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City of Ramsey 2040 Comprehensive Plan Update

Community Profile

Background on this Document

This document is a draft of the narrative to be used in the 2040 Comprehensive Plan Update. This is not a final version or actual layout. This document will be reviewed and revised multiple times. The City will try to add additional maps and figures to better tell the story of this vision.

The Community

Located in the northwest Twin Cities Metro, the City of Ramsey boasts incredible outdoor recreation opportunities, a growing downtown in Ramsey COR, an impressive manufacturing sector, and a strong local government.

The City of Ramsey has experienced steady growth and development over the past 20 years. This trend is expected to continue as the City has over 1,000 acres of developable land in the COR located near U.S. Highway 10.

Our Neighborhoods

Ramsey's neighborhoods make up the fabric of our community and define the balance of Rural Character and Urban Development. Each neighborhood is uniquely connected to a variety of services.

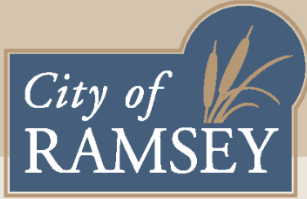
Ramsey is a great place to live!

Ramsey boasts a robust recreation system, high-quality affordable housing, great jobs, and living wages.

Ramsey is a great place to locate a business!

Ramsey strives to provide high-quality, cost-effective government services while balancing a low tax rate. Ramsey.

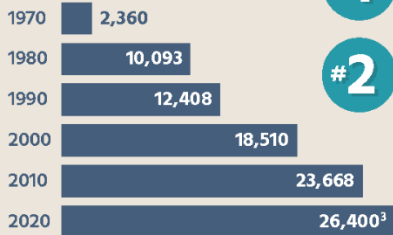
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Snapshot of the City 2017

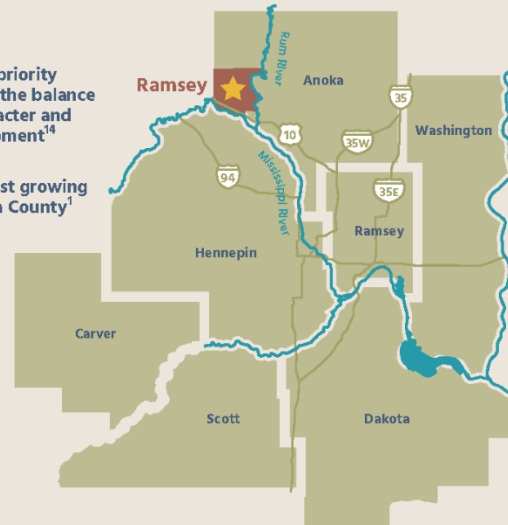
ABOUT OUR CITY

Population Trends²



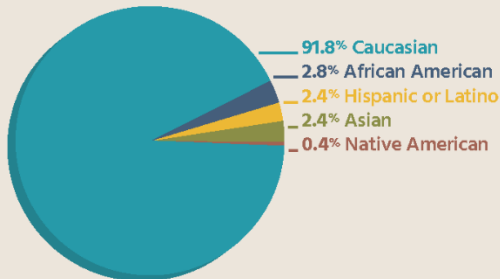
#1 Community priority is to protect the balance of rural character and new development¹⁴

