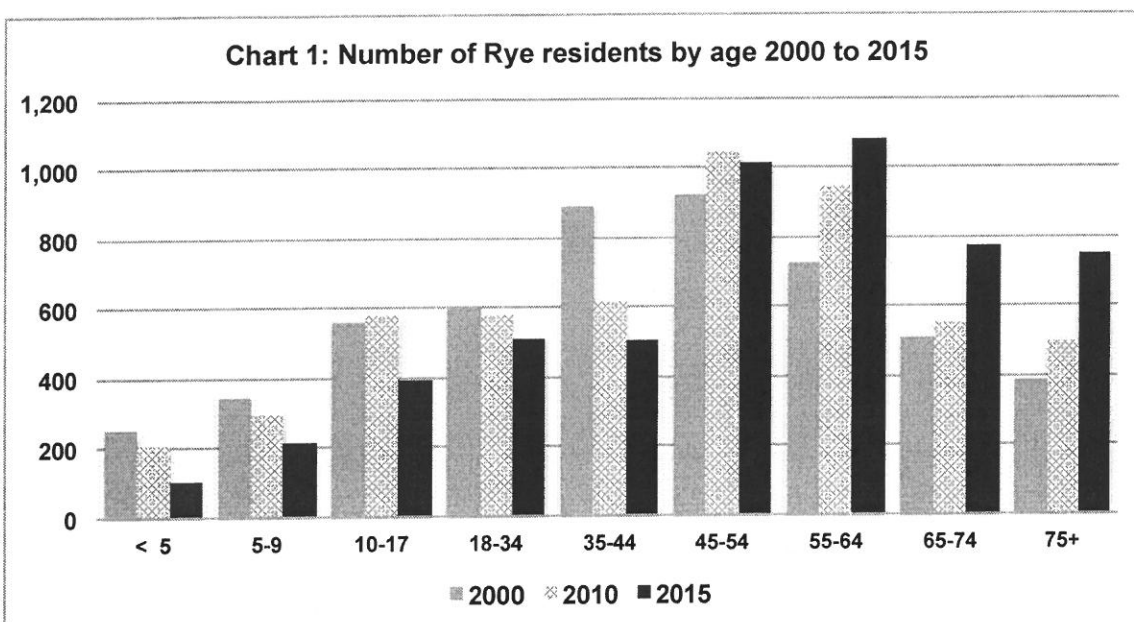


Town of Rye, NH Demographic Trends

- Rye has about 5,300 residents, but only one-third are younger than age 45
- The number of children under 18 in Rye has been declining for over 15 years
- Only one in four adult women in Rye are within the child-bearing ages 20 to 45



Source: US Census Bureau population data

- Over 80% of Rye homes are owned, 2/3 of which house only one or two persons
- Most Rye homeowners (60%) are age 55 or older, one-third are age 65 or older
- Rye renters are few in number (20%), but are younger: only 30% are age 55+

Over the past 15 years (2000 to 2015) Rye residents have only increased 3.1% compared to a 7.6% increase for the state. Over the past five years Rye's increase has been only 0.8%. Such low growth will mean continued aging into the future.

From 2000 to 2015 number of Rye children fell 38%, and number of adults 18-44 declined 32%. During that same period those ages 45-64 rose 27% while residents ages 65 or older rose 70%. This rapid aging will have major fiscal consequences.

The Census Bureau reports that about one in every six Rye dwelling units are only occupied seasonally. This is higher than even the NH state average of 1 in 10 and means even fewer households in the future will have any school aged children.