

2000 U.S. Census Data - Report 3

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Vicariate: Philadelphia - South

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Parish: **Holy Name of Jesus**

1. Detailed Age Breakdown for ALL People Living Within Parish Boundaries

Church Trends	Generational/ Age Cohorts	Birth Year	Age	Population Count				
				Total	Male	Female		
Post-Vatican II 4,710 57.5%	Millennial 2,208 26.9%	2000	< 1	94	46	48		
		1999	1	105	56	49		
		1998	2	100	43	57		
		1997	3	111	58	53		
		1996	4	116	62	54		
		1995	5	107	55	52		
		1994	6	111	61	50		
		1993	7	109	41	68		
		1992	8	112	63	49		
		1991	9	110	53	57		
		1990	10	126	66	60		
		1989	11	133	66	67		
		1988	12	135	55	80		
		1987	13	137	76	61		
		1986	14	134	61	73		
		1985	15	138	69	69		
		1984	16	123	70	53		
		1983	17	115	63	52		
1982	18	92	44	48				
Vatican II 2,144 26.2%	Gen. X 1,911 23.3%	1981	19	116	61	55		
		1980	20	109	49	60		
		1979	21	127	61	66		
		1976-78	22-24	332	167	165		
		1971-75	25-29	622	324	298		
		1966-70	30-34	605	288	317		
Vatican II 2,316 28.3%	Boomer	1961-65	35-39	591	297	294		
		1956-60	40-44	611	317	294		
		1951-55	45-49	610	313	297		
		1946-50	50-54	504	261	243		
Pre-Vatican II 1,343 16.4%	Post War 1,266 15.4%	1941-45	55-59	419	212	207		
		1939-40	60-61	140	75	65		
		1936-38	62-64	186	76	110		
		1934-35	65-66	111	43	68		
		1931-33	67-69	181	85	96		
		1926-30	70-74	229	95	134		
		Pre-Vatican II 496 6.1%	G.I.	1921-25	75-79	232	77	155
				1916-20	80-84	162	46	116
Bef. 1916	85+			102	30	72		
8,197 100%	8,197 100%	TOTALS		8,197	3,985	4,212		

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.

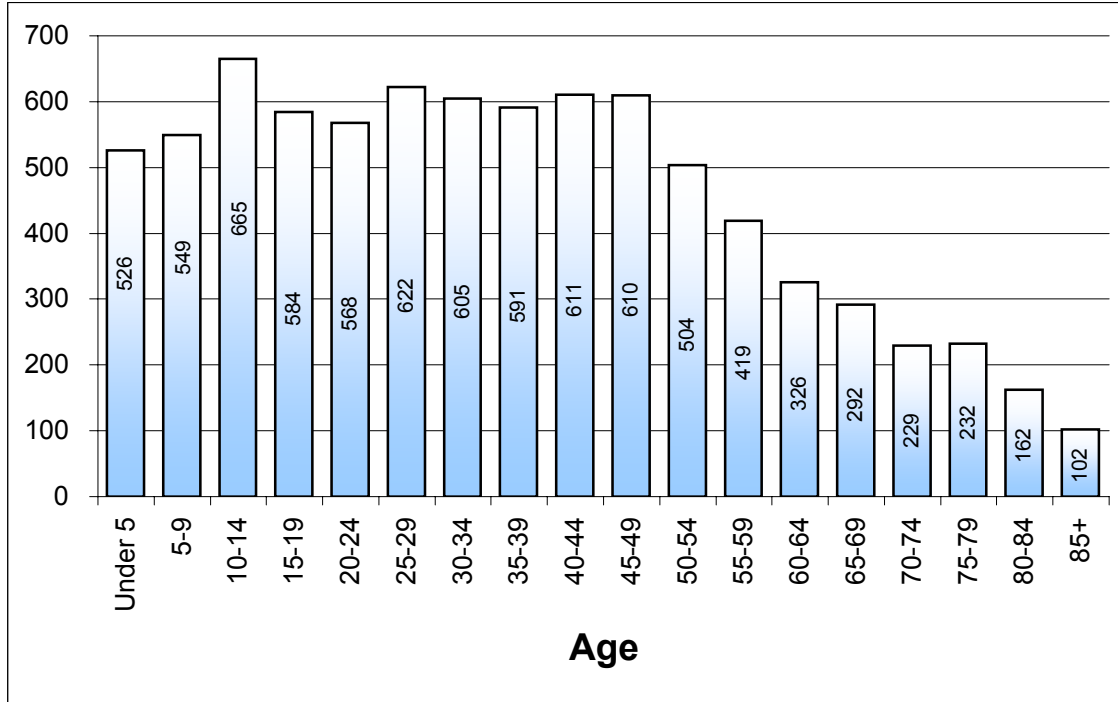
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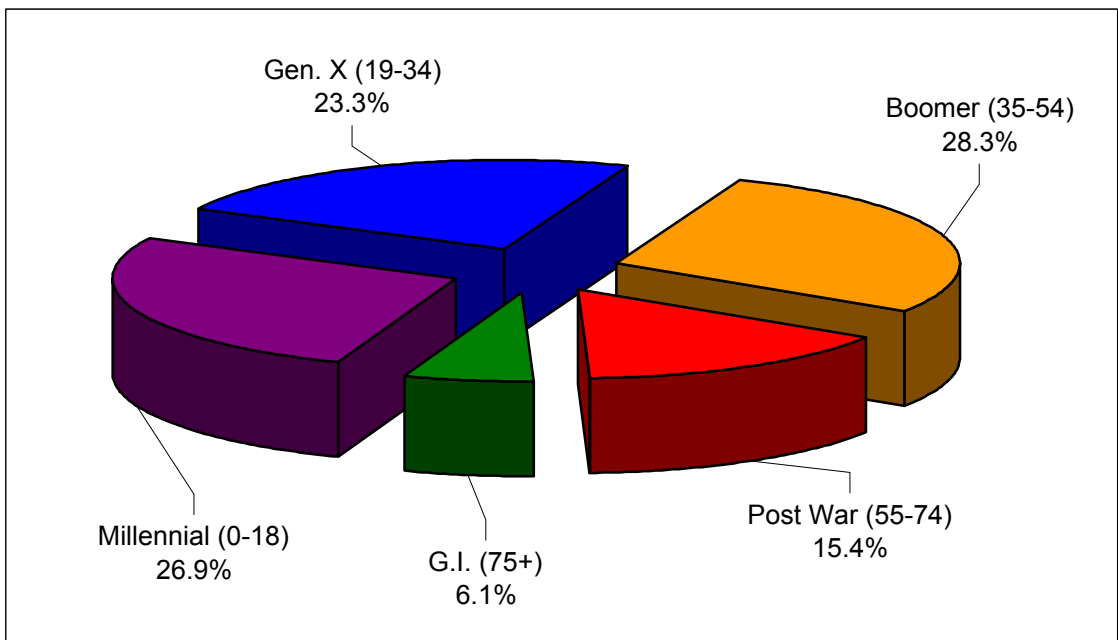
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2. Five-Year Age Categories for ALL People Living Within Parish Boundaries



3. Generational Cohorts (Age) for ALL People Living Within Parish Boundaries



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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*

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⌘ Civic Values and Building ⌘ Expanding Affluence | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⌘ Institutions Over Individuals ⌘ Conserving Values |
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This “building generation” survived the Depression and fought World War II. They then created many of the social and religious institutions of the 20th century.

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

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⌘ Loyalty to Order and Establishment ⌘ Negotiators, Adaptive ⌘ Compromise | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⌘ Avoid Risk ⌘ Fine-tune change ⌘ Preserve Values |
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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*

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⌘ Focused on Individual Development ⌘ Idealism ⌘ Start Change & Break From Past | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⌘ Individuals Over Institutions ⌘ Liberal Values ⌘ Risk Takers |
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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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