#2 Second fastest growing city in Anoka County¹

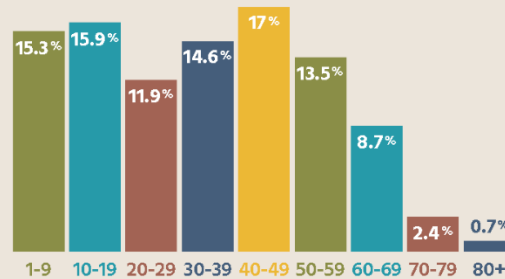


WHO WE ARE

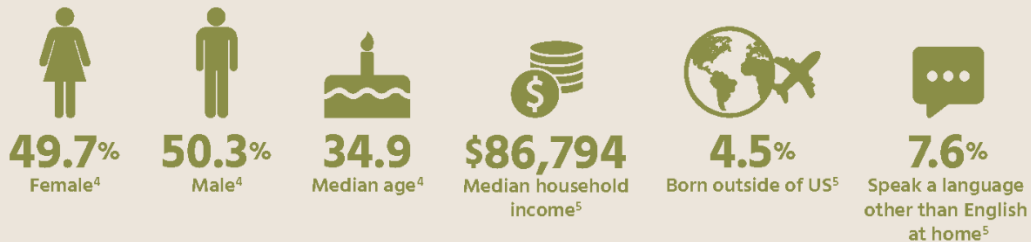
Race and Ethnicity⁴



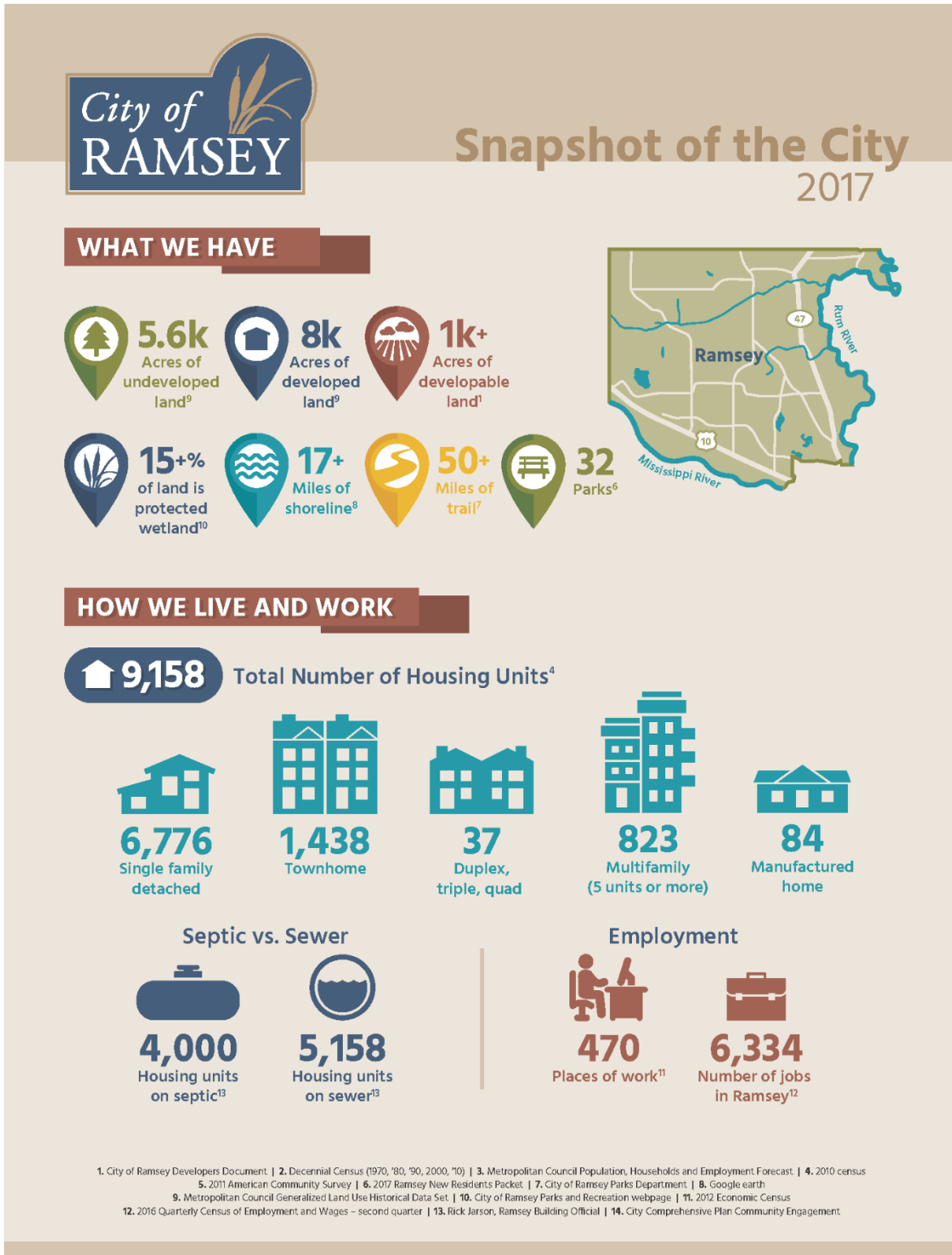
Population by Age⁴



Additional Demographics



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Forecasted Growth

Table 1: Forecasted Growth

	2016	2020	2030	2040
Households	8,973	9,500	11,500	13,500
Population	26,251	27,550	33,350	39,150
Employment	6,334	6,900	7,800	8,400

Ramsey acknowledges that these forecasts deviate from the approved 2040 forecasts for Ramsey. After careful consultation and analysis of recent growth trends, Ramsey requests these modifications to our 2040 Forecasts. For assistance in reviewing requested changes, the series of tables below are offered.

Requested Household Forecast Amendment

	2020	2030	2040
Published Forecast	9,400	11,300	13,000
Requested Amendment	9,600	11,500	13,500
Difference	+200	+200	+500

Requested Population Forecast Amendment

	2020	2030	2040
Published Forecast	26,400	30,700	34,700
Requested Amendment	27,550	33,350	39,150
Difference	+1,150	+2,650	+4,450

Requested Employment Forecast Amendment

	2020	2030	2040
Published Forecast	6,200	7,000	7,600
Requested Amendment	6,900	7,800	8,400
Difference	+700	+800	+800

