



Boaz and Ruth
Demographic Update
Based on 2000 Census

The data originally supplied to *Boaz & Ruth* were drawn from the 1990 decennial census. Since the generation and reporting of that data, the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, has released the data from the 2000 census and the data show some rather interesting changes over the ten-year period.

For comparative purposes, the geographies for “Ruth” and “Boaz” have not changed, using the Census Tracts indicated in the initial analysis.

Some of the notable differences, 2000 compared to 1990:

- Population and households have declined in the “Ruth” geography while the population and households in “Boaz” have increased.
- Percent of African-American population in “Ruth” remains at essentially the same level as in 1990 at 95.8%, while the ethnic diversity in “Boaz” has increased – if ever so slightly.
- The level of educational attainment has remained the same in “Ruth”, while the “Boaz” educational level has increased dramatically.
- The economic gap, consistent with education, shows “Boaz” gaining significantly in Income and Home Value over “Ruth”.

While the analysis of the numbers is not intended to dwell on the disparity between the two areas, it does suggest the socio-economic conditions that prevailed in 1990 have changed little in the ten years between the generation of census data.

Please see the data on the following page.



Demographic Characteristics				
Source: 1990 & 2000 Decennial Census				
	"Ruth"		"Boaz"	
	1990	2000	1990	2000
Persons	20,504	18,910	14,398	15,730
Households	7,020	6,615	5,531	6,047
Persons Per HH	2.9		2.6	
Race:*				
White	3.2%	2.4%	95.1%	92.5%
Black	96.4%	95.8%	3.1%	2.9%
AmerInd	0.2%	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%
Asian	0.1%	0.3%	1.6%	3.0%
Other	0.1%	0.4%	0.1%	0.3%
*Hispanic for 2000	ukn	1.0%	ukn	1.1%
Education:				
<9th Grade	12.4%	9.8%	0.9%	0.9%
9th - 12th ND	26.7%	25.1%	4.0%	2.1%
High School	27.4%	31.6%	13.6%	7.9%
Some College	19.3%	17.8%	19.4%	16.6%
Assoc Degree	3.5%	3.8%	4.7%	3.5%
Bachelor's	6.8%	8.3%	34.1%	39.2%
Graduate	4.1%	3.7%	23.4%	29.9%
Median Income	\$ 22,836	\$ 33,336	\$ 79,840	\$ 141,800
Home Value:				
<\$25,000	3.2%	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%
\$25k - \$29.9	1.5%	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%
\$30k - \$34.9	4.7%	2.9%	0.0%	0.0%
\$35k - \$39.9	10.7%	4.5%	0.1%	0.0%
\$40k - \$49.9	29.2%	11.0%	0.0%	0.0%
\$50k - \$59.9	26.9%	18.9%	0.5%	0.2%
\$60k - \$99.9	21.4%	53.6%	14.9%	4.8%
\$100k - \$124.9	0.8%	3.5%	6.5%	7.7%
\$125k - \$149.9k	0.4%	3.3%	6.2%	6.3%
\$150k - \$174.9	0.2%	0.8%	4.9%	3.6%
\$175k - \$199.9	0.0%	0.4%	7.0%	2.8%
\$200k - \$249.9	0.1%	0.4%	12.6%	9.3%
\$250k - \$299.9	0.0%	0.2%	9.1%	10.9%
\$300k - \$399.9	0.0%	0.0%	16.3%	17.2%
\$400k - \$499.9	0.0%	0.0%	9.5%	15.1%
\$500 - \$749.9	0.0%	0.0%	12.3%	12.4%
\$750 - \$999.9	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	6.4%
\$1,000,000+	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.5%