

# 2000 U.S. Census Data - Report 3

## Archdiocese of Philadelphia

### 1. Detailed Age Breakdown for ALL People Living in the Archdiocese

Church Trends	Generational/ Age Cohorts	Birth Year	Age	Population Count			
				Total	Male	Female	
2,148,716 55.8% Post-Vatican II	1,022,136 26.6% Millennial	2000	< 1	48,580	24,707	23,873	
		1999	1	48,951	25,085	23,866	
		1998	2	48,693	24,917	23,776	
		1997	3	49,565	25,112	24,453	
		1996	4	51,674	26,375	25,299	
		1995	5	52,846	26,829	26,017	
		1994	6	54,253	27,778	26,475	
		1993	7	55,505	28,305	27,200	
		1992	8	56,708	29,042	27,666	
		1991	9	58,744	30,135	28,609	
		1990	10	59,286	30,220	29,066	
		1989	11	57,693	29,591	28,102	
		1988	12	56,882	29,107	27,775	
		1987	13	55,902	28,643	27,259	
		1986	14	54,639	28,103	26,536	
		1985	15	52,957	26,986	25,971	
		1984	16	52,301	26,995	25,306	
		1983	17	53,336	27,436	25,900	
1982	18	53,621	26,779	26,842			
817,559 21.2% Gen. X	Gen. X	1981	19	53,877	26,408	27,469	
		1980	20	50,849	24,864	25,985	
		1979	21	48,681	23,538	25,143	
		1976-78	22-24	139,127	67,366	71,761	
		1971-75	25-29	248,718	121,571	127,147	
		1966-70	30-34	276,307	134,146	142,161	
1,016,669 26.4% Vatican II	1,139,837 29.6% Boomer	1961-65	35-39	309,021	149,718	159,303	
		1956-60	40-44	313,117	151,756	161,361	
		1951-55	45-49	276,935	133,330	143,605	
684,262 17.8% Pre-Vatican II	605,930 15.7% Post War	1946-50	50-54	240,764	114,913	125,851	
		1941-45	55-59	185,853	87,331	98,522	
		1939-40	60-61	61,608	28,946	32,662	
		1936-38	62-64	86,695	39,808	46,887	
		1934-35	65-66	54,675	24,437	30,238	
		1931-33	67-69	82,319	36,486	45,833	
		1926-30	70-74	134,780	57,355	77,425	
264,185 6.9% G.I.	264,185 6.9% G.I.	1921-25	75-79	117,875	46,631	71,244	
		1916-20	80-84	79,396	27,823	51,573	
		Bef. 1916	85+	66,914	17,834	49,080	
<b>3,849,647</b>	100%	<b>3,849,647</b>	100%	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>3,849,647</b>	<b>1,836,406</b>	<b>2,013,241</b>

Source: U.S. Census Bureau; 2000 Census of Population and Housing, Summary File 1; (August 2001).

