

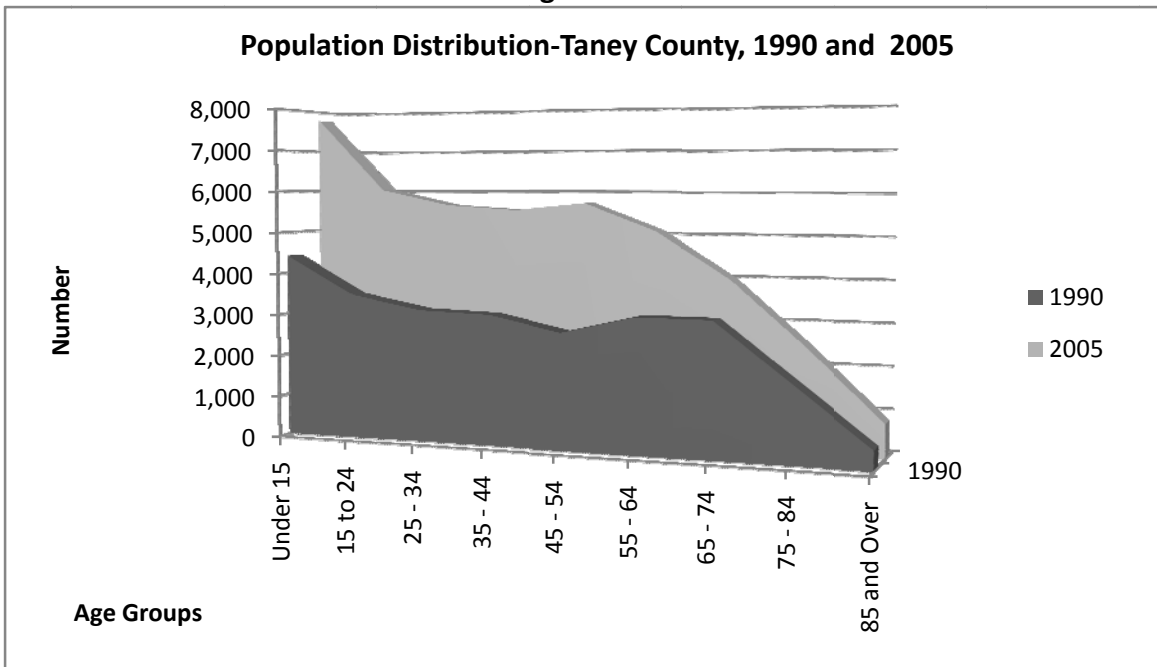
Chapter 1

Demographics and Socioeconomic Conditions

Population

Figure 1.1 shows a comparison of Missouri Information for Community Assessment (MICA) data from 1990 to 2005 in regard to the age distribution of the population in Taney County. This graph shows an overall increase in the number of residents in the county especially the every young to about 55 to 64 where the county has experienced the highest increase.

Figure 1.1



Source: Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, MICA

Population Estimates

Table 1.1 illustrates the population estimate for Taney County and Missouri. The percent change from 1990 to 2006 was 71.2% in Taney County this was higher than the state average of 13.4%.

Table 1.1a

Population Estimate for Taney County and Missouri					
	Year				
	1990	2000	2006	Percent Change 1990-2006	Projected Population 2010 (Based on Percent Change)
Taney County	25,561	39,703	43,770	71.2	61,669
Missouri	5,117,073	5,596,692	5,800,310	13.4	