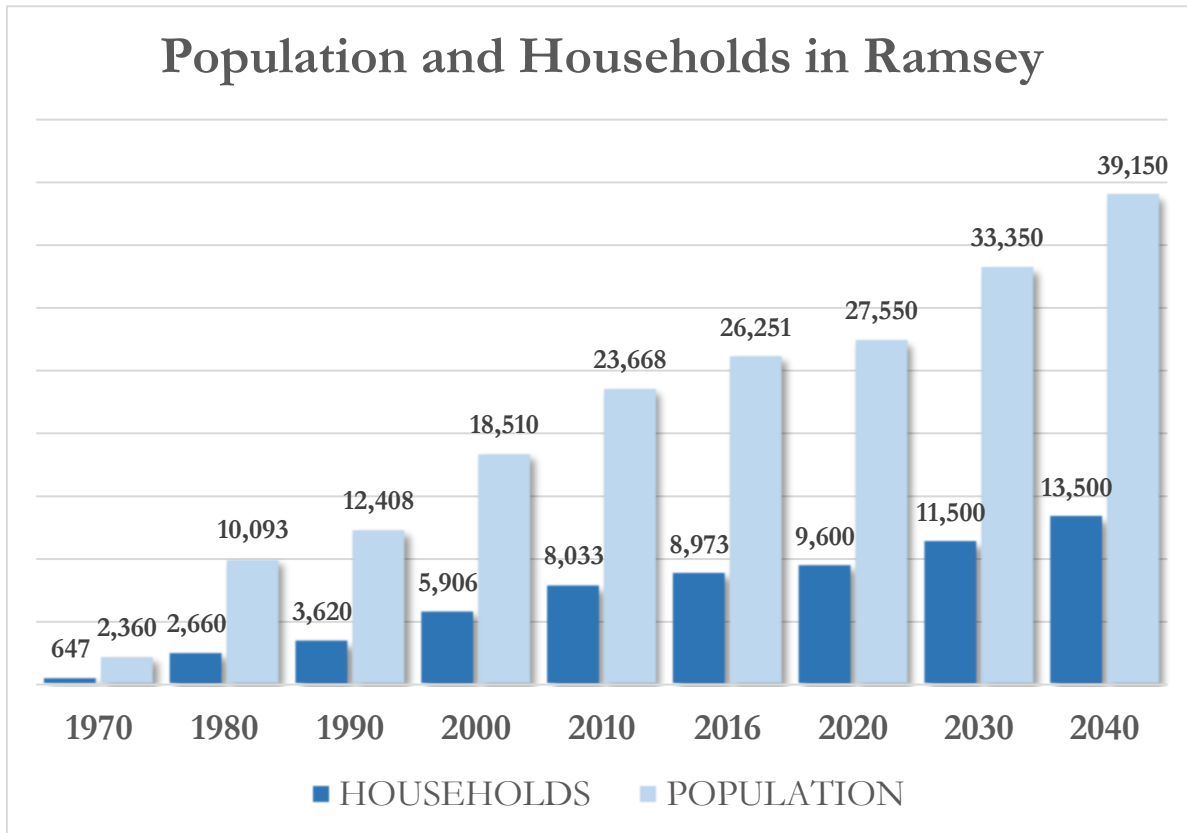
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The People

Population

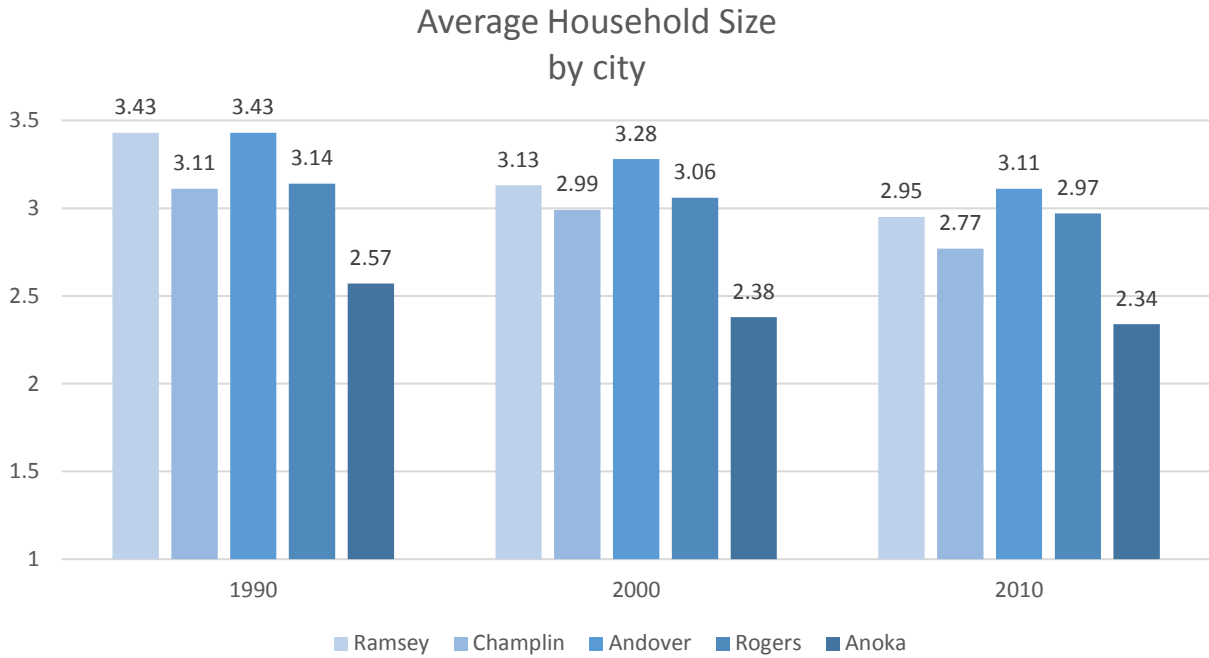
As of the 2010 US Census, the population of Ramsey was 18,510, and the most recent estimates from the 2015 American Community Survey (ACS) put the population at 25,362. The population has steadily increased since 1990. Although the number of households in the city has increased, the number of persons per household has decreased from 3.43 in 1990 to 2.95 in 2010. According to forecasts by the Metropolitan Council, the 2040 population is projected to nearly 40,000.

