

PROJECT FEASIBILITY, JUSTIFICATION AND IMPACT

In evaluating this project's feasibility, justification and overall impact upon Greenville, various economic and population growth statistics as they relate to Greenville's future housing needs must be addressed.

Greenville County's population base is expected to increase by more than 10,000 persons per year between 1980 and 1985. This growth will be primarily due to an influx of new residents as emphasized in The Economy of Greenville County, prepared by Lawrence H. Shaw. The following Table illustrates:

TABLE 1
POPULATION PROJECTIONS

	Greenville County (000)	United States (Mil)
1970	240.8	203.2
1976	267.4	215.1
1980	290.6	222.2
1985	342.9	232.9
1990	385.6	242.5
1995	422.8	252.8
2000	440.9	260.4

Source: Greenville County, 1970 Census Population and Estimates of Lawrence H. Shaw Economic Analysis For the Greenville County Planning Commission (1976)

U.S., 1970 Census of Population and Census Bureau Projections (series II). Current population report P-25, No. 704 (1977)

Looking at an age distribution of the population, most of Greenville County's expected growth between 1980 and 1985 will be concentrated in the adult population. As shown in Table 2, those 20-34 will increase by more than 14,800 representing a five-year increase of 20.4 percent. The 35-54 age group will expand by more than 13,200, an increase of 19.6 percent. The number of senior citizens and children will also increase, but at lower rates.

TABLE 2
POPULATION DISTRIBUTION, BY AGE
(1,000's)

Age	1980	1985	Increase	Percent Change
0-19	13.1	13.6	0.5	4.3
20-34	72.7	87.5	14.8	20.4
35-54	67.5	80.7	13.2	19.6
55+	52.1	60.4	8.2	15.8

Source: Greenville County Planning Commission

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