Source; DHSS MICA

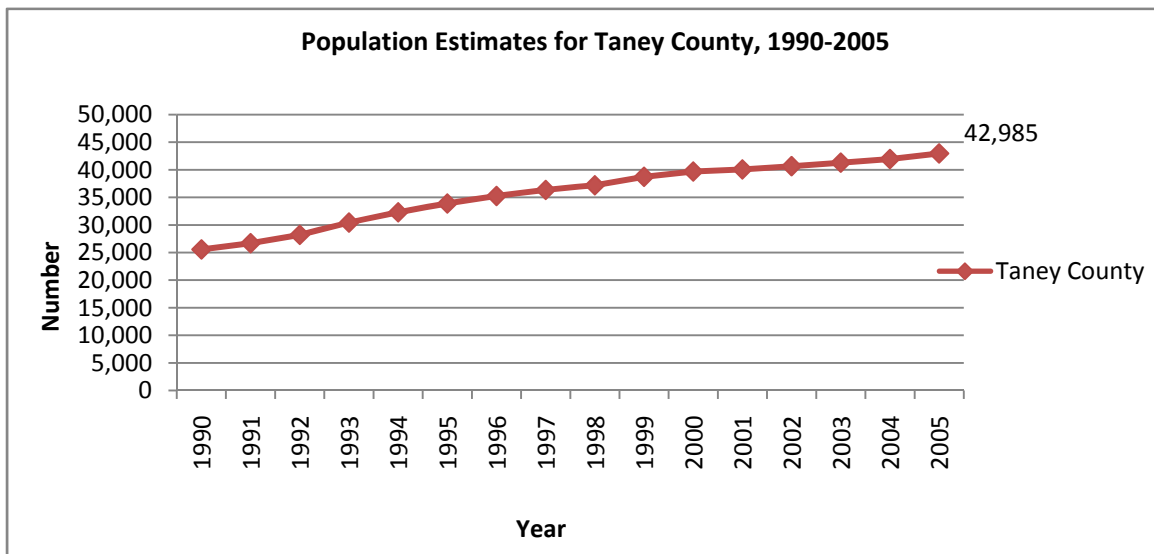
Table 1.1b

Population Age Characteristics-Taney County and Missouri, 2000			
	Taney County		Missouri
	Number	Percent	Percent
Under 5 years	2,428	6.1	6.6
5 to 9 years	2,413	6.1	7.1
10 to 14 years	2,521	6.3	7.4
15 to 19 years	2,809	7.1	7.4
20 to 24 years	2,795	7.0	6.6
25 to 34 years	4,829	12.2	13.2
35 to 44 years	5,574	14.0	15.9
45 to 54 years	5,324	13.4	13.3
55 to 59 years	2,378	6.0	5.0
60 to 64 years	2,207	5.6	4.1
65 to 74 years	3,690	9.3	7.0
75 to 84 years	2,072	5.2	4.7
85 years and over	663	1.7	1.8
Median age (years)	38.8		36.1

Source: US Census

Figure 1.2 illustrates that Taney County has experienced a positive growth pattern in the last 15 years. Based on this graphical representation, it is evident that the highest population increase was recorded in the first 6 years and has since then increased at a steady but slower rate.

