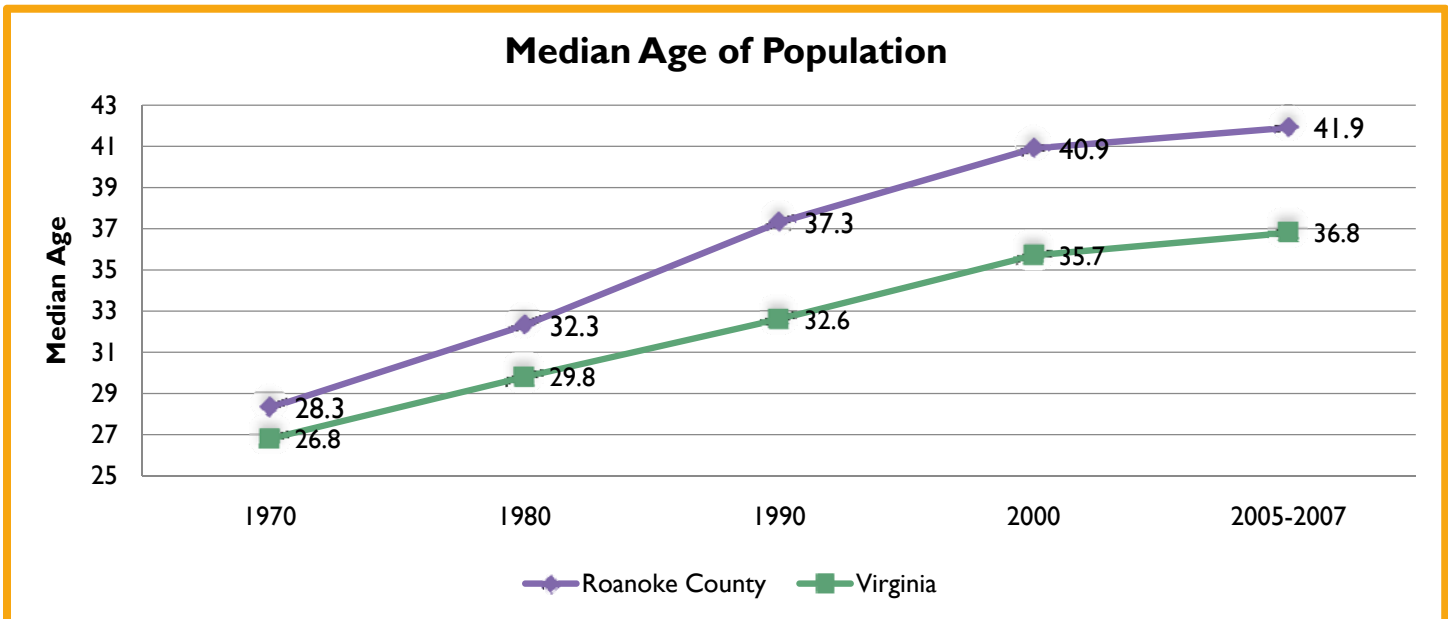
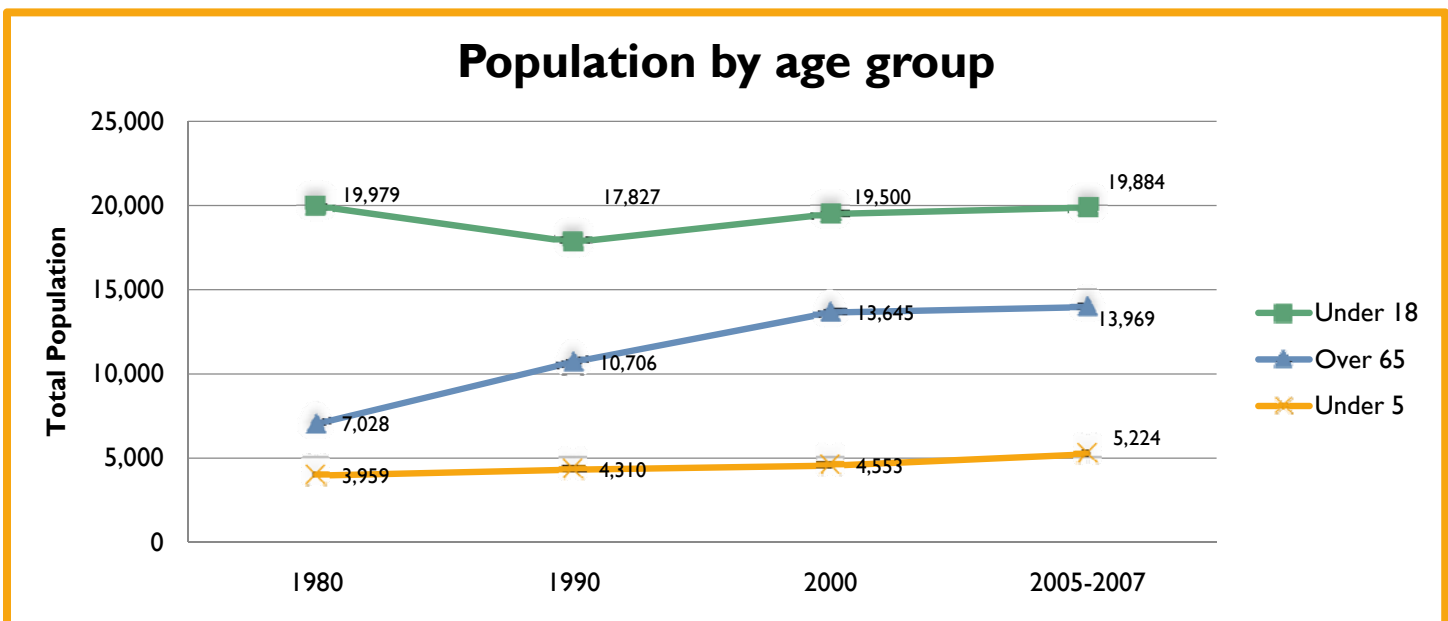


