

Erie County Municipality Population Changes, 2000 to 2017

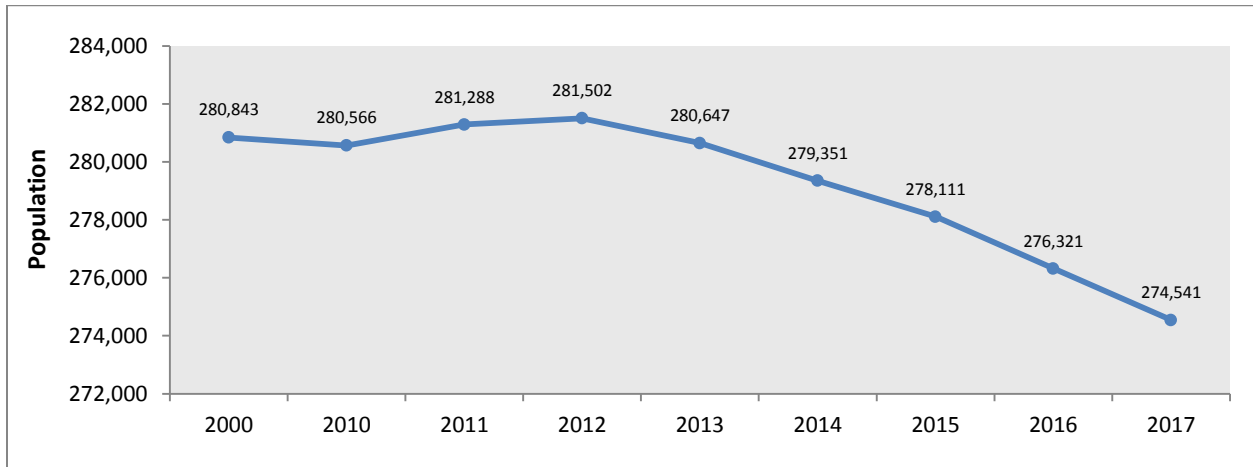
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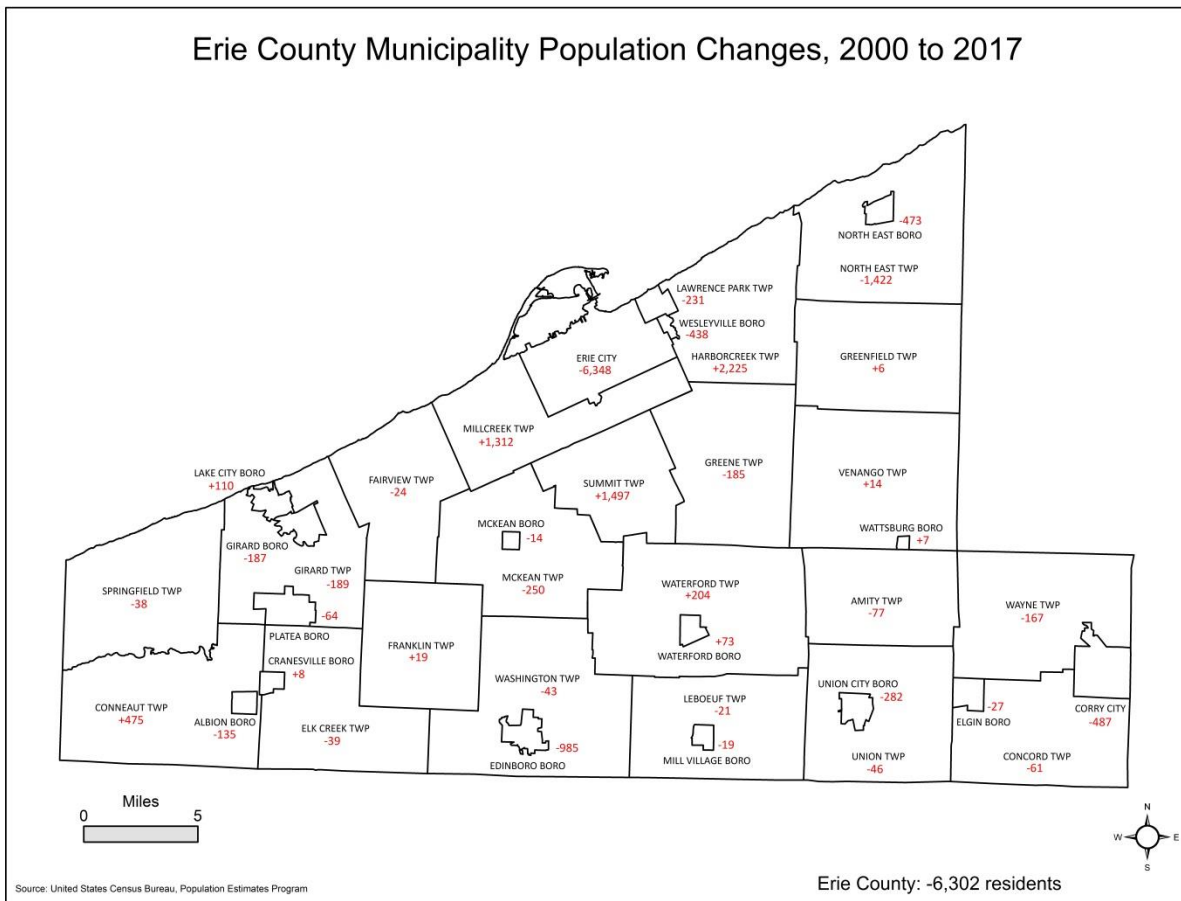
Background: From 2000 to 2010, Erie County’s population remained level at around 280,000 residents. However, since 2010 the county’s population fell by over 6,000 residents, with losses occurring for the past five consecutive years (Figure 1). This report details the population changes that have taken place among the county’s 38 municipalities for the period 2000-2017.

