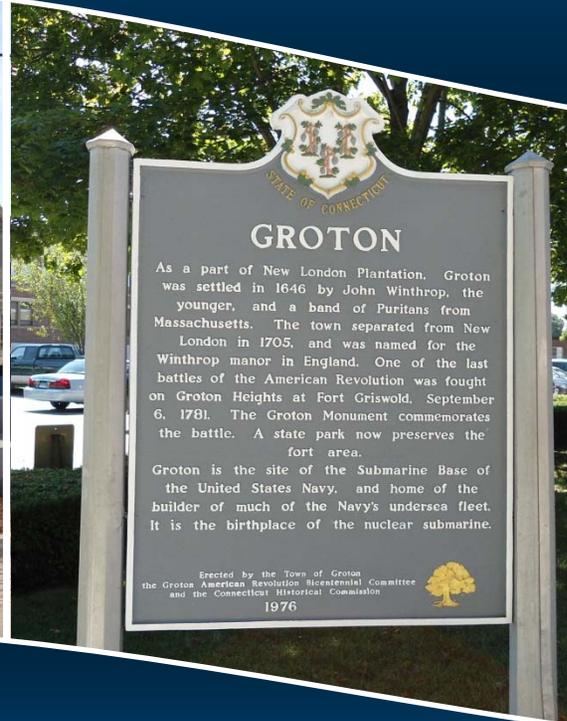


2013 Town of Groton Plan of Conservation & Development & Municipal Coastal Plan Demographics and Update



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Introduction

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Total Population

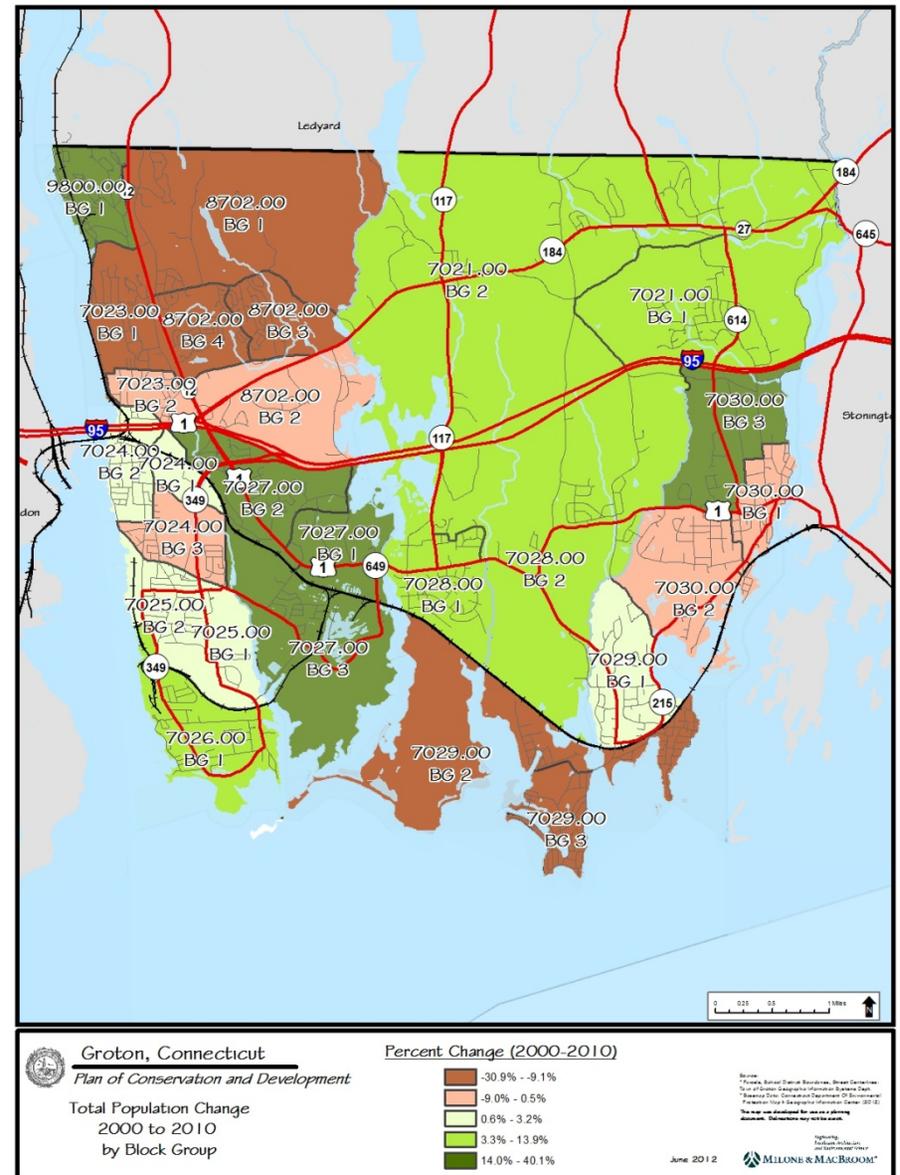
- Remarkably Stable Town Population
- Growing Region – Especially in More Rural/Suburban Communities
- New London and Norwich Experienced Stronger Growth 2000 to 2010, Reversing Previous Trends of Decline

