

Table 3-5

AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD AND FAMILY SIZE		
	<u>Average Household Size</u>	<u>Average Family Size</u>
1970	3.35 persons	3.33 persons
1980	2.90 persons	3.33 persons
1990	2.83 persons	3.23 persons
2000	2.83 persons	3.21 persons
2009	2.63 persons	Not Available

Sources: Bureau of the Census, Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG)

A decrease in household size affects population growth. If not for the in-migration of residents due to new construction, Lyon Township would have experienced a slight population decrease during the 2000’s. Instead, a 27.7 percent increase in housing units produced a 26 percent increase in population.

Education and Employment. Census data indicate that residents moving into the Township are increasingly well-educated. The 1990 Census revealed that 17.7 percent of the residents 25 years of age or older had completed college at a four-year university (see Table 3-6). The 2000 Census reported that this number had increased to 26.0 percent. The percentage of residents without a high school education decreased from 13.2 percent in 1990 to 10.3 percent in 2000.

Table 3-6

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT LYON TOWNSHIP*		
	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>
High School Only	34.9%	40.0%
College 1 to 3 years	34.0%	34.1%
College 4 + years	17.7%	26.0%
High School Graduate	86.8%	89.7%

* Population 25 years and older

Source: Bureau of the Census, U.S. Department of Commerce

The educational attainment of residents is reflected in the types of occupations they are engaged in. Lyon Township has a highly-skilled labor force, consisting of primarily managerial, professional, technical, sales, and administrative support positions (see Table 3-7).

The total Lyon Township labor force (employed persons 16 years and older) increased in the 2000’s. Table 6 reveals that managerial, professional, technical, sales and administrative employment is increasing as a proportion of the total labor force.

The increases in “white collar” occupations has coupled with a proportional decrease on what are traditionally considered to be blue collar jobs. The percentage of persons occupied in blue collar occupations has decreased in the Township from 32.6 percent in 1990 to 21.3 percent in 2005.