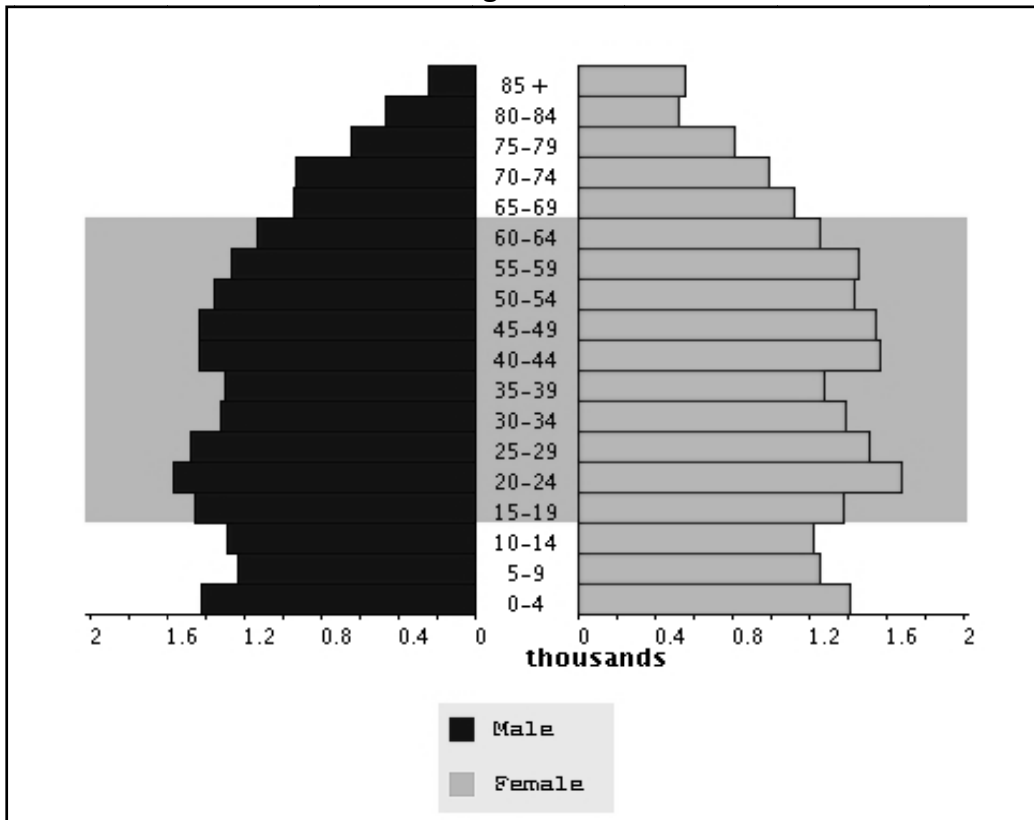
Figure 1.2



Source: Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, MICA

Figure 1.3 shows the population by Age and Sex for Taney County, Missouri in 2005.

Figure 1.3



Source: POPEST/Census Bureau, 2005

*(Shaded area denotes typical working ages.)

Based on table 1.3, Taney County showed a higher percentage of white population (96.22%) than the state (84.86%). Similarly, both the county and the state display a predominant white population in general.

Table 1.3

Population Percentages By Race or Ethnicity-Taney County, 2000						
	Taney County			Missouri		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
White	96.22	46.61	49.61	84.86	41.39	43.47
Black/African-American	0.35	0.18	0.16	11.25	5.27	5.98
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.87	0.38	0.50	0.45	0.23	0.22
Asian	0.34	0.14	0.21	1.10	0.53	0.57
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0.05	0.03	0.02	0.06	0.03	0.03
Other Race	0.74	0.43	0.31	0.82	0.45	0.37
Two or More Races	1.42	0.68	0.75	1.47	0.73	0.74
Hispanic or Latino	2.42	1.25	1.17	2.12	1.12	1.00

Source: US Census

The population change in Taney County based on race and ethnicity show that African Americans had the highest percentage increase from 2000 to 2006 (Table 1.4).

Table 1.4

Population Race and Ethnicity Change and Projections Taney County, 2005 Estimate				
		Estimate	Percent Change	Projected Population Based on Percent Change
	2000	2006	2000-2006	2010*
White	39,703	42,112	6.1	44,667
African American/Black	138	346	150.7	868
American Indian, Alaska Native	347	393	13.3	445
Asian	136	295	116.9	640
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	962	1,426	48.2	2,114
Other Race	294	53	-82.0	10
Total	41,580	43,770	5.3	46,075

Source: US Census; * Projected change in race by 2010 based on 2006 population estimate.

The urban population in Taney County and Missouri showed an increase in the 2000 census. The rural population in Taney County was higher than the State (Table 1.5).

Table 1.5

Percent of Population Classified as Rural and Urban, 2000		
	Taney County	Missouri
Total Population	39,703	5,595,211
Urban Population	50.3	69.4
Rural Population	49.7	30.6

Source: US Census

Table 1.6 compares children (0-17 years) living below poverty level in Taney and Missouri. In 2004, this percentage was higher than the state.

Table 1.6

Children (0-17 years) Below Poverty, Taney County		
Year	Percent	
	Taney County	Missouri
2000	17.6	15.3
2004	22.4	18.5

Source: OSEDA

The overall percent of all people below poverty level is illustrated in table 1.7. The percent of the population in the county who lived below poverty level was higher than the state rate in 2000 and 2004.

Table 1.7

All persons Below Poverty level, Taney County		
Year	Percent	
	Taney County	Missouri
2000	12.4	11.7
2004	14.2	13

Source: OSEDA

County Income pattern

Table 1.8 shows some social and economic profile of Taney County and Missouri in 2004 and 2005. According to the data, Taney County had a higher unemployment rate a compared to the state rate.

The county generated a total of \$1,008,084 million from personal income in 2004 and the per capita income was \$24,021 compared with \$30,475 for Missouri.

