

Delaware Population Consortium



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Where: Virtually via Microsoft Teams or Haslet Armory Room 307

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Meeting ID: 258 706 462 88

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When: Thursday, September 28, 2023

10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Agenda

- 1. Greetings**
- 2. Review and approval of meeting minutes (July 27, 2023, August 24, 2023)**
- 3. Review Draft Population Projections**
- 4. Other Business**
- 5. Future meeting dates**

Delaware Population Consortium Meeting
Hybrid Format Meeting In-Person and via Teams
August 24, 2023

The meeting was held on Thursday August 24, 2023; in Haslet Armory Room 219 and virtually using Teams.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Matt Rogers at 10:04 AM.

The following persons were present:

Officers:

Matt Rogers, Chair, New Castle County Government
Colton Phillips, Vice-Chair, DelDOT
Owen Robatino, Secretary, New Castle County Government

Voting Members:

Samantha Bulkilvish, OSPC
Wendy Hudson, DSHS
James Galvin, Dover-Kent MPO
Jamie Fenske, Kent County Government
Dan Blevins, WILMAPCO
Jessica Ramos-Velazquez, City of Newark
Rachel Alfano, DSHA
Keith Hall, Salisbury/Wicomico MPA

Others in Attendance:

Joshua Thomas, OSPC
Malcolm Jacob, Dover/Kent MPO
Ed Ratledge, UD CADSR
Anson Gock, DelDOT

MEETING MINUTES

Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes from 12/8/2022: 1st Colton Phillips, 2nd Dan Blevins. Approved.

Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes from 7/27/2023: This was deferred until the next meeting, in order to finish editing them.

BUSINESS

Discuss Population Trends and Census Update:

Ed has preliminary age/gender/race data for 2020, and mentioned significant changes in the race and age groupings compared to last year. He expects to soon receive additional data on recent births and deaths. But Ed sees the big issue as migration, with a 2020 number that may have influenced the apparent population overcount. He plans to increase the migration estimates for the years 2020-2022, more in Sussex County and less in the other counties. He is concerned about how the Disclosure Avoidance System (DAS) is affecting data, and asked Sam to find out what 2020 Census data are being used in studies—data received by the Census or modified data. He mentioned problems using recent data, especially when measurements are complicated and for small towns. On a recent spreadsheet of 2020-2022 population data for the municipalities, he pointed out the projected Wilmington population for 2022 shows an increase, but the corresponding Newark population does not despite recent development activity there. Ed is also working on enrollment projections by school district, and sees migration affecting them considerably in places. He still wants intercensal data for 2019, to see how a big population increase is justified for New Castle County.

Dan asked if race is affecting the recent increase in New Castle County population. Ed pointed out increases in nonwhite population groups including Asian and multiracial, and said nonwhite fertility rates are higher. He also pointed out that Sussex County is growing only by migration.

Sam asked when new projections will be ready, and Ed said he expects a complete set in October. Sam said others in a recent conference were angry about the wait for intercensal estimates. Ed mentioned a recent 25-page Census paper about the DAS that discusses problems mostly from their own perspective (avoiding disclosure), not secondary uses of the data they collect.

OTHER BUSINESS

Matt asked about the prospects for the October meeting being the annual meeting, and whether there should be a September meeting. Ed said those meetings should be held, to satisfy the municipalities.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

Sam asked whether future meeting dates on the fourth Thursday of each month will work, others indicated they will, and Sam will put those dates on the calendar for September and October.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:32 AM.

