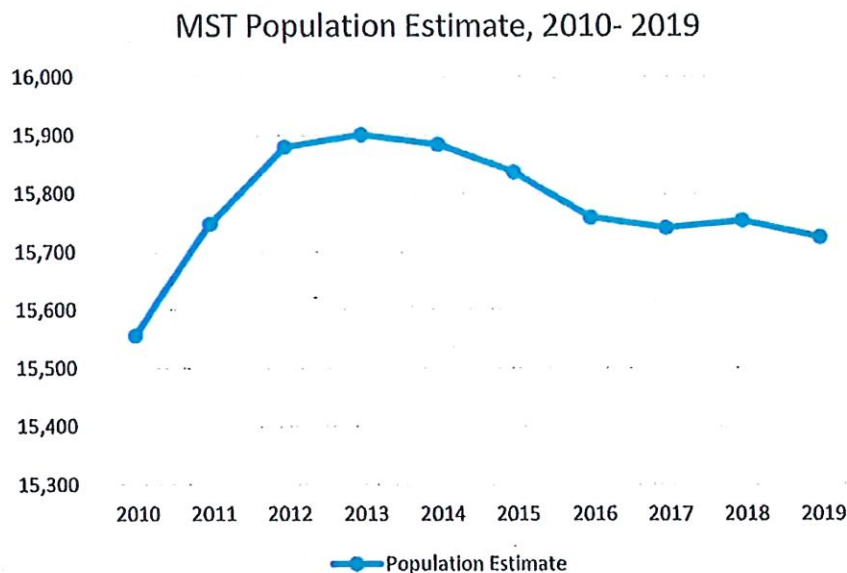


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### POPULATION TRENDS AND PROJECTIONS

Middle Smithfield Township has been on a growth trajectory since the early 1970's, when it more than doubled its population. However, this rate slowed between 2000 and 2010 to less than 40%. Since 2010, growth has declined (Chart 1). This decline is also reflected in the population trend of the County as a whole, which experienced a negative growth between 2010 and 2020 (Table 1).

Chart 1. Population trends, 2010-2019



Source: American Community Survey, 2015-2019

Table 1. Historic Growth Rates in Middle Smithfield Township and Monroe County

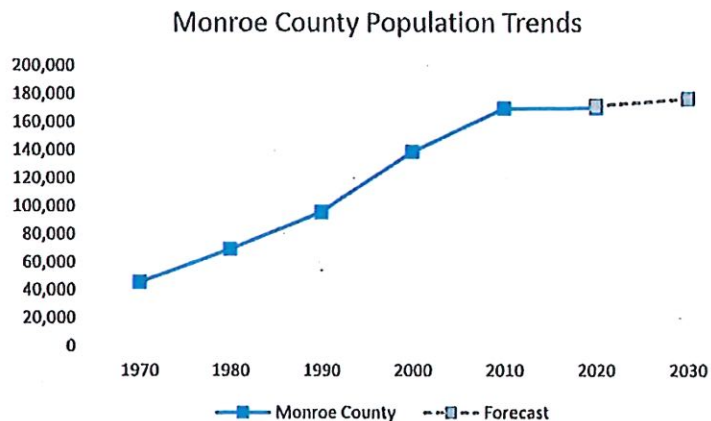
	Middle Smithfield Township			Monroe County		
	Population	Absolute Growth	Growth Rate	Population	Absolute Growth	Growth Rate
1970	1,508			45,422		
1980	3,497	1,989	131.9%	69,409	23,987	52.8%
1990	6,382	2,885	82.5%	95,709	26,300	37.9%
2000	11,495	5,113	80.1%	138,687	42,978	44.9%
2010	15,997	4,502	39.2%	169,842	31,155	22.5%
2020	16,053	56	0.35%	168,327	-1,515	-0.89%

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Looking forward, two benchmarks were used to project potential growth in the Township over the next 20 years. On the low end, the Monroe County growth rate from 2010 to 2020 (Chart 2) of -0.89% was used and projected forward. In its 2014 Comprehensive Plan, Monroe County employed a growth rate of 2.9% to project its future growth from 2020 to 2030. (Chart 3) This same rate is used in Middle Smithfield as a more moderate rate of growth than what was shown between 2010 and 2020.

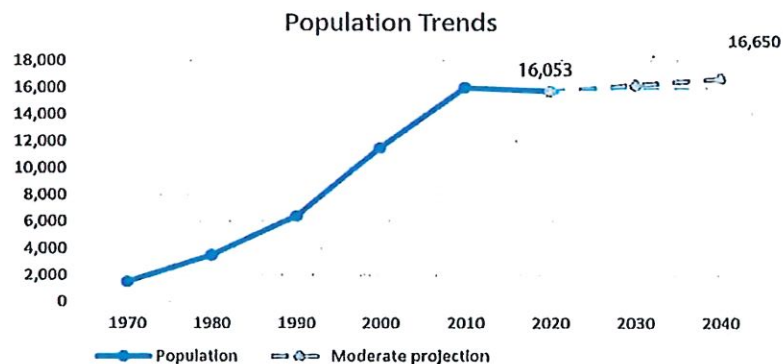
Chart 2. Monroe County historic and projected growth



Source: U.S Census Bureau; projections: Monroe County Comprehensive Plan

Based upon the County's population trends, the moderate population projection for Middle Smithfield Township is a growth in population from 2020 to 2030 of an additional 128 persons (16,053 to 16,181), and an additional 469 persons from 2030 to 2040 (16,181 to 16,650), for a total growth of 597 persons over the next 20 years (Chart 3).

Chart 3. Middle Smithfield Population Projections, 2020 - 2040



Source: US Census Data; TCA calculations