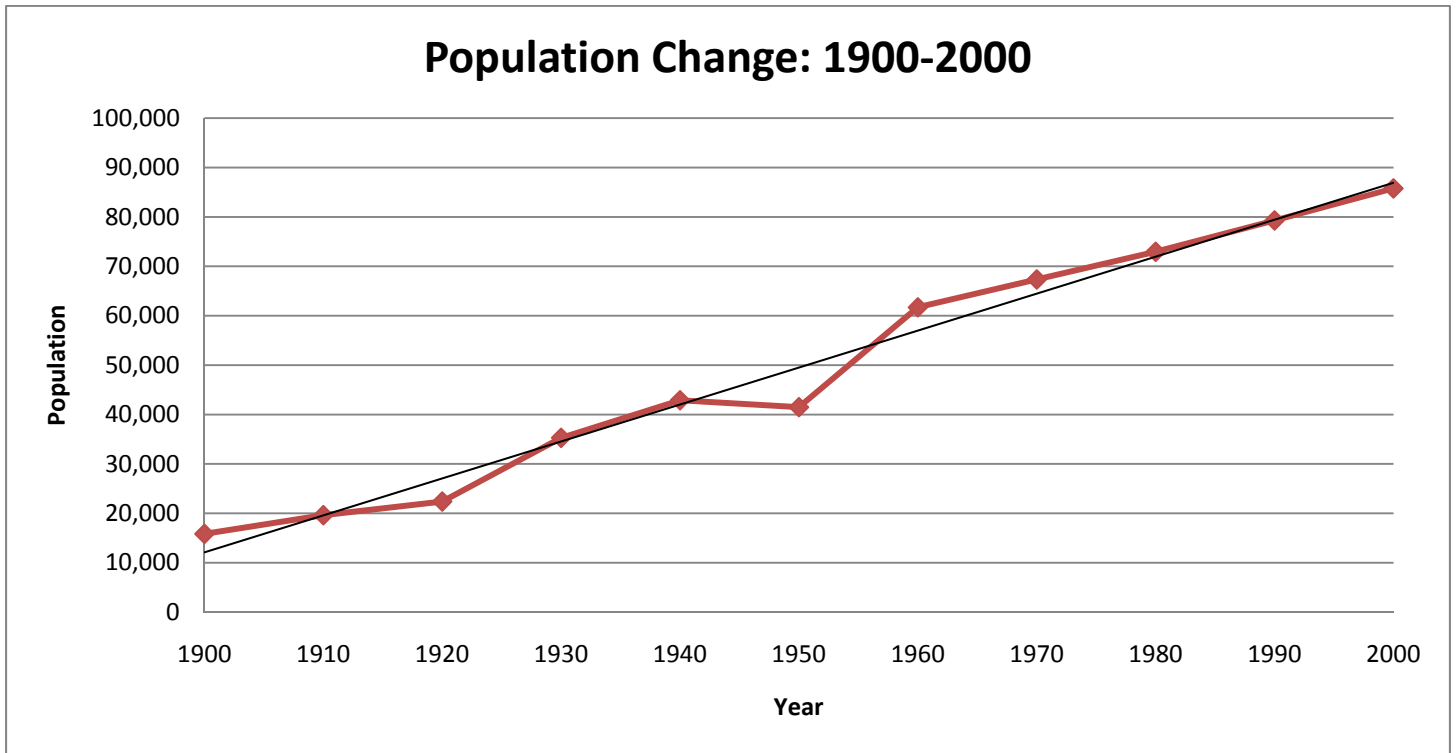


Roanoke County's population growth remained steady since 1970.



Source: Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service, 2008.

	1900	1910	1920	1930	1940	1950	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000
Population	15,837	19,623	22,395	35,289	42,897	41,486	61,693	67,339	72,945	79,294	85,778
Change from Previous Decade		23.9%	14.1%	57.6%	21.6%	-3.3%	48.7%	9.2%	8.3%	8.7%	8.2%

Roanoke County's population increased in almost every decade of the twentieth century. Following with typical American population trends, the County's population declined between 1940 and 1950 as a result of World War II but then bounced back, nearly doubling, from 1950 to 1960. In the decades following the post-war baby boom of the 1960s, population growth in the County remained steady at average growth rate of 8.6% per decade.

Roanoke County's population growth is largely a result of migration into the County.

Year	Births	Deaths	Natural Increase
1996	589	737	-148
1997	560	811	-251
1998	841	739	102
1999	859	782	77
2000	890	928	-38
2001	1,002	790	212
2002	1,020	920	100
2003	871	884	-13
2004	1,402	823	579
2005	1,068	906	162
2006	1,046	921	125
2007	897	885	12

Source: Virginia Department of Health Statistics, 2008

The table above lists the number of birth and deaths in the County from 1996 to 2007. A higher number of deaths compared to births results in a negative natural increase. Despite a small or negative natural increase, the County's population has increased in the past decade; a result of migration into the County.