

Delaware Population Consortium



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Where: 219 Haslet Armory

**When: Thursday, September 26h, 2019
10:00 am to 12:00 pm**

Meeting minutes

1. Introductions

2. Review and approval of meeting minutes

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3. By-Laws Discussion/Update

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4. Population Projections

Since 2010 fairly significant drop in births – this trend likely to continue. 1.53 % to 1% Migration has picked up largely due to Sussex County. Fairly constant is deaths 9,000/year and growing. Demographics is driving population figures. Primarily affects Sussex County. Births in Kent and NCC down as well. Below replacement. Some Countries given their low birth rate won't exist in 150 years due to their low birth rates.

Second page – Kent County conservative view – net migration has not offset lower births – not growing as fast as in the past. 2-2 1/2% growth over the 10 year – 0-4 crowd shrinking – could change – still showing growth by 2050 – migration rates bumped up in 2002-2007 but then dropped back in recession – rest is reasonably stable – more seniors – eventually seniors will disappear – 2017 numbers have some problems with ACS numbers have impacted some numbers.

NCC – down about 500 annually over that last 20 years for births – 2030 deaths have overwhelmed the births – pop is flattening out in 2030 – peak in 2040 and then turning down 1100-1200 migration/year – going to be a lot of vacant houses due to anticipated population decrease – Dupont split up is not positive – lost a good chunk of Dupont, AstraZeneca, Chrysler, with no real replacement- plenty of manufacturing, but less workers are needed for it – employment reflects that, jobs by type, retail is down, hospitality and health care is growing, manufacturing is down as well – NCC doesn't grow without net migration – unemployment rate is still low – productivity is a question, secondary effects.

Sussex – negative 500 natural increase goes back to 2012 -first wave of retirement came into Sussex in 1985 – however 0-4 is growing due to migration. Attractive place for young people as well. Senior population is projected to double from 2010 to 2030. If we did go into a recession, migration numbers most likely will be decrease.

DE as a whole – racial distribution – 50/50 in 2050 – 0-4 kids 55,861 in 2010 down to 51,942 in 2050.

Journey to Work – carpooling is down. Utilization of bus or trolley is down (see attached) Car pool and working at home numbers have been joggling back and forth. Relationship between recession and carpooling based on prices. Kent County – steady rise in car pooling to NCC.

Comments to Ed by October 4th, 2019.

5. Other Business

1st David E and second Jim Pennwell to adjourn at 11:30 am

6. Next meeting date October 24th, 2019