Table 1.8

Social and Economic Profiles of Taney County and Missouri, 2004 and 2005		
	Taney County	Missouri
Personal income, 2004 (\$1000)	1,008,084	175,524,474
Personal income per capita, 2004	\$24,021	\$30,475
Civilian labor force, 2005	24,190	3,024,478
Unemployment rate, 2005	9.0%	5.4%
Full-time and part-time employment by place of work, 2004	29,740	3,512,134
Full-time and part-time employment, net change 2000 to 2004	198	14,914
Employment in government, 2004	2,084	473,764
Earnings, 2004 (\$1000)	815,468	135,403,221
Average earnings per job, 2004	\$27,420	\$38,553

Source: OSEDA

Information regarding employment by industry is presented in Tables 1.9 and 1.10. The large number of service industry and tourism related jobs also influences monthly unemployment statistics as shown in Figure 1.4.

Table 1.9

Industry Employment Taney County, 2005													
	Mining	Const	Manu	Transport. & Warehousing	Utilities	Trade	Info	Fin & insurance	Educ., services	Healthcare & social assistance.	Accom & food service	Arts, entert & recreation	Others
Taney County	60	1,017	547	446	152	3,873	383	397	368	1,729	5,019	1,651	3,982
Percent	0.3	5.2	2.8	2.3	0.8	19.7	2.0	2.0	1.9	8.8	25.6	8.4	20.3

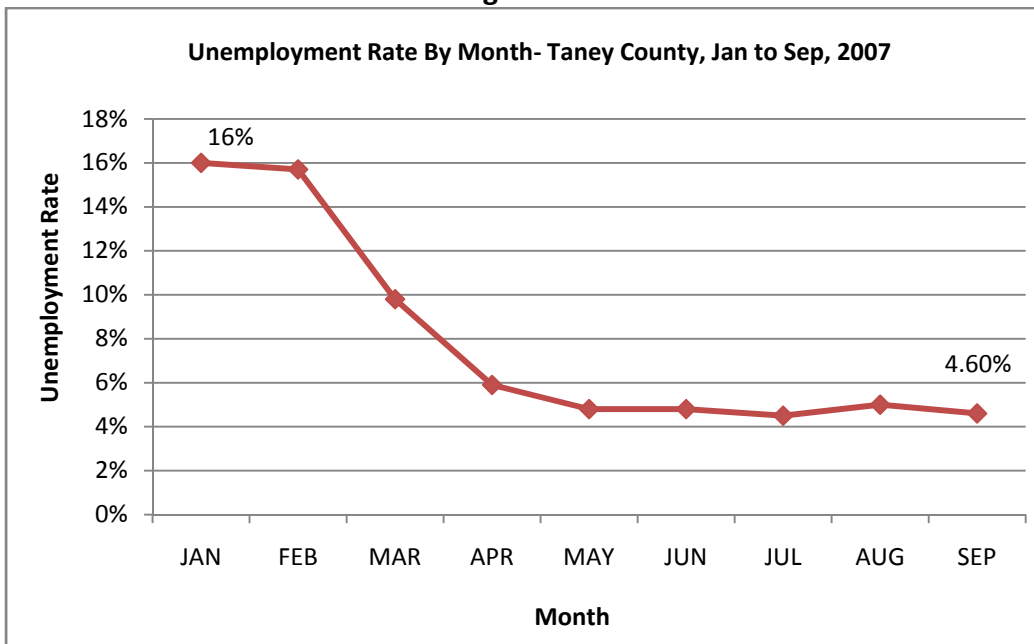
Source: US Census

Table 1.10

Number of Establishments by Size, 2005										
Employees	1-4	5-9	10-19	20-49	50-99	100-249	250-499	500-999	1000+	County Total
Taney County	972	344	217	151	50	22	4	1	0	1761
Percent	55.2	19.5	12.3	8.6	2.8	1.2	0.2	0.1	0.0	

Source: US Census

Figure 1.4



Source: Missouri Economic Research and Information Center

Housing

Housing characteristics in Taney County are shown in Table 1.11. In the year 2006, it was reported that 941 new housing units were built in Taney County. This was a 4.2% increase.