Population Change in New London County 1960-2010								
	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000	2010	1960-2010 Change	2000-10 Change
Lyme	1,183	1,484	1,822	1,949	2,016	2,406	103.4%	19.3%
Norwich	38,506	41,739	38,074	37,391	36,117	40,493	5.2%	12.1%
Bozrah	1,590	2,036	2,135	2,297	2,357	2,627	65.2%	11.5%
Griswold	6,472	7,763	8,967	10,384	10,807	11,951	84.7%	10.6%
Colchester	4,648	6,603	7,761	10,980	14,551	16,068	245.7%	10.4%
Salem	925	1,453	2,335	3,310	3,858	4,151	348.8%	7.6%
New London	34,182	31,630	28,842	28,540	25,671	27,620	-19.2%	7.6%
Lisbon	2,019	2,808	3,279	3,790	4,069	4,338	114.9%	6.6%
North Stonington	1,982	3,748	4,219	4,884	4,991	5,297	167.3%	6.1%
Lebanon	2,434	3,804	4,762	6,041	6,907	7,308	200.2%	5.8%
East Lyme	6,782	11,399	13,870	15,340	18,118	19,159	182.5%	5.7%
Montville	7,759	15,662	16,455	16,673	18,546	19,571	152.2%	5.5%
Franklin	974	1,356	1,592	1,810	1,835	1,922	97.3%	4.7%
Stonington	13,969	15,940	16,220	16,919	17,906	18,545	32.8%	3.6%
Voluntown	1,028	1,452	1,637	2,113	2,528	2,603	153.2%	3.0%
Old Lyme	3,068	4,964	6,159	6,535	7,406	7,603	147.8%	2.7%
Ledyard	5,395	14,837	13,735	14,913	14,687	15,051	179.0%	2.5%
Waterford	15,391	17,227	17,843	17,930	19,152	19,517	26.8%	1.9%
Preston	4,992	3,593	4,644	5,006	4,688	4,726	-5.3%	0.8%
Groton	29,937	38,244	41,062	45,144	39,907	40,115	34.0%	0.5%
Sprague	2,509	2,912	2,996	3,008	2,971	2,984	18.9%	0.4%
County Total	185,745	230,654	238,409	254,957	259,088	274,055	47.5%	5.8%

source: U.S. Census 1960, 1970, 1980, 1990, 2000 and 2010

Change in Population 2000 to 2010

- Population Growth and Loss Varies by Neighborhood
- Concerns for Location of Community Facilities and Services?
- Impacts on Transportation and Infrastructure



Natural Increase

- **Actual Increase of 208 People from 2000 to 2010 Compared to Estimated Natural Increase of 3,700 – Net Out-Migration of About 9% of the Population**
- **Perpetual Turnover in Navy Personnel Skews Calculation By Inflating Birth Numbers**
- **About 30% of Annual Births from Military Housing Areas**

	Births	Deaths
2000	660	323
2001	631	293
2002	619	304
2003	682	332
2004	643	281
2005	653	259
2006	639	309
2007	627	291
2008	642	292
2009	592	290
2010	589	297*
TOTAL	6,977	3,271