**Roanoke County's Median Age is higher than Virginia's and it has also risen at a faster rate.**



Source: US Census, 2005-2007 American Community Survey

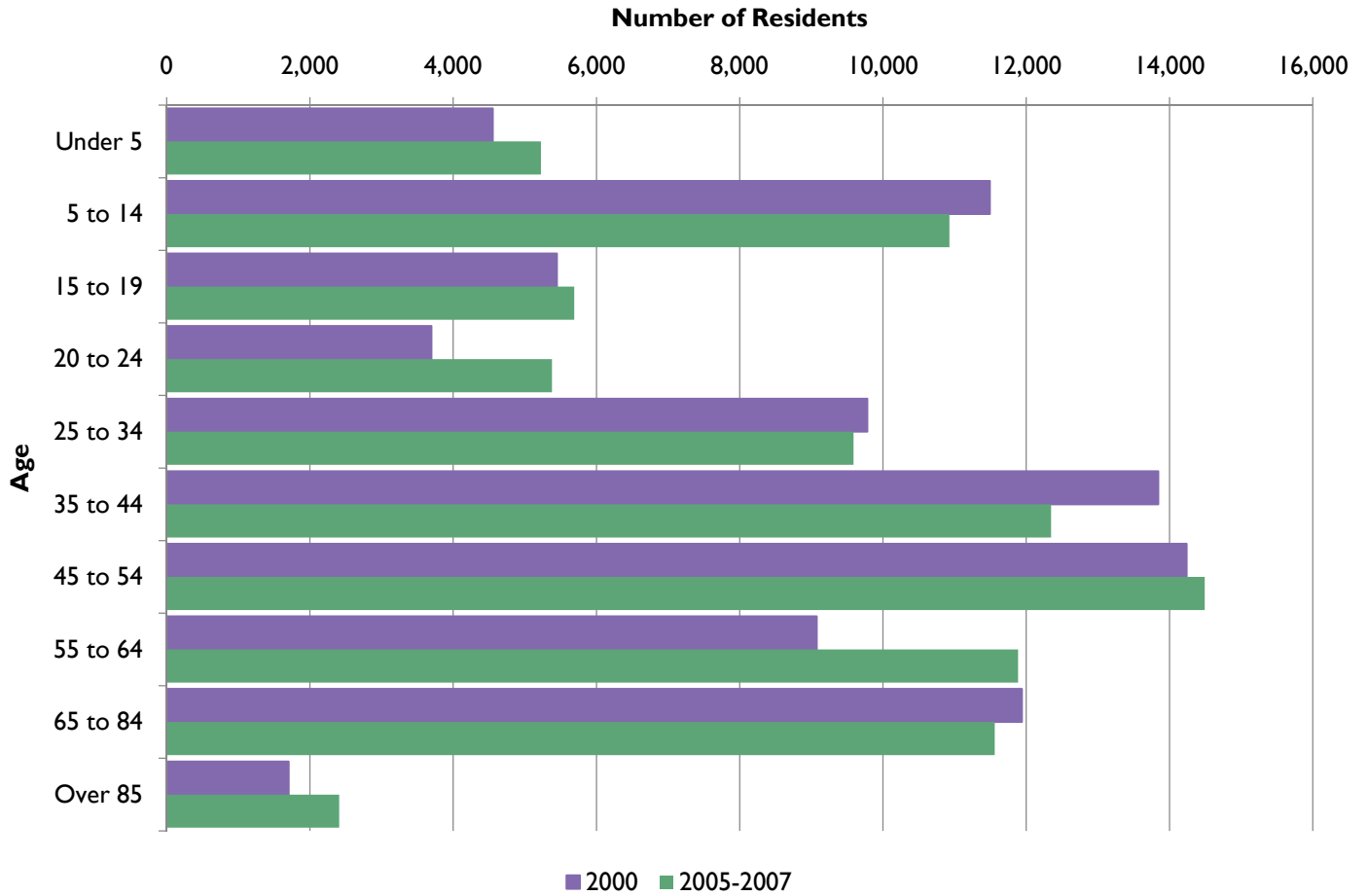
The population of residents in Roanoke County is getting older. While this follows a similar trend as the population in the state of Virginia, from 1970 to 2000, the median age of the population increased at a faster rate than the state. The numbers from the 2007 American Community Survey indicate that the rate of increase in the median age has slowed, similar to that of Virginia as a whole.



Source: US Census, 2005-2007 American Community Survey

Roanoke County's aging population is increasing at a higher rate than other age groups. This table indicates that the population of those under 5 and over 65 have increased from 1980, while the population of those under 18 has decreased slightly. Again, the increase in the population over 65 is greater than that of other population groups.

# Age Distribution



Source: US Census, 2005-2007 American Community Survey

This table breaks down into a series of smaller age groups. Notable increases include the population that is 20 to 24 years old, 55-64 years old, and those over 85. Somewhat significant drops in population occur for those that are 5-14 years old and 35-44 years old. Trends such as these will be valuable in identifying the types and amount of needs of the young, middle, and aging population.