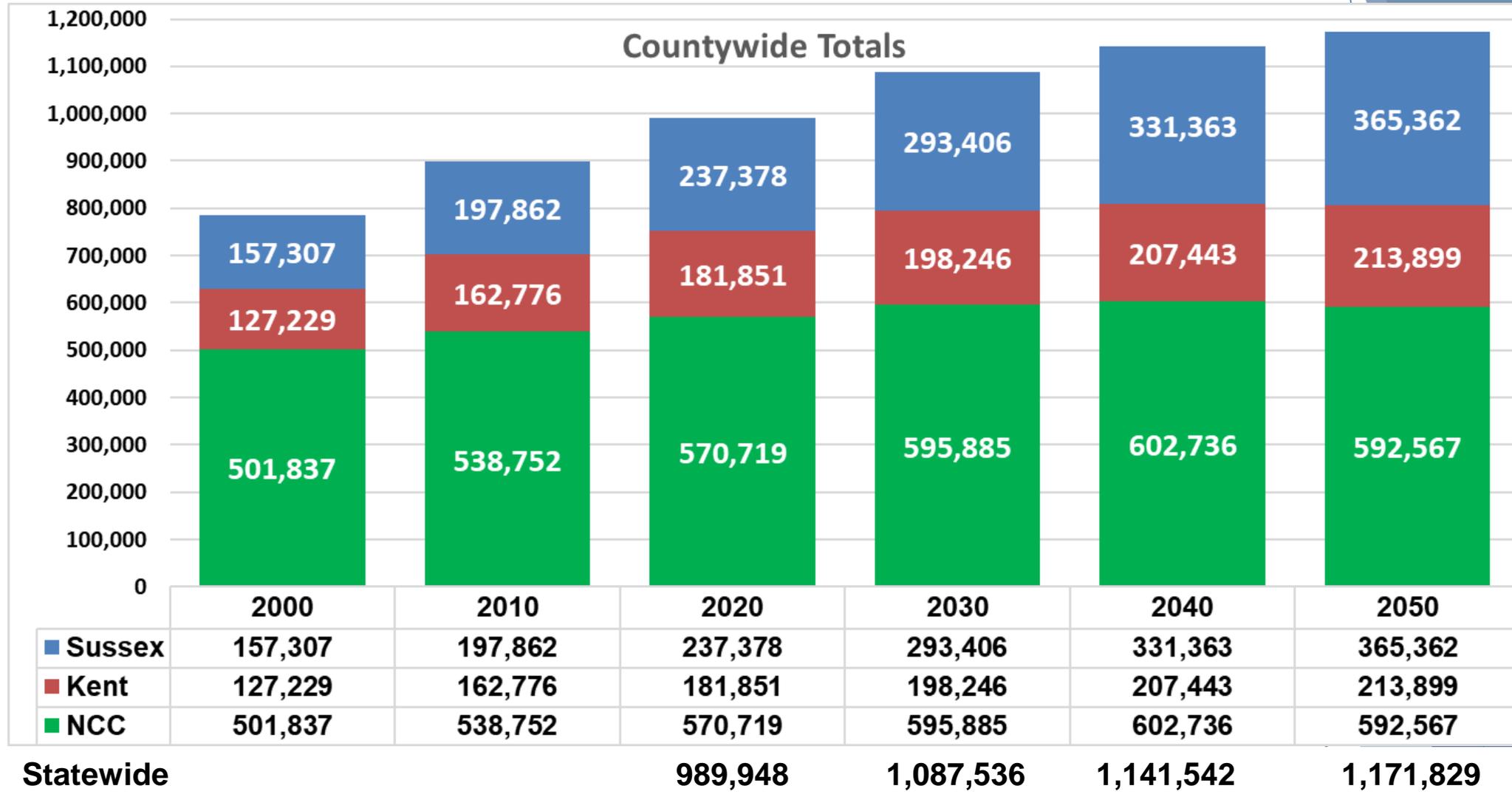
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Matthew Rogers
Chair
Delaware Population Consortium