Table 1.11

Annual Estimates of Housing Units for Taney County, Missouri: July 1, 2000 to July 1, 2006			
	Annual Estimate	Annual Change	
Year	Housing Units	Number	Percent
July 1, 2006	23,382	941	4.2
July 1, 2005	22,441	699	3.2
July 1, 2004	21,742	541	2.6
July 1, 2003	21,201	395	1.9
July 1, 2002	20,806	428	2.1
July 1, 2001	20,378	551	2.8
July 1, 2000	19,827		

Source: US Census

Poverty

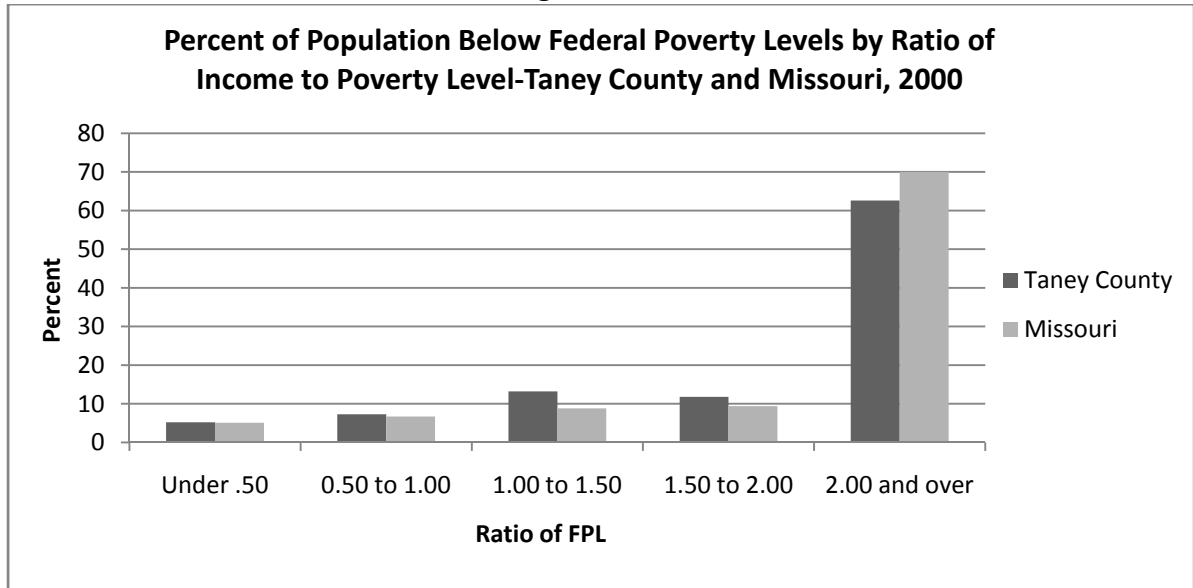
Table 1.12 provides a comparison between poverty levels in Taney County and Missouri. Taney County has similar levels of poverty in the population among those living below 100% of the Federal Poverty Level.

Table 1.12

Percent of Population At Federal Poverty Levels-Taney County and Missouri, 2000		
	Taney County	Missouri
Total	38,149	5,433,293
Under .50	5.2	5.1
.50 to .74	3.4	3.1
.75 to .99	3.8	3.6
1.00 to 1.24	6.1	4.2
1.25 to 1.49	7.1	4.6
1.50 to 1.74	6.0	4.7
1.75 to 1.84	2.6	2.0
1.85 to 1.99	3.2	2.8
2.00 and Over	62.6	70.0

Source: US Census

Figure 1.5



Source: US Census

Figure 1.5 provides a comparison of population percentages in Taney County and Missouri of the population living below Federal Poverty Levels (FPL). Poverty by age groups is examined in tables 1.13 through 1.16.

Table 1.13

Change in Poverty Characteristics-Taney County, 1990-2000						
Individuals Below 100% Federal Poverty Levels			Change From 1990 to 2000		Percent of Population Living in Poverty	
	2000	1990	Number	Percent	2000	1990
Total	4,731	3,329	1,402	42.1	11.9	13.6
Children Under 18	1,584	941	643	68.3	22.4	18.1

Source: US Census

Table 1.14 provides information regarding the poverty status of Taney County residents by age group. Children under 5 years of age represented 10.4% of those living in poverty while they represented only 6.1% of the total population of the county in 1999. Those under 18 years of age had a higher percentage of those living in poverty (33.4%) as compared to the general population percentage (22.4%).