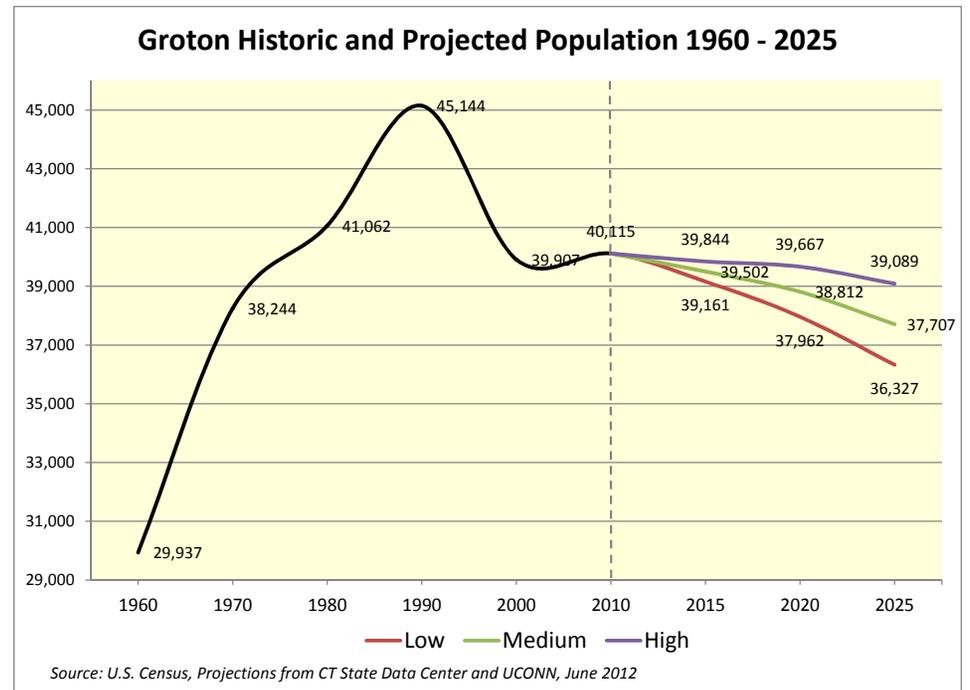
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Population Projections

- **State Data Center Projects Slow Decline for Groton, While New London County, New London and Norwich All Continue to Grow**
- **DOT Projects Stable Population Next 30 Years**

Actual and Projected Populations (Medium Fertility Rate), 1990 - 2025						
	1990	2000	2010	2015	2020	2025
Connecticut	3,287,116	3,405,565	3,574,097	3,606,735	3,725,890	3,838,796
New London County	254,957	259,088	274,055	280,758	288,266	295,054
Groton	45,144	39,907	40,115	39,502	38,812	37,707
New London	28,540	25,671	27,620	29,641	32,182	34,819
Norwich	37,391	36,117	40,493	43,019	45,744	48,430

sources: U.S. Census 1990, 2000 and 2010; CT State Data Center Projections (2012)



Population Loss?

- **Projected Decline or Stable Population in a Growing Region**
- **What Would Population Loss Mean for Groton?**
 - ❖ **Town Services**
 - ❖ **Tax Revenue**
 - ❖ **Schools**
 - ❖ **Housing Market**
- **What Would an Unchanging Population Mean for Groton in the Context of Growing Southeastern CT?**
- **In Contact with Navy Base Liaison**

Age

- **Younger Population Relative to State and County, Due Largely to Navy Personnel**
- **Median Age in Rural and Suburban Regional Communities Increasing Significantly**
- **Workforce Advantage for Groton?**