Figure 1: Historical and Future Population



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Figure 2: Average Household Size



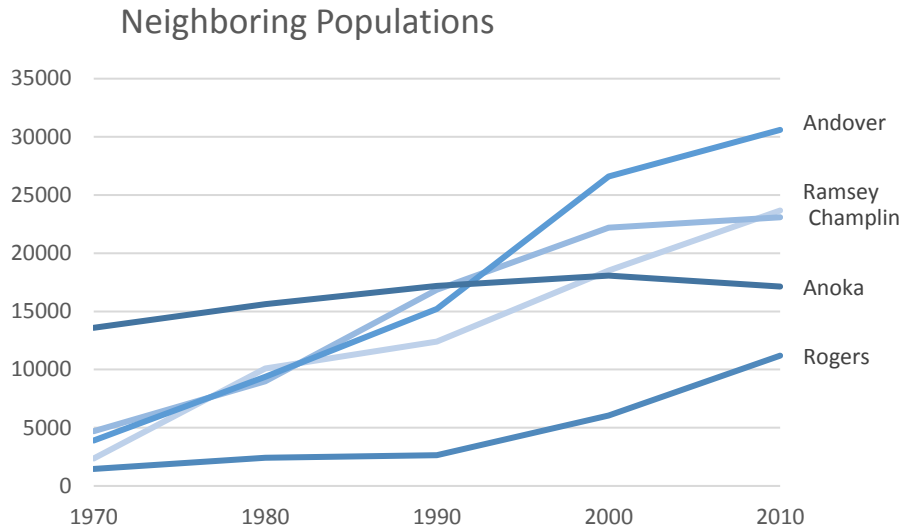
With the number of residents per household likely to continue to decline as the overall population of Ramsey ages, residential housing types will need to be accommodated through development of a variety of housing types including apartments and townhomes.

Ramsey’s population experienced steady growth between 1990 and 2010, slowed from 2010 to 2015, and is projected by the Metropolitan Council to steadily increase yet again from 2020 to 2040.

As shown in Figure ___-___ Ramsey has been outpaced by only Andover in population growth since 1990 and has risen from to the second most populated City in the area.

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Figure 3: Population Comparison