Table 1.14

Poverty Status By Age-Taney County, 1999			
	Number	Percent	Percent of the Population Group
Income in 1999 below poverty level:	4,731	100.0%	11.9%
Under 5 years	493	10.4	6.1
5 years	77	1.6	
6 to 11 years	515	10.9	
12 to 17 years	499	10.5	
Under 18 years	1,584	33.4	22.4
18 to 64 years	2,610	55.2	
65 and Over	537	12.3	16.2
65 to 74 years	222	4.7	
75 years and over	315	6.7	

Source: US Census

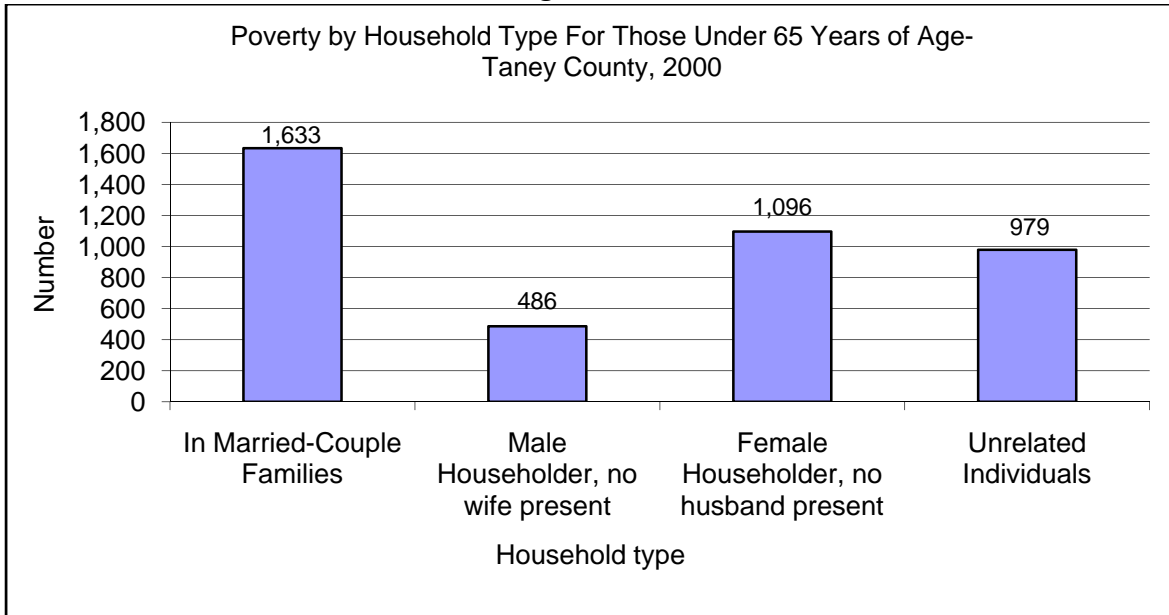
Table 1.15

Householders 65 Years of Age and Older Below 100% FPL By Household Characteristics-Taney County, 2000		
	Total Number Over Age 65 Living in Poverty	Percent of Total Population Living in Poverty
In Married-Couple Families	210	4.4
Male Householder, No Wife Present	18	0.4
Female Householder, No Husband Present	30	0.6
Unrelated Individuals	279	5.9

Source: US Census

Figure 1.6 provides the total number of households by householder type living in poverty in Taney County for those under 65 years of age.

Figure 1.6



Source: US Census

Table 1.16 provides information on the percent of family types living in poverty in Taney County for the year 2000. Over 54% of families living in poverty are married couple families. The next highest percentage, 33.1%, of households living in poverty was reported to be single females. Single females with children accounted for 29.9% of the total households living in poverty.