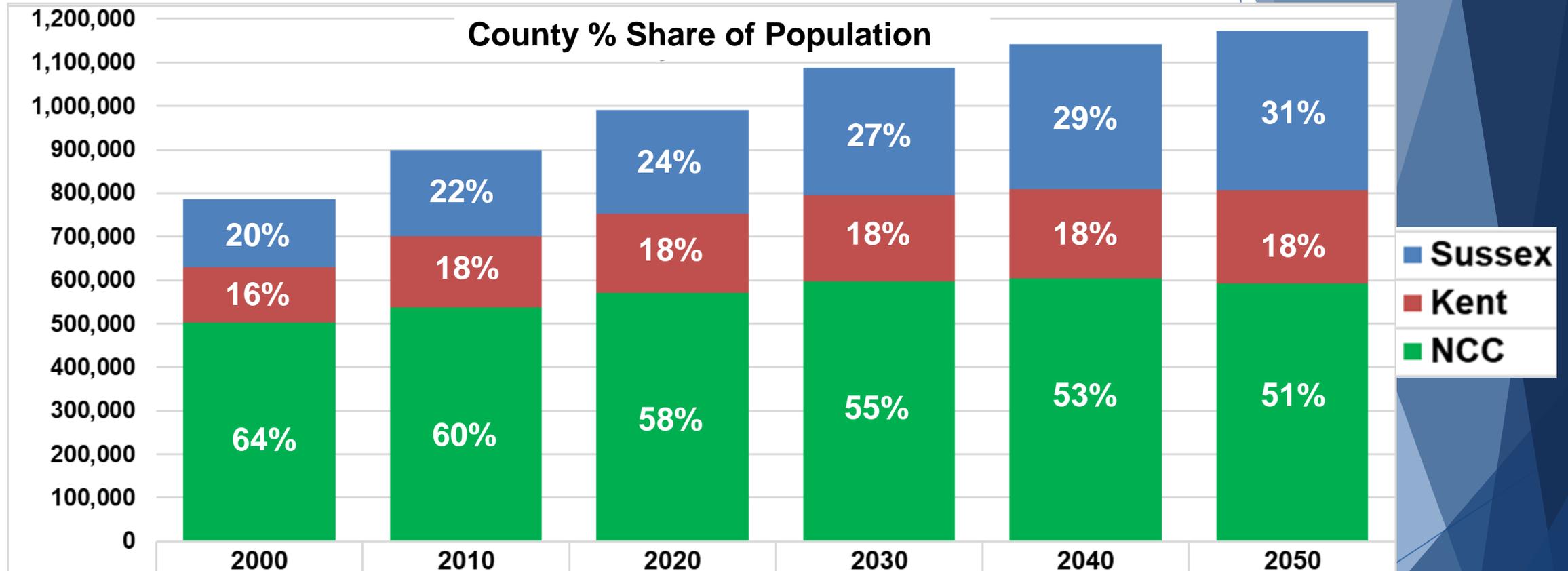
DRAFT

Draft 2023 DPC Projections

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Changes From Current Projections

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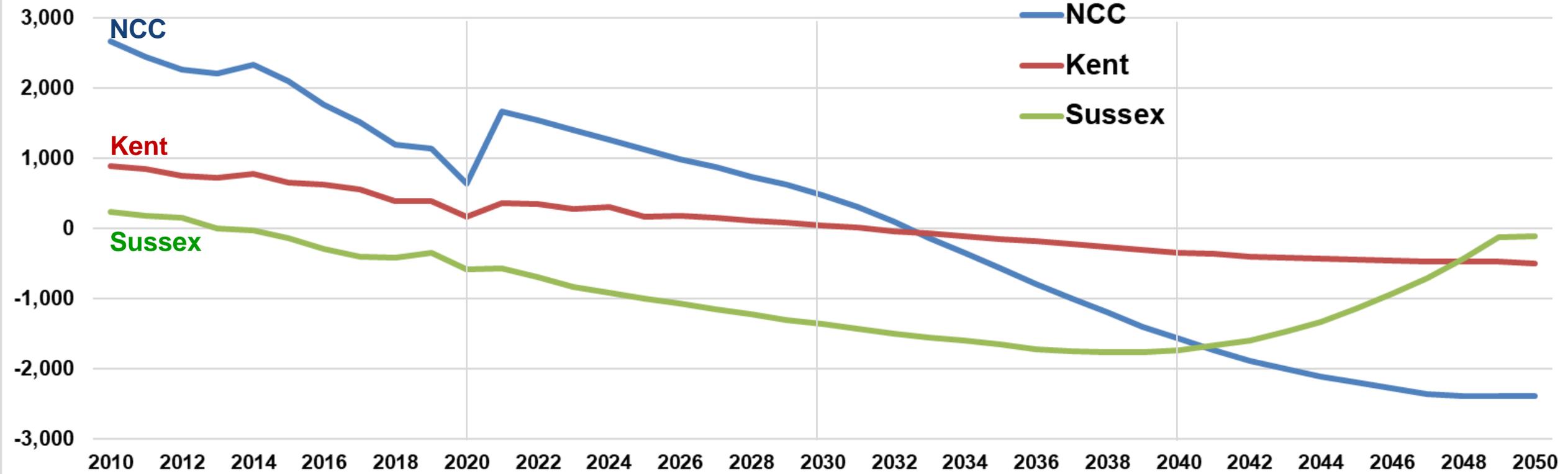
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Draft 2023 DPC Projections Components of Growth