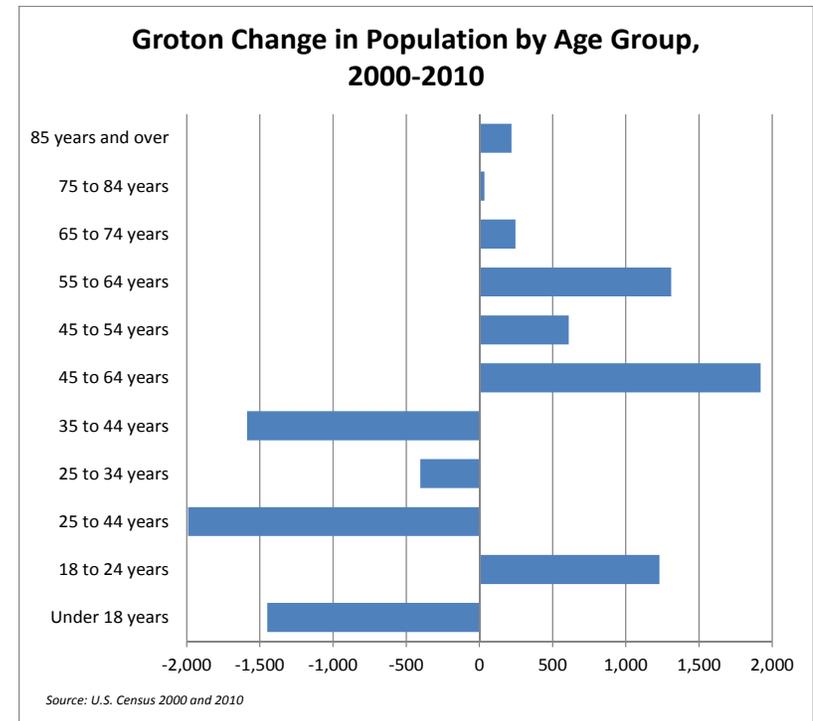
	2000 Median Age	2010 Median Age	Change
New London	31.2	30.3	-2.9%
Groton	32.5	33	1.5%
Norwich	36.9	38	3.0%
Sprague	37.1	38.5	3.8%
Griswold	36.7	39.6	7.9%
Ledyard	37.1	40.6	9.4%
Bozrah	40.1	43.9	9.5%
Lyme	47.1	51.6	9.6%
Franklin	39.9	44.1	10.5%
Waterford	41.7	46.1	10.6%
Montville	36.5	40.7	11.5%
Lebanon	38.2	42.7	11.8%
Preston	41	45.9	12.0%
Stonington	41.7	46.8	12.2%
Salem	37.1	41.8	12.7%
Lisbon	39	44	12.8%
East Lyme	39	44.3	13.6%
Old Lyme	42.9	48.8	13.8%
Colchester	35.3	40.6	15.0%
North Stonington	39.6	45.9	15.9%
Voluntown	36.3	42.8	17.9%

source: U.S. Census 2000 and 2010

Aging Population Despite Steady Median Age

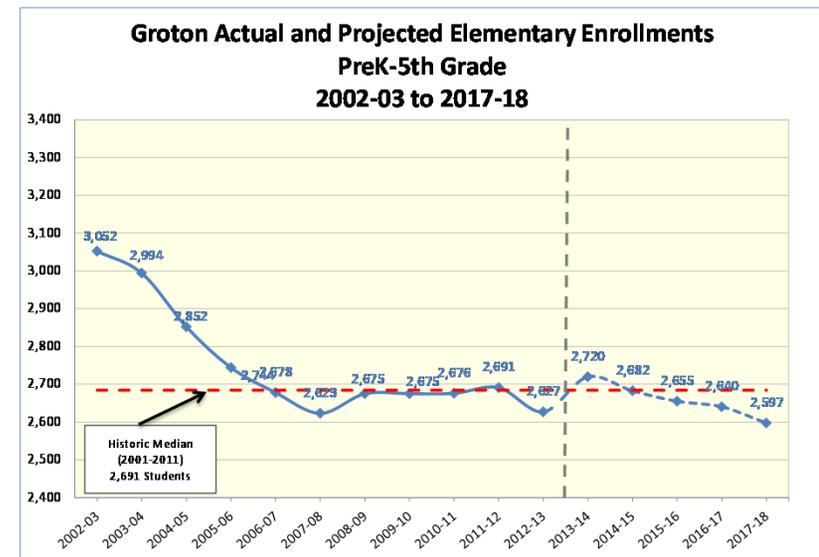
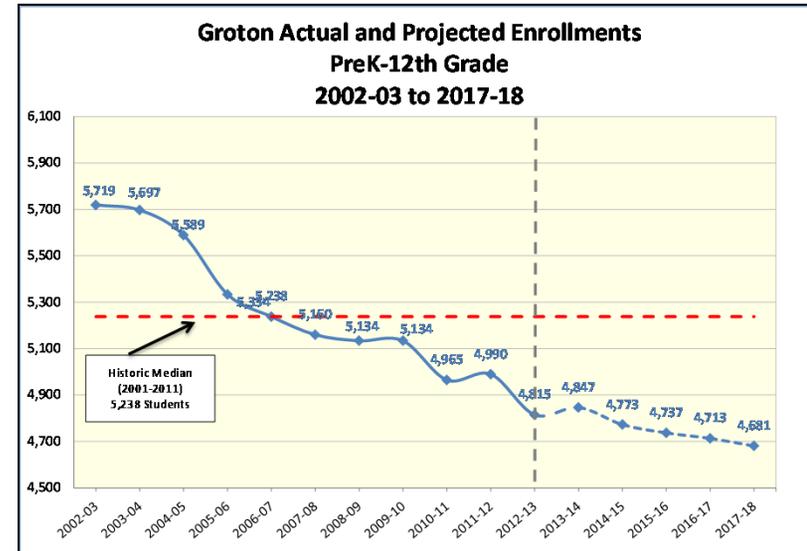
Median Age Hasn't Changed Significantly; However:

- **Loss of Young Working Age Population (Ages 25 to 44)**
- **Loss of School-Aged Children**
- **Increase in 55+ Population**



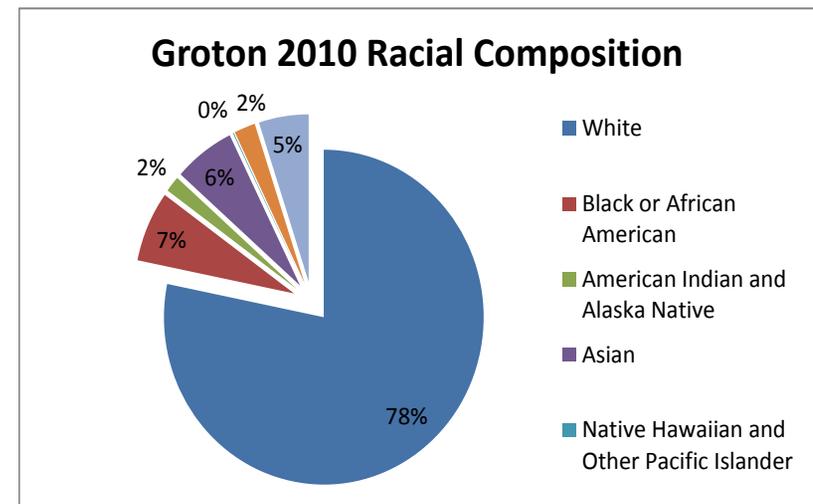
School Age Population

- **13% Decline in School Age Population from 2000 to 2010, But Stable Elementary Enrollment**
- **15% Decline in School Enrollment Since 2001**
- **Declines in the 5-18 Age Group Projected to Continue**
- **School Facilities?**



Racial and Ethnic Composition

- **Hispanic Population Grew by Almost 80% in Groton from 2000 to 2010 – by 75% in New London County**
- **Changes in Racial Composition Skewed by Census Reclassifications**
- **Groton and Region Becoming Increasingly Diverse**



Households

- **Increasing Numbers of Single-Person and Non-Family Households from 2000 to 2010**
- **Decreasing Family Households**
- **Changes in Housing Preferences? Affects on Housing Market? Future Development?**

	1-Person	2 or More Person (Family)	2 or More Person (Non-Family)	Total Households
New London County	12.5%	4.0%	20.0%	7.2%
Groton	11.5%	-17.6%	14.2%	2.2%
New London	2.5%	0.0%	10.1%	1.9%
Norwich	7.4%	8.9%	28.7%	10.0%

source: U.S. Census 2000 and 2010

Demographics Summary and Discussion

- Stable population - Groton will likely maintain a steady population of around 40,000.
- Aging population - The population will continue to age, not just in Groton, but across the Region and State.
- Increasing diversity - The population will continue to become more ethnically and racially diverse.
- Decreasing household sizes – Groton’s household sizes will continue to decrease as fewer families with fewer children occupy housing units.

Demographics

Questions?