Table 1.16

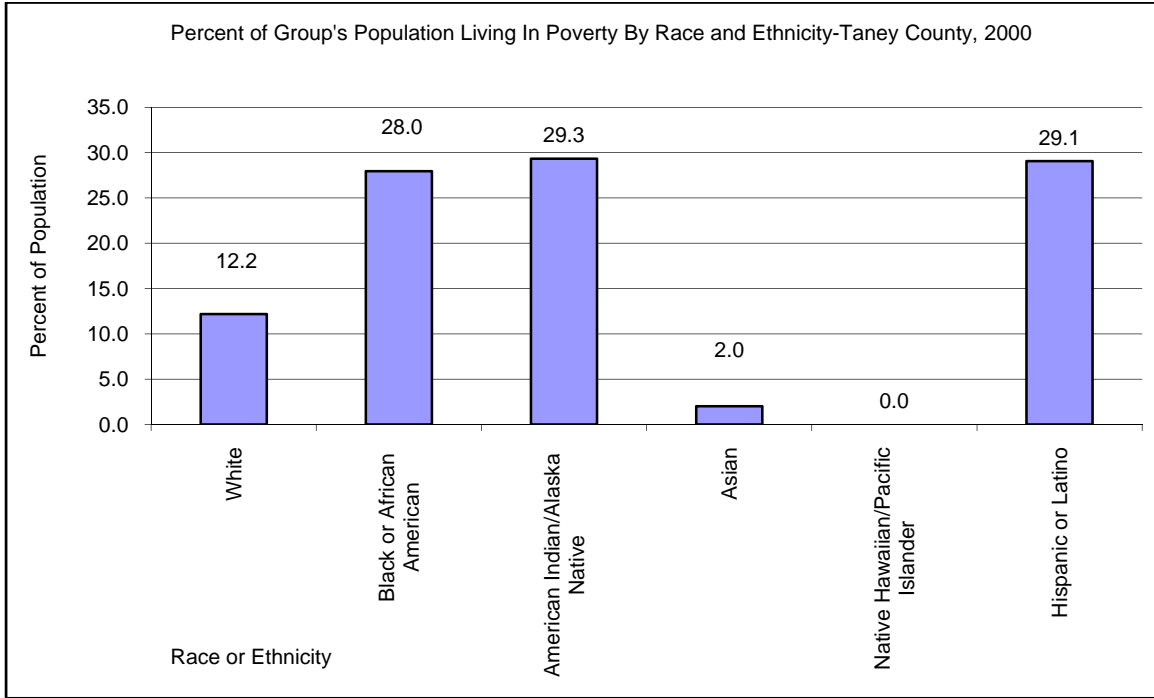
Percent of Families by Family Type and Presence of Related Children Under 18 Years of Age Living in Poverty-Taney County, 2000	
	Percent of Total Number of Families Living In Poverty
Married-couple family	54.1
With related children under 18 years	27.4
Male householder, no wife present	12.8
With related children under 18 years	11.3
Female householder, no husband present	33.1
With related children under 18 years	29.9
Number of total families reporting income below poverty level	1,040

Source: US Census

A comparison of poverty among various racial and ethnic groups in the county is shown in Figure 1.7 for the year 2000. Through this comparison it can be seen that while

minority groups continue to represent small proportions of the total population (Figure 1.7) the percentage of the group’s population who are living in poverty is significantly higher. This disparity is even more apparent when compared to the White population, which has a smaller percentage of their population living in poverty.