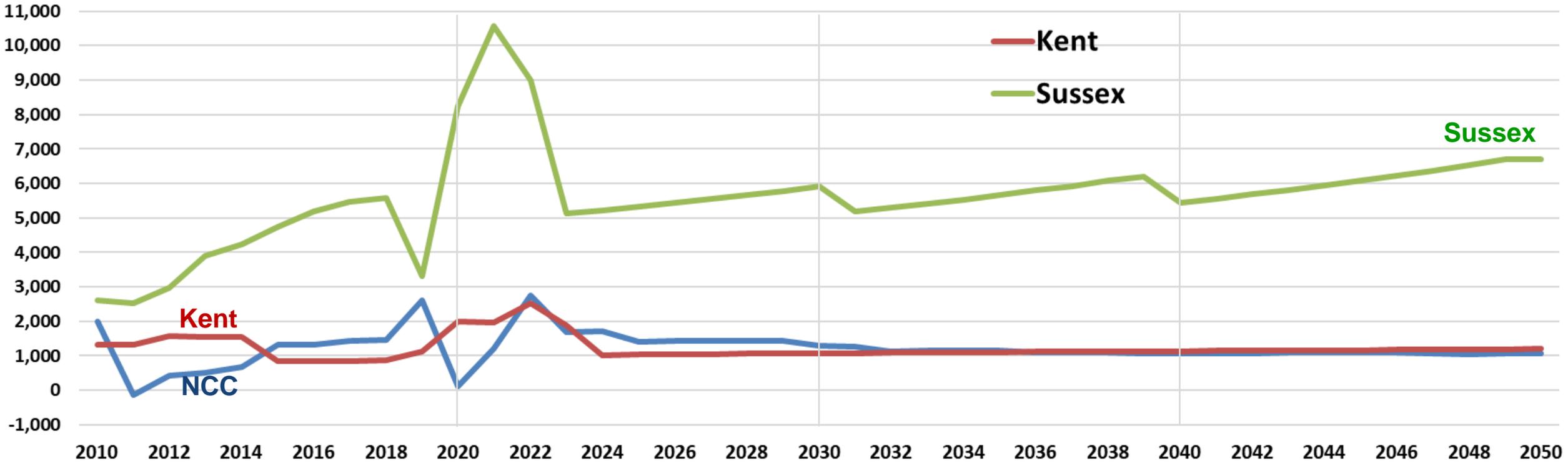
Natural Increase



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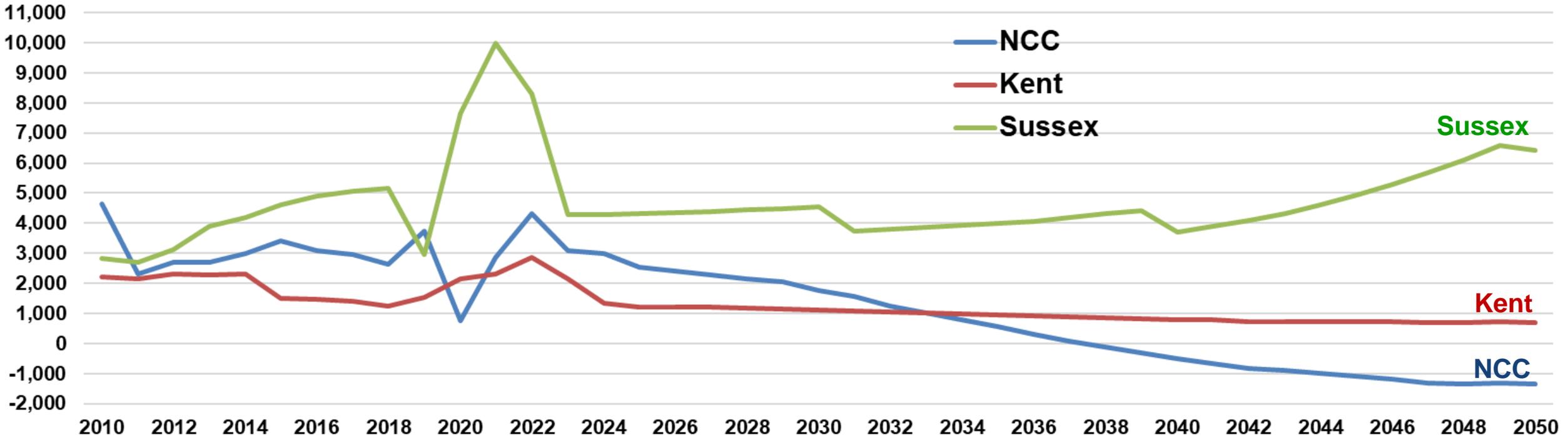
Net Migration