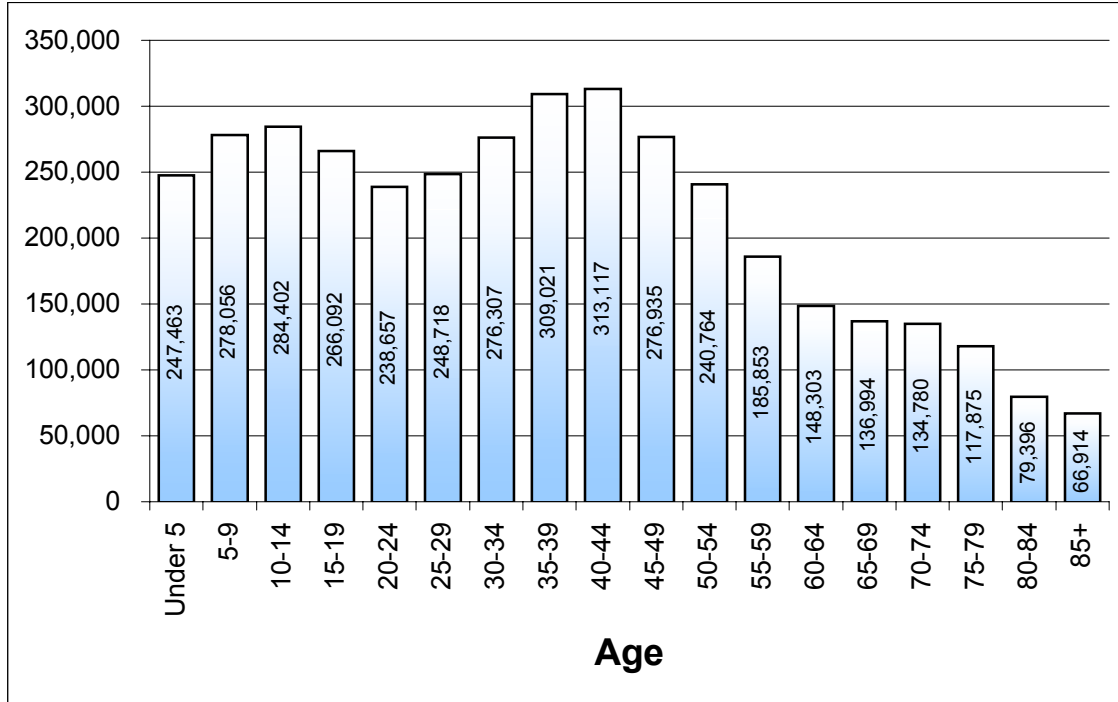
#### Notes:

- (a) Data are calculated by assigning each census block to a geography and aggregating all data for that geography.
- (b) Percentages may not total to 100% due to rounding.
- (c) Age reported as of April 1, 2000; Birth Year calculated by approximation.

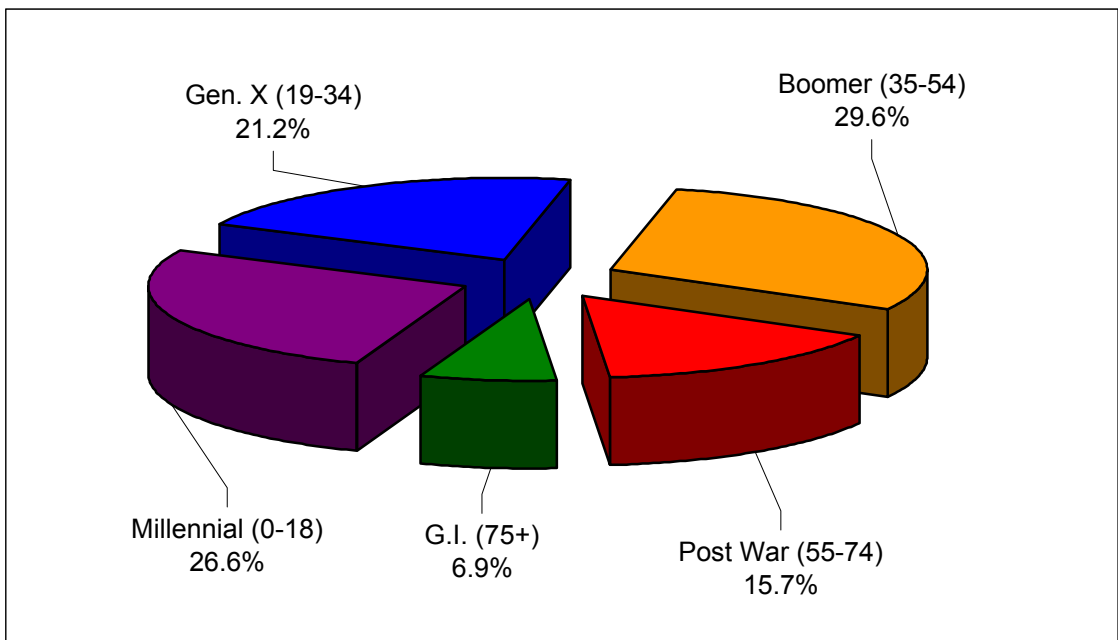
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### 3. Generational Cohorts (Age) for ALL People Living in the Archdiocese



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Pastoral leaders need to help people of every age and generation understand and appreciate the different gifts that each of them brings to the life of the parish. Age affects the way people think and act in two ways:

First, there is a **“life cycle experience”** of doing similar things at similar ages. We start out as children, we go to school, start working, leave home and frequently get married, have children, get older, retire, and die.