Figure 1.7

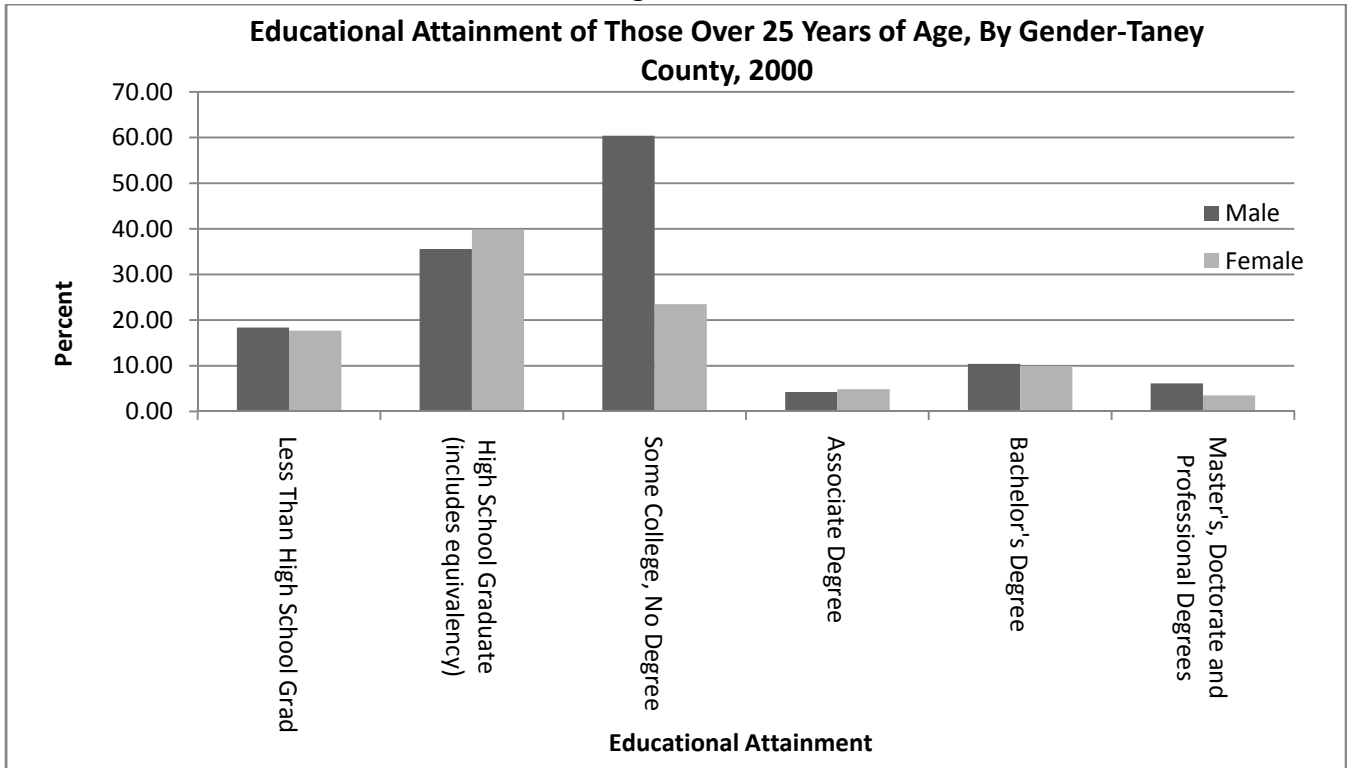


Source: US Census

Education

Figure 1.8 provides a comparison of the reported highest level of educational attainment by gender among Taney County residents over 25 years of age. In the year 2000, a higher percentage of females reported their highest level of education being high school graduate. Approximately 14.9% of the population in Taney County reported being a college graduate or holding a professional degree. (Table 1.24)

Figure 1.8



Source: US Census

Table 1.24 provides information regarding the changes in reported educational attainment for those over the age of 25 in Taney County.

Table 1.24

Educational Attainment For Those Over 25 Years of Age-Taney County, 1990-2000						
			Change, 1990-2000		Percent of Population Age 25+	
	2000	1990	Number	Percent	2000	1990
Less than 9th Grade	1,251	2,222	-971	-43.7	4.7	12.5
Grade 9 Through 12, No Diploma	3,735	2,955	780	26.4	13.9	16.7
HS Diploma/GED	4,986	5,177	-191	-3.7	18.6	29.2
Some College or Associates Degree	7,695	3,672	4,023	109.6	28.7	20.7
College Grad or Professional Degree	3,998	2,526	1,472	58.3	14.9	14.3

Source: US Census

Educational attainment by race and ethnicity is shown in Table 1.25 for the year 2000 census. The Hispanic/Latino and Asian populations had the highest percentage of

residents reporting having an educational attainment of less than a high school graduate.

Table 1.25

Percent of Population's Educational Attainment By Race and Ethnicity For Those Over Age 25 -Taney County, 2000					
	White	Black/African American	American Indian/Alaska Native	Asian	Hispanic/Latino
Less Than HS Grad	18.2	15.9	13.9	39.3	38.4
High School Graduate/GED	38.0	23.9	35.8	26.4	19.6
Some College, No Degree	24.2	28.4	28.3	20.0	23.7
Associate Degree	4.5	12.5	13.9	2.9	1.5
Bachelor's Degree	10.4	2.3	0.0	7.9	14.7
Graduate or Professional Degree	4.7	17.0	8.1	3.6	2.1

Source: US Census Bureau

The number and percentages of Spanish speaking residents reported in the year 2000 are shown in Table 1.26. A total of 590 residents indicated that they spoke Spanish, while only 117 indicated that they spoke Spanish "Not Well" or "Not at all". (Table 1.26)

Table 1.26

Spanish Speaking Residents-Taney County, 2000		
	Number	Percent Of Total
18 to 64 years:	24,401	100.0
Speak only English	23,375	95.8
Speak Spanish	541	2.2
Speak English "Well" or "Very Well"	445	1.8
Speak English "Not Well" or "Not at all"	96	0.4
65 years and over:	6,400	100.0
Speak only English	6,261	97.8
Speak Spanish	49	0.8
Speak English "Well" or "Very Well"	36	0.6
Speak English "Not Well" or "Not at all"	21	0.3

Source: US Census