Figure 1



- Erie County’s 38 municipalities include 2 cities, 14 boroughs, and 22 townships. These municipalities vary greatly in total population and size (land area). In 2017, municipality populations ranged from a low of 209 residents in Elgin Borough to a high of 97,369 in the City of Erie, while land areas ranged from a low of 0.3 square miles in Wattsburg Borough to a high of 50.0 in Waterford Township.
- From an overall numbers perspective, 12 municipalities increased in population since 2000 (Table 1, Figure 2). Harborcreek Township experienced the largest gain with an increase of 2,225 residents. Other notable increases occurred in Summit Township (+1,497), Millcreek Township (+1,312), Conneaut Township (+475), Waterford Township (+204), and Lake City Borough (+110).
- Twenty-six municipalities decreased in population since 2000. The City of Erie experienced the largest decline with a loss of 6,348 residents. This loss can be partly attributed to resident out-migration to the nearby municipalities of Millcreek, Harborcreek, and Summit Townships, which as noted above all grew during the same period.
- Other notable decreases occurred in North East Township (-1,422), Edinboro Borough (-985), the City of Corry (-487), North East Borough (-473), Wesleyville Borough (-438), Union City Borough (-282), McKean Township (-250), Lawrence Park Township (-231), Girard Township (-189), Girard Borough (-187), Greene Township (-185), Wayne Township (-167), and Albion Borough (-135).

Figure 2



- Municipality population percent changes from 2000 to 2017 ranged from a loss of 18.5% in North East Township to a gain of 27.1% in Summit Township (Table 1, Figure 3). The percent change was lower than or equal to the Erie County figure of -2.2% in 22 municipalities, and higher in 16.
- Five municipalities experienced a population loss greater than 10.0%, including North East Borough (-10.3%), Elgin Borough (-11.4%), Platea Borough (-13.5%), Edinboro Borough (-14.2%), and North East Township (-18.5%).
- Seventeen municipalities had population losses ranging from -2.0% to -9.9%, 9 municipalities had minimal population changes ranging from -1.9% to +1.9%, and 4 municipalities had population gains ranging from 2.0% to 9.9%.
- Three municipalities experienced a population increase more than 10.0%, including Conneaut Township (+12.2%), Harborcreek Township (+14.7%), and Summit Township (+27.1%).