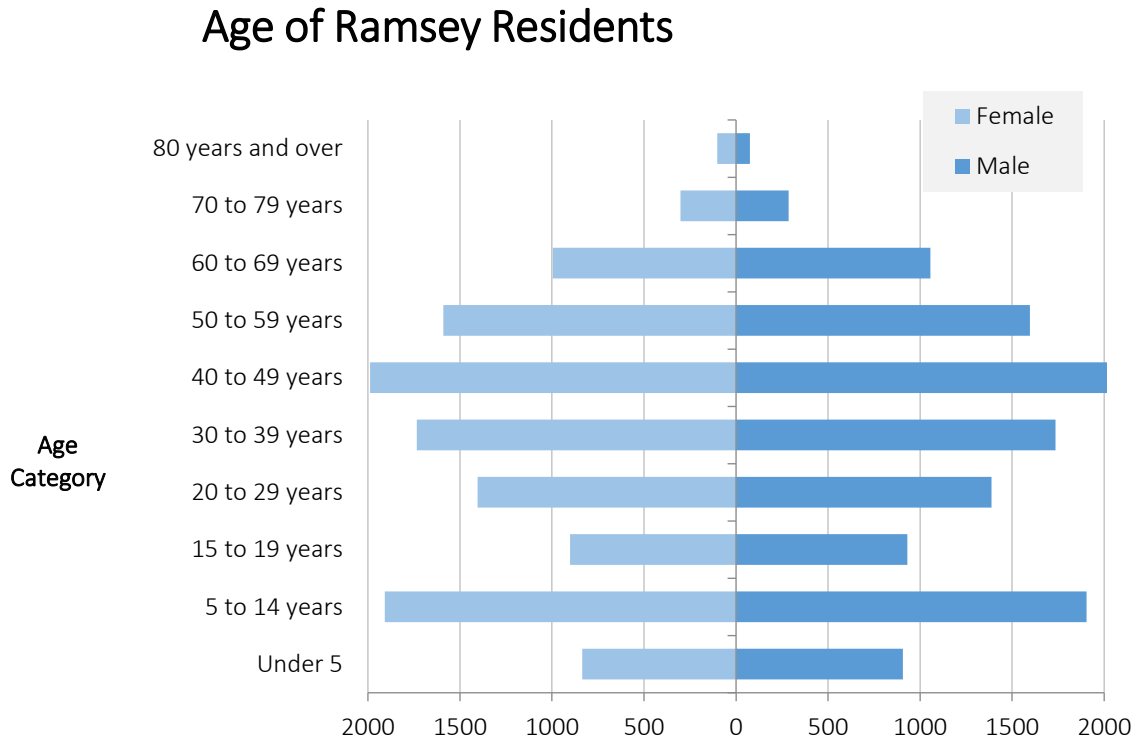


Age demographics

Consistent with most other communities across the region, Ramsey's population is aging. Figure ___-___ shows that the largest segment of the population is in the 40-49 age range which is quite young compared to many other communities in the metropolitan region. It will be important for Ramsey to plan for alternative housing options for these residents as they age so that they can remain in the community. In addition, it will also remain important that Ramsey seek ways to be competitive in retaining younger residents as the data shows the second largest section of residents in the 5-14 age range.

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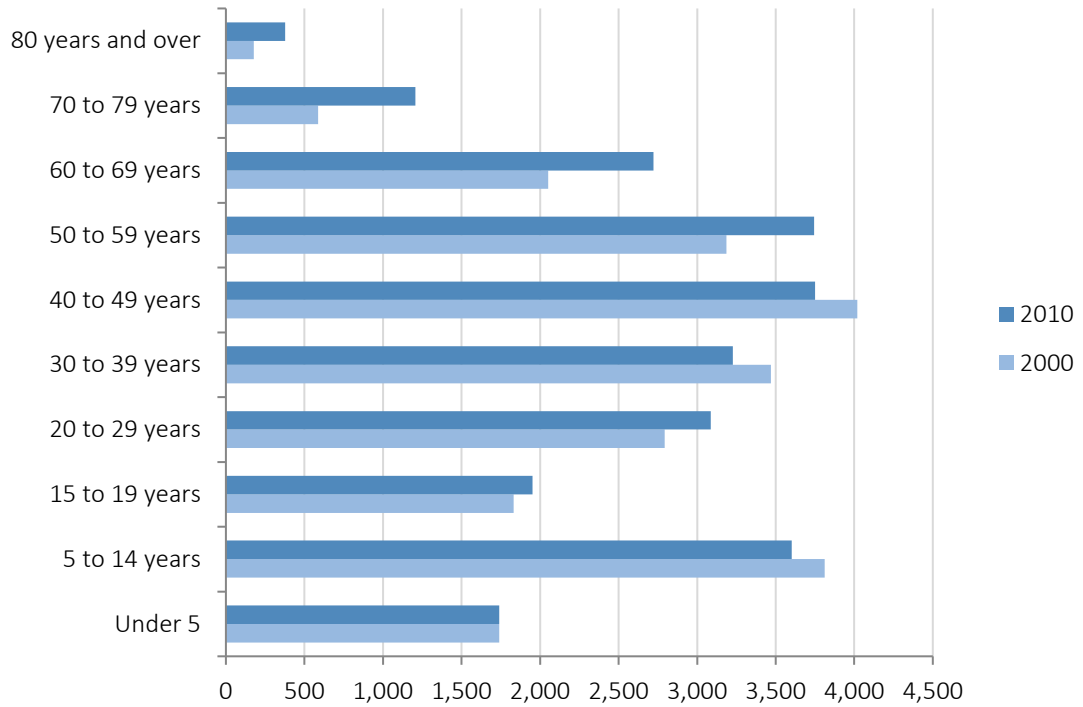
Figure 4: Age Distribution



Looking at the changes in age demographics from 2000 to 2010, the greatest gains were in the categories of “empty nester” adults, while there were losses in population amongst 30- to 50-year-olds. This age demographic profile helps explain Ramsey’s key themes pertaining to schools, parks, and recreation.

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Figure 5: Age Cohort

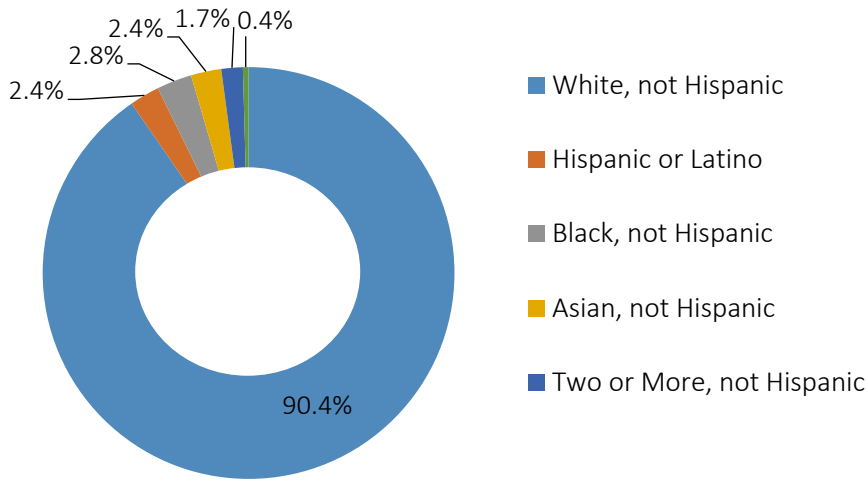


Race

At 90.4 percent, Ramsey residents are primarily white non-Hispanic individuals with the remaining 9.6% of residents being people of color. By comparison, the Twin Cities region is 24.6% residents of color, and Anoka County is 15.6% residents of color. As such, Ramsey is not diversifying at the same rate as Anoka County or the Twin Cities region. Regional trends indicate that in the Twin Cities metro area, residents of color will continue to comprise a greater share of our region's population, increasing from 24% in 2010 to 41% in 2040.