Second, there is a **“generational cohort effect”** which causes a group of people who have grown up (turned 18) around the same time to think and behave in ways that are different than their parents or their children.

Because of their ages, people differ not only in life cycle experience (some are buying houses and having babies while others are retiring and selling their houses), but also in the characteristics of their generation (some are attracted by institutions and are interested in preserving order; some are more interested in the individual and developing their own support networks).

This report describes the age of *all* the people living within the geographical territory, not just the Catholic people. It also associates the age of the people with their generation.

## Characteristics of Generational Cohorts in the U.S. in 2000

**G. I. Generation (age 75+)** - Born 1901-1925. Age 18 between 1919-1943. *Heros*

Z Civic Values and Building	Z Institutions Over Individuals
Z Expanding Affluence	Z Conserving Values

This “building generation” survived the Depression and fought World War II. They then created many of the social and religious institutions of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

**Post War Generation (age 55-74)** - Born 1926-1945. Age 18 between 1944-1963. *Artisans*

Z Loyalty to Order and Establishment	Z Avoid Risk
Z Negotiators, Adaptive	Z Fine-tune change
Z Compromise	Z Preserve Values

Sometimes called the “Silent Generation” because they conformed to the world that their elder GI’s built.

Those born before 1940 can also be seen as the **“pre Vatican II Council” generations**. The Catholic people were frequently city dwellers who experienced many forms of anti Catholicism which they combated by forming into “Catholic ghetto(s) comprised of Catholic neighborhoods, schools, hospitals, newspapers and social groups . . . Pre Vatican II Catholics grew up with Latin Masses, novenas, Benedictions, priests facing the altar (not the people) and Gregorian chant.”

**Boomer Generation (age 35-54)** - Born 1946-1965. Age 18 between 1964 -1983. *Prophets*

Z Focused on Individual Development	Z Individuals Over Institutions
Z Idealism	Z Liberal Values
Z Start Change & Break From Past	Z Risk Takers

This generation grew up in the turbulent 1960's and 1970's and rebelled against most things established by the GI generation.

Those born between 1941 and 1960 are also known as the “**Vatican II generation.**” They grew up in the pre Vatican II Church but, in their childhood through early adult years, the changes called for in Vatican II were implemented in their parishes just as the social movements of the 1960's plunged society into turmoil. This generation is most likely to have mixed feeling about authority (vs. making up their own mind) and institutional commitment (vs. personal spirituality).

**Generation X (age 19-34)** - Born 1966-1981. Age 18 between 1984 -1999. *Nomads*

Z	Emphasis on Autonomy	Z	Reactive, Pragmatic and Creative
Z	Sustaining Values	Z	Self-forming Networks

This generation grew up during a period of high divorce rates, relatively low value placed on children, and serious social problems. This pragmatic group is pessimistic and interested in issues of identity. They are less likely to make long term commitments.

**Millennial Generation (age 18 and younger)** - Born 1982-present. Age 18 between 2000 - ? .

Identified by some authors as the next “GI” type generation. They may be expected to be a confident, achievement oriented group, more interested in building community and institutions than the generations immediately before them.

Those born since 1961 can also be recognized as “**post Vatican II Council**” generations. They have always had Mass in the language of the people. Their religious education was more likely to be conducted by lay persons, not priests or sisters. They have been encouraged to take responsibility for their own faith journeys. They are least likely to depend on Church authority and most likely to think of their faith in personal, not institutional, terms.

Note: The dividing lines between generations are rough approximations. The divisions in this report have been selected to accommodate the Census data available and approximate generational groups identified by various authors.

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