Figure 3

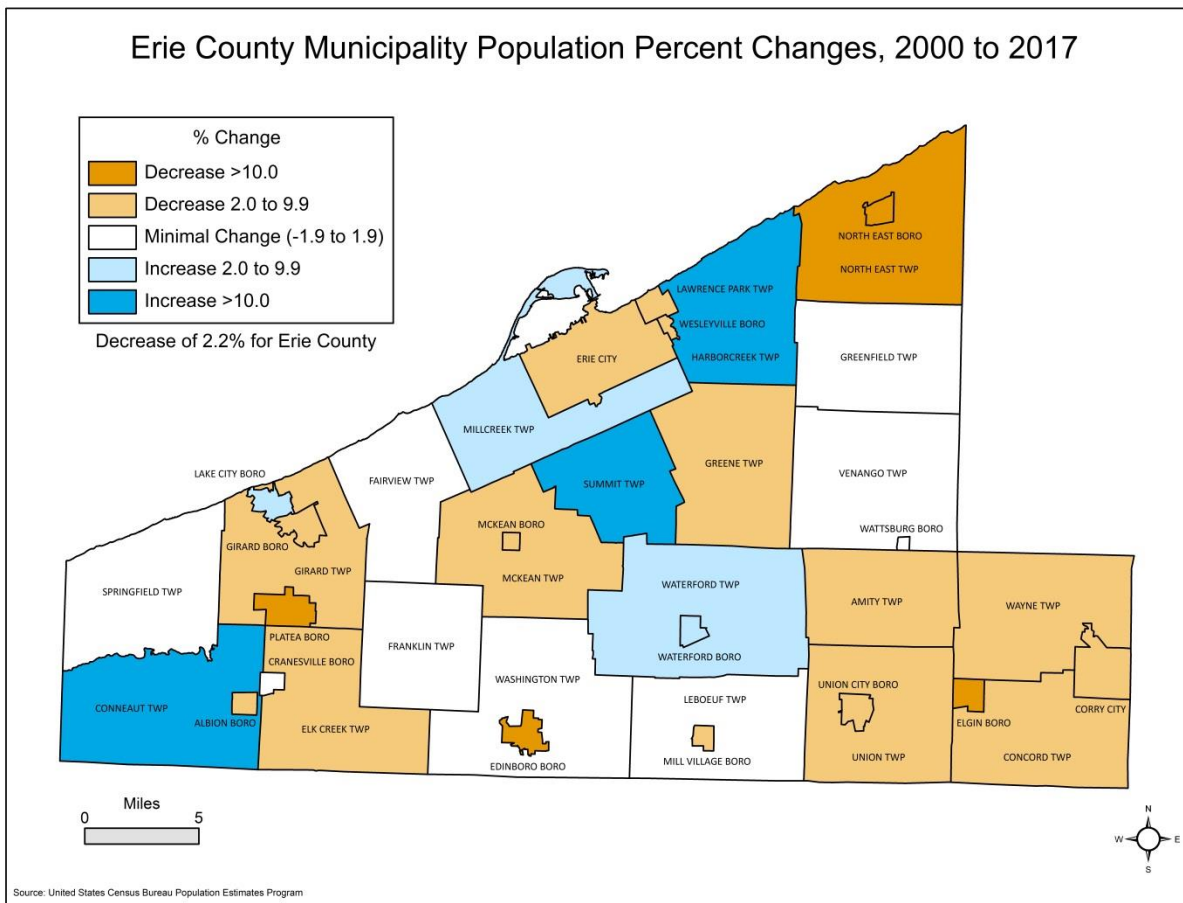


Table 1

| <u>Place</u> | <u>2000 Population</u> | <u>2017 Population</u> | <u>Numeric Change</u> | <u>Percent Change</u> |
|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Albion Borough | 1,607 | 1,472 | -135 | -8.4 |
| Amity Township | 1,140 | 1,063 | -77 | -6.8 |
| Concord Township | 1,361 | 1,300 | -61 | -4.5 |
| Conneaut Township | 3,908 | 4,383 | 475 | 12.2 |
| City of Corry | 6,834 | 6,347 | -487 | -7.1 |
| Cranesville Borough | 600 | 608 | 8 | 1.3 |
| Edinboro Borough | 6,950 | 5,965 | -985 | -14.2 |
| Elgin Borough | 236 | 209 | -27 | -11.4 |
| Elk Creek Township | 1,800 | 1,761 | -39 | -2.2 |
| City of Erie | 103,717 | 97,369 | -6,348 | -6.1 |
| Fairview Township | 10,140 | 10,116 | -24 | -0.2 |
| Franklin Township | 1,609 | 1,628 | 19 | 1.2 |
| Girard Borough | 3,164 | 2,977 | -187 | -5.9 |
| Girard Township | 5,133 | 4,944 | -189 | -3.7 |
| Greene Township | 4,768 | 4,583 | -185 | -3.9 |
| Greenfield Township | 1,909 | 1,915 | 6 | 0.3 |
| Harborcreek Township | 15,178 | 17,403 | 2,225 | 14.7 |
| Lake City Borough | 2,811 | 2,921 | 110 | 3.9 |
| Lawrence Park Township | 4,048 | 3,817 | -231 | -5.7 |
| LeBoeuf Township | 1,680 | 1,659 | -21 | -1.3 |
| McKean Borough | 389 | 375 | -14 | -3.6 |
| McKean Township | 4,619 | 4,369 | -250 | -5.4 |
| Millcreek Township | 52,129 | 53,441 | 1,312 | 2.5 |
| Mill Village Borough | 412 | 393 | -19 | -4.6 |
| North East Borough | 4,601 | 4,128 | -473 | -10.3 |
| North East Township | 7,702 | 6,280 | -1,422 | -18.5 |
| Platea Borough | 474 | 410 | -64 | -13.5 |
| Springfield Township | 3,378 | 3,340 | -38 | -1.1 |
| Summit Township | 5,529 | 7,026 | 1,497 | 27.1 |
| Union Township | 1,663 | 1,617 | -46 | -2.8 |
| Union City Borough | 3,463 | 3,181 | -282 | -8.1 |
| Venango Township | 2,277 | 2,291 | 14 | 0.6 |
| Washington Township | 4,526 | 4,483 | -43 | -1.0 |
| Waterford Borough | 1,449 | 1,522 | 73 | 5.0 |
| Waterford Township | 3,878 | 4,082 | 204 | 5.3 |
| Wattsburg Borough | 378 | 385 | 7 | 1.9 |
| Wayne Township | 1,766 | 1,599 | -167 | -9.5 |
| Wesleyville Borough | 3,617 | 3,179 | -438 | -8.3 |
| Erie County | 280,843 | 274,541 | -6,302 | -2.2 |
| Pennsylvania | 12,281,054 | 12,805,537 | 524,483 | 4.3 |