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Figure 6: Racial Demographics



The Neighborhoods

Housing Types

Housing is the predominant land use in Ramsey. Estimates from the Metropolitan Council indicate that there were 8,812 housing units in Ramsey in 2015. Around 75 percent of the housing units in Ramsey are single family detached homes with townhomes counting for an additional 15 percent of the total housing units.

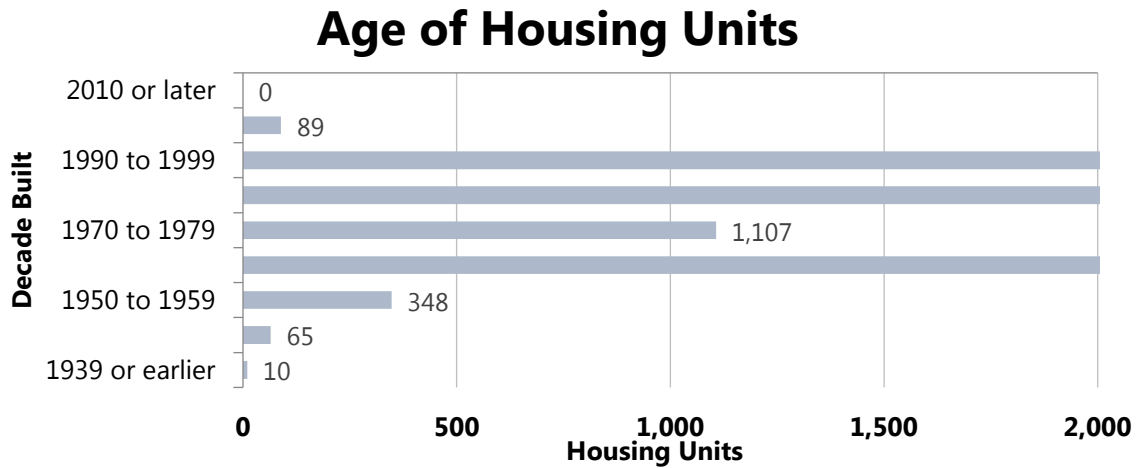
Figure 7: Housing Type

Unit Type	Units	
Single Family Detached	6,692	75.9%
Multifamily (5 units or more)	680	7.7%
Townhomes	1403	15.9%
Duplex, triplex, quad	37	0.5%
Total:	8,812	100%

Source: Metropolitan Council Housing Stock Estimates (2015)

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Figure 8: Age of Housing Stock

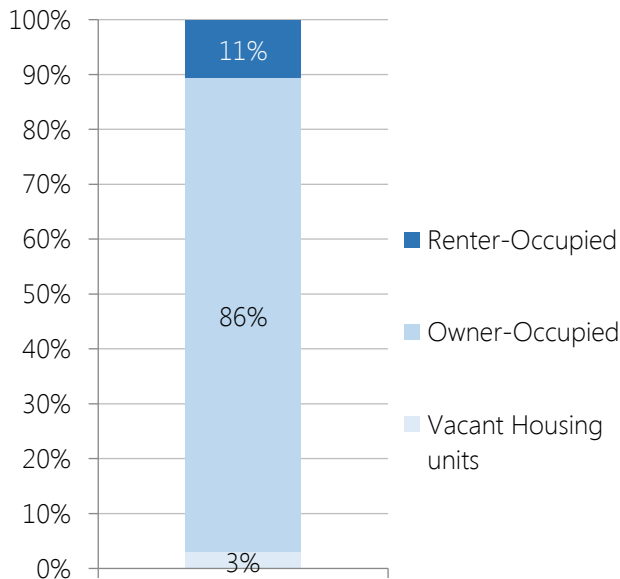


Data source: ACS 2011-2015

Housing Tenure

The City of Ramsey has a historically consistent foundation of owner-occupied housing which remains true today. Approximately 85 percent of Ramsey housing units are owner-occupied, and that percentage has remained largely the same since 1990. That percentage is higher than most of the cities surrounding Ramsey with the lowest percentage of owner-occupied housing of local communities being the City of Anoka at 52 percent.

Figure 9: Housing Tenure



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The Economy

The Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development estimate approximately 6,150 jobs in the City of Ramsey in 2015. Average annual wages for 2015 are estimated at \$46,637. A large reason for this average is likely due to the fact that manufacturing represents the largest employment industry in Ramsey at 34 percent, and these are typically living wage jobs. Anoka County as a whole has 16 percent devoted to Manufacturing.

Figure 10: Jobs Located in Ramsey

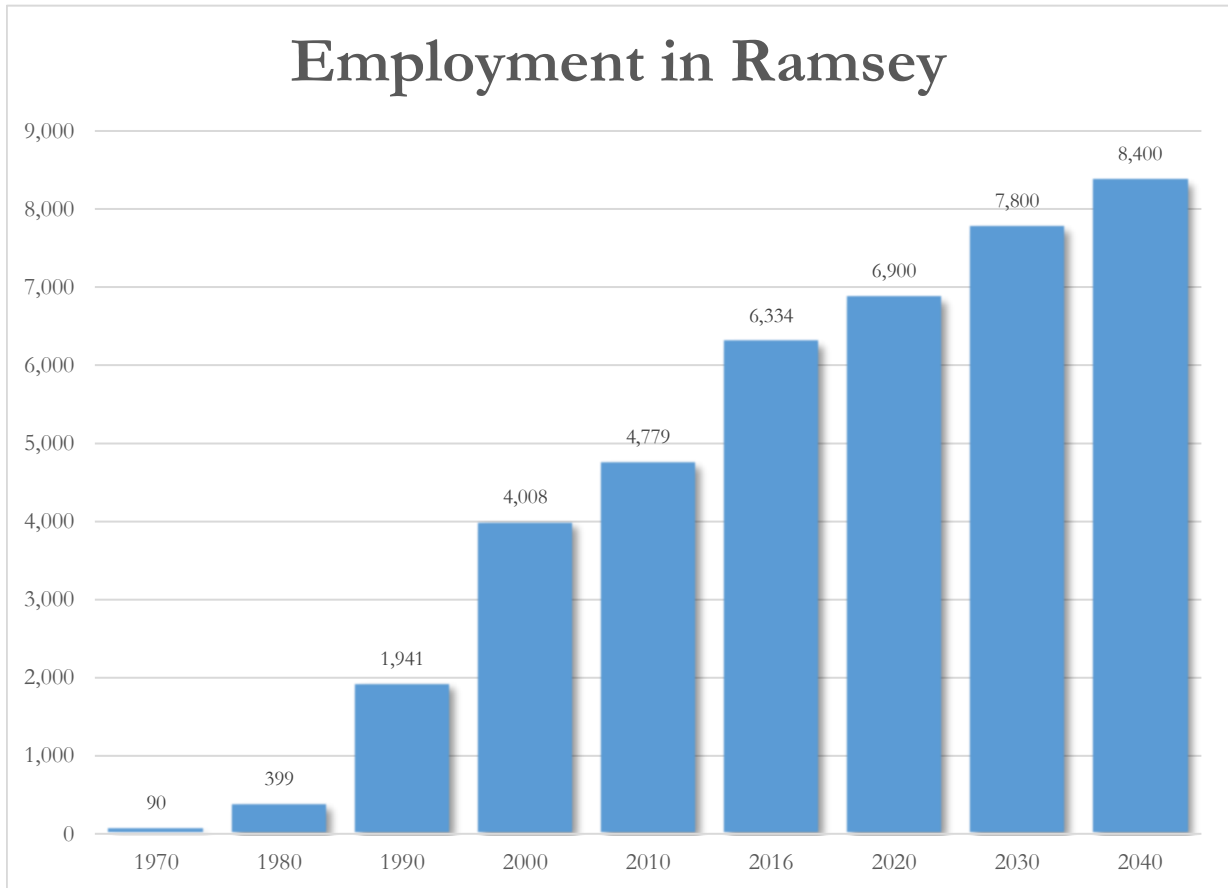
Industry	Employment Total	Percentage
Retail Trade	554	9%
Health Care and Social Assistance	246	4%
Accommodation and Food Services	369	6%
Public Administration	185	3%
Manufacturing	2,091	34%
Other Services, Ex. Public Admin	308	5%
Educational Services	369	6%
Administrative and Waste Services	369	6%
Finance and Insurance	123	2%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	123	2%
Information	62	1%
Wholesale Trade	308	5%
All Other Industries	1,046	17%
Total:	6,150	100%

The U.S. Highway 10 corridor is the commercial hub of Ramsey, running the length of the City. Ramsey faces the challenge of encouraging updates and redevelopment of its older and more outmoded buildings and businesses along U.S. Highway 10, while also developing greenfield properties within The COR and new business park east of Armstrong Boulevard.

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Employment Forecasts

Figure 11: Employment Forecasts

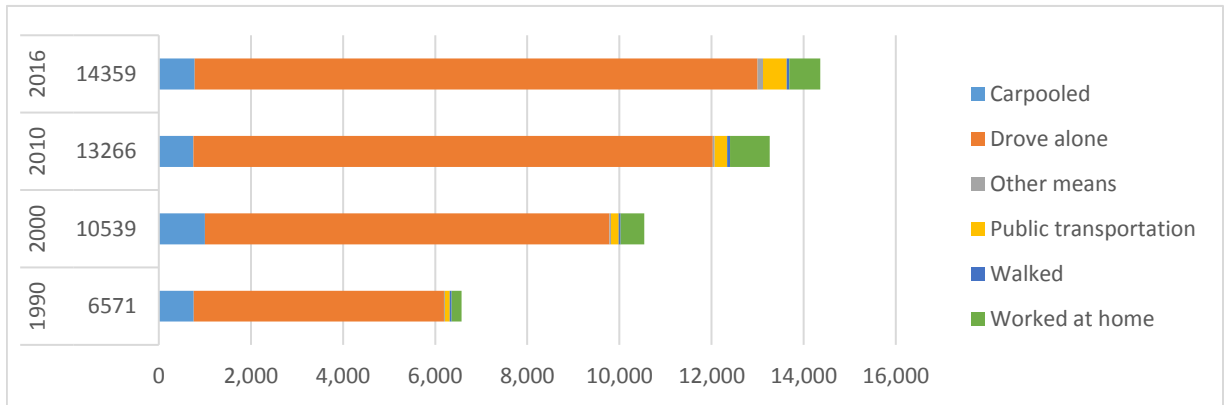


Source: U.S. Census Decennial Survey, U.S. Census American Communities Survey, Metropolitan Council Forecasts

The Commute

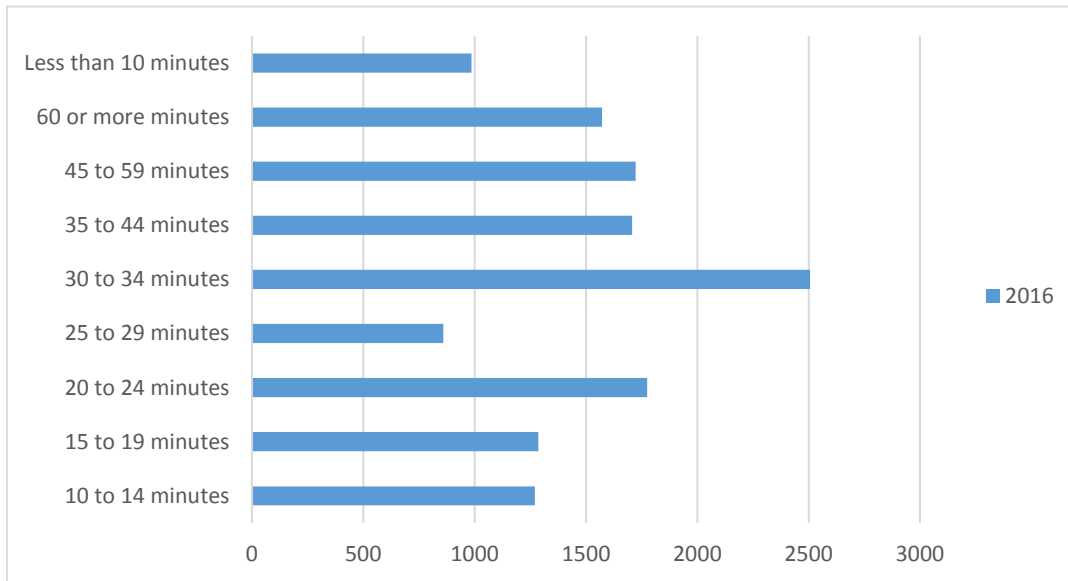
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Figure 12: Means of Commuting



Source: U.S. Census American Communities Survey

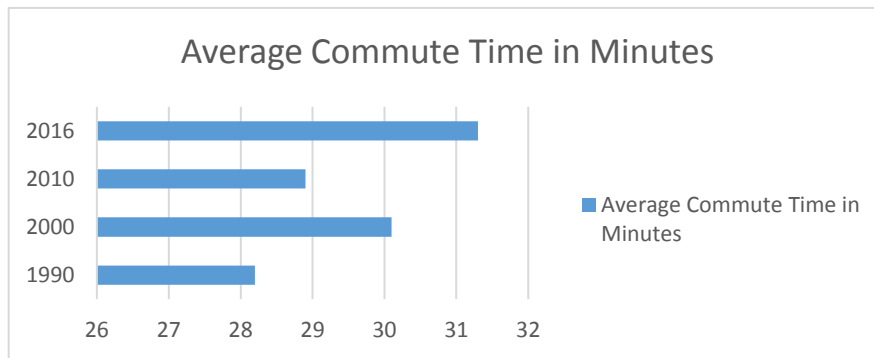
Figure 13: Travel Time to Work



Source: U.S. Census American Communities Survey

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Figure 14: Average Time to Work



Source: U.S. Census Decennial Census, U.S. Census American Communities Survey

Figure 15: Top Workplaces of Ramsey Residents

Workplace	Workers
Other	4,282
Minneapolis	1,722
Coon Rapids	1,062
Anoka	1,061
Ramsey	952
St. Paul	554
Plymouth	444
Brooklyn Park	433
Blaine	429
Fridley	425
Maple Grove	400

Figure 16: Top Residences of Ramsey Workers

Residence	Workers
Other	1,322
Ramsey	952
Coon Rapids	429
Andover	333
Anoka	280
Blaine	206
Nowthen	160
Brooklyn Park	145
Minneapolis	133
Oak Grove	121
Champlin	116

Proximity to jobs and commuting profiles are important to Ramsey’s Transportation Goals and Economic Development Goals.