

## CHAPTER 2

# DEMOGRAPHICS

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### INTRODUCTION

While there was moderate growth in Middle Smithfield Township between 2000 and 2010, the overall growth of population from 2010 to 2020 was slowed by the 2008/2009 economic recession, and the COVID-19 pandemic.

The timing of this Comprehensive Plan creates challenges in terms of deriving an accurate demographic picture of the Township for the following reason:

The 2020 -2021 COVID-19 pandemic impacted most areas of life. Remote work allowed people to move out of densely populated urban areas and into their second homes in Middle Smithfield Township. People in the lower socio-economic spectrum were disproportionately impacted with job losses and loss of wages, while higher wage earners tended to do better.

