximately 72% of the population. Of that number, 4,137 were actually in the work force, representing approximately 54% of the total 2000 population. Of the 4,137 in the work force, 113 were unemployed (2%). The following figure illustrates the composition of the work force in Shorewood by Industry.

Total Employment by Industry



Source: Bureau of the Census (2000)

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Households and Housing Units

In 2000, the number of households in the Village of Shorewood totaled 2,629 (Table 5), with 2,565 of them occupied (Table 5.4). These figures yield an occupancy rate of 97.5%. At the same time, the average number of persons per household was 3.00. This figure is generally in line with national averages. From 2000 to 2005, the Village had permitted the construction of 1,964 residential units, bringing the total number of housing units to 4,593 (Table 5.5).

Table 5: Housing Units by Type

Type	Number
1-unit, detached	2,271
1-unit, attached	159
2 units	-
3-4 units	10
5-9 units	-
10 to 19 units	-
20 or more units	-
Mobile home	189
Boat, RV, van, etc.	-
Total Households	2,629

Source: Bureau of the Census (2000)

Table 6: Persons per Household

Persons in Household	Number
1 person	346
2 persons	786
3 persons	494
4 persons	572
5 persons	266
6 persons	70
7 persons or greater	31
Total Occupied Households	2565

Source: Bureau of the Census (2000)

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Table 7: Building Permits Issued 2000-2005

Year	Single Family	Townhomes	Duplexes	Condos	Permits Issued
2000	70	48	4		122
2001	124	18	30		172
2002	248	84	24		356
2003	271	114	16		401
2004	259	86	10	32	387
2005	441	71	6	8	526
Totals	1413	421	90	40	1964

Source:

-Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission

-Village of Shorewood

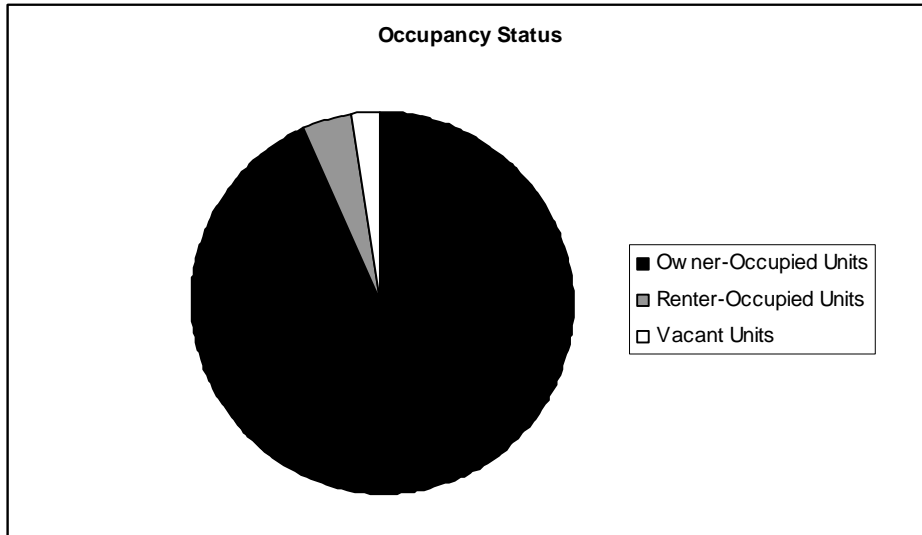
After evaluations of population, household and building permit information, it becomes clear that nearly all of the population growth occurring results from migration to the Village of Shorewood, rather than any changes in the birth/mortality cycle.

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Housing Stock

The number of occupied housing units in 2000 in the Village of Shorewood totaled 2,565 units. Of this total, 2,452 (95.5%) were owner occupied, and 113 (4.4%) were renter occupied units, with the remaining 64 units being vacant. It is likely that this ratio has changed over the past couple years, as the majority of building permits that have been issued since 2000 have been for single-family dwelling units. Very few multi-family units have been constructed in the Village of Shorewood.

Ratio of Owner Occupied to Renter Occupied Units - 2000



Source: Bureau of the Census (2000)

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Income

In 2000, the median household income in the Village of Shorewood was \$76,842. The median family income was \$81,759. The table below represents the median household income for the Village of Shorewood as well as neighboring communities. As is shown, the Village has one of the top median incomes for municipalities in Will County.

Table 8: 2000 Income Measures for Shorewood and Other Communities

Municipality	Median Household income	Median Family income	Per Capita income
Shorewood	\$76,842.00	\$81,759.00	\$28,199.00
Minooka	\$75,249.00	\$81,190.00	\$22,867.00
Channahon	\$71,991.00	\$74,481.00	\$22,867.00
Crest Hill	\$45,313.00	\$54,709.00	\$22,317.00
Yorkville	\$60,391.00	\$67,521.00	\$24,514.00
Manhattan	\$55,559.00	\$62,865.00	\$21,666.00
Rockdale	\$39,954.00	\$47,232.00	\$18,738.00
Joliet	\$47,761.00	\$55,870.00	\$19,390.00
Plainfield	\$80,799.00	\$86,417.00	\$28,242.00

Source: Bureau of the Census (2000)

The Village has a fairly equitable distribution of wealth as shown below, with a majority (55.4 %) of incomes for families in 2000 falling between \$50,000 and \$149,999. Only 6 families (0.3%) had incomes less than \$10,000. Overall, the Village of Shorewood has an impressive 73% of the families earning an income over \$50,000.

Table 9: Income Measure by Family

Income Group	Number of Families	% of Total
less than \$10,000	6	0.3%
\$10,000 to \$14,999	32	1.5%
\$15,000 to \$24,999	47	2.2%
\$25,000 to \$34,999	120	5.6%
\$35,000 to \$49,999	189	8.9%
\$50,000 to \$74,999	525	24.6%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	457	21.4%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	550	25.8%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	104	4.9%
\$200,000 or more	105	4.9%
Total	2135	100.0%

Source: Bureau of the Census (2000)