— NCC
— Kent
— Sussex



Draft 2023 DPC Projections Components of Growth

Net Growth: Natural Increase + Net Migration



Draft 2023 DPC Projections By Age Structure

New Castle	2020	2030	2040	2050	2020 2050 CHG
0 to 4	29,685	33,852	31,798	29,231	-454
5 to 17	91,158	83,778	89,150	83,263	-7,895
18 to 29	95,879	89,136	78,630	83,644	-12,235
30 to 64	260,637	261,084	264,003	257,218	-3,419
65+	93,360	128,035	139,154	139,211	45,851
Total	570,719	595,885	602,736	592,567	21,848

Kent	2020	2030	2040	2050	2020 - 2050 CHG
0 to 4	10,762	11,473	11,990	11,699	937
5 to 17	31,284	30,512	31,625	32,552	1,268
18 to 29	29,517	31,884	30,247	30,535	1,018
30 to 64	77,626	80,949	88,633	94,416	16,790
65+	32,662	43,427	44,948	44,699	12,037
Total	181,851	198,246	207,443	213,899	32,048

Sussex	2020	2030	2040	2050	2020 - 2050 CHG
0 to 4	10,783	15,250	18,449	18,944	8,161
5 to 17	32,733	37,678	50,166	56,596	23,863
18 to 29	26,238	39,008	42,691	55,197	28,959
30 to 64	99,069	102,104	122,789	145,104	46,035
65+	68,555	99,367	97,268	89,523	20,968
Total	237,378	293,406	331,363	365,362	127,984

Statewide	2020	2030	2040	2050	2020 - 2050 CHG
0 to 4	51,230	60,575	62,238	59,874	8,644
5 to 17	155,175	151,968	170,942	172,410	17,235
18 to 29	151,634	160,028	151,568	169,375	17,741
30 to 64	437,332	444,137	475,424	496,737	59,405
65+	194,577	270,828	281,370	273,433	78,856
Total	989,948	1,087,536	1,141,542	1,171,829	181,881

Draft 2023 DPC Projections By Race/Ethnicity Structure

New Castle	2020	2030	2040	2050	2020 - 2050 CHG
White	303,265	298,788	281,841	255,480	-47,785
Black	142,388	152,163	157,720	158,888	16,500
Other	61,550	71,250	79,480	86,570	25,020
Hispanic	63,516	73,684	83,694	91,629	28,113
Total	570,719	595,885	602,736	592,567	21,848
Kent	2020	2030	2040	2050	2020 - 2050 CHG
White	104,845	109,161	107,761	105,043	198
Black	45,737	51,722	55,993	59,076	13,339
Other	17,288	19,366	21,041	22,200	4,912
Hispanic	13,981	17,997	22,649	27,580	13,599
Total	181,851	198,246	207,443	213,899	32,048
Sussex	2020	2030	2040	2050	2020 - 2050 CHG
White	171,741	195,128	190,200	174,332	2,591
Black	24,835	32,087	37,385	41,342	16,507
Other	14,009	18,073	21,101	22,970	8,961
Hispanic	26,793	48,117	82,678	126,718	99,925
Total	237,378	293,406	331,363	365,362	127,984
Statewide	2020	2030	2040	2050	2020 - 2050 CHG
White	579,851	603,076	579,801	534,856	-44,995
Black	212,960	235,972	251,098	259,306	46,346
Other	92,847	108,690	121,622	131,740	38,893
Hispanic	104,290	139,798	189,020	245,928	141,638
Total	312,909	382,653	433,492	479,513	166,604

**Draft 2023 DPC
Projections**

**New Castle
Municipalities**

New Castle	2010	2020	2030	2040	2050	2020 - 2050 CHG
Arden village, Delaware	433	428	437	439	435	7
Ardencroft village, Delaware	211	114	239	240	239	125
Ardentown village, Delaware	267	254	253	256	253	-1
Bellefonte town, Delaware	1,191	1,221	1,263	1,271	1,262	41
Delaware City city, Delaware	1,777	1,877	1,955	1,970	1,958	81
Elsmere town, Delaware	6,067	6,203	6,352	6,376	6,328	125
Middletown town, Delaware	18,970	23,315	26,448	26,843	26,994	3,679
New Castle city, Delaware	5,148	5,533	5,754	5,791	5,765	232
Newark city, Delaware	31,468	34,035	32,072	33,502	34,160	125
Newport town, Delaware	1,072	901	870	874	857	-44
Odessa town, Delaware	362	364	368	370	366	2
Townsend town, Delaware	2,054	2,735	3,142	3,162	3,199	464
Wilmington city, Delaware	70,764	70,875	72,280	72,596	71,856	981
TOTAL	139,784	147,855	151,432	153,691	153,674	5,819
% of County Population	26%	26%	25%	25%	26%	

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Kent Municipalities

Kent	2010	2020	2030	2040	2050	2020 - 2050 CHG
Bowers town, Delaware	338	276	270	279	277	1
Camden town, Delaware	3,450	3,719	4,721	4,778	4,953	1,234
Cheswold town, Delaware	1,501	1,929	2,194	2,288	2,383	454
Clayton town, Delaware	2,946	3,979	4,533	4,829	5,038	1,059
Dover city, Delaware	35,894	39,554	41,207	43,313	44,653	5,099
Farmington town, Delaware	110	91	92	96	96	5
Felton town, Delaware	1,286	1,315	1,380	1,422	1,439	124
Frederica town, Delaware	763	1,076	1,246	1,281	1,339	263
Harrington city, Delaware	3,571	3,769	3,970	4,091	4,175	406
Hartly town, Delaware	68	71	77	80	82	11
Houston town, Delaware	369	388	407	420	426	38
Kenton town, Delaware	243	212	212	220	220	8
Leipsic town, Delaware	186	179	186	191	193	14
Little Creek town, Delaware	215	193	195	202	203	10
Magnolia town, Delaware	267	275	294	302	306	31
Milford city, Delaware (Kent)	3,805	4,470	5,338	5,684	5,873	1,403
Smyrna town, Delaware	10,171	12,940	14,535	15,480	16,023	3,083
Viola town, Delaware	152	140	139	140	141	1
Woodside town, Delaware	176	189	199	207	211	22
Wyoming town, Delaware	1,321	1,702	2,036	2,132	2,216	514
TOTAL	66,832	76,467	83,230	87,435	90,247	13,780
% of County Population	41%	42%	42%	42%	42%	

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Sussex Municipalities

Sussex	2010	2020	2030	2040	2050	2020 - 2050 CHG
Bethany Beach town, Delaware	1,059	963	1,065	1,162	1,215	252
Bethel town, Delaware	173	240	299	322	375	135
Blades town, Delaware	1,244	1,189	1,318	1,436	1,482	293
Bridgeville town, Delaware	2,015	2,576	3,147	3,412	3,852	1,276
Dagsboro town, Delaware	792	878	1,022	1,112	1,196	318
Delmar town, Delaware	1,590	2,034	2,500	2,714	3,077	1,043
Dewey Beach town, Delaware	341	360	414	451	478	118
Ellendale town, Delaware	370	493	611	664	761	268
Fenwick Island town, Delaware	380	344	383	417	426	82
Frankford town, Delaware	848	798	894	972	1,002	204
Georgetown town, Delaware	6,452	7,167	8,408	9,141	9,863	2,696
Greenwood town, Delaware	976	991	1,131	1,232	1,294	303
Henlopen Acres town, Delaware	123	70	164	176	191	121
Laurel town, Delaware	3,733	3,903	4,483	4,879	5,169	1,266
Lewes city, Delaware	2,858	3,311	3,930	4,268	4,666	1,355
Milford city, Delaware (Sussex part)	5,815	6,831	8,605	9,524	10,359	3,528
Millsboro town, Delaware	3,876	6,900	9,494	10,265	13,367	6,467
Millville town, Delaware	530	1,841	3,252	3,488	6,627	4,786
Milton town, Delaware	2,570	3,312	4,112	4,462	5,070	1,758
Ocean View town, Delaware	1,852	2,656	3,373	3,658	4,308	1,652
Rehoboth Beach city, Delaware	1,324	1,113	1,204	1,314	1,319	206
Seaford city, Delaware	6,918	7,983	9,462	10,278	11,225	3,242
Selbyville town, Delaware	2,172	1,447	3,587	3,890	4,460	3,013
Slaughter Beach town, Delaware	207	189	253	276	293	104
South Bethany town, Delaware	451	457	524	570	599	142
TOTAL	48,669	58,046	73,635	80,084	92,675	34,630
% of County Population	25%	24%	25%	24%	25%	

DPC Website

<https://stateplanning.delaware.gov/demography